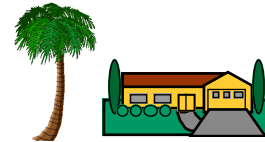




# Cypress Isles News



The official newsletter of the Cypress Isles Homeowners Association

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## Welcome to Cypress Isles!

***Go over and say, “Hi!”***

Welcome to our new neighbors at:

714 Divine Circle

13750 Crystal River Drive



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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## Trim Not Thy Frozen Plants!

*Plants frozen? Let it go...let it go...*



This message is for all homeowners who are dealing with plants that were damaged by the recent freezing weather. **LEAVE THEM ALONE!** Don't prune or trim anything until mid-February or later to do any hard pruning. This advice comes from WLCA's Certified Consulting Agronomist-Horticulturist, who cautioned against pruning freeze-damaged plants – even if they look “dead” -- until they have a chance to recover. Plants rebound first at their tips and along their edges, and cutting those parts away now undermines the plant's chances for survival. Also, the dead material helps to protect the underlying live plant in case there is another freeze.

**Dennis Horazak**  
**Plant Kingdom Correspondent**

## Beware of Porch Pirates!

**Beware. Be very ware.**



Back in December some packages were stolen from the front porch of a house in the 900 block of Spring Island Way. One was delivered by USPS, and 2 others were delivered by Amazon. The homeowner did not file a police report. **PLEASE!** This is very important. It is not the delivery carrier's responsibility to file a police report; it is the package recipient's responsibility.

Below is from Orange County Sheriff's Office:

### **Crime Reporting**

It is important to report all crimes and suspicious activities to the Orange County Sheriff's Office (OCSO) because OCSO uses crime statistics to allocate their officers.

- If you see a crime in progress, call 911 and stay on the line.
- If a crime has been committed but you do not have video or pictures, file an e-report on [www.osco.com](http://www.osco.com). Click on “File a police report.”

- If a crime has been committed and you have video or pictures, call the non-emergency number 407.836.HELP (407.836.4357) to report it, then copy the video or pictures to a CDROM or thumb drive to give to OCSO. Do not use e-file because attachments cannot be attached to e-file reports.
- If you see suspicious activity but no crime has been committed, call the non-emergency number 407.836.HELP (407.836.4357).

If you are unsure whether an incident is worth reporting, report it anyway and let the OCSO decide whether it is important. Your report might help establish a connection with other crimes and lead to arrests.

Package thefts are becoming a growing problem everywhere. Some tips to help prevent this from happening to you: require a signature for delivery; have package delivered to a work address or neighbor; ask a neighbor to be on the lookout for the delivery, retrieve the package(s) from your porch and hold in their home till you get home.

**Sandy Horazak, Neighborhood Watch Coordinator**

## **Waterford CAN!**

*...and you can too – on the first Saturday of each month*



If you are new to the neighborhood, you may have noticed the **Waterford CAN** signs at our entrances at the beginning or end of each month. Here's what it's all about.

The Waterford CAN food drive is going into its 7<sup>th</sup> year as a monthly event that officially began in June 2011 with Waterford Lakes volunteer drivers and collection folks from each neighborhood.

Carole Bowman and her 17 year-old son, John, of Cedarwood Court, are the Cypress Isles representatives for the food drive.

Here are the facts about the food drive:

1. The food goes to needy East Orlando residents.
2. Donations should be non-perishable canned and/or boxed foods, paper items, cleaning supplies and even pet food.
3. Please check expiration dates and only donate "in date" items.
4. The drive is the 1st Saturday of each month (except for first Saturdays that fall on a 3-day holiday weekend.)
5. Place the bagged food at the end of the driveway before 9 a.m.

Plastic bags are easiest as the handles make it easy to grab and throw in the back of the car. They are not picky though; anything will work.

The collection volunteers meet back at the WLCA Rec Center where the food is checked for current sell-by dates, numbers are tallied by neighborhood and then it's taken to Spirit of Joy church where it gets distributed to East Orlando recipients.

It's easy, simple and 100% of your donations go to help others who are in need. No administration costs, no salaries to pay. Waterford CAN make a difference!

It can't get much easier than that!

A shopping tip: you can go to our local grocery stores and purchase BOGO (Buy One Get One "Free") items. Keep one BOGO for yourself, and donate the other. Every little bit donated goes a long way in helping someone locally have a meal. Please, consider participating in this monthly event.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Carole Bowman at (407) 306-7817.

## **Financial Statements Available**

*If you enjoyed reading the 2018 budget, you'll love these statements.*



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](mailto: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) 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](http://www.cypressisles.org) > Archives.

***Bob Borg, Community Association Manager***

## WLCA Has New Paint Guidelines

*Check out the new Painting and Siding Guidelines before painting or siding your house.*



Planning on painting your house? Before you start you'll want to check the new Guidelines for Exterior Paint & Siding.

The WLCA Architectural Review Committee (ARC) drafted new guidelines last year, the Waterford Lakes neighborhood presidents reviewed them, and the WLCA Board approved them at the January board meeting. The guidelines cover exterior paint, exterior doors and garage doors, gutters and downspouts, and siding.

The complete 2-page Guideline is available at the WLCA office and on the WLCA website at <http://www.mywaterfordlakes.org> [resident login] > ARC Forms and Instructions > Architectural Guidelines > [scroll down for] Guidelines for Exterior Paint & Siding (2018).

Cypress Isles has its own paint color book with hundreds of body, trim and front door colors, so you won't need the WLCA paint color book. The Cypress Isles paint book is available at the WLCA office and Cookie Symons also has a copy.

So pick your colors, file an Architectural Review Application (ARA), and spruce up that house!

***Dennis Horazak, WLCA Correspondent***

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## 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
Orange County 311--One Call For Almost Anything	311 – by CELL phones only or (407) 836-31

## Whatcha Gonna Click?



[www.ocso.com](http://www.ocso.com) - **NEW** to report non-violent crimes online, such as lost property, theft, vandalism, and vehicle burglary, go to [www.ocso.com](http://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](http://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](http://www.cfcrimelinewarrants.com) - to check individuals for warrants.

Duke Energy Streetlight Repair or Power Outage [www.progress-energy.com](http://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

Call OR CLICK before you dig (Sunshine Network) [www.call811.com](http://www.call811.com)

## 2018 Board and ARC Meeting Schedules

*Dennis Horazak, Secretary*



The Cypress Isles board of directors meets in WLCA's Community Building on the third Tuesday of the odd-numbered months. This is the meeting schedule for 2018:

- Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 PM (draft minutes are posted on the website.)
- Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 PM
- Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> @ 7 PM (Annual Members Meeting)
- Tuesday, July 17<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 PM
- Tuesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 PM
- Tuesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 PM

The Cypress Isles ARC reviews homeowner applications for property modifications at 7:00 p.m. on first and third Mondays at 700 Cedarwood Court. The dates for the rest of 2018 are:

- February 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>
- March 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>
- April 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>
- May 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>
- June 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>
- July 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>
- August 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>
- September 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>
- October 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>
- November 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>

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*Sandy Horazak, Editor*



(Group "Awwwww!")

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

