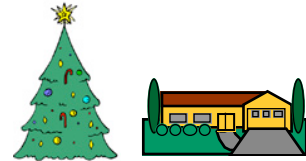




# Cypress Isles News



The official newsletter of the Cypress Isles Homeowners Association  
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<http://www.CypressIsles.org>



## CI News to Continue, but Only Online

*Goodbye printing costs and delivery chores.  
Hello 21<sup>st</sup> century!*

Gentle reader,

It's been fun these last 12 years and we hope to continue for at least another 12, but we've decided to follow the lead of *Time* and other publications by ending hardcopy delivery. We will still have February, May, August, and November issues, but they will be electronic issues.

The *Cypress isles News* has always been available for viewing at <http://www.CypressIsles.org>, and starting next February we will also be delivering by email. If you would like to receive the newsletter by email, please email me at: [sanden@bellsouth.net](mailto:sanden@bellsouth.net) to be put on the newsletter list. Please also 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*

## Holiday Lighting Contest December 15th

*No money, just fun!*

The "lucky" 13<sup>th</sup> annual Cypress Isles Holiday Lighting Contest will happen on Sunday December 15th at 7:00 p.m. Anyone whose lights are on is automatically entered.



Again this year, we'll have awards in various categories, such as Most Enchanted, Most Original, and Most Joyful.

Winners will be posted on our website shortly after December 16th and published in the February 2014 *Cypress Isles News*.



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## 2014 Cypress Isles Quarterlies up 1%

*Proposed aerator is not a factor.*

On September 17<sup>th</sup> the Cypress Isles board of directors approved a \$28,840 operating budget for 2014, increasing quarterly fees by 50¢ to \$51.50 per quarter. The proposed pond aerator does not affect the budget because it is solar-powered and the purchase price is expected to come from reserve accounts. The complete budget is listed separately under "Cypress Isles 2014 Budget."

**Use separate coupons for WLCA and Cypress Isles.** Each homeowner should receive two payment coupon books during December – one for Cypress Isles and the other for WLCA. Each payment (with its coupon) goes to a different address.

**Pay quarterly or all at once.** 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.

**Financials available in January.** Copies of the 2013 Financials will be available to all Cypress Isles homeowners after January 20, 2014. Just contact Bob Borg at [bborg@community-mgmt.com](mailto:bborg@community-mgmt.com) or 407-455-5917 after January 20<sup>th</sup>.

*Dennis Horazak, Secretary*

## Welcome to Cypress Isles!



*Go over and say, "Hi!"*

Welcome to our new neighbors at:

848 Spring Island Way  
618 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*

## Alien Attack Halted by Cypress Isles Resident

*Most of us didn't notice or didn't care. But one alert resident reacted to the dangers.*

Their ships landed about 200 years ago, and at first everyone thought they were cute and harmless. We thought we could coexist with them, but while we enjoyed their company, they

made room for their ever-increasing population by continually conquering our properties. This is the attack of the Brazilian Peppers.

Brought to Florida in the mid-1800s, Brazilian Peppers are native to Argentina, Paraguay and Brazil, where their natural enemies keep them in check. But up here they are unopposed and populate out of control, like the pythons in the Everglades.

Brazilian Peppers produce a dense canopy that shades out all other plants and provides a very poor habitat for native species. They invade aquatic as well as terrestrial habitats, greatly reducing the quantity of native plants, so the Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council listed them as an invasive species.

In Cypress Isles the peppers have taken over parts of our green belt and common areas. This "growing" menace however did not escape the keen eye of Cypress Isles resident and naturalist John Culbertson. Over the past year John has conducted a full frontal assault, cutting down and removing these invasive plants and destroying their root systems so they don't spring up again.

You may have noticed John or been approached by him to gain permission to cut and remove any Brazilian Pepper discovered in the wooded areas behind our homes. He's not just beating the bushes; he's taking back our lands.

We wish to thank Cypress Isles Resident John Culbertson for his tireless efforts (during the hottest part of the year no less) to remove Brazilian Pepper Trees and protect us from this Alien Invader.

*Frank Gallagher, President*

## 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!

**No WLCA Fee Increase 2014**

*This is the third budget in six years with no increase.*

WLCA will have the same \$163.00 quarterly fees as in 2013. General Manager Ken Zook and the newly formed Finance Committee were able to find enough sensible reductions in some areas to offset modest increases in other areas.

This is the third no-increase year in recent memory; the others were in 2008 and 2012.

The entire 5-page WLCA budget for 2014 is posted on the WLCA web site at [www.mywaterfordlakes.org](http://www.mywaterfordlakes.org). Click on "resident," then choose Documents > 2014 WLCA Budget > 2014 WLCA Approved Budget. The full budget will also be mailed to all 3,380 WLCA homeowners at the end of the year.

