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THE OFFICIAL "EDEN ISLES NEWSLETTER"

EDEN ISLES

SUMMER 2012

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2012 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING DATES

JUNE 12

**Tammany Yacht Club
Meet & Greet 6-7 PM
Meeting 7:00 PM**

2012 MEETINGS

SEPTEMBER 11

DECEMBER 11

UPCOMING EVENTS

The **FISHING PIER** will have its Grand Opening event the first week of June. Please check your newspaper and parish website for details. The parish is expecting the area to be family oriented with children fishing events planned throughout the year.

The 2nd annual **EDEN ISLES YARD SALE** will be on September 29th at 7:00 a.m. We would like to print your address in the Times Picayune ad if you want to participate. The turnout was great last year with buyers coming from surrounding areas, even Mandeville. There will be more information in the September 1st Newsletter.

OCTOBER NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME

Presidents Message:

Summer is around the corner! In our busy work life, it's often easy to miss the fact that our families and our homes are what we work for, and too often we spend more time at work than at home. Take the time to enjoy all that Eden Isles has to offer, from meeting new friends among families that live here or taking walks in our neighborhood. Eden Isle is a great community because it's full of great people. Your HOA board looks forward to improving our community. Make a commitment this year to invest in your most valuable asset your home by getting involved in your Eden Isle HOA.

Our first annual crawfish boil was fantastic! So many neighbors got a chance to meet, visit and share their love for this wonderful neighborhood of ours. A BIG thank you to Jerry and Denise Berthelot and all of those who helped make this occasion so successful. This will be an annual event and more details to follow prior to the event. More socials are in the planning and we look forward to sharing future socials with everyone.

Our membership for the Eden Isle Homeowners' Association has grown again this year and continues to grow. I am very delighted as it shows that the homeowners are coming together to continue to make Eden Isle the best waterfront living. If you have not yet paid your dues, it is not too late to have your name listed in the Fall Newsletter Membership Directory. The Board has continued to do a fantastic job in maintaining our books, collecting money during difficult times and monitoring spending carefully during times of rising prices.

At our last General Membership Meeting the Board discussed the big Eden Isle Drive entrance sign on I-10 and how it was destroyed. After investigating the incident, it was determined that the perpetrator had NO insurance to cover the damages. Raymond Frey, a board member, and Andrew Minster collected all the broken pieces of the sign and with much determination and patience was able to reconstruct the sign. Thank you Raymond and Andrew for your efforts. The sign looks great!

Hope to see you at our next quarterly meeting in June. "Eden Isle is living in Paradise"

-Cathy Drolla

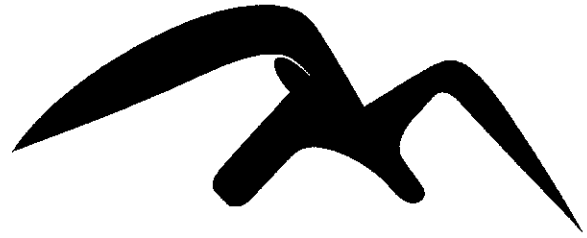
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"ARE YOU IN?" PAY YOUR HOMEOWNER DUES BY JUNE 12, AND SAY **"I'M IN"** THE ANNUAL EDEN ISLES HOMEOWNER DIRECTORY PUBLISHED THE FIRST WEEK OF SEPTEMBER

EDEN ISLES HOMEOWNERS GENERAL MEETING

MARCH 13, 2012 • TAMMANY YACHT CLUB

Cathy Drolla - President
Raymond Frey - Vice President
Colin Minster - Secretary
Louis Sandoz - Treasurer
Ken LaNata Board Member
Paul Titus Board Member



The meeting was called to order 7:05 pm.
The guest speaker was Fire Chief Larry Hess;

