



SkyLines

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

Second Quarter 2017

Any homeowners who have not paid your 2017 Assessments - a lien has been placed on your property. Should you not paid in the next 3 months, your account will be sent to the Association Attorney for collection up to and including Foreclosure.

Looking Forward 2018 Budget

Everyone has an opinion and we would like yours. What would you like to see improved in the neighborhood. More playground equipment? Fence Posts repainted? New grass planted? More trees? The board would like your feedback so that we can start getting bids for the 2018 Budget.

Want more money budgeted for attorney fees to do more violation enforcement?

Call 407-855-6919 email skylakesouth@cfl.rr.com

Go onto the website www.skylakesouth.info and fill out the contact us section

Rain Rain Go Away

The rain has cause rapid growth of the grass. Make sure you are mowing, edging and weed eating every week

Did you know?

Lake Eola in downtown Orlando is the result of a sinkhole and is 80 feet deep

Garbage

We have harped and harped about looking at your garbage cans for far too long- NO ONE wants to look at them.

The subdivision is now 30 years old and it's starting to show. The introduction of the 95 gallon garbage/recycling cans has just increased the problem. The Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions state that you will keep your cans hidden from public view. Many homeowners are leaving these cans in front of their garage or on the side of the house and everyone can see and smell them.

Please find a location which is NOT visible from the street.

We have sent notices out to half the subdivision about the cans and will continue to add violators to the list and process. It seems like a waste of money to send so many homeowners to the Attorney for enforcement when the solution is so simple. To be clear, the cost of these enforcements will initially come out of the Association funds but will ultimately be paid by the violating homeowner.

Anything that does not fit into your garbage can is a large item pickup and need to be arranged **BEFORE** you put it out on the curb. Items left curbside are an eyesore.

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Hurricane Preparedness- TREES

Tree Trunk and Branch Structure

- Topping a tree creates a dangerous tree and is illegal. Topping (“hatracking”) is the term used to describe over-pruning a tree by cutting it so badly that it is left with few or no leaves on the branches. Trees should never be topped. Topping creates hazardous trees because the wood inside the cut branch begins to decay which leads to internal rot. The sprouts which grow in response to topping are not well secured to the topped branch and they can easily split from the tree as they grow larger. To avoid this, always prune a branch back to a living branch crotch.
- Trees with a thick canopy should be thinned. Avoid removing more than 25-30% of the foliage per year. Most trees do not need to be pruned each year. Thin the canopy when it becomes thick (hard to see through). Some interior branches should be removed to allow wind to go through the canopy. The aerial roots of Ficus trees should not be removed.
- A tree with multiple leaders (trunks) will become hazardous to people and property as the tree grows larger. Never allow trees to grow with multiple upright leaders. These trees may look handsome when young but will become hazardous as they grow older. Always prune so that branches are spaced 18-36” apart along the main trunk. In trees with a single trunk be sure the main branches form an angle with the trunk of 40 degrees or more. Horizontal oriented branches are better attached to trees than upright branches. Upright branches are poorly attached to trunks. Horizontally oriented branches (45° or greater) are usually well secured to trunks. A branch growing in an upright manner parallel to the trunk becomes a second trunk. The tree is said to have a double leader. Double leaders are dangerous because they can easily split from the tree during a storm.
- Tree roots should not be damaged. Root pruning and digging around tree roots makes the tree more likely to fall during a storm. Also, root injuries increase the occurrence of plant disease. When planting, the top of the root-system should be a little higher than the surrounding soil level. The width of planting holes needs to be a minimum of 2 – 3 times the diameter of the rootball and the depth no deeper than the rootball.

Palms

- Don’t need hurricane pruning. Palms are adapted to wind storms. Removing fronds is of no benefit and is detrimental to the palm. Even dying leaves benefit the health of the palm and should not be removed until completely brown. Only coconuts and large palm seeds should be removed during hurricane season.

STORM DEBRIS

- Never place any debris near or on a fence, mailbox, power line equipment, water hydrants, poles, transformers, downed wires, water meters, or storm drains. Hidden electrical hazards can injure or kill collection personnel.
- There is no reimbursement provided to any individual resident or homeowner association who hires a private contractor to remove and dispose of storm related debris.
- All residential debris generated from storm events, construction, re-modeling or demolition activity is NOT INCLUDED as part of residential sanitation district curb services

Mosquito Control Tips Every Homeowner Should Know

- ◆ Watch Out for Standing Water Mosquitos Cannot Resist Standing Water!
- ◆ Check outdoor faucets for dripping or leaking, remove items in yard such as buckets, coolers and flower pots!
- ◆ Empty and clean birdbaths and pet water bowls at least once or twice a week.
- ◆ Cover canoes or children's toys, keep gutters and downspout areas clear to ensure water doesn't collect, and if there are parts of your yard that are lower than others, use wood chips, mulch, or other natural items to prevent water from standing in those areas. Use Natural Repellents
- ◆ This can include lighting citronella candles or torches.
- ◆ Try yellow outdoor lighting to keep mosquitoes at bay.
- ◆ Cover Doors and Windows with Screens
- ◆ Keep mosquitoes out of your home. Repair broken screens on windows, doors, porches, and patios. Include Easy-to-Grow Mosquito-Repelling Plants in Your Yard
- ◆ There are a number of flowers, herbs, and plants that mosquitoes are naturally repelled by. Some of these beneficial plants are: Horsemint, Ageratum (Flossflowers), Marigolds and Catnip.
- ◆ Keep your lawn as short as your species of grass can withstand.

A few other options at your disposal:

- ◆ Cover skin with clothing and/or repellent that contains DEET.
- ◆ Cover windows and open doors with screens to prevent mosquitoes from coming inside.
- ◆ Call 311 if rising mosquito populations become nuisance or with questions.

PRE-HURRICANE MAINTENANCE

- Cut back all trees and weak branches that contact buildings
- Thin your foliage so wind can flow freely through branches, decreasing the chance that trees/plants will be uprooted.
- Place tree trimmings at the curb on your regular scheduled collection day and follow the 6/40 rule (i.e., each piece cannot exceed 6 feet in length or 40 lbs. in weight and must be bundled or containerized).
- Containerize your tree trimmings such as pine needles, leaves, twigs, etc. in paper bags or cans that weigh less than 40 lbs. (no lawn trimmings in plastic bags please).
- Clean your yard of any items that could become missiles in a storm such as old lumber, broken lawn furniture, etc. and place items curbside on your regular collection

ONCE A STORM HAS BEEN NAMED

- Do not cut down trees or do any major yard work
- Do not begin construction projects that produce debris.
- Once a Hurricane Watch or Warning is issued, do not trim vegetation of any kind. Mass cutting places a tremendous burden on the normal collection process and there is not enough equipment or manpower to collect the additional material once the storm makes landfall.
- Do not place materials at the curb or take materials to the landfill or a transfer facility during a Watch or Warning period. Services may be suspended and facilities closed early to prepare for the storm.
- For information on the status of our facilities, residents should consult the <http://www.ocfl.net> website or call 3-1-1



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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

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

Local Numbers

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

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



Contact Information

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