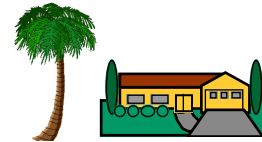


Cypress Isles News



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Come to the May 21st Annual Meeting

You should already have your annual meeting packet. If not, let us know.

The **2013 Annual Members Meeting** will start at 7:00 pm on **Tuesday May 21st** at Connect Realty, 11513 Lake Underhill Road. This meeting features the annual election of directors and a chance to meet your fellow Cypress Islanders.

Can't make it on the 21st? Then PLEASE fill out a proxy and get it to the Secretary by May 19th.

Board meetings for the rest of 2013 are on Tuesdays May 21st (after the annual meeting), July 16th at 6:30, September 17th at 6:30, and November 19th at 6:30.

Dennis Horazak, Secretary



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Welcome to Cypress Isles!



Go over and say, "Hi!"

Welcome to our new neighbors at:

812 Spring Island Way

629 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

Brazilian Peppers Invading Cypress Isles

Invasive species – they're not just pythons anymore...

If you live next to a wooded area and you see someone removing large bushes from the conservation area, don't worry. There's a good chance that it's John Culbertson removing Brazilian Peppers. John is a professional environmental consultant and amateur naturalist homeowner on Spring Island Way who is waging a one-man campaign against these invasive plants.

Brazilian Pepper (*Schinus terebinthifolius*) might sound like something to add to your chili recipe, but it is a member of the Sumac family that can cause skin irritation and rashes if touched. But it's worse than that. Various Florida agencies classify the Brazilian Pepper as a Category I invasive species (FLEPPC 2005), a noxious weed (FLDACS 1999), and a prohibited plant (FLDEP 1993).



“It’s hard work,” smiles John, “but it’s worth it to get these sons o’ branches outta here. (photo by Pepperazzi)”

John noticed that they were starting to take over the conservation area behind his home two years ago, so he started to take action.



See the tree, how big it’s grown... (photo by Pepperazzi)”

Conservation areas are normally off-limits to human activities – you can’t landscape them or build patio decks in them -- but it’s different when invasive species threaten. Orange County explicitly allows the removal or destruction of nuisance and exotic plant species from the conservation easements in Waterford Lakes (Permit No. 4-095-0029M19). So all is cool.

So, if you see John defending the woods against the pepper invasion, just wave and yell “Thanks!”

Dennis Horazak, Jungle Reporter

If you would like to learn more or help out in any way, please call John at 407-580-4017 for a quick overview, or to allow him to place pepper prunings at the end of your driveway for Wednesday yard waste pick-up -- so he doesn’t have to lug them from behind your property back to his house.

We are STILL NOT in a flood zone!

Don’t let your mortgage or insurance company tell you otherwise...

Michael Langan originally wrote this article for the May 2003 issue. The information is so important and valuable that we’re running it again for those who are new to the community.

Your mortgage carrier may tell you that you need flood insurance when you do not. If you are notified by your mortgage carrier that you need Flood Insurance, here are the steps to take to resolve this issue.

- 1 - Contact your mortgage company, and discuss everything and explain what you will be doing to resolve this matter.
- 2 - Contact Orange County Public Works Department. (407) 836-7990
- 3 - Explain that you are being told that your mortgage company is requiring that you purchase flood insurance within 45 days. They will send you the necessary documents that show your property in a SFHA (Special Flood Hazard Area), but

that your structure is not located in a SFHA. Specifically they should reference Letter of Map Amendment case no: 94-04-952A.

- 4 - Send a copy of this information to your mortgage carrier, and be sure that they send you a letter stating that you no longer are required to carry Flood Insurance. Keep all correspondence for your records, if this should pop-up again. I hope this helps.

Michael Langan

Dateworthy Notes

Happy Anniversary to:



May 22 – Cookie & Scott Symons
 May 27 – Sandy & Denny Horazak
 July 19 – Harold & Cheryl Engold

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May 17 - Dick Patten
 May 23 - Michael Symons
 May 23 - Cheryl Engold
 May 28 - Tara Engold
 June 6 - June Glesener
 July 12 - John Tenney
 July 17 - Sophia Tenney
 July 23 - Dennis Horazak
 July 27 - Sandy Horazak

Lake Underhill Rd. – the End Is Nigh

Lake Underhill is still a mess. But you knew that.

This project has taken a lot longer than anyone, including Orange County, expected, as workers discovered inadequate soils and surprise power lines and pipelines under the existing roadway. The county is still hopeful that the project will be finished by July 13th, barring more surprises. Here are the remaining work areas:

Seascape Avenue/Kellygreen Drive to Bluewater Circle is almost done.

The vicinity of Spring Island Way was scheduled to be done by May 4th but is still in progress.

Brittany Lakes Lane to Mark Twain Blvd is scheduled for May 6th - 25th.

Alafaya Trail to Brittany Lakes Lane is scheduled for May 27th - June 8th.

Mark Twain Blvd. to Woodbury Road is scheduled for June 10th - 24th.

Woodbury Rd to Lexington Drive is scheduled for June 25^h - July 13th.

The project overview and map are posted online in *NewStream* on the WLCA site. Go to www.mywaterfordlakes.org, then click on "Waterford e-Newsletter" at the lower left of the public home page.

Commissioner Jennifer Thompson posts complete project status reports at http://jenniferthompson.net/lake-underhill-road-paving-update?utm_source=rss&utm_medium=rss&utm_campaign=lake-underhill-road-paving-update#.UYZ_xYK103Y.

Dennis Horazak, Road Warrior

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.crimelinewarrants.com - to check individuals for warrants.

CIN Publication Schedule

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

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...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

Who Ya Gonna Call?

WLCA Office (answered 24/7) 407-380-3803
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Orange County Sheriff's Office
Non-emergency 407-836-HELP (4357)

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

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