

First Quarter 2017

2017 Assessments are now past due. Those homeowners who have not paid will be receiving a notice that we will be placing a lien on your property until the past due amounts are paid.



Per Florida Statute 720.303 a copy of the 2016 financial report is available upon request to the Association

> "70 percent of homes in the US have either a dog or cat in the home, or both."

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# **Community Garage Sale**

### We are having a community garage sale Saturday March 25 from 8am -3pm.

If you are interested in participating, the HOA will obtain a permit for you and advertise for the event. We have extended the invitation to the front section of Sky Lake South as well.

Please email your name and property address to:

skylakesouth@cfl.rr.com Renters are welcome to participate

#### **Retention Pond**

Work has been completed on the Retention Pond. Some water was pumped out of the pond to fix the inflow & outflow pipes.

#### Playground

The playground structure has been vandalized to the point that it is no longer safe to use. The board has contracted to have the structure removed and will be replacing it with a toddler unit this year. We will budget for another structure in next year's budget.

The Swings will remain.

## Save energy and money with a free Home Energy Check

The Home Energy Check is a free evaluation of your home's energy efficiency. You'll receive a custom report showing your home's past and current energy usage, a free energy efficiency kit, no- and low-cost tips that you can use right away to improve energy efficiency and expert recommendations for home improvements that will save energy and add value to your home. You'll receive a free, customized report to help you save energy and money. An online or phone evaluation takes about 15 minutes. An in-home evaluation is performed by a Duke Energy advisor and takes about an hour.

Residential customers call 877.574.0340

https://www.duke-energy.com/home/products/home-energy-check/request

# Preparing a fire emergency kit

Having an emergency kit will help your family prepare for all types of disasters, and it can especially help when an evacuation is in order or someone gets injured. There are a number of supplies that should be kept on hand and store in an easy-to-carry container. The kit should be placed in the same easily accessible spot in your home all the time so all members of the family know where it is located.

In the case of quick evacuation, you should have a kit loaded with enough food, water and supplies for your family. Although local officials will be on the scene shortly after, there may not be immediate attention given to everyone involved in the situation. Your kit will also come in handy in the event that basic utilities are out of use for any period of time.

A fire emergency requires everyone to escape very quickly, so the kit cannot be too heavy or full to find quickly and carry easily. For a full list of supplies your fire emergency kit should contain, visit www.ready.gov.

#### Maintaining your kit

It's important to make sure any food you have stored has not gone bad, and to replace it if it has. Anything that would be rendered useless in the event of an emergency should be removed and replaced as soon as possible. Making sure your kit is updated a ready to go in the case of an emergency is necessary. You should also take your family's current needs into consideration if they have changed in the last year.

#### How to prepare outside of an emergency kit

Another essential part of fire emergency preparedness is having a plan. Besides knowing where the emergency kit is, all members of the family should also know the evacuation plan.

#### Do a walk-through

Grab your family and walk through your home to locate all possible exits and escape routes. Everyone should know where these are to be able to find the best route out of the house during an emergency. Families with children should consider creating a map of the house that marks two ways out of each room.

#### Choose an outside meeting place

Determine a location outside of the home where everyone can meet up after exiting the home. Make sure to mark this place on the escape plan.

### Your 95 gallon garbage/recycling bins

Many homeowners are not storing their bins but rather leaving them in front of the garage or on the side of the house.

NO ONE wants to see (or smell) your garbage can.

REFUSE. No trash, garbage, rubbish, debris, waste or materials or other refuse shall be deposited or allowed to accumulate or remain on any lot... containers must be tied and closed at all times and **kept from view by the public or residents within the vicinity**. Said containers shall not be placed at StreetSide for removal of refuse prior to the evening before the announced pickup time. Said containers must be returned to the utility yard or enclosure within eight (8) hours after announced pickup time.

Your Homeowner Covenants require you to store them in a location which is NOT visible from the street. Which means you keep them in your fenced back yard, in your garage or create a buffer so that the cans cannot been seen from the street. You can create that by using **fencing or dense shrubs** in an "L" shape to shield the cans from view. Start creating your buffer now so that you can shield your cans



Please be mindful of your neighbors and do not encroach on their property.