1. A motion was made and seconded to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the last General Membership meeting. A call for questions was raised. No questions or concerns were voiced. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Minutes.
2. Lou gave the Treasurers Report:
Copies of the current Financial Report were passed to the members. The 3/13/12 Balance is \$60,263.00
The anticipated end of 2012 year balance is \$1,027.00. A motion was made and seconded to be accepted as read.
3. Paul Titus Greenspace Report
4. A member voiced concern over the residents of Moonraker being unwilling to join the Association because they do not feel obligated to participate since there is no greenspace on their street. Members made suggestions of how to convince them by pointing out other pros of being involved.
5. Denise Berthelot advised that the membership flags have been ordered and will be delivered.
6. Members voiced concern over the home at the corner of Highway 11 and Eden Isles Blvd. being a camp. Paul Titus advised that he was told by the owner of the property that the bottom of the home will be closed in.
7. Anne Nash gave an update on the newsletter and stated that the newsletter is in need of additional advertisers. She also requested that when using a business that was seen in the newsletter to mention that their investment is paying off and being seen. She requested feedback on inserting a kids page in the newsletter and the membership was receptive to the idea. Colin Minster will work with Anne on said page. The deadline for material for the June newsletter is May 1st.
8. A discussion was had about making the Association more social and having activities to get more people involved.
9. The date of the Crawfish Boil will need to be changed. This event would not be a fundraiser but rather a social event. The Board will subsidize a portion of the cost to keep the price for the residents lower.
10. The members were advised that the St. Patrick's Day boat parade is Saturday, March 17th at noon.
11. The date of the neighborhood garage sale will be put in the newsletter.
12. The Garden Club's Garage Sale is Saturday, March 17th on the Blvd.
13. Lee Longstreet, Website Chairman, will make a presentation at the next general membership meeting about the website, its function and how to use it.
14. Multiple door prizes were awarded and 50/50 raffle, \$53.00 , was split with homeowner Betty Young.
15. A motion was made and seconded to end the meeting.

END OF MINUTES

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EIHOA ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE

Eden Isles is a deed restricted community. This means that each deeded property within the subdivision, by virtue of its recorded title (deed), is subject to the covenants and restrictions as established by the original developers of the subdivision, or as amended through due process.

This deed provision is proudly stated on the signage at both entrances to the subdivision. The overall intent of these "restrictions" is to help preserve the style and quality of life the community continues to represent, and indirectly, the preservation of the inherent market value of the individual properties within the waterfront community.

The Eden Isles governing covenants can be found on our community's website, www.eiho.org. A listing of the members of the Board of Directors for the Homeowners Association can be found. Please contact Lou Sandoz, Treasurer, and member of the Architectural Committee, at 504-621-8045, if you have any questions, or need assistance from the Committee.

The following are excerpts from our covenant that: 1) establish the Committee and its responsibilities, as well as 2) highlight the pertinent and applicable Eden Isles Covenants and St. Tammany Parish Ordinances that govern an often confused subject, namely, docks and boathouses.

1. Eden Isles Homeowner's Covenants

- a. *Article 1 Architectural Control:* Establishes the Eden Isles Architectural Committee's control over construction within the subdivision, and the requirement for property owners to submit detailed plans and specifications for the Committee's approval, prior to commencing construction.
- b. *Article 2 Architectural Committee:* Establishes the Committee's composition, granted powers and rights associated with meeting its stated responsibilities.
- c. *Article 19 Waterways:*
 1. Establishes specific dimensional restriction for boathouses and the jurisdiction of the Committee over such construction
 - a. "...may only extend 10 feet into the rear easement provided for the canal..."
 - b. "Boat houses will be subject to the approval of the Architectural Committee."
 2. Establishes rear property boundaries into the canal, and assures the peaceful use of the canals for property owners adjoining the canals

"The rear boundary of all lots in the subdivision located on a canal is at the centerline of that canal. The present and all future owners whose property adjoins these canals agrees to utilize said canals in such a manner as to refrain from interfering with the peaceful use of said body of water by other property owners whose property also adjoins said canal."
 3. Restates and expands the definition of the Architectural Committee's role in the control of the provisions of the subdivision's covenants

"There shall be no construction, structural alteration or removal of any wharf, boat slip or other structure in the wharfage area without the prior written approval of the Architectural Committee as established by these protective reservations, restrictions and conditions. The Architectural Committee shall approve proposals or plans and specifications submitted for its approval only if it deems that the construction, alterations, or additions contemplated thereby in the location indicated will not be detrimental to the appearance of the wharfage area of Eden Isles as a whole, and that the appearance of any wharf, boat slip or other structure affected thereby will be in harmony with the surrounding wharves, boat slips and other structures."
2. St. Tammany Parish Unified Development Code Ordinances
 - a. *Article 7.0601.H Accessory Building Standards:*

Establishes a 5 ft. offset from the interior property line.
 - b. *Article 7.0602.C, and .F Boat Houses and Boat Slips*
 1. *Paragraph C* Establishes that boat houses may not exceed 40 ft. in depth.
 2. *Paragraph F* Establishes that all such structures
 - a. "...shall be located by and shall conform to all standards established by applicable regulatory agencies."

