

## Cypress Isles News

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### Welcome to Cypress Isles!



*Go over and say, "Hi!"*

Welcome to our new neighbors at:

719 Cedarwood Court

939 Spring Island Way

If we've missed anyone else who recently moved in, please let us know so we can mention you in our next newsletter.

*Sandy Horazak, Editor*



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## Don't Buy That Trash Can!

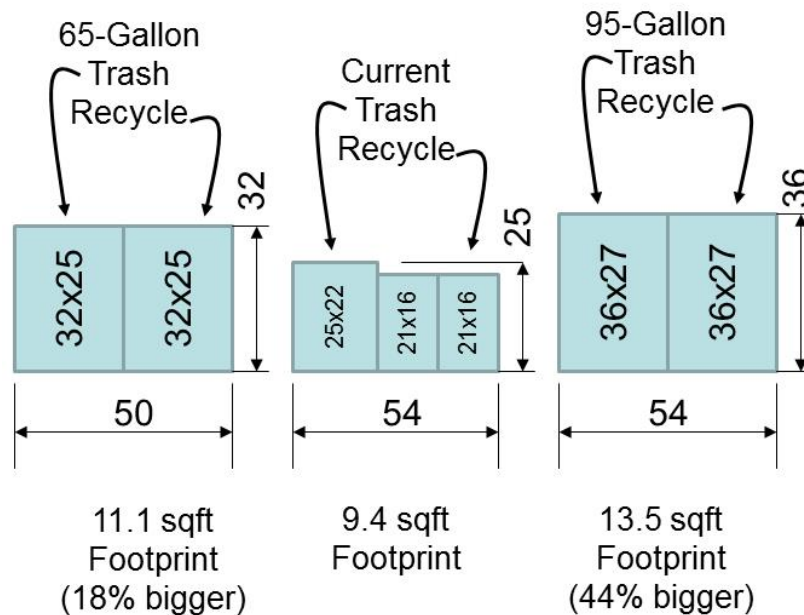
*Orange County will provide new trash cans. Big ones!*

If your trash can is looking bad and you're thinking of replacing it, **don't do it!** Starting this October, Orange County will be distributing new bins for trash and recyclables, and they will start collecting from them next January. Under the new system:

- The County will collect only once a week.
- You may not use personal trash cans or the orange and green recycle bins after January 1, 2016.
- Trash will go into the container with the green lid.
- Recyclables will go into the container with the blue lid, but they don't have to be sorted.
- You can keep the current orange and green bins or you can have the County reclaim them.

If you have bulky items such as furniture, appliances, mattresses, or automobile tires (limit 4), you will need to call the Solid Waste Hotline at 407-836-6601 to schedule a pickup. Bulky items will not be automatically collected. So how much space will those 95-gallon containers take up in your garage? Maybe not as much as you think, compared to the space now being used by the orange and green recycle bins and your current trash can. Here's what we found in our garage.

In our garage we have a 25x22 trash can and two 21x16 recycle bins, which altogether need 9.4 square feet of floor space. Two 95-gallon containers need 13.5 square feet of floor space, which is 44% more space. However, after we complete the mandatory 90 days of using the 95 gallon size, we plan to downsize to 65-gallon containers with a combined footprint of 11.1-square-feet— only 18% more than our current containers. And the new bins need the same wall space or less, as shown below.



You may not use the new County-distributed roll carts until the program officially begins January 1, 2016. More details about the new system will come when roll carts and informational materials are delivered between October and December.

So get ready to make a little room for the new containers. You were going to clean the garage anyway, right? ☺.



*Dennis Horazak, Trash and Space Reporter*

## No Cypress Isles Annual Meeting

*...but the board carries on anyway.*

On May 19<sup>th</sup> there was once again no annual meeting because only 6 homeowners were present and only 18 proxies were submitted, far short of the 47 owners required for a quorum. As a result, the incumbent directors stayed on the board as specified by Florida HOA laws.

The directors formed the 2015-2016 board:

- President - Harold Engold
- Vice-President - Bob Conner
- Treasurer -- Myron Davis
- Secretary -- Dennis Horazak
- Director at Large - Cookie Symons

The board then conducted the May monthly meeting as described in the meeting minutes at [www.CypressIsles.org](http://www.CypressIsles.org) > Archives > Cypress Isles Board of Directors Meeting Minutes.

## **No July Board Meeting, Either**

You might have noticed that there was no Board of Directors meeting in July. The board decided in May to have a summer recess this year, and by all accounts it went well. The board will be back in session on September 15<sup>th</sup>.

## **2016 Budget at September 15th Meeting**



Even though it's only August, the Board is starting to work on next year's budget for Cypress Isles, including homeowner fees. The proposed budget will be presented for approval at the September 15<sup>th</sup> Board meeting, which will allow time to print and mail coupon books to homeowners in December.

Homeowners are welcome to attend the meeting at 6:30 at Connect Realty, 11513 Lake Underhill Road.

*Dennis Horazak, Secretary*

## **Construction Starting on New WLCA Building**

*Soon a new building will replace the cabana at the Rec Center, and you can follow the project online.*

The pools and playground at the WLCA Recreation Center will close starting August 24<sup>th</sup> in preparation for the construction of a new Community Building. Construction is expected to take about 6 months, starting with the placement of a chain-link fence around the whole area. The pool will remain closed the whole time while new pool equipment is installed, but the playground is expected to re-open in about three months.

The WLCA office staff moved from their temporary digs in the blue storage container to an office trailer near the basketball courts, and everything that was in the old round building has been moved into a temporary on-site storage unit. This arrangement is still a little awkward but it is much better than operating out of the “blue box.”

