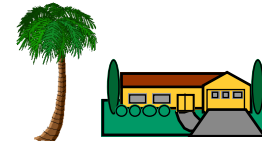


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HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY



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statement, please send e-mail to Community Management Professionals at bborg@community-mgmt.com.

Due to the rising cost of postage, we are always looking for ways to cut HOA costs to you by utilizing email or fax rather than snail-mail. You can help in this effort by requesting that your copy of the Cypress Isles year-end financial or income and expenses statement be emailed or faxed to you rather than mailed.

If e-mail is not an option, please mail, FAX (407-903-9234) or call (407-455-5917) Community Management Professionals. Please specify whether you want delivery by mail or fax and include your address and/or FAX number.

A copy of the current year's budget is also available upon request, or from the Cypress Isles website at www.cypressisles.org > Archives.

Bob Borg, Manager

Welcome to Cypress Isles!



Go over and say, "Hi!"

Welcome to our new neighbors at:

813 Spring Island Way

720 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

Financial Statements Available

If you would like a copy of the Cypress Isles year-end financial or income and expenses



Dec 2012 Holiday Lighting Contest Winners

December 16th was a Sunday much like any other Sunday. The 1:00 football games had produced disappointing results, and disappointing results of the 4:00 games were in progress. But the weather was nice, so shortly

after 7 p.m. the Three Wise Judges loaded their award signs into a pickup truck and slowly drove around the neighborhood several times, checking out decorations.

Apparently not everyone had read about the Holiday Lighting Contest in the November *Cypress Isles News*, because one angry homeowner jumped into his own pickup truck and chased down the judges, accusing them of spying on his daughters. After the judges explained that they were judging decorations, not daughters, the homeowner calmed down and the judging continued.

Some parts of Cypress Isles were entirely dark, but other parts were brilliantly decorated. After two hours of looking at decorations and comparing notes, the winners were identified. There was no money involved, rather signs placed on the lawns of these winning homes:

- 525 Divine Circle** was judged to be **Most Enchanted** with a red-bordered walkway leading to red and green floodlit columns surrounded by multicolored bushes.
- 731 Divine Circle** received the **White Christmas** award for best all-white display.
- 806 Spring Island Way** featuring blue-trimmed white icicles was awarded **Most Elegant** decoration.
- 849 Spring Island Way** once again had the **Most Animated** holiday lawn decorations.
- 867 Spring Island Way** was given the **True Meaning of Christmas** award for their simple but meaningful crèche.
- 902 Spring Island Way** was awarded **Most Joyful**, with special recognition of their bright blue peacock.
- 13768 Crystal River Drive** was awarded **Most Original** for their creative use of palms to convert their driveway into a lighted archway.
- 14024 Lake Underhill** was given the **Outreach Award** for "Best Decorations Visible from Cypress Isles even though They Don't Actually Live Here" -- This is Betty and Joel Matthias's third year winning this prestigious award.

Honorable mention went to the homeowners on Cedarwood Court and White Cedar Court, both of which had almost every home decorated. We don't have signs for this yet.

So thanks to all who decorated and helped to make the season bright!

Neighbors, Trim Thy Trees

Low-hanging branches? Take a bough. (Groan)

Problem #1 - It's early evening and you're driving home when you hear -- whang, whang -- your car antenna whanging against the low branches hanging over the street. Don't you hate that? Why don't they trim those branches? Oh wait -- that's your house, that's your tree, and those are your branches.

Problem #2 - You're out for an evening stroll but you have to bob and weave like a prizefighter to avoid getting whacked in the face by low-hanging branches over the sidewalk. But wait -- that's your tree, too!

Solutions for #1 and #2 - Tonight, instead of the evening stroll, get your loppers (or borrow them from your tool-crazy neighbor) and trim those branches. How high, you ask? Seven (7) feet over the sidewalk and twelve (12) feet over the driveway and street, we answer.

