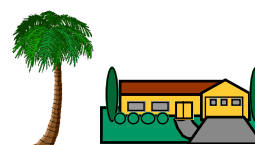




Cypress Isles News



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Welcome to Cypress Isles!

Go over and say, "Hi!"

Welcome to our new neighbors at

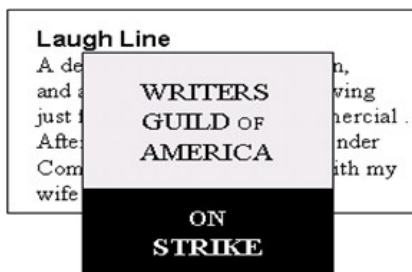
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13749 Crystal River Dr

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



On the Lighter Snide



But we are carrying on anyway. ☺

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Annual Members Meeting May 16th

The **2023 Annual Members Meeting** will start at **7:00 pm** on **Tuesday May 16th** 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 board member election since 2008.

We hope to see you at the meeting, but if you can't make it, PLEASE fill out the proxy and return it by May 15th to the Secretary at 726 Divine Circle. There is a proxy box on the front porch for your convenience.

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Beware the BEAR!

A bear was sighted chillin' out in a neighbor's backyard in Emerald Trace overnight Friday, April 28th. That's only about ½ mile from Cypress Isles...ummm...that's getting a little close for my comfort level! He appeared to be a younger male looking for food. (But what bear isn't looking for food?) Beware and Be Aware! *Contact the FWC's Wildlife Alert Hotline at **888-404-FWCC (3922)** if you feel threatened by a bear, observe a sick, injured, dead or orphaned bear, or to report someone who is either harming bears or intentionally feeding them. To learn more about bears and how to avoid conflicts with them, visit MyFWC.com/Bear or BearWise.org.*

Here are *Six At Home BearWise Basics*, ripped from the pages of WLCA's May 1st e-blast:

Never feed or approach bears.

Intentionally feeding bears or allowing them to find anything that smells or tastes like food teaches bears to approach home and people looking for more. Bears will defend themselves if a person gets too close, so don't risk your safety and theirs.

Secure food, garbage, and recycling.

Food and food odors attract bears, so don't reward them with easily available food, liquids, or garbage.

Remove bird feeders when bears are active.

Birdseed and grains have lots of calories, so they're very attractive to bears. Removing feeders is the best way to avoid creating conflicts with bears.

Never leave pet food outdoors.

Feed pets indoors when possible. If you feed pets outside, feed in single portions and remove food and bowls after feeding. Store pet food where bears can't see or smell it.

Clean and store grills.

Clean grills after each use and make sure that all grease, fat, and food particles are removed. Store clean grills and smokers in a secure area that keeps bears out.

Alert neighbors to bear activity.

See bears in the area or evidence of bear activity? Tell your neighbors and share information on how to avoid bear conflicts. Bears have adapted to living near people; now it's up to us to adapt to living near bears.

Water Restrictions

No, they haven't gone away...



We are still under the same Orange County mandatory water restrictions that were implemented in 2008. As a reminder of what that means:

- Water only if necessary and not between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.
- Water in accordance with the following irrigation schedule:
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Time of year	Homes with odd-numbered addresses	Homes with even-numbered addresses
Daylight Saving Time March 12, 2023 to November 4, 2023	Wednesday & Saturday	Thursday & Sunday
Standard Time November 5, 2023 to March 9, 2024	Saturday only	Sunday only

BOTTOM LINE:

NO WATERING on Monday, Tuesday, and Friday.

NO WATERING between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on your designated day, or ANY day.

The exceptions to these rules are newly planted sod (30 days); and “watering in” fertilizer or chemicals within 24 hours of application, but still not between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Any questions? Ask the Orange County Water Division at (407) 254-9850, or visit their website at <http://www.occonservewater.net>

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
Bear (or other wildlife) issues	888-404-FWCC (3922)
Duke Energy - Report a power outage:	1-800-228-8485
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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If you would like to receive the newsletter by email, please email me at: <sanden@bellsouth.net>
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 14th



Happy Father's Day – June 18th