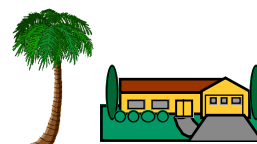




# Cypress Isles News



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## BREAKING NEWS

### YES, VIRGINIA, WE DO HAVE ‘GATORS IN CYPRESS ISLES

Three neighbors have reported 2 ‘gator sightings in the Cedarwood Pond - a small ‘gator in the past 2 weeks, and on Thursday 2/11 about 2 PM, a possible 6-foot ‘gator. Either the small ‘gator fattened up during that time, or there were 2 different ‘gators. It’s a little early for alligator mating season (May-June), but with the sudden warm-up we’re having, maybe they are just dating...☺

Cedarwood Pond borders Cedarwood Ct. (west side), the 800 block of Spring Island Way (south side), and the 500 block of Divine Circle (east side)

PLEASE be alert, vigilant, and make sure your children and pets are in the house and your garage door is closed. And NEVER approach or feed an alligator. You could be his next meal. It’s not only a bad idea, it’s illegal, subject to a \$500 fine and 60 days in jail.

## Financial Statements Available

*If you enjoyed reading the 2021 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 email your request to [accounting@towerspropertymgmt.com](mailto:accounting@towerspropertymgmt.com). The requested document(s) will be sent as soon as they are available.

If you have any questions, please contact me at [terina@towerspropertymgmt.com](mailto:terina@towerspropertymgmt.com) or call 407-730-9872.

**Terina Stevens, Community Association Manager**

## New Driveway Parking Rules for Cypress Isles

***The WLCA rules for parking were written in the last century. We think it's time for an upgrade.***

The WLCA Declaration (Art. IX, Sect. 1-G) has a list of "prohibited" vehicles that are not allowed to be parked in our driveways. However, some situations make those rules unworkable – such as spending a day or two preparing your boat for the water, temporarily parking your visiting relatives' RV, or parking a company vehicle with lettering on the side that is part of your employment. Fortunately, the Declaration also gives neighborhood associations the right to promulgate rules regarding which vehicles are "prohibited."

Cypress Isles board members have discussed these issues and are developing a set of modified rules for our neighborhood, to be presented for approval at the March 16<sup>th</sup> board meeting. As in all board meetings, homeowners are welcome to participate. In compliance with Orange County executive orders, masks will be worn and seating will be socially distanced and therefore limited.

## New Street Parking Rules for Orange County

***(reprinted from WLCA Community Feed, 5 January 2021)***

The Orange County Sheriff's Office receives hundreds of complaints each year regarding improperly parked vehicles. These issues range from cars left on the side of the road with no tag or current registration, RVs or trailers parked in front of people's property for months to semi-tractor trailers clogging up narrow residential streets. The fix sounds easy... just give 'em a ticket or tow it! The problem was, if you can believe it, our state and local laws didn't actually give our deputies those tools! Oftentimes their answer was a frustrating "I'm sorry, there just isn't anything we can do."

Thankfully, a dedicated group of County transportation planners and Sheriff's Office parking enforcement specialists acknowledged these problems and worked for more than a year to develop a comprehensive set of parking standards and enforcement tools. Essentially they

came to the conclusion that Orange County road rights-of-way (ROW) should not be used as parking lots for oversized trucks or as storage lots for abandoned vehicles. Additionally, the group found that existing fines for improper truck parking just didn't provide a disincentive.

On August 1, 2020, these changes were presented to the Orange County Commission and approved.

Highlights of the changes include:

- \$150 fine (up from \$30) for parking commercial dual rear-wheel vehicles in the ROW
- \$30 fine/or tow for parking a vehicle with no license plate or current registration
- \$30 fine for parking a trailer in the ROW
- \$30 fine for parking an RV in the ROW
- \$30 fine/or tow for vehicles parked under car covers
- \$30 fine for blocking a mail delivery location (8 AM - 6 PM)

The full list of parking standards can be found in Chapter 35 of the Orange County Code, which can be accessed on Orange County Planning's webpage. For information and resources about towing, visit their link:

<https://www.ocfl.net/TrafficTransportation/TowingandParkingInformation/TowingInformation.aspx#.YB8bv49KgTU>

Complaints for parking violations should be directed to the Sheriff's Office Parking Enforcement Unit by dialing the Sheriff's Office non-emergency number 407.836.HELP (4357).

## **2021 Board and ARC Meeting Schedules**



The Cypress Isles board of directors meets in WLCA's Community Building on third Tuesdays of odd-numbered months. Face masks and social distancing are required until further notice. This is the meeting schedule for the rest of 2021:

- Tuesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 PM
- Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> @ 7 PM (Annual Homeowners' Meeting)
- Tuesday, July 20<sup>st</sup> @ 6:30 PM

- Tuesday, September 21<sup>st</sup> @ 6:30 PM
- Tuesday, November 16<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 2021 are:

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

***Dennis Horazak, Secretary***

## Crash Wall Update

***If you've made it this far through all the boring stuff, here's a bonus feel-good story***

Yes, folks – good news at the crash wall: No crashes in the whole year. Woo-hoo! And better yet, in case you haven't noticed, in December more rocks were added in front of the wall to hopefully protect the wall from another crash.



## Whatcha Gonna Click?



[www.ocso.com](http://www.ocso.com) - 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) - 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

## 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)

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Orange County 311--One Call For Almost Anything

311 – by CELL phones only  
or (407) 836-3111

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*Sandy Horazak, Editor*



(Group "Awwwww!")

*HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY*

