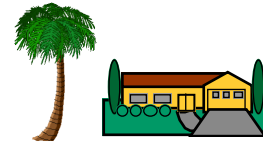




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Thou Shalt Not Steal Thy Neighbor's Dog

Lose a dog? Find a dog? See below. Take a dog? Uh, no!



Recently a dog belonging to a neighbor in the 800 block of Spring Island Way was stolen by another neighbor, also in the 800 block of Spring Island Way. Unbelievable, right? Yes, but also true. Another sad thing is that dog-napping neighbors have napped dogs here before.

In February 2012 a “lost” dog was reunited with its Cypress Isles owner after a neighbor noticed a new dog in another neighbor’s household. The same thing happened in 2010, when a different neighbor’s dog was “adopted” by a nearby neighbor. In both cases, the owner had reported the missing dog to our Neighborhood Watch and an alert neighbor saw it and reported back. Sadly (or perhaps intentionally?), the dog “adopters” don’t seem to understand that taking someone else’s dog is not right, even if it’s been four days. There is no “four-day” rule.

Got a Dog?

Unleashed dogs – maybe yours? – occasionally run around the neighborhood. These dogs might have accidentally escaped from their owners, which happens. Some show unprovoked aggression, but most just run around, being dogs.

You might think it’s OK to let your dogs out for a while, but it’s not OK – it’s dangerous. Car vs. dog always ends the same way, your pooch is exposed to dog-nappers, and in Orange County it’s also illegal.

So if you have a dog, be sure it’s on a leash when it’s outside. Same laws apply to cats, although even indoor cats can sometimes sneak out the door if it’s open for a minute.

Lost a Dog or Cat?

If you lose a dog or cat, there are several ways to get the message out:

1. *Nextdoor.com* (highly recommend and easy to join) and
2. *Lost & Found Pets in Waterford Avalon Eastwood Stoneybrook UCF East Orlando on Facebook*, both sites which reach many surrounding neighborhoods quickly. Include your neighborhood, details about your missing pet, your contact info, and preferably a picture.
3. Also file a report with Orange County Animal Services:
<http://www.ocnetpets.com/ProgramsServices/LostFound.aspx>
4. Send an email to Neighborhood Watch – sanden@bellsouth.net -- and we’ll get the info out to the neighbors ASAP. But it only goes to our neighborhood.
5. You can also print a flyer with the same info and a picture of your pet and place on mailboxes and light poles in your neighborhood. Once your pet is found, be sure and remove those flyers.

Found a Dog or Cat?

If you find a dog or cat, don’t just keep it. It probably belongs to one of your neighbors. Be a good neighbor. Follow the same procedure as above with lost pets. Also file a “Found” report with Orange County Animal Services.

Dog Running Loose?

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 a dog “at large,” call Animal Control at 311 (cell phone only) or (407) 836-3111

And oh, BTW, after 5 agonizing days and nights of searching for their 4-legged family member, wondering if she was dead or alive, hungry, lost, or cold, they finally had their reunion with their furbaby when the thief returned her to her lawful owners. A happy ending to a disturbing event.

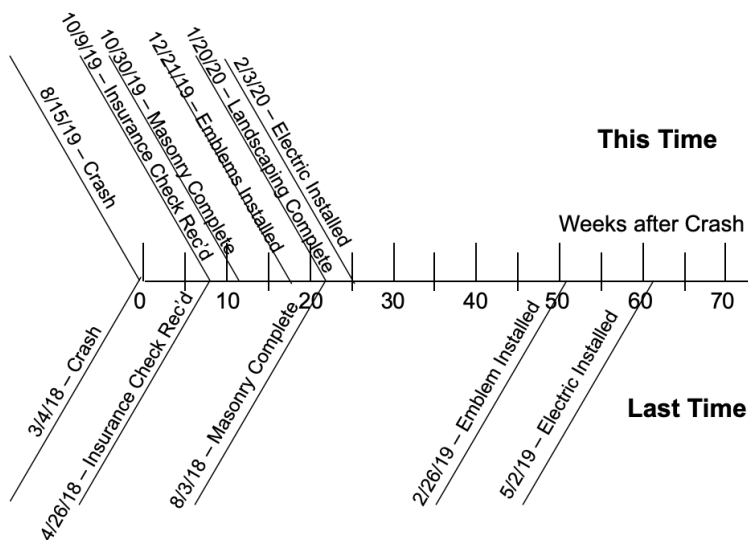
The dog-loving Horazak Hounds (but don’t tell their cat)

Crash Wall Replaced, Rock to Protect

Crash-and-replace is getting old. We're hoping a big rock will repel future attacks.