Keeping your garbage and garbage cans out of view is not a suggestion, it is part of the agreement you made when you purchased or rented the property and will be enforced.

**Recycling:** With the new 1-1-1 Automated Curbside Collection Program, homeowners will no longer need to separate their recyclables. The new recycling process will allow homeowners to place their recycled items together into the large County-issued roll cart with the blue lid for collection. Each recycling roll cart will be imprinted with a list of items that are both accepted and not accepted for recycling.

**Bulky Item Collection**: Beginning with the official launch of the new 1-1-1 Automated Curbside Collection Program in January, when discarding up to three cubic yards of large, bulky items, homeowners will need to schedule a day for the item(s) to be collected by calling the Solid Waste Hotline at 407-836-6601. Bulky, large items include furniture, appliances, mattresses, automobile tires (limit 4), rear-projection televisions, and other items that don't fit in the roll garbage cart.

A Special Note to <u>Owners who rent their property</u>. You must NOT empty your rental property between renters by piling it on the curb for weeks. Please plan and contact Orange County to schedule a pick up BEFORE you place large items by the curb.

### Personal Safety Tips Residential Let your neighbors know when you go on vacation so they can watch your house for suspicious activity Carry a small change purse with only the essentials instead of a large handbag Walk on well-lit busy streets. Stay away from vacant lots, alleys or construction sites. Stay alert and tuned into your surroundings. Ask all service and sales people for Identification before you let them into your home. Make sure all porches, entrances and yard are well lighted. Mark valuable property such as televisions and cameras with your driver's license number. Make a photographic inventory of jewelry and antiques. Also, make a list for insurance purposes with descriptions, makes and serial number. Vehicle Always lock your car doors Never leave keys in the ignition when you leave the car, even for a few minutes. When you drive, keep the doors locked and the windows up. Park in well lite, busy areas Lock packages and other tempting articles in the trunk of the car. Do no leave them where they can be seen through the window.

Never pick up hitchhikers.

### Be Courteous!!! Please pick up after your dog. Your neighbors will thank you!

#### Why Scoop the Poop?

Besides being a nuisance, uncollected dog waste is a serious problem for our association. Next time you're tempted to leave your dog's droppings on the lawn, please remember these facts:

1. The Environmental Protection Agency is becoming aggressive about enforcing the Clean Water Act. Our association could be fined if dog waste goes uncollected.

2. Uncollected dog waste may lead to a special assessment. If fined by the EPA, the association could face a potential special assessment that would be levied against all members—not just dog owners.

3. The appearance and quality of the common areas are known to affect home sales—not just whether and for how much they sell, but how quickly.

4. The more residents complain about dog waste, the more time the manager must spend on enforcement rather than serving the association.

5. Uncollected dog waste spreads disease and attracts rodents who feed on pet waste.

Homes with odd-	Inoperative Vehicle?
Time of year numbered addresses addresses	Trash piled up on lot?
March 13- November 6 Saturday Sunday Friday	YOU can call 3-1-1 Or report online anonymously 311onlinerequests.ocfl.net/portal/default.aspx



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The Homeowners Association official address for each homeowner is the address you have at the Orange County Property Appraisers. If you want your Homeowners mail delivered to a different address, you need to send us that request in writing.

#### Local Numbers

Waterbridge Elementary	407-858-3190
Hunters Creek Middle	407-858-4620
Freedom High	407-816-5600
Pre-Kindergarten Office	407-317-3522
Pupil Assignment	407-317-3233
Consumer Fraud Investigative Unit	407-836-2490
Cooperative Extension Service	407-836-7570
Non-Emergency Fire Rescue	407-629-7592
Non-Emergency Sheriff's Office	407-737-2400





Garbage Service Da	ys
WednesdayGarb	age Collection
Thursday	Recycling

Thursday..... Yard Waste CALL 407-836-6601 For Bulk Waste pick up



### **Contact Information**

You can contact the board via e-mail at: <u>skylakesouth@cfl.rr.com</u>, or on the website <u>www.skylakesouth.info</u>

Phone or fax: 407-855-6919

#### It's YOUR neighborhood too.

We hope that you will take advantage of this opportunity to give the board constructive feedback about the neighborhood or make suggestions.