MEMBERSHIP CRAWFISH BOIL



The Membership Crawfish Boil on April 28th was a big success.

There were 90 people in attendance, including a few children.

Tooloulas was a great location under the shade of the trees in the back of their property.

Gary Fehn boiled 600 pounds of crawfish along with corn, potatoes, sausage and all the fixings.

A big thank you to Dan and Paula Demarest for donating the "fixings".

Lou Sandoz provided DJ service with a wide variety of enjoyable music.

A 50/50 raffle was held and the winner took home \$102!!

A big thank you to the Board, especially Jerry and Denise Berthelot, for helping make this event a success!



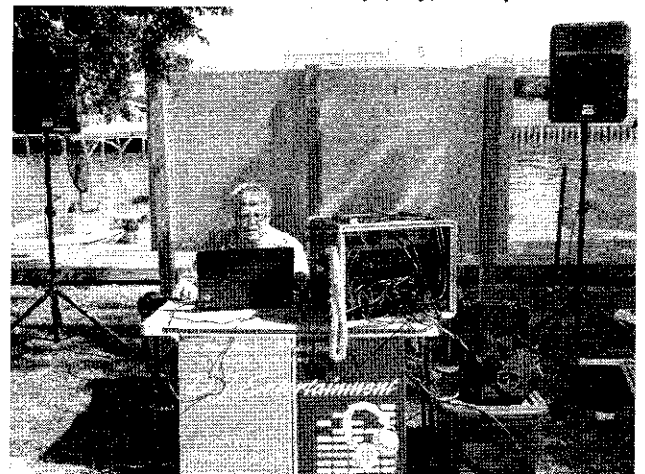
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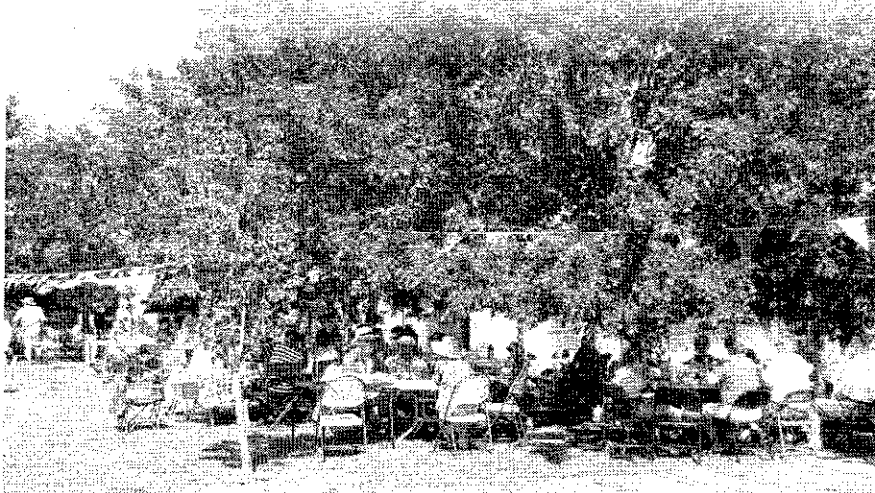
Paul Titus and Denise Berthelot



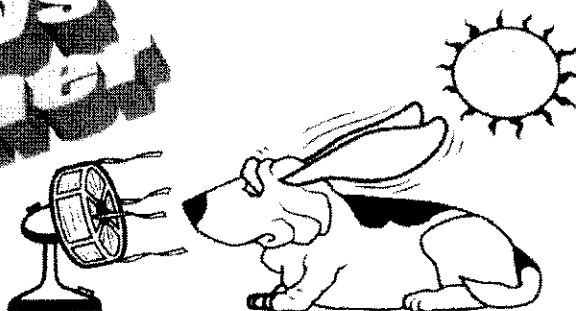
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Coastal Master Plan to Include Lake Pontchartrain Barrier Project (03-16-2012)