The seven-foot trim is easy. Just stand under the tree, raise the loppers over your head, grab any branch the lopper can reach, take a step back to avoid falling branch, and lop. Do this all around the tree, not just over the sidewalk, so the tree looks decent when you're finished.

The 12-foot trim over driveways and streets is a little trickier, but it's necessary to prevent that nails-on-blackboard sound of branches scraping against trucks. For this you'll need either a six (6) foot stepladder or an Adjustable-Reach Telescoping Tree Trimmer from your tool-crazy neighbor. Just be careful not to accidentally bash in the windows of parked or passing cars with the bottom of telescoping trimmer while you're looking up into the tree. Hate when that happens, too.

Finally, gather all the fallen branches, cut them into 4-foot lengths, bundle them up, and kick them to the curb by early Wednesday morning for yard-waste pickup. And we do mean early.

That's about all the tree-mendous advice we have for now. (Closing groan)

*Your Friendly Neighborhood Architectural
Review Committee*

*By the way, for easy access to all things ARC, check the Cypress Isles website:
<http://www.cypressisles.org/> > Architectural Review.*

WLCA Adds a New Board Member

Emily Isip is a new face on the board.

WLCA Members representing 69 percent of Waterford Lakes homeowners elected a new Board of Directors at their annual meeting on January 28th.

For the second year in a row, a new board member was elected who was not already on the board. Last year it was Harold Engold, and this year it was Emily Isip. The 2013 WLCA Board is:

- > Jim Witmer: President
- > Harold Engold: Vice President
- > Emily Isip: Treasurer
- > Alvin Little: Secretary
- > Andrew Cramer: Member at Large

Details and statistics about the voting are described in the latest *NewStream*, WLCA's online newsletter at mywaterfordlakes.org.

Cypress Isles Meeting Schedule

Here is this year's schedule of Cypress Isles meetings.

Cypress Isles homeowners are invited to all Board of Directors meetings, and especially to the Annual Member Meeting. All meetings are at Connect Realty, 11513 Lake Underhill Road.

Tuesday March 19th – Board meeting at 6:30
 Tuesday May 21st – Annual meeting at 7:00
 Tuesday July 16th – Board meeting at 6:30

Tuesday Sep 17th – Board meeting at 6:30
 Tuesday Nov 19th – Board meeting at 6:30

Dennis Horazak, Secretary

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Save the Date, Save the Daylight!

Daylight Saving Time in the United States will begin at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday March 10th. Set your clocks ahead 1 hour so you won't be late for stuff. If you do it on Saturday, you won't have to stay up until 2:00 AM to make the change. ☺



Dateworthy Notes



CIN Publication Schedule

Check out our website - www.cypressisles.org
to see your newsletter in color!

The *Cypress Isles News* is published quarterly by the Board of Directors for the residents of Cypress Isles. We welcome non-commercial articles and paid advertising from our neighbors. Send email submissions to Sandy Horazak - sanden@bellsouth.net. Copy deadlines are February 1 for the February issue, May 1 for the May issue, August 1 for the August issue, and November 1 for the November issue. Articles may be edited for length, clarity, or content. Advertisements are subject to approval of the Cypress Isles News staff and the Cypress Isles Board of Directors.

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WLCA Office (answered 24/7) 407-380-3803
453 Mark Twain Blvd. wica@mywaterfordlakes.org

Orange County Sheriff's Office
Non-emergency 407-836-HELP (4357)

Animal Control (unleashed pets, etc.)
407-254-9140
Or-- 407- 836-3111

Progress Energy Streetlight Repair or Power Outage
1-800-228-8485
www.progress-energy.com

Call before you dig (Sunshine Network) 811
www.call811.com

Whatcha Gonna Click?

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- Click on "Property Crimes and Robberies in Your Zone" - to find out what types of crimes are occurring in your area.

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

Thanks...

...to the Symons', the Engolds, the Gallaghers, and the Greens for delivering the newsletter to our homes.



...to our Webmaster Dennis Bode for maintaining the best website in Waterford Lakes –
<http://www.Cypressisles.org>



Sandy Horazak, Editor