*Dennis Horazak, WLCA Correspondent*

**Happy Birthday to:**



November 16 – Vilma Hugh  
 December 22 – Cookie Symons  
 January 12 - Janice Patten  
 January 26 - Kathleen Tenney  
 February 4 – Scott Symons  
 February 23 - Grace Tenney

**Whatcha Gonna Click?**

[www.ocso.com](http://www.ocso.com) Click- This is the Orange County Sheriff's Office website. Here you will find a link to click for filing a police report, along with many other topics of interest.

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

**Dates and Figs**

**Happy Anniversary to:**



November 30 – Dick & June Glesener  
 February 26 - John & Kathleen Tenney

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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

Progress Energy Streetlight Repair or Power Outage  
1-800-228-8485  
www.progress-energy.com

Call before you dig (Sunshine Network) 811  
www.call811.com

Orange County **311**--One Call For Almost Anything

## CIN Publication Schedule

Check out our website - [www.cypressisles.org](http://www.cypressisles.org)  
to see your newsletter in color!

The *Cypress Isles News* is published quarterly by the Board of Directors for the residents of Cypress Isles. Copy deadlines are February 1 for the February issue, May 1 for the May issue, August 1 for the August issue, and November 1 for the November issue. Articles may be edited for length, clarity, or content, and are subject to approval of the *Cypress Isles News* staff and the Cypress Isles Board of Directors.

### Thanks...

...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

## Cypress Isles 2014 Budget

ACCOUNT NAME	Qtrly 2014	Change vs 2013
<b>INCOME</b>		
Assessment Income	51.50	1.0%
Late Fees & Interest	0.00	-
Interest Earned - Operating Account	0.00	-
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>51.50</b>	<b>1.0%</b>
Bad Debt/uncollectible assessments	1.47	64.8%
Coupon Costs	1.00	0.0%
Meeting Expenses	0.27	0.0%
Office Supplies	0.18	-33.3%
Miscellaneous Administrative	0.04	New
Printing & Copying	1.25	-12.5%
Postage	0.36	-33.3%
Newsletter	0.02	-96.0%
Insurance D&O	2.46	3.0%
Insurance - Liability	3.24	3.0%
<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE</b>	<b>10.29</b>	<b>-0.8%</b>
Electric Service	1.71	3.0%
Telephone Service	0.01	0.0%
<b>TOTAL UTILITIES</b>	<b>1.71</b>	<b>3.0%</b>
Landscape Maintenance	18.57	3.0%
Permits & Licenses	0.12	0.0%
Lakes/Ponds/Water Maintenance	2.59	19.5%
Electricity - Entry Lights	0.11	-80.0%
<b>TOTAL GROUNDS MAINT</b>	<b>21.38</b>	<b>2.6%</b>
Accounting Fees/Tax Prep	0.03	0.0%
Legal Services	0.89	0.0%
Management Fees	14.95	0.0%
<b>TOTAL PROF. SERVICES</b>	<b>15.87</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
Reserve Funding – Electric	0.18	0.0%
Reserve Funding - Landscape	1.16	0.0%
Reserve Funding - Retention Ponds	0.70	0.0%
Reserve Funding – Signs	0.15	0.0%
Reserve Funding – Masonry		
Reserve Funding - Greenbelt Areas	0.06	0.0%
<b>TOTAL RESERVES</b>	<b>2.25</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>51.50</b>	<b>1.0%</b>

## **Orange County 311-One Call For Almost Anything**

*Did you know Orange County has one of the best-kept secrets anywhere?*

Orange County maintains a phone service where residents can call for assistance in many areas of service. These numbers are for landlines as well as cell phones (Carrier restrictions may be in place on some service providers). Orange County 311 is the point of contact for some of the following services:

Animal Services including reporting animal bites, pet adoption, stray or injured and neglected domestic animals and making Spay and Neuter appointments.

Code Enforcement including reporting graffiti, inoperable vehicles, lot cleaning, property in disrepair and trash, junk and debris concerns.

Roads and Drainage including reporting potholes and tree branch hazards on public property.

Traffic Engineering including reporting fallen stop signs and traffic light malfunctions

Zoning including getting Garage Sale permits, fence permits and Land Zoning and Use issues.

You can call 311 to get contact numbers for County officials, general government information, reporting dead animals on roadways and report mosquito problems.

311 is also the point of contact for disaster situations within unincorporated Orange County. Report flooding, blocked roads and sandbag requests.

The hours of operation for this service are:

Monday – Friday 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

You can visit the website at [www.ocfl.net/311](http://www.ocfl.net/311)

<<http://www.ocfl.net/311>>

For the hearing impaired you may use TTY at (407) 836-4250

And here are some other quick reference numbers that are available for you:

2-1-1 will put you in touch with Community Service Network and the Elderly Hotline

4-1-1 will put you in touch with telephone Info

5-1-1 will put you in touch with Traffic Info

6-1-1 will put you in touch with Telephone Repair

7-1-1 is Hearing Impaired Assistance

8-1-1 is Call Before you Dig!

9-1-1 is for Emergency

*Ken Zook, WLCA General Manager*

**Have a safe and enjoyable holiday season, and a healthy, Happy New Year!**

