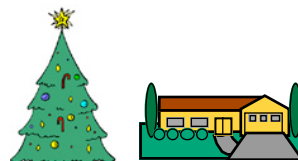




# Cypress Isles News



The official newsletter of the Cypress Isles Homeowners Association

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## Holiday Lighting Contest December 13

*Deck your yard to celebrate the holidays!*

This year's annual Holiday Lighting Contest will be on Sunday December 13th starting at 7:00 p.m. Winners will be listed on our website shortly thereafter and published in the February *Cypress Isles News*.



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## Early Decorations Brighten Season

Once again the Janoskes have enhanced our neighborhood with their beautiful fall decorations behind our front entrance wall. The bright orange lights in their trees add a nice touch to our entrance for all to see. Thank you, Bob & Pam!

## Welcome to Cypress Isles!

*Go over and say, "Hi!"*

Welcome to our new neighbors at:  
542 Divine Circle.

## Rescue an Abandoned Yard

*Be a good neighbor; cut some grass*

As you may have noticed, we have a few abandoned homes in our neighborhood due to foreclosures. It's a sad situation that could happen to any of us. Unfortunately, the conditions of the abandoned properties deteriorate and become rather unsightly to the rest of us. As we count our blessings this Thanksgiving, be thankful that you still have your home; and try to be neighborly by performing some random acts of kindness as some of our neighbors have done – by mowing overgrown lawns, trimming bushes, or pulling weeds around an abandoned house.

Orange County Code Enforcement will not cut grass until the lawn is at least 18" high. They are not concerned with aesthetics or the HOA's ARC codes; their concern is for health and safety reasons to ensure that a Critter, Creepy Crawler and Varmint Hotel is not established on the property.

Make sure that the home has been abandoned. In most cases the homeowner has flown the coop and cannot be reached to arrange for lawn care. If a home has residents in it who have just neglected their lawn, you can't take it upon yourself to mow it down. You probably know which homes are

abandoned, but if in doubt, contact a board member to be sure.

If you can't help out with lawn care, at least please remove ads, solicitations, and any other papers that may accumulate in the doors, front porches, or driveways of the abandoned homes. The less abandoned a home looks, the better for us all.

Again, a big THANKS to our concerned and caring neighbors who have mowed and trimmed the abandoned properties.

*Sandy Horazak, Lawn'n'Order Reporter*



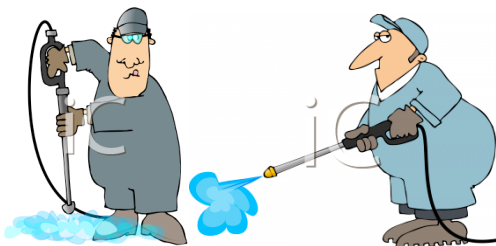
### **Like Our Patrol Car?**

*We need more drivers!*

The presence of our COPS patrol car cruising through the neighborhood is a crime deterrent. We could be at risk of losing our COPS car if we don't get more drivers. Won't you consider volunteering for our COPS program? Please contact Harold Engold for details at

407-491-5233 or e-mail-- LTHEJHPD@aol.com

### **Main Entrance Power-Washed**



On Saturday morning October 24th, five Cypress Islanders attacked the slime occupying the sidewalks at the main entrance to Cypress Isles. Armed with power washers and hoses, they staged a 4-hour battle against the concrete stains, eventually recapturing the whitened walkway along Lake Underhill and Spring Island Way in front of the entrance walls. In a collateral operation, the team

also cleaned up the street dirt left by the recent Orange County Lake Underhill underdrain operation.

Thanks to Ron Wiley, Harold Engold, Dennis Horazak, Scott Symons, and John Tenney, for their time, efforts, hoses, and power washers.