The southwest wall at the rear entrance has once again been restored, following the second devastating car attack in the last two years. And this time the restoration was quicker.

In 2018 it took 61 weeks for the “crash wall” to be restored, with long delays for replacement lettering and electric installation, as shown on the timeline below. Things happened much faster this time, maybe because everyone still had their files handy. As of this writing everything is done except for final electric connections, which we hope will happen within a week or two.



Crash Wall Repair Timelines

But what about the next hit? This time we're trying something different – a large rock in front of the wall to stop (or at least slow) any future attacking cars.



Meanwhile, try not to stand behind that wall. ☺

Dennis Horazak, Wall-Crash Reporter

Financial Statements Available

If you enjoyed reading the 2020 budget, you'll love these statements.



If you would like a copy of the Cypress Isles year-end financial or income and expenses statement, please send your request via e-mail to kfrancois@community-mgmt.com. The requested document(s) will be sent as soon as available.

Due to the rising cost of postage, we are always looking for ways to cut HOA costs to you by utilizing email or fax rather than snail-mail. You can help in this effort by requesting that your copy of the Cypress Isles year-end financial or income and expenses statement be emailed to you rather than mailed.

If e-mail is not an option, please call me (407-455-5922), or mail or FAX (407-903-9234) Associa Community Management Professionals. Please specify whether you want delivery by mail or fax and include your address and/or FAX number.

A copy of the current year's budget is also available upon request, or from the Cypress Isles website at www.cypressisles.org > Archives.

Kiera Francois, Community Association Manager

February Is Power Washing Month

Not really. But seriously, how do your driveway and sidewalks look?

If your driveway or sidewalk needs power-washing, now is a good time to do it – before the rainy season starts. But how do you know whether power washing is needed? Here's a handy guide.

Sidewalk or driveway has developed dark or multicolored patchesPower wash.
Sidewalk or driveway is slippery when wet (think lawsuit)Power wash!
Letter from the HOA tells you to power washPower wash.
Students take pictures of your concrete surfaces for their abstract art classesPower wash.
Mold forming in shaded areasPower wash shaded areas.
New County sidewalk slabs don't match the rest of the sidewalkNo, it is what it is.
Your spouse tells you power washing is needed(is this a serious question?)

And by the way, property owners are responsible for cleaning their own sidewalks, not Orange County. Cathy Evangelo, Utility Coordinator & Sidewalk Program Manager for the Orange County Public Works Department, wrote, "We do not have funding to do sidewalk cleaning. Normally this is the responsibility of the property owner. We use our budget for new sidewalks and sidewalk repairs for safety concerns."

Architectural Review Committee

2020 Board and ARC Meeting Schedules



The Cypress Isles board of directors meets in WLCA's Community Building on the third Tuesday of the odd-numbered months. This is the meeting schedule for the rest of 2020:

- Tuesday, March 17th @ 6:30 PM
- Tuesday, May 19th @ 7 PM (Annual Homeowners' Meeting)
- Tuesday, July 21st @ 6:30 PM
- Tuesday, September 15th @ 6:30 PM
- Tuesday, November 17th @ 6:30 PM

The Cypress Isles ARC reviews homeowner applications for property modifications at 7:00 p.m. on first and third Mondays at 700 Cedarwood Court. The dates for the rest of 2020 are:

- February 17th
- March 2nd and 16th
- April 6th and 20th
- May 4th and 18th
- June 1st and 15th
- July 6th and 20th
- August 3rd and 17th
- September 7th and 21st
- October 5th and 19th
- November 2nd and 16th

Dennis Horazak, Secretary

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

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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) 836-3111

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Sandy Horazak, Editor



(Group "Awwwww!")

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

