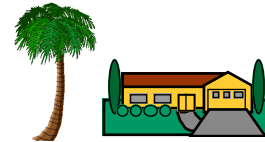




Cypress Isles News



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Welcome to Cypress Isles!

Go over and say, "Hi!"



Welcome to our new neighbors at

13215 Spring Haven Court

800 Spring Island Way

608 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

Groundhog
Day



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Petition for Traffic Solutions!

Laura Wilson, Spring Island Way

Have you signed the petition yet for a traffic study on Spring Island Way? If not- I will be coming to your house soon! The petition requires the county to review the amount and speed of the traffic on Spring Island Way. Below are some frequently asked questions in reference to the petition.

What happens after the traffic study?

After the results of the study are reviewed by the traffic department solutions are proposed. When the study was conducted in 2007, the county proposed putting in 5 speed humps and two traffic calming islands on Spring Island Way.

Is there a cost to putting in speed humps?

Possibly. The cost of one speed hump for the community is \$1750.00. Each Spring Island Way resident would be asked to pay a onetime fee of \$220.00. Please take the time to call our Commissioner Jennifer Thompson's office and ask that Orange County pick up the total cost of the traffic solution. Her contact info is: Jennifer.Thompson@ocfl.net and her phone number is (407) 836-7350. Please inform Commissioner Thompson's office that we will be submitting our petition very soon.

Who makes the final decision?

We do! The homeowners on Spring Island Way. If the traffic study determines that an intervention is needed, each homeowner on Spring Island Way will receive one ballot to vote. The community needs a 66% majority to pass.



Speed Humps Are Not Speed Bumps

Speed humps: bad for speeders, gentle on lawful drivers.

Dennis Horazak, Speed Hump Advocate

Over the years our residents have proposed various methods to control speeding – some of them emotionally satisfying but illegal – but the most promising solution seems to be speed humps.

Speed humps are not speed bumps. Almost everyone hates speed bumps because they are designed to slow everyone to less than 5 miles per hour. On the other hand (looks at other hand) speed humps are designed to toss speeders but produce only gentle undulations for law-abiding drivers.

The table below from *My Parking Sign* is Debbie Moore's comparison of speed bumps and speed humps. <http://www.myparkingsign.com/blog/difference-between-speed-humps-and-speed-bumps/>

Speed Humps	Speed Bumps
Speed Humps are lower and are placed at a longer driving distance.	Speed Bumps are higher and are placed at a shorter driving distance.
They are less aggressive in controlling traffic, as they are lower.	They are more aggressive in controlling traffic due to the size.
Speed humps control traffic to around 25 – 30 mph.	Speed bumps control traffic to around 0 – 5 mph.
They are narrower than speed bumps.	They are wide as compared to speed humps.
Travel length is about 12 to 15 feet.	Travel length ranges from 6 inches to 3 feet.
Height is typically 3 to 4 inches.	Height normally ranges between 3 to 6 inches.
Speed humps offer softer intrusion. Traffic normally remains moving but at around 10 -15 mph.	Traffic proceeds slowly in areas where speed bumps are placed.
They are better suited for high traffic areas, entrances from major highways and areas with larger vehicles.	They are typically intended for front of store or school entrances, parking lots, at pedestrian crossings, garages and near stop sign locations.

So if you're tired of speeders on Spring Island Way, vote for speed humps.



Spring Island Speeder Destroys Tree & Mailbox

Don't be this guy.

Dennis Horazak, Traffic Reporter

Speeders on Spring Island Way continue to pose a danger to humans, animals, trees, and anything else in their way. Not the first, but the most extreme recent case happened on January 9th when a speeder plowed into a tree and a mailbox in the 700 block of Spring Island Way. The impact moved the concrete base of the mailbox about 4 inches before ripping the mailbox away and pushing it and a tree about a block down the road. Unfortunately (for him) the collision ripped open his undercarriage fluid lines and disabled the SUV. Fortunately (for us) the SUV came to a stop near a deputy's house and the driver was apprehended.



**A speeder destroyed this tree and this mailbox on January 9th.
Luckily he also disabled his own SUV and was apprehended.**

Financial Statements Available

If you enjoyed reading the 2017 budget, you'll love these statements.

Bob Borg, Community Association Manager

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 bborg@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) Association 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.

Save the Date, Save the Daylight!



Daylight Saving Time in the United States will begin at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday March 12th. 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. ☺ Sorry about that lost hour of sleep. It's with your lost shaker of salt...

You can recover that hour of sleep when Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday November 5th - unless you have children or pets. ☺

Whatcha Gonna Click?

www.ocso.com - **NEW**> 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 - **NEW**> 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

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 www.call811.com
Orange County 311--One Call For Almost Anything	311 – by CELL phones only or (407) 836-3111

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2017 Board Meeting Schedule

Dennis Horazak, Secretary

The Cypress Isles board of directors meets on the third Tuesday of the odd-numbered months. This is the meeting schedule for 2017:

- Tuesday, January 17th @ 6:30 PM (draft minutes are posted on the website.)
- Tuesday, March 21st @ 6:30 PM
- Tuesday, May 16th @ 7 PM (Annual Members Meeting)
- Tuesday, July 18th @ 6:30 PM
- Tuesday, September 19th @ 6:30 PM
- Tuesday, November 21st @ 6:30 PM

All meetings are in WLCA's Community Building.

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Sandy Horazak, Editor



HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

