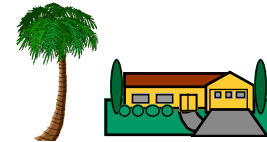




Cypress Isles News



The official newsletter of the Cypress Isles Homeowners Association

May 2018 Edition – Published Quarterly since 2001

<http://www.CypressIsles.org>



In This Issue – May 2018

Neighbor Dog Kills Neighbor Cat.....	1
New ARC Guidelines at the May 15th Annual Meeting.....	2
Bashed Entrance Wall To Be Restored	3
Meeting Agendas now Posted Online	4
Help Orange County with Code Enforcement.....	5
Whatcha Gonna Click?.....	6
Who Ya Gonna Call?.....	6
Cypress Isles Contact List	7
CIN Subscriptions and Publication Schedule.....	7

Neighbor Dog Kills Neighbor Cat

Unleashed pets become predator and prey in weekend killing.

A free-running pit bull mix dog from Spring Island Way killed a roaming cat from Crystal River Drive at 7pm Saturday April 28th. A neighbor saw the dog walking down the middle of the street shaking the dead cat in its mouth and notified the cat's owner who called Animal Control. Animal Control came out the next day, determined the identity of the dog's owner, and investigated the incident.

This is not the first problem with this particular dog. In October 2017 this same dog broke through a different neighbor's screened lanai and attacked the small dog that lived there. That dog survived with injuries, but the injured dog's owner did not call Animal Control or file any report.

The dog's owner has given the dog to a Pit Bull rescue group, so it is no longer a threat to Cypress Isles residents, children, and pets.

Free-roaming dogs and cats are not permitted in Orange County. (See § 5-33. "Animals at-large prohibited" http://orangecounty-fl.elaws.us/code/coor_ptii_ch5_artii_sec5-33)

In addition to the pet-on-pet violence described above, loose pets can attack people, kill or be killed by wild animals, or be run over by traffic. If you want to keep your pets around longer, keep them safe. We know that pets can sometimes escape through a momentarily opened door, break out of their fenced area, or break loose from a leash or tether. Please be cognizant of this when putting them outside.

If you see something...

Orange County enforces animal leash and animal waste laws, and human violators are subject to fines for non-compliance. If you see something (unleashed pets, etc.), say something to Animal Control at 311 (cell phones only) or (407) 836-3111 or register a complaint online at <http://www.orangecountyfl.net/AnimalsPets/ascForm.aspx#.VNTxUMZ9tiU>.

This is not an HOA matter so please don't contact the HOA board or the property manager.

by Cookie Symons and Dennis Horazak

New ARC Guidelines at the May 15th Annual Meeting

Come for the quorum, stay for the architectural guidelines.

The **2018 Annual Members Meeting** will start at **7:00 pm** on **Tuesday May 15th** at the WLCA Community Building, 453 Mark Twain Boulevard. If we get a quorum (47 owners either in person or by proxy) we could have the first election of board member since 2008. But even if we don't get a quorum, we will be looking at new ARC guidelines.

WLCA has 17 ARC Guidelines for everything from exterior painting to windows, but Cypress Isles has none. The absence of Cypress Isles guidelines recently led the WLCA ARC to deny at least two Cypress Isles applications because they violated WLCA guidelines, which were cited by default. Those applications reflected long-standing Cypress Isles practice, but that practice was never documented.

At the May meeting the board plans to establish a new set of Cypress Isles ARC Guidelines, starting with guidelines for paint colors, fencing, and grandfathering.

We hope to see you at the meeting, but if you can't make it PLEASE fill out the blue proxy and return it by May 14th to the Secretary at 726 Divine Circle.

For more information...

Proposed Cypress Isles ARC Guidelines are posted on the Cypress Isles website at www.cypressisles.org > Cypress Isles Meeting Notice. Click "here" and scroll to pages 3 through 7.

WLCA ARC Guidelines are posted on the WLCA website at www.mywaterfordlakes.org [resident login] > ARC Forms and Instructions > Architectural Guidelines.

Dennis Horazak, Secretary

Bashed Entrance Wall To Be Restored

*Speeder trashes wall, speeder gets arrested, insurance pays, wall will be restored.
Big thanks to Cookie Symons and Bob Borg.*

By now you've probably seen what's left of the wall at the back entrance to Cypress Isles. Here's the story.

What happened?

A driver speeding home to Jade Forest around 1:45 a.m. Sunday morning March 4th lost control of his car and ran into the rear entrance wall on Spring Island Way. A Waterford Bend resident witnessed the crash from across Lake Underhill Rd.



Photo by Cookie Symons

According to the witness, the driver of a white BMW was trying to elude an Orange County deputy by turning into Cypress Isles, but he missed the turn and hit the center portion of the wall. The force of impact shattered the curved wall and the curvature made the pieces fly outward as if the wall had exploded.

