



Cypress Isles News

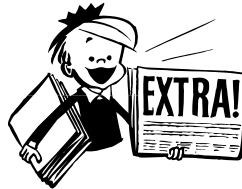
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Welcome to Cypress Isles!

Welcome to our new neighbors at –
744 Spring Island Way
768 Spring Island Way
800 Spring Island Way
801 Spring Island Way
932 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.



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The Saga of the UGT



If you are not original residents, you may not know this...

Walk along your sidewalk. See any green metal or plastic structures a few feet from the sidewalk? They've been there since the 1st house went up in Waterford. Those are highly sophisticated phone, cable, or electric junction boxes, known in the industry as utility boxes, but to us mere mortals they were "ugly green things." That's a mouthful and a lotta keystrokes, so to simplify it for speaking or writing, we here at CIN World Headquarters dumbed it down to "UGTs." They're still there, they're still green, and they're still ugly. But as ugly as they are, we can't try to cover or hide them with plants. Some UGTs have labels that say how far back bushes should be. Read each label and make sure that nothing is planted too close. UGTs need adequate ventilation, just as you do. And the utility diggers need room to dig around them. If your UGTs have overgrown plant life covering them, please cut it back and maintain it properly. Your local UGT will thank you. The diggers will too.

No Cypress Isles Annual Meeting - Again

Same board, different year.

Once again there was no annual meeting on May 17th because only five 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. This would have been the first annual meeting since 2008 but oh well....

The directors formed the 2022-2023 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 > Archives > Cypress Isles Board of Directors Meeting Minutes.

2023 Budget Meeting September 20th



The board is working with our manager to develop an operating budget for 2023. Needless to say, this year's rising prices are the main challenge.

The budget will be presented for approval at the September 20th Board meeting at the WLCA Community Center, 453 Mark Twain Boulevard starting at 6:30. All homeowners are welcome to attend.

The budget will be posted one week before the meeting on the Cypress Isles website. Look for "The agenda is posted [here](#)" on the home page, click on "[here](#)", and scroll down to the second page.

Dennis Horazak, Secretary

WLCA Stuff – Rentals and Budget

New Rules for Rentals

Waterford Lakes neighborhood presidents recently amended the WLCA Declaration to restrict vacation rentals and discourage corporations from buying homes as investment properties. The 6th Amendment approved on May 22nd prohibits any home from being rented for a term of less than 3 months, effectively prohibiting most vacation rentals.

The 7th Amendment approved on August 6th prohibits home rentals for the first 13 months after new ownership, to encourage ownership by live-in families who appreciate the community and discourage investments by corporations or trusts looking only for rental income. This amendment applies only to future home purchases. Owners who bought their homes before August 9th are "grandfathered" and may rent their homes whenever they want – as long as the rental period is 3 months or longer.

Both amendments are posted on the WLCA website at Resources > Waterford Lakes Documents > Amendments.

2023 WLCA Budget

The WLCA Finance Committee is also dealing with this year's rising prices as they develop the approximately \$3 million WLCA budget for 2023. The budget will be previewed on the WLCA website ahead of a community Zoom meeting scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on September 21st. The Committee will make final adjustments and present the budget for approval at the October 24th board meeting.

Dennis Horazak, Secretary

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 Monday, October 31st (a.k.a. Halloween), 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.



Let's hope a nice "cold wave" replaces this extreme heat for the sake of those in costumes!

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)	811
Orange County 311--One Call for Almost Anything	311 – by CELL phones only or (407) 836-3111

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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.

You can 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

CLICK before you dig (Sunshine Network)

www.call811.com

Miscellaneous Services – Go to www.cypressisles.org and scroll down to "Whose job is it anyway?"

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Sandy Horazak, Editor