STATE SENATOR A.G. CROWE COMMENDS CPRA ON REFINING THE STATE'S 2012 COASTAL MASTER PLAN

PLAN NOW INCLUDES LAKE PONTCHARTRAIN BARRIER PROJECT

District 1 State Senator A.G. Crowe (R-Slidell), State Representatives Gregory Cromer (R-Slidell) and J. Kevin Pearson (R-Slidell), and St. Tammany Parish President Pat Brister commend and thank Chairman Garret Graves and the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority for taking a second look at the importance of the Lake Pontchartrain Barrier project and revising the 2012 Coastal Master Plan.

Sen. Crowe says that while the original draft of the Master Plan only scratched the surface of the benefits of the project, it now includes the dedication of funds to further study the project and to determine the most effective way to carry it out 'while mitigating any environmental or storm surge issues.'

"Once completed, the Lake Pontchartrain Barrier is a project that is sure to protect the citizens of the entire New Orleans area and its surrounding parishes. With the encouragement of determined local officials, community leaders and citizens, CPRA has brought the project one step closer to reality and one step closer to reducing storm surge risk for thousands of homes and businesses," said Sen. Crowe. "We commend CPRA Chairman Garrett Graves and the entire authority's efforts in making this vital revision to the Master Plan."

CPRA will take a dual approach at protecting the North Shore by further evaluating the Lake Pontchartrain Barrier project in concert with the State of Mississippi and funding other structural and nonstructural projects, such as the Slidell Ring Levee.

- see www.stpgov.org/stormprotection for further info

Eden Isles Homeowners Association, flood protection committee -

While hurricane flood protection for the south and eastern shores of Lake Pontchartrain has been significantly improved, the coastal residents of the north shore, including Eden Isles, remain completely unprotected. Flood control structures at the Rigolets & Chef passes, now & historically, remain the answer for protecting the integrity of the entire region. The Louisiana Coastal Protection & Restoration Authority's (CPRA) "Master Plan" recognizes this solution as the most cost effective for the entire area, projecting savings over the cost of construction in the billions versus the probable damages of doing nothing.

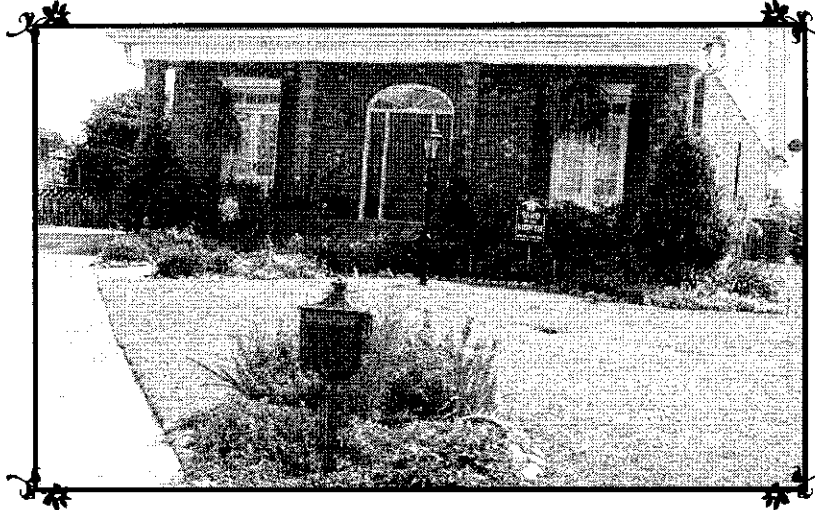
While we now have official recognition of the solution, no commitment has been made to do any actual construction. We must all work to keep our concerns before the public and our elected officials so that funding the solution will be a priority. As demonstrated by Hurricane Katrina, history will eventually repeat itself if nothing is done.