And thanks also to Bob and Pam Janoske, Arman Torrini, and Francis Sedaghat, who provided their water for the job to get done:

### **Dates and Figs**

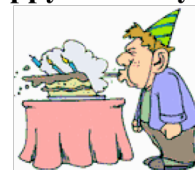
#### **Happy Anniversary to:**



November 30 – Dick & June Glesener

February 26 - John & Kathleen Tenney

#### **Happy Birthday to:**



November 12 - Jamie Wiley

November 16 – Vilma Hugh

December 22 – Cookie Symons

January 12 - Janice Patten

January 26 - Kathleen Tenney

February 4 – Scott Symons

February 23 - Grace Tenney

### **So Many Untrue e-mails**

If you have email, you've seen stories about clever crimes and ways to prevent them. But are they true? Go to [www.snopes.com](http://www.snopes.com), type a few key words from the suspicious email into their "search" box, and see if it's true or false before forwarding it to all your friends!

*Dennis Horazak, Internet Mythbuster*

## Beware of Phony Census Workers

*This info is also on the Snopes website:*

<http://www.snopes.com/fraud/identity/census.asp>

With the U.S. Census process beginning, the Better Business Bureau (BBB) advises people to be cooperative, but cautious, so as not to become a victim of fraud or identity theft. The first phase of the 2010 U.S. Census is under way as workers have begun verifying the addresses of households across the country. Eventually, more than 140,000 U.S. Census workers will count every person in the United States and will gather information about every person living at each address including name, age, gender, race, and other relevant data. The big question is - how do you tell the difference between a U.S. Census worker and a con artist? BBB offers the following advice:

If a U.S. Census worker knocks on your door, they will have a badge, a handheld device, a Census Bureau canvas bag, and a confidentiality notice. Ask to see their identification and their badge before answering their questions. However, you should never invite anyone you don't know into your home.

Census workers are currently only knocking on doors to verify address information. Do not give your Social Security number, credit card or banking information to anyone, even if they claim they need it for the U.S. Census. While the Census Bureau might ask for basic financial information, such as a salary range, it will not ask for Social Security, bank account, or credit card numbers nor will employees solicit donations.

Eventually, Census workers may contact you by telephone, mail, or in person at home. However, they will not contact you by Email, so be on the lookout for Email scams impersonating the Census. Never click on a link or open any attachments in an Email that are supposedly from the U.S. Census Bureau.

<http://www.bbb.org/us/article/10306>

## Do You Know Where Your Pets Are?



*They're in our yards! And in our GARBAGE!*

Most of our long-time neighbors know these laws, but some newcomers may not:

We know you love your pets. So do we. Okay, so we don't love your pets as much as we love our own. We especially don't love your pets when they are allowed to roam free, using our properties as their personal toilet area, and upsetting our pets, which are either leashed, or being kept under control in our screen enclosures. This applies to dogs and cats. It's also against the law...not part of the local or master HOA documents, but an Orange County law. Orange County enforces animal leash and waste laws subject to fines for non-compliance. And don't forget to clean up your pet's waste. We only want to clean up after our own pets, so please be responsible for yours.

Report violators to Orange County Animal Control 407-254-9140 or file a complaint online at:

[www.orangecountyfl.net/cms/DEPT/CEsvcs/animal/complaintdisclaim.htm](http://www.orangecountyfl.net/cms/DEPT/CEsvcs/animal/complaintdisclaim.htm)

### Who Ya Gonna Call?

WLCA Office (Dawn) 407-380-3803  
453 Mark Twain Blvd. [wlca@bellsouth.net](mailto:wlca@bellsouth.net)

Orange County Sheriff's Office  
Non-emergency 407-836-HELP (4357)

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

Progress Energy Streetlight Repair or Power Outage  
1-800-228-8485  
[www.progress-energy.com](http://www.progress-energy.com)

Call before you dig (Sunshine Network) 811  
[www.call811.com](http://www.call811.com)

### Whatcha Gonna Click?

[www.ocso.com](http://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](http://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](http://www.cfcrimelinewarrants.com) - to check individuals for warrants.

