



Cypress Isles News

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Welcome to Cypress Isles!



Welcome to our new neighbors at
719 Divine Circle
523 Spring Island Way



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No Cypress Isles Annual Meeting

...but the board carries on anyway.

Due to COVID-19, the **2020 Annual Members Meeting** had been rescheduled from May to July 21, 2020. But once again, there was no forum, therefore no election. Only 7 homeowners were present, and only 14 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 2020-2021 board:

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

The board then conducted the July monthly meeting as described in the meeting minutes at www.CypressIsles.org > Archives > Cypress Isles Board of Directors Meeting Minutes.

Dennis Horazak, Secretary

2021 Budget Meeting September 15th



If it's August the Board is working on the Cypress Isles budget for 2021 including homeowner fees. They will present the proposed budget for approval at the September 15th Board meeting.

Homeowners are welcome to attend the September 15th meeting at the WLCA Community Center, 453 Mark Twain Boulevard starting at 6:30.

Dennis Horazak, Secretary

A Few Words from the ARC

Pressure washing. Trash can hiding. Low branch trimming. That's only 8 words.

Need more explanation? Keep reading.

Pressure Washing

There are four levels of driveway and sidewalk cleanliness: clean, dirty, scummy, and slimy. If yours are clean, skip down to "Trash can Hiding. Otherwise, please pressure wash.

Hear the music as you sing along! Google the song *The Sidewalks of New York* if you're not familiar with this old tune from 1894. (No, I'm not *THAT* old...)



East side, west side, here in Cypress Isles
The mold on some of the sidewalks, wipes away your gleaming smiles
Get your act together, hire out or do it alone
Just get that power wash working, on the sidewalk by your home.
(cue applause)

Trash can Hiding

Yeah, yeah, we know – those county-supplied Roll Cart trash cans are a pain in your garage's posterior. However, the Roll Carts are much more efficiently emptied by the automated collection trucks; easier for us to haul back & forth to the curb; and safe from the hungry nuisance animals that our own old cans used to invite. But leaving your trash cans in view has always been a violation of our documents, even before the big Roll Carts.

So if your garage is so full of "STUFF" that there's no room for the Roll Carts, at least keep them totally out of sight, where "totally" means "no lids showing". "Out of sight" means behind shrubs, fence, or approved enclosure as described in our policy. If not followed, expect a violation notice from the HOA. Don't be like a cat who thinks she's hiding because she can't see you.



They can't see me now...

Some helpful hints (i.e. “rules”) for storing trashcans are on our website at <http://cypressisles.org>
> Architectural Review > scroll down the chart to >Trash, Garbage and Recycling Containers.

Helpful info from Orange County:

<http://ocfl.net/WaterGarbageRecycling/GreenClean.aspx#.XzLaR0kpB60>

Low branch trimming

Do your trees hang low? *Oh yeah, some of them really do...* Don't you just hate it when you're driving along and then Whap! a low-hanging branch smacks your windshield? Or when you're taking a walk and have to bob and weave to avoid low branches across the sidewalk? Well, so do we. So put on your plaid shirt, grab your loppers, whistle some lumberjack tune, and trim those low-hanging branches. We'll all thank you.



Woodsperson, trim that branch!

Thank you from The ARC

Will there be

Trick or Treat

this year?



We don't know either. While Trick or Treat is a worldwide tradition and not a Cypress Isles event, we do abide by state and county rulings and guidelines. So, in light of the COVID situation, until Orange County decides whether to cancel Trick or Treat activities this year, or strongly discourages it, or leaves the decision up to parents, we present you with our usual suggestions and safety precautions.

Trick or Treat night will be on Saturday, October 31st (a.k.a. Halloween and it's a FULL MOON this year – ooooooh!) starting at 6 PM., ending at 9 PM, 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.

Keep a check on local news as it gets closer to Halloween to see what, if any, decision is made. If Trick or Treat activities are cancelled this year, then sit back and enjoy all that candy yourself.

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 streetlight 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:

1-800-228-8485

Call before you dig (Sunshine Network)

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Orange County 311--One Call For Almost Anything

311 – by CELL phones only
or (407) 836-3111

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