Thorough documentation is available via the Eden Isles Homeowner's Association website at www.eiho.org
...publications ...flood issues

Eden Isles Garden Club

Winners of the Yard Judging for April are:

First place 436 Charles Ct., Danny and Sheri Delaup



Second place winner is 109 Charles Court, Frank and Betty Caveretta.
Third place winner is 115 Jubilee Point, Gary and Angela Crochet

Eden Isles Garden Club Yard of the Month Judging Rules

1. All yards of Eden Isles including Moonraker Dr. are judged in the second week of the month during the months of March, April, May, Sept., Oct., Nov. & Dec.
2. If a yard has been given an award, a period of one year must elapse before it is eligible again except for December when all yards may be considered for Christmas decoration awards. New Occupants must be in residence for six months to be eligible for an award.
3. MOST IMPROVED YARD OF THE MONTH may be given to the yard considered to be the most improved.
4. In case of ties, color and improvements are deciding factors in determining award recipients.
5. The following point system is used for judging:
 1. Foundation (placement of shrubbery) 10 Pt's
 1. Plants and shrubs at the end of the walkway or beside the front door should be kept trimmed so that they do not obstruct the view of the front door. The front door should be the focal point, as a sign of welcome to the house.
 2. Taller shrubbery usually looks better on the corners of the house with lower ones under windows.
 3. Shrubby in front of windows should be kept trimmed to the level of the window.
 4. There can be no visible trash cans (except on pick up days), trailers, jet skis, boats, trash piles, plastic flowers or anything that is not aesthetic.
 2. Consistency of design (plan of border and edging of small plants and bulbs should be in harmony with foundation plantings) 10 Pt's
 3. General Landscaping (foundation and design consistency combined) Pine straw should not be raked up around trees unless there are flowers or shrubs around the tree. 10 Pts
 4. Improvements 25 Pt's
 5. Condition of Shrubby (healthy & trimmed) 20 Pt's
 6. Lawn (healthy, mowed, edged, green) 20 Pt's
 7. Color 5 Pt's
 6. Only the front yard is judged. The back yard is designed for individual preference and lifestyles.
7. The yard is judged from the roadway, directly in front of the doorway.
8. The primary factor in making the award is a neat, well-kept yard with healthy plants.



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Tides for Eden Isles By Captain Paul Titus, Sr.

Tides, from the German "Tiet" meaning Time, are used to describe the rise and fall of sea levels that are caused by the gravitational pull of the sun and moon as the earth rotates. These salt water levels are described as the time of low and high water times and the distances from the *Mean Lower Low Water (MLLW)* or *Mean Higher High Water (MHHW)* measured as the extreme low or high water recorded at that location for an extender of time. They usually indicate a range, indicating the difference between the highest point and the lowest point that day of water. The high and lows are expressed as times of the day in Local Standard (LST) or Local Daylight Time (LDT) with the height of the tide at those times. The range is usually expressed as decimal parts of feet and is the difference between the high and low tides. Most places experience two high and two low tides each day, but most parts of Louisiana usually have only one high and one low tide per day. Remember that these are predictions based on astronomical conditions not atmospheric conditions.

Quite often I am asked, "What are the high and low tides for homes in Eden Isles and what published "station" should they use to get these prediction?" It is usually followed up with why are there no published high and low tides for Eden Isles?

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) publishes tide reporting stations at various locations though out southern Louisiana.

They can be found at the NOAA web site at http://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov/tide_predictions.shtml?gid=228

These NOAA published locations for our area are for stations located at

<u>Bayou BonFouca, Route 433</u>	8768761473	at +30.2717	-89.7933
<u>Tchefuncta River, Lake Pontchartrain</u>	8761993	at +30.3783	-90.1600
<u>NEW CANAL STATION</u>	8761927	at +30.0272	-90.1134
<u>Chef Menteur, Chef Menteur Pass</u>	8761487	at +30.0650	-89.8000
<u>Michoud Substation, ICWW</u>	8761678	at +30.0067	-89.9367

Other sites, such as the Louisiana Sportsman Magazine (http://www.louisianasportsman.com/tide_guides.php). It is under their WEATHER section and offers many other locations than the NOAA published sites.

These locations have be deduced by time honored "offsets" that compensate for the water movements at these additional locations based on official NOAA locations.

Those locations pertinent to the Lake Pontchartrain location are the Long Point, L. Borgne (Rigolets East End) and the Paris Road Bridge stations.

Use these different locations when you are fishing near that tide station.

