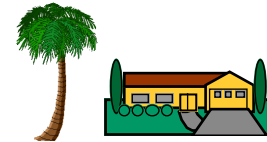


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HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY



Welcome to Cypress Isles!

Go over and say, "Hi!"

Welcome to our new neighbors at --

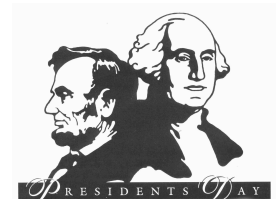
603 Spring Island Way

513 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.

Sandy Horazak, Editor



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2014 Holiday Lighting Award Signs on the Move

The Holiday Lighting award signs were more active than usual this time.



This year the holiday decorations were reviewed a day later on December 22nd, due to schedule conflicts and a case of the flu. The delay didn't seem to matter though, because the lights were just as bright on Monday as the judges carefully hammered award signs into the front yards of seven well-decorated homes, once again missing all the irrigation lines.

And the 2014 Holiday Lighting awards go to:

- 517 Spring Island Way for **Most Animated** decorations, despite thieves' attempts to steal them.
- 525 Divine Circle for the **Most Original** design with red and green entrance columns.
- 768 Spring Island Way for their **White Christmas** display.
- 843 Spring Island Way for the **Most Joyful** decorations. Thanks, Eddie!
- 867 Spring Island Way for once again showing the **True Meaning of Christmas**.
- 903 Spring Island Way for the **Most Enchanted** lighting, especially around the front door.
- 13209 Spring Haven Court for the **Most Elegant** whole-house illumination.

But then a couple of interesting things happened to the signs. Sometime during the night of December 25-26 one or more pranksters "borrowed" five of the signs and planted them in the front yard of a home in the 700 block of Spring Island Way. (The over-signed homeowner thinks it might be the same pranksters who installed a home-made "Least Decorated" sign on his lawn last year.) The signs were returned unharmed to their rightful places the next day.



The other interesting attraction was the rotating “Most Elegant” sign. The sign was originally awarded to 13209 Spring Haven Court, but it somehow migrated from yard to yard around the Court between Christmas and New Year’s, adding to the wonder of the season.

All signs were doggedly collected by buzz-killing board members during the first weekend of January.

ARC: We’re 89% ok, but...

...there’s always that 11 percent..

First the good news: 124 of our yards -- that’s 89% -- look fine. Thanks to you, we have one of the best-looking neighborhoods in Waterford Lakes, a real pleasure to come home to.

The other 11% mostly have weeds in their yards and wrong things in driveways. Some of the offending weeds were in lawns but most of the weeds were in flower beds. [Pauses to check own flower bed] Yeah, we got ‘em too! The early onset of weeds is an annual fact of nature at this time of year, and we hope it will be followed by early weed removal.

The things in the driveways are wrong-day trash cans (3 homes), commercial vehicles (3 homes), and boats (first 1, now 2). Commercial vehicles and boats are prohibited vehicles, and WLCA Declarations Article IX Section 1-G states that

“No Prohibited Vehicle shall be parked or stored on any of the Common Properties of Common Areas or on any portion of a Lot which is visible from any of the Common Properties or Common Areas or from any road or other Lot within the Property.”

A commercial vehicle (i.e., one not designed and used for normal personal / family transportation) is

“any vehicle bearing lettering, graphics or other commercial insignia, except if such lettering, graphics or insignia is/are completely covered with a magnetic or other type covering of the same color as the vehicle.”

So please store boats and commercial vehicles out of sight. We are a residential neighborhood, not a working seaport.

Everyone - let’s keep ‘em looking good out there!

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

Your Friendly Neighborhood ARC

We Have a New Manager

But we’re keeping the same management company

Community Management Professionals will continue to be our management company, but Fran James will now be our new manager: Outgoing manager Bob Borg made the announcement at the November 18th Board meeting and the change is effective immediately. Bob was promoted to Director of Managerial Services where he manages several managers.

Financial Statements Available

If you would like a copy of the Cypress Isles year-end financial or income and expenses statement, please send your request via e-mail to amitchell@community-mgmt.com. The requested document(s) will be sent as soon as available.

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 to you rather than mailed.

If e-mail is not an option, please mail, FAX (407-903-9234) or call (407-455-5950) Associa 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.

Fran James, Community Association Manager

Soliciting – How to Stop It

There is only one good way to stop soliciting.

Recently a homeowner in Woodlands wrote to WLCA complaining that a salesman had rung her doorbell despite the “Do Not Disturb” sign on her door. When she answered and pointed to the sign, the salesman said that his employer requires him to ring every doorbell. When she then told him that there is a sign stating no soliciting in this neighborhood, he replied that his company has a permit and that soliciting IS permitted despite the sign, with a permit.

The homeowner later asked whether WLCA gives permits to solicit in the neighborhood. The answer is: no. There is apparently some misunderstanding that the HOA provides “Permits” for solicitation, but the fact is that Orange County, not WLCA, supplies permits for solicitation.



The only way to stop soliciting is for the homeowner to install a sign on the homeowner's property that reads “No Solicitation.” If the solicitor still solicits, the homeowner may contact the police and have the offender removed. In fact, if you are unsure of what is going on and someone is loitering in the vicinity, don't hesitate to call the police. Neither the neighborhood HOA nor WLCA has jurisdiction over people walking through the neighborhood. The roads and sidewalks of the neighborhoods and Waterford Lakes

are owned and maintained by Orange County, not the neighborhood HOA or the WLCA. Folks are free to park on the streets and conduct their business.

Safety is a legitimate reason to call the sheriff's office, and OCSO will send someone out. By calling, you might stop a serious crime from happening.

*By Ken Zook and Dennis Horazak
Reprinted from the Waterford Lakes NewStream*

Back by Poopular Demand...

Do You Know Where Your Pets Are?



They're in our yard!

(Article being taken for a walk again by request...)

Most of our long-time neighbors know these laws, but some newcomers may not:

We know you love your pets. So do we. Okay, so we don't love your pets as much as we love our own. We especially don't love your pets when they are allowed to roam free, using our properties as their personal toilet area, and upsetting our pets, which are either leashed, or being kept under control in our screen enclosures. This applies to dogs and cats. It's also against the law...not part of the local or master HOA documents, but an Orange County law.

Orange County enforces animal leash and waste laws subject to fines up to for non-compliance.

And don't forget to clean up your pet's waste. We only want to clean up after our own pets, so please be responsible for yours.

Please don't contact the HOA board, or the property manager. This is not an HOA matter. Try resolving the issue by speaking with the neighbors who own the pets. If that doesn't work, report issues and complaints to [311 Customer Service](#). OR – register a complaint online:

<http://www.orangecountyfl.net/AnimalsPets/ascForm.aspx#.VNTxUMZ9tiU>

Sandy "Scoop" Horazak

Save the Date, Save the Daylight!



Daylight Saving Time in the United States will begin at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday March 8th. 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

Happy Anniversary to:



February 26 – John & Kathleen Tenney

March 5 – Mike & Mary Kranz

Happy Birthday to:



February 20 – Pam Janoske

February 23 – Grace Tenney

May 5 – Steve Wood

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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.

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

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 or (407) 836-3111.

Duke Energy Streetlight Repair or Power Outage

407.629.1010

<https://www.progress-energy.com/app/streetlightrepair/>

Call before you dig (Sunshine Network)

811

www.call811.com

Orange County 311--One Call For Almost Anything

311

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