



SkyLines

Homeowners Association of Sky Lake South Units Six & Seven, Inc.

Fourth Quarter 2015

**The Annual Meeting Notices will
be mailed later this month.**

**The Annual Meeting will be held
on**

December 10th at 7 p.m.

At Denny's Restaurant

8243 S John Young Parkway

Orlando, FL 32819

**Sand Lake Rd & John Young
Pkwy**

In the back room

**If you can't join us, please send
back your proxy.**

*"We all know the
eyesore we see when a
house is vacant."*

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CRIME

Homeowners are concerned about crime in a subdivision. Although the crime rate in our subdivision is not very high, when your home is the one burglarized, it is extremely traumatic and very personal.

I speak from personal experience, as I have been the victim of a home burglary. In my case it was kids and what they took didn't have a great deal of monetary value but the enormous amount of sentimental value; and the sense of violation is difficult to overcome.

I have no idea why people believe that it is ok to destroy someone else's property and steal things that are not theirs; but I do know the sense of anger and violation you feel when it happens to you. It is a horrible feeling to not feel safe in your own home.

Take a little time and look around the outside of your home. Try to think like a burglar. Have you concealed a window with a fence so that no one else could see someone breaking into your house? I know I did. I have a 6ft wooden fence enclosing my back yard. I didn't bother to lock the gate (which was located between two houses) so my burglars had no problem walking down the side of my house, walking through the gate and breaking into my house through a window. No one from the street could see them or what they were doing; nor could my neighbors.

Do you have a panel of glass next to your front door? Easy enough to break that and unlock your front door. Change your lock to a double key dead bolt. If they don't have the key, they can't get in.

Do you leave your garage door open while you're doing yard work in the back yard? It is very easy for someone to walk into your garage, take something and walk away- it has happened in this neighborhood.

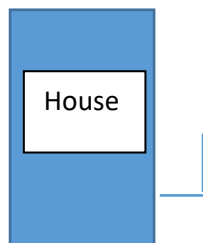
Make small changes that would make someone think twice before trying to break in. Something as simple as getting an alarm sign whether or not you have an alarm system. The burglar doesn't know whether you have the system or not.

The reality is- if they really want to get into your house they will; but as long as we make it as difficult as possible and hopefully have good neighbors who watch what's going on in the neighborhood, we won't have as many burglaries as other neighborhoods.

What you need to know about your new 95 gallon garbage/recycling bins

The roll carts must be used starting on January 1, 2016. **Until then, the roll carts should be stored.**

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 be 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 Owners who rent their property. You must NOT empty your rental property between renters by piling it on the curb for weeks. You MUST plan and contact Orange County to schedule a pick up.

Collection Schedule: Finalized collection schedules will be distributed to homeowners beginning in November.

Because the new automated system will include the use of a mechanical arm to grab, lift, and empty the roll carts, homeowners will need to follow program guidelines in order to receive collection service: There must be at least 3 feet of clearance around the roll cart at curbside in order for the trucks to pick up the roll carts.

The roll carts should be placed on the opposite side of the mailbox, away from parked cars and low-hanging tree limbs.

The handles should face the house and be turned away from the street.

Cooperative Extension News Monthly Adopt-A-Tree

Saturday, November 14 ~ 8am

UF/IFAS Extension Orange County
6021 S. Conway Road, Orlando, 32812

This is a FREE program for all Orange County citizens designed to encourage residents to add trees to our environment. Adding trees to the landscape has many long-term benefits. Along with the obvious advantages of shade and beauty, trees provide oxygen, filter pollution, and create habitats for wildlife. In addition, trees replenish our lost tree canopy that has diminished due to storm damage, age, and development. Each county resident must provide proof of residency and will receive up to two trees while supplies last.

One-Day-a-Week Watering Begins November 1 for Orange County

Mandatory one-day-a-week watering restrictions will begin on Sunday, November 1, for Orange County residential and nonresidential properties. When clocks return to standard time, from Sunday, November 1 to Sunday, March 13, homes and nonresidential properties in Orange County must adhere to the following watering schedule:

- * Homes with odd-numbered or no addresses water only on Saturday;
 - * Homes with even-numbered addresses water only on Sunday; and
 - * Nonresidential properties water only on Tuesday.
- Water only when needed and not between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Watering is restricted to no more than one hour per zone. These restrictions apply to private wells and pumps, ground or surface water, and water from public and private utilities.

Orange County Utilities Hosts Free Florida-Friendly Landscape Workshops

Orange County Utilities is offering three Florida-Friendly landscape workshops to Orange County residents at no charge. Participants will learn how to save water and money in their landscape by using right-plant, right-place designs with tips to improve the use of irrigation, fertilizer, and pesticides. In addition, several design scenarios will be presented to show different solutions to challenging situations.

Information including event days, times, and locations are listed below. Call 407-254-9850 (select option 1, then option 2).

Thursday, November 5 ~ 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm Windermere Branch Library 530 Main Street (Windermere)

Saturday, November 14 ~ 10:00 am - 11:30 am Orange County Extension Education Center
6021 South Conway Road (Orlando)

CALL BEFORE YOU DIG

Before beginning any excavation work call Sunshine State one at **8-1-1** to determine where underground pipes and electric lines are located. The law requires diggers to call this number at least two days before starting excavation, whether it's a project involving heavy equipment or a simple backyard landscaping job.

See a street light out?

Inoperative Vehicle?

Trash piled up on lot?

YOU can call 3-1-1

Or report online anonymously

311onlinerequests.ocfl.net/portal/default.aspx

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.



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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

Orange County Government Services..... 3-1-1
Orange County Library 407-858-4779
Property Appraiser..... 407-836-5000
Supervisor of Elections..... 407-836-2070

Garbage Service Days



Tuesday/Friday Garbage Collection
Tuesday..... Recycling
Wednesday..... Yard Waste
Friday..... Bulk Waste

Don't Forget- Schedule changes January 1st

Contact Information



If you have ever thought about contacting the association, attending a board meeting or wanted information about things going on in the community?

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

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.