The project is being monitored by a camera that takes a picture of the job site every 15 minutes. You can see the pictures online by scrolling to the bottom of the public home page of the WLCA website <http://www.mywaterfordlakes.org>. For starters you can watch the demolition of the old cabana building, currently planned for August 27<sup>th</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup>.



*Dennis Horazak, WLCA Secretary*

## **Color-A-Thon and Community Day October 3<sup>rd</sup>**

*Watch people run through colors, then enjoy festivities and food trucks.*

The WLCA Social Committee is planning an event called “5K Color-A-Thon/Community Day” on Saturday October 3<sup>rd</sup> in conjunction with Waterford Elementary School. The Color-A-Thon will fill the air with color from 8:00 to 10:00 in the morning and is open to all residents. Watch the WLCA website for registration information and check <http://schoolathon.org/school-a-thon-faqs/> for more about color-a-thons.



Later that day, after the colorful dust settles, WLCA plans to host community activities on the athletic fields, such as music, games, and food trucks.

To read more WLCA news, check out their new, improved, more user-friendly website and read the WLCA newsletter *NewStream* at <http://www.mywaterfordlakes.org>.

## ARC Request & Approval Process

*As a reminder, all changes to the properties within Cypress Isles community are required to be approved by the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) prior to implementing the changes.*

So how does the ARC review & approval cycle work?

1. Get the proper ARC application form from the WLCA office or go to our website: [www.cypressisles.org](http://www.cypressisles.org) to download it.  
There are three kinds of ARA forms: one for exterior painting, one for pool construction, and one for everything else.

**DO NOT IMPLEMENT REQUESTED CHANGES PRIOR TO APPROVAL BY THE ARC.**

2. Complete the top section; provide information on requested change. Listed below are examples of the information that is needed with the application when it is submitted.
  - If submitting a structural change (fence, swing set, landscaping, pool, building addition), include a copy of the plot plan with the changes noted on plot plan.



- If requesting solar panel approval, note which sides of the roof the panels will be installed.
- If changing the color of the home, include samples of the colors and note where colors are to be used (trim, walls, porch, etc.).



- If tinting windows, include sample of material to be used.
3. Take the completed application form to the WLCA office. WLCA will log it in and send it to the Cypress Isles ARC. The CI ARC and WLCA have up to 30 days to approve or disapprove the request.
  4. Once approved by both the Cypress Isles and WLCA ARCs, a copy of the approved application will be mailed to the requestor. If disapproved, the ARC will provide written rationale for disapproval or ask homeowner to resubmit the application.

## Thanks...

Thanks to everyone who keeps their homes and yards looking great, as we keep hearing from visitors to our neighborhood.

*Architectural Review Committee*

## Trick or Treat!



Halloween seems like a long way off, but it's really just around the corner and will be here before you can say "Boo!"



Trick or Treat night will be on Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup> (a.k.a. Halloween), starting at 6 P.M., ending at 9 P.M., or whenever the treats run out. Turn your porch lights on and meet your neighborhood goblins.

**Where to go?** I'm glad you asked. Good rule of thumb, or foot, is: Porch light on – go there. Porch light off – don't go there.

**Trick-or-treaters:** Watch out for vehicles and be extra careful because your costumes can make it hard to see. Carry a flashlight to make it easier for you to see, and for others to see you.

**Drivers:** Watch out for trick-or-treaters and be extra careful because behind every bag of goodies is an excited child.

**Moms and Dads:** Those costumes are great; we have no idea who they really are.

**Everyone:** Don't forget to check those goodies before eating them.

## As the Clock Turns



Remember last March when we sprang forward and lost that hour of sleep? Well, soon you will be able to regain that hour of lost sleep (supposedly). On Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at 2 a.m. we return to EST – Eastern Standard Time. This means you will turn your clock BACK one hour. So you can either set your alarm to get up at 2 a.m. and make the change, or do it at a reasonable hour later in the morning, or before you go to bed Saturday night. No excuses for being late the next day, like when Daylight Saving Time returns in the spring. And don't forget to change those smoke alarm batteries if applicable, reset your sprinklers, and do other things you may only do twice a year when the clocks change...

Got people in Europe? They're ahead of you. They went back to "normal" time on October 25<sup>th</sup>.

*Dennis Horazak, Time-traveler*

## Whatcha Gonna Click?

[www.ocso.com](http://www.ocso.com) - Click on "E-Reporting" - to report certain types of crime online, such as lost property, theft, vandalism, and vehicle burglary.

[www.ocso.com](http://www.ocso.com) - Click on "Property Crimes and Robberies in Your Zone" - to find out what types of crimes are occurring in your area.

[www.cfcrimelinewarrants.com](http://www.cfcrimelinewarrants.com) - to check individuals for warrants.



## Who Ya Gonna Call?

WLCA Office 453 Mark Twain Blvd.	(answered 24/7) 407-380-3803
Orange County Sheriff's Office Non-emergency	407-836-HELP (4357)
Animal Control (unleashed pets, etc.)	call 311 –by CELL phones only or (407) 836-3111.
Duke Energy Streetlight Repair or Power Outage	407.629.1010
<a href="https://www.progress-energy.com/app/streetlightrepair/">https://www.progress-energy.com/app/streetlightrepair/</a>	
Call before you dig (Sunshine Network)	811 <a href="http://www.call811.com">www.call811.com</a>
Orange County 311--One Call For Almost Anything	311 – CELL phones only or (407) 836-3111

## Dateworthy Notes

### ***Happy Anniversary to:***



August 17 – Bill & Kathi Snook

### ***Happy Birthday to:***



September 20 – Dick Glesener  
October 2 – Jerry Matthews  
October 3 – Harold Engold  
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October 23 – Brian Symons

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