



Cypress Isles News

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Welcome to Cypress Isles!

Go over and say, "Hi!"

Welcome to our new neighbors at --
512 Divine Circle



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



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Trash Can Thefts Are Trending

Watch your can. We're talking trash.

On July 6th a homeowner in Crossroads posted this incident on Nextdoor Eastside Waterford:

"We live at the back of a cul de sac in Huckleberry fields. I rolled my garbage and recycle carts to the end of the driveway last evening at 7:00 pm. This morning, the green cart was gone. I had special ordered the smaller carts because we don't make that much garbage. I have filed a theft report with the Orange County Sheriffs Department and now have to contact Orange County Refuse to give them the case number and will be charged for a replacement cart." ** See below.

Weird, no? But this was not the only instance of trash-can theft. Another Crossroads owner on a cul-de-sac had one stolen in late June, and an owner in Finns Cove II reports three cans stolen from their cul-de-sac a while ago.

Who would steal those big, bulky cans? People who want to use them as rain barrels or who just need big trash cans. But who cares why they steal them? The point is to know what to do before and after a can-napping.

Before - While you still have your trash and recycle cans, record their serial numbers. (Who would have ever thought you might have to identify your trashcans in addition to your electronics and jewelry??)

After -- IF YOUR CAN IS STOLEN, be sure to file a police report to get a case number, then report the theft to Orange County.

1. Report the theft to OCSO: go to www.ocso.com > Crime Information > File Police Report. Read the instructions, scroll down and click on "Theft", then fill out and submit the form.

2. Report it to Orange County ... Send an email to Solid.Waste@ocfl.net (include your name, street address, contact information, and details of the issue or request, including the police case number) or call the Solid Waste Hotline at 407-836-6601. **** As long as you have a report with a case number, Orange County will not charge you for a new one;** be sure to tell them whether the can was the larger or smaller size.

Sandy Horazak, Trash-talkin' Woman

No Short-Term Rentals in Waterford Lakes

Orange County prohibits short-term rentals in Waterford Lakes.

Transient and short-term rentals have become popular through agencies such as Airbnb, HomeAway, VRBO, Stayz, Flipkey, OwnersDirect, Travelmob, Vacationrental.com, Home to Go, Roomarama, and Zillow. Airbnb alone is available in about 5,000 locations in Orange County -- some in Waterford Lakes

Rentals for less than 30 days are permitted in properties zoned R3, as long as the property owners have business licenses, pass Code health and safety inspections, and pay taxes. But

we're not zoned R3. Transient and short-term rentals are not allowed Waterford Lakes, which is zoned PD. Orange County can fine short-term rental property owners as much as \$1,000 per day for this Code violation.

To report a transient or short-term rental Code violation, contact Code Enforcement through 311 (cell phones only) or (407) 836-3111. If you use a smart phone, consider downloading Orange County's Phone App "OCFL 311". It works on Apple and Droid phones and is available to download for free from the Apple Store or Play Store. You can take pictures and submit through the app as well.

Ripped from the pages of the WLCA Board Meeting Minutes, May 12, 2018

ARC Now Meets Every Monday

Weekly meetings should shorten approval times.

The Cypress Isles Architectural Review Committee used to meet on 1st and 3rd Mondays, but now they meet every Monday to review homeowner applications for property modifications. The meetings are held at 700 Cedarwood Court beginning at 7:00 p.m. and are open to the public.

Applications go from Cypress Isles to WLCA for final approval. Since the WLCA ARC meets every Tuesday, Cypress Isles changed its ARC schedule to meet every Monday to speed up the overall approval process.

WLCA ARC meetings are held every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Building and are also open to the public.

Entrance Wall Rehab Shaping Up

Remember how the wall looked after the March 4th crash? It looks a lot better now. Progress from July 16th to August 3rd is shown below.



The wall on July 16th

It's been five months since a speeding driver lost control of his car and destroyed the rear entrance wall on Spring Island Way. The incident was reported in the May *Cypress Isles News*.

A lot has happened since then, but most of it was behind the scenes. Police reports were written and copied, repairs were estimated, and the driver's insurance company was contacted. Eventually the driver's insurance company wrote a check and contractors were called to schedule work on the wall. All this time the wall lay in ruins, even being used as a landmark by some landscapers. Ouch!