Yeah, Captain Paul, but, what about Eden Isles?

Well as you can see there is no official station or site in Lake Pontchartrain any where near the Eden Isles channel at Grand Lagoon. But, there is a location at Bayou BonFouca at LA Highway 433. This location is, however, nearly seven miles from Lake Pontchartrain via the many turns in the bayou. If you were to use the figures for the tides at BonFouca, you would not have the correct the tides for Eden Isles.

But, if you were to view the BonFouca tides and subtract (-) about 35 minutes from the high and low times, you would have a close time of the tides at the entrance to the Eden Isles canal system. That is fine if you live near the Dock restaurant by the canal, but not if you are on north side Eden Isles Blvd. For that location about 2,5 miles from the lake, you would then add about fifteen minutes to your Eden Isles channel figure. Other locations may require a different time offset depending on your distance from the main entrance. Keep records, noting the published times and your estimates for your locations and adjust the time to your particular location. Eventually, you will have a good time offset for your location.

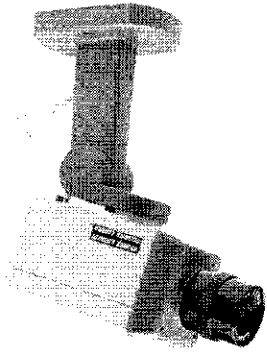
Remember, the Eden Isles canals are not encumbered with the many turns and vegetable growth of Bayou BonFouca and the tidal waters will enter and leave the area quicker than the other bayous.

But now comes another problem, Mother Nature. Or, more specifically, the weather. The weather can have a pronounced effect on the water levels in the coastal marshes and of course our canals. A pronounced wind or a steady wind for several days can cause the canal waters to be very high or very low. A north, west, northwest or north east wind can push the waters out of the surrounding marshes and of course our canals. A wind from the south, southeast and east can "push" Breton and Chandeleur waters into our canals. I have seen such wind completely negate the astronomical predicted tides.

Once you have your figures, you will have a close idea of how the tide will be at your location.

So, use the tidal station closest to your fishing location and for your Eden Isle location use the offset you computed from the BonFouca location.

Captain Paul



SECURITY CAMERAS

The security cameras have proven to be very useful to the residents of Eden Isle in addition to the Sheriff's Department in nabbing criminals as well as securing the safety of our subdivision. The Board has been contacted by Sheriff's Dept. on top of other Homeowner Associations as to the use of this great security tool. An important tidbit is to always jot down any essential information such as date, approximate time, and descriptive description of person(s) and/or vehicle(s) of any incident. The cameras are copied by real time. It helps tremendously if we have information to work with. Remember to always contact the St. Tammany's Sheriff's Office or 911 should you see any suspicious activity. The Sheriff's Dept. is the only entity that can request copies of any recorded information. **This great benefit is paid for and supported by homeowners' in good standings.**