The driver was not injured. He crawled out the driver side window and tried to leave but was stopped by the pursuing deputy. Meanwhile the driver's brother, who was also returning home in another white BMW, stopped and the two brothers began arguing. The deputy stopped that argument but then the driver who hit the wall began arguing with the deputy and was eventually arrested for DUI. The deputy called for backup and five other OCSO cars were on the scene by 2:00 a.m. blocking Lake Underhill Rd.

Soon after that the deputy stopped another driver who was trying to get around the police blockade on Lake Underhill Rd. That driver was also arrested for DUI. The Waterford Bend witness reported that all arrests were handled professionally despite the attitudes of the arrested.

The Florida Highway Patrol arrived later to process the scene. Reports were filed with the Orange County Sheriff's Office and with the Florida Highway Patrol.

Later that morning, Cypress Isles board members Myron Davis and Cookie Symons collected the scattered damaged parts and placed them onto the grass, recovered torn pieces of sod, and cordoned off the scene with "Caution/Cuidado" tape. Cookie also turned off the power to the wall lighting, contacted WLCA to turn off the irrigation water, and contacted our manager Bob Borg to begin the restoration process.

What's taking so long?

The first order of business was to estimate the cost of repairs while waiting for copies of the police reports. Then the crash-driver's insurance company was contacted for a settlement amount. The negotiations took some time, but after several weeks the crash-driver's insurance company sent Cypress Isles a check that will pay for the wall. Now the restoration process is underway.

What's next?

Contractors are being scheduled to excavate the area and check for foundation damage, lay new bricks to restore the wall, repair or replace the signage, restore the irrigation lines, and reinstall electric service.

by Dennis Horazak as reported by Cookie Symons

Meeting Agendas now Posted Online

Florida law now requires condominiums to post meeting agendas online. Cypress Isles is doing it too.

Starting this July 1st Florida Statute 718 requires condominium associations to post notices of owner meetings on their websites at least 14 days before the meeting date, and to post the agenda for that meeting, including "any document to be considered and voted on by the owners" at least 7 days before the meeting date.

HOAs such as Cypress Isles are governed by F.S. 720 and do not have this requirement yet. Nevertheless it seemed like a good idea, so our meeting dates and agendas are now posted on our website.

To see the agenda for the next meeting, go to the home page of www.cypressisles.org and click on "here" under "Cypress Isles Meeting Notice."

To see the dates of future board and ARC meetings, look for the "2018 Meeting Calendar" farther down the Cypress Isles home page.

Dennis Horazak, Secretary

Help Orange County with Code Enforcement

Neighbor's property "not up to code?" Contact the Community Code Enforcement program.



The Community Code Enforcement program helps citizens play an important role in keeping their community clean and attractive and violation free. The program is comprised of citizen volunteers who want to take a proactive approach in assisting Code Enforcement in dealing with code violations in their neighborhood. For more information, contact Carla McClendon at 407.836.0916 or at Carla.McClendon@ocfl.net.

By Carla McClendon, Orange County Project Coordinator

Whatcha Gonna Click?



www.ocso.com - 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 - 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

Call OR CLICK before you dig (Sunshine Network)

www.call811.com

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

Cypress Isles Contact List

Board of Directors

Harold Engold, President	407-491-5233	LTHEJHPD@aol.com
Bob Conner, Vice-president	407-382-4886	RCO3975642@aol.com
Dennis Horazak, Secretary	407-207-6557	densus@bellsouth.net
Myron Davis, Treasurer	407-737-8200	mdavis8200@comcast.net
Cookie Symons, Director	407-273-5460	Minnieland@aol.com

Community Management Professionals

Bob Borg	407-455-5917	bborg@community-mgmt.com
----------	--------------	--------------------------

Neighborhood Watch

Sandy Horazak, Coordinator	407-207-6557	sanden@bellsouth.net
Cookie Symons, Coordinator	407-273-5460	Minnieland@aol.com

COPS Committee

Harold Engold, Coordinator	407-491-5233	LTHEJHPD@aol.com
----------------------------	--------------	------------------

Media

Sandy & Denny Hora	407-207-6557	sanden@bellsouth.net
--------------------	--------------	----------------------

CIN Subscriptions and Publication Schedule

The *Cypress Isles News* is published quarterly by the Board of Directors for the residents of Cypress Isles. All issues are published on the Cypress Isles website - www.cypressisles.org - and email subscriptions are available by request. If you would like to receive the newsletter by email, please email me at: sanden@bellsouth.net to be put on the newsletter list. Please include your name, address, and phone number so I can call you for clarification in case there is a problem with the email address.

Sandy Horazak, Editor



Happy Mother's Day - May 13th



Happy Father's Day - June 17th