But last month the repairs finally started.

Contractors have excavated the area, checked for foundation damage, and are restoring the wall and its front garden area. After the masonry is finished other contractors will replace the signage, restore the irrigation lines, and reinstall electric service. Then we can once again enjoy the view.



The wall on August 3rd

by Dennis Horazak

No More Wooden Fences?

Should Cypress Isles phase out wooden fences? Tell us what you think.

Wooden board-on-board fences have been part of Cypress Isles ever since the builders installed them back in (whenever). The good news is that they are the least expensive type of fence, but the bad news is that after several years they start to look shabby and cannot be restored to their original appearance. Then you have a classy looking home with a shabby looking fence – sort of like a bad date.

Fences made of aluminum or PVC look better to start, don't degrade as predictably, and can generally be brought back to almost-new appearance with a little care. Also aluminum and PVC

fences can often be reassembled after a hurricane knocks them around, while wooden fences are usually broken beyond repair.

Because of these two reasons – appearance and reparability – the Cypress Isles ARC is considering changing the fence guidelines to prohibit new wooden fences. Existing wooden fences would be kept until they are ready to be replaced, but then they would have to be replaced with a fence made of PVC or some other fence materials such as Vinyl or aluminum.

What do you think?

Homeowners have a say in this decision because it affects the ARC guidelines we all have to live with. Do you think wooden fences should be phased out, or should they continue to be allowed? Please send your comments to me at densus@bellsouth.net by August 31st or tell me in person at the September 18th board meeting. Homeowner response will determine whether we phase out wooden fences.

Dennis Horazak, Secretary

Website ARC Page Gets a New Look

The “Architectural Review” page on the Cypress Isles website had a long overdue makeover.

If you’ve clicked on the Architectural Review page of our website recently you’ve noticed that it has been streamlined and updated to match current ARC guidelines and procedures.

The new page is designed for “one stop shopping” to access relevant HOA documents, current Architectural Review Application (ARA) forms, Cypress Isles and WLCA ARC guidelines for more than 20 different kinds of modifications, and a step-by-step description of ARA approval process.

To see the new web page, click on “Architectural Review” on the Cypress Isles home page: www.CypressIsles.org. The documents, ARA forms, and guidelines are only a click away from downloading and/or printing.

Dennis Horazak, Webkeeper

2019 Budget Meeting September 18th



If it’s August the Board is working on the Cypress Isles budget for 2019 including homeowner fees. They will present the proposed budget for approval at the September 18th Board meeting.

It is too early to tell whether fees will go up, down, or stay the same, but at least we won't have to pay for repairs to the back wall. The crashing driver's insurance is paying for that.

Homeowners are welcome to attend the September 18th meeting at the WLCA Community Center, 453 Mark Twain Boulevard starting at 6:30.

Dennis Horazak, Secretary

Whatcha Gonna Click?



www.ocso.com - to report non-violent crimes online, such as lost property, theft, vandalism, and vehicle burglary, go to www.ocso.com > Crime Information > File Police Report. Read the instructions, scroll down and click on the type of incident, and fill out the form.

www.ocso.com - Double-click on "Property Crimes and Robberies in Your Zone" then scroll down and select Zone 22B to find out what types of crimes are occurring in your area.

www.cfcrimelinewarrants.com - to check individuals for warrants.

Duke Energy Streetlight Repair or Power Outage

www.progress-energy.com > Report an Outage >

A street light or area light needs repair > Request a light repair, then follow the prompts to point to the light pole on the map.

OR sign up for power outage alerts and notifications by text or voice message—free service offered by Duke Energy, but standard rates apply according to your text plan. Check with your mobile carrier.

<http://www.orangecountyfl.net/AnimalsPets/ascForm.aspx#.VNTxUMZ9tiU> - Animal Services complaint

Call OR CLICK before you dig (Sunshine Network)

www.call811.com

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.)	311 – by CELL phones only, or (407) 836-3111
Duke Energy - Report a power outage:	1-800-228-848
Call before you dig (Sunshine Network)	811
Orange County 311--One Call For Almost Anything	311 – by CELL phones only or (407) 836-31

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Sandy Horazak, Editor