## 2010 WLCA Fees Up 12.25%

*WLCA fees will be \$142 per quarter.*

The board approved a \$2-million operating budget for 2010, including a 12.25% increase in WLCA assessment fees. The fee increase will raise the

2010 WLCA fees to \$142.00 per quarter, or \$568.00 per year.

The entire 3-page WLCA budget for 2010 is posted on the WLCA web site at [www.mywaterfordlakes.org](http://www.mywaterfordlakes.org). Click on "resident," then click to: Documents > 2010 WLCA Approved Budget > 2010 Approved WLCA Budget - Approved October 26, 2009

*Dennis Horazak, WLCA Correspondent*

## WLCA Unveils On-Line News

On November 1, WLCA launched a new on-line newsletter called NewStream. This newsletter contains non-commercial articles written for and by Waterford Lakes residents. Articles are posted as they are received to keep the news current.

*NewStream* is only in electronic form, posted in the public area of the WLCA web site -- no password needed. For more information, go to [www.mywaterfordlakes.org](http://www.mywaterfordlakes.org) > Waterford eMagazine > 2009 Waterford E-Newsletters.

*Dennis Horazak, NewStream Editor*

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**The next board meeting – the last one this year -- will be November 17, 2009 at Connect Realty, 11555 Lake Underhill Road at 6:30 PM.**



## 2010 Cypress Isles Fees Up 7%

*Cypress Isles Homeowner fees will be \$51.25 per quarter.*

The 2010 Cypress Isles budget was approved at the September 15<sup>th</sup>, board meeting. Details of the 2010 budget are listed inside under "Cypress Isles 2010 Budget."

Each homeowner should receive two payment coupon books during December – one for Cypress Isles and the other for WLCA. Those two payments go to two separate addresses. In both cases, you can either pay the first payment by January 1, or you can pay off the entire year at once and get it over with. Either way, be sure to send your coupons with your checks.



*Dennis Horazak, Secretary*

## Cypress Isles 2010 Budget

	140 Homes	2009 Budget	2010 Budget
<b>INCOME</b>		48.00	51.25
4310 Assessments (\$51.25/Qtr = \$205.00 yr.)		26,880.00	28,700.00
4170 Newsletter Reimbursement		-	-
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>26,880.00</b>	<b>28,700.00</b>
<b>GENERAL &amp; ADMINISTRATIVE</b>			
6010 Management Fees		7,590.00	7,890.00
6040 Legal Services		1,000.00	1,500.00
6050 OCHAA Membership		90.00	0.00
6070 Payment Coupons		560.00	560.00
6090 Postage		420.00	450.00
6100 Insurance - Liability		2,000.00	1,800.00
6150 Office Supplies		130.00	130.00
6160 Telephone / FAX		15.00	130.00
6170 Copying & Printing		800.00	800.00
6185 Newsletter		350.00	50.00
6220 Corporate Annual Report		61.00	62.00
6240 Bad Debt		50.00	0.00
6299 Miscellaneous		0.00	2.00
<b>G&amp;A Expenses</b>		<b>\$13,066.00</b>	<b>\$13,374.00</b>
<b>GROUNDS MAINTENANCE</b>			
6510 Grounds Maintenance		12,336.00	10,788.00
6630 Lakes/Ponds/Waterways		1,116.00	1,116.00
7830 Electricity - Entry Lights		1,060.00	900.00
6799 Miscellaneous		0.80	0.00
<b>Grounds Maintenance Expenses</b>		<b>\$14,512.80</b>	<b>\$12,804.00</b>
<b>RESERVE EXPENSES</b>			
8010 Entrance Signage		676.47	675.00
8020 Entrance Landscaping		1,200.00	950.00
8030 Entrance Masonry		659.00	659.00
8040 Entrance Electric		148.00	148.00
8050 Retention Ponds		40.00	40.00
8060 Conservation Areas		50.00	50.00
<b>Reserve Expenses</b>		<b>\$2,773.47</b>	<b>\$2,522.00</b>
Total Expenses		30,352.27	28,700.00
Funding Supplement Account from 2007		3,472.27	0.00
Net Expense		26,880.00	28,700.00
<b>Excess / Deficit</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

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*Go to our website to see your newsletter in color!*

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### **Thanks...**

...to the Symons' and the Engolds 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*