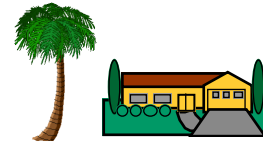




Cypress Isles News



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Welcome to Cypress Isles!

Go over and say, "Hi!"

Welcome to our new neighbors at --
744 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



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Come to the May 17th Annual Meeting

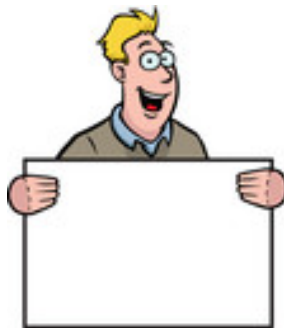
The **2016 Annual Members Meeting** will start at **7:00 pm** on **Tuesday May 17th** at the WLCA Community Building, 453 Mark Twain Boulevard. This meeting features the annual election of directors and a chance to meet your fellow Cypress Islanders.



**Cypress Isles now meets in the WLCA Community Building
453 Mark Twain Boulevard**

Can't make it on the 17th? Then PLEASE fill out a proxy and return it by May 16th to the Secretary at 726 Divine Circle.

Dennis Horazak, Secretary



Loose Dog? Call 311

Outside dogs must be on a leash. Period.



What is the most dangerous type of dog? You might guess Pit Bull or Rottweiler, but actually it's any dog with an irresponsible owner who lets it run free through the neighborhood.

There have been recent instances of unleashed dogs running around the neighborhood and showing unprovoked aggression towards residents and landscapers. These dogs might have accidentally escaped from their Cypress Isles owners, which happens. However if the owners thought it was OK to let them run loose for a while, that's not OK – in fact, it's illegal.

In Orange County, animal services officers are authorized to catch, seize or pick up any animal at large, where "at large" means "not under a person's control by means of leash, cord or chain, and upon public or private property without the consent of the property owner or tenant."

So if you see an unleashed dog "at large," call Animal Control at 311 or (407) 836-3111 and help make Cypress Isles safe again.

And thank you to all our neighbors who walk their pooches on a leash. Besides being the law, they love you for it, and so do we.

Dennis Horazak, Animal Lover

The ten most dangerous dog breeds (depending on which list you read) are:

(10) St Bernard, Bullmastiff, or Dalmatian; (9) Great Dane or Presa Canario; (8, 7, 6, 5, & 4) Boxer, Chow-Chow, Doberman Pinscher, or Huskie, Malamute, or Wolf-Dog Hybrid; (3) German Shepard; (2) Rottweiler; and (1) Pit Bull.

Sources: Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association, National Geographic, and TheMost10.com.

Be Aware: La Niña Could Bring Hurricanes

El Niño's "little" sister La Niña is expected to bring drier weather and better chances for hurricanes.



This year is unofficially known as Crazy Weather Year in most of the US, but it has been generally kind to Florida so far. However, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) has issued a "La Niña Watch" because changing conditions over the Atlantic Ocean are likely to result in less rainfall and a greater potential for hurricanes. Central Florida hasn't been hit by a hurricane in 12 years, but some calm planning and preparation might be in order this year. Here are some steps to consider.

Make a Family Plan

It is important that each home plan in advance what they will do, what is needed and where they will go if their home is damaged or not accessible. The State of Florida has set up an online planning program to help with this. See www.floridadisaster.org/family for information.

Get, read, and follow hurricane guides

- Local TV stations, newspapers, and home improvement stores provide hurricane-planning guides. Pick up or download one or more of these guides, read them, and make a plan. And tell your family.
- Orange County information is on their website: <http://www.orangecountyfl.net/EmergencySafety/HurricaneGuide.aspx#.Vy3S2mYzExU>
- Advice from the National Hurricane Center: <http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/prepare/ready.php> and http://www.nws.noaa.gov/com/weatherreadynation/hurricane_preparedness.html

Learn about hurricanes

The best antidote to panic or denial is knowledge. Know what you're up against so you don't over-estimate or under-estimate its power. The National Hurricane Center www.nhc.noaa.gov is the best source of information about hurricanes, hurricane preparedness, hurricane tracking, and all other things hurricane. Florida residents should bookmark the site.

Teach your children about hurricanes

<https://www.ready.gov/kids> has games and kid-level information.

Plan for pets

You probably won't have to evacuate, but it's good to know in advance that most shelters and hotels won't take pets (they don't know them like you do), so locate places that will take pets. Have pet carriers.

Tool up

Make sure you have battery-operated flashlights and a radio and that they work. A battery-operated weather alert radio is also useful to alert you if post-hurricane tornadoes threaten.

Generator?

Do you really need a generator? Most of the power lines in Waterford Lakes are underground and safe from the wind and rain. Waterford Lakes power outages after the 2004 hurricanes ranged from zero to a few days, which is more of a nuisance than a hardship. Generators have to be purchased, stored, carefully maintained, and carefully operated to avoid fires and asphyxiation. On the other hand, if you have a generator, you can tell all your friends that you have a generator. Everyone has to do his/her own math to see whether it's worth it.

Wet-dry vac?

If the rain comes in, a wet-dry shop vacuum can quickly remove water from carpets and other places where it can cause mildew. And, unlike a generator, a wet-dry shop vacuum can be useful at other times as well.

Get window protection early

Don't waste time and tape by putting tape on your windows. Tape won't protect your windows against flying debris, and might actually cause larger, taped-together pieces of glass to fly through the house. The same is true of plastic film window coverings. Use hurricane shutters instead.

Buy or build shutters early in the season. The worst time to order or buy hurricane shutters is when a hurricane is coming and everyone else is buying them, depleting the stock, and raising the prices. Buy and test-install them way before you might need them. This is a no-brainer when you think about it.

Handy with tools? You can save a lot of money and amaze your neighbors by making your own shutters out of 5/8-inch plywood. Our homes are block construction with windows set about 3 inches inside the outer surface of the wall. Plywood shutters should be installed about halfway inside these window insets and be fastened to the sides of the insets, so the wind can't get under them and peel them off the house. You can Google "DIY Hurricane Shutters" to find several websites with detailed instructions.

Again, do it early in the season so you're not rushed.

Prepare your trees

Trim all dead branches that could break off in high winds and separate the trimmings into light-and-leafy parts and heavier-but-leafless parts. The wind mainly catches the leaves, so move the leafy parts away from the wind. Big branches without leaves can be left on the ground because the wind has nothing to grab onto.

For more about La Niña, see <http://www.pmel.noaa.gov/elnino/what-is-la-nina>.

Also check the WLCA disaster plan on the WLCA website at <http://www.mywaterfordlakes.org> [Resident Login] > Communications > WLCA Disaster Plan. The plan includes preparations and action plans for WLCA, neighborhood associations, and residents.

by Dennis "Hurricane" Horazak

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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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.

Duke Energy Streetlight Repair or Power Outage www.progress-energy.com > Report an Outage
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

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