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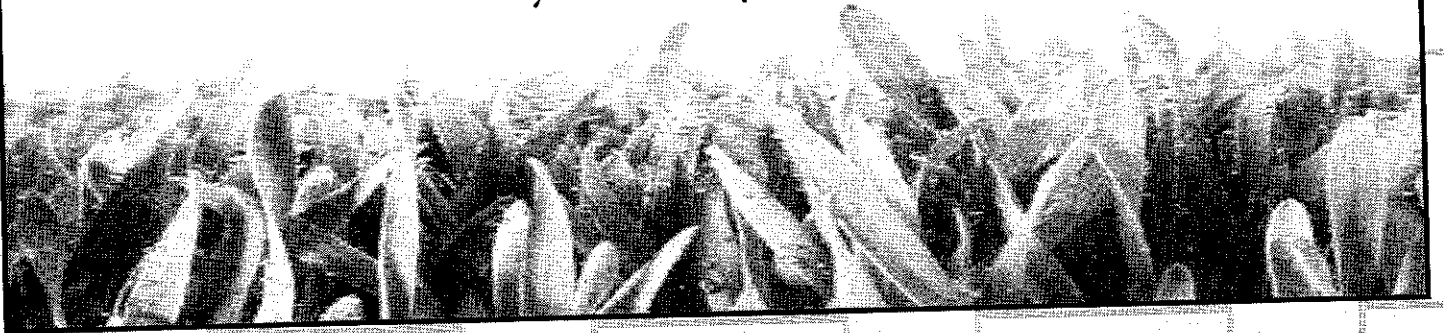
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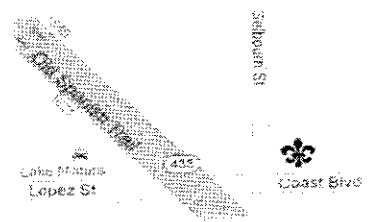
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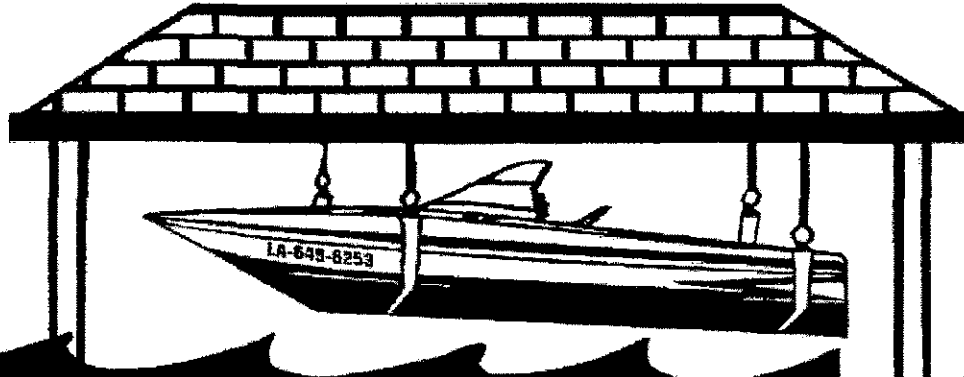
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Welcome to Eden Isles

We are ready to greet new neighbors and we need your help. We have prepared packets with information on the area and (most important) on the Eden Isles Homeowners Association. Most of the information has been made available through the Chamber of Commerce on West Hall Street in Slidell. There will be information taken from the EIHOA website, information on the Slidell Newcomers Club, a copy of one of the latest newsletters, copies of the local Slidell papers and lots of other information for new neighbors. The most important thing is this -- we need to be informed when that house in your block or nearby has sold or rented. If we do not know about your new neighbors, we cannot welcome them and give them this treasure trove of information. We cannot travel through the neighborhood looking for moving vans so we REALLY need YOUR help. Please call one of us and let us know the address, the name (if you have met them) and when they moved into their new house. Contact Colin Minster at 985-649-1684, June Collins at 985-646-0923 or Sarah Mull at 985-718-2904 with the information. Even better would be an email to Colin.minster@gmail.com - use "new neighbor" in the subject line please.

THANK YOU

A BIG thank you to Resident, Andrew Minster, and Board Member, Raymond Frey, for reconstructing the Eden Isles Blvd. sign at the interstate entrance. The sign was recently badly damaged when it was struck by a vehicle. Andrew and Raymond volunteered their time to piece the sign together and repaint it - leaving it looking as good as new - and saving the Members over \$1,500 in replacing the sign. **THANK YOU BOTH!!!**



ANIMAL SHELTER

The Mission of the Slidell Animal Assistance League, a volunteer non-profit organization, was founded to support the City of Slidell Animal Control Shelter and Citizens by:

- Providing all food, medicine, medical care and comfort items for the sheltered animals.
- Socialization of animals to prepare them for adoption through handling, exercise and play.
- Conducting pet adoptions or placement of animals

The shelter is located at 2700 Terrace Avenue in Slidell and can be reached at 985-646-4267. Please check out our website, <http://www.petfinder.com/shelters/LA48.html> and consider adopting one of these beautiful animals. There are many animals waiting to be adopted into a loving home.

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- Eden Isles
- Fishing
- Boats
- Constellation
- Boulevard
- Ranger Place
- Southern Star
- Carina Circle
- Grass
- Social
- Charles Court

SUN PROTECTION for Kids

It is that time of year again to start spending a lot of time outside, in the sun, and enjoying our outdoors on and off the water. But it is important to remember to protect our children from the dangers that come with being in the sun. Applying sunscreen to our children will help protect them from the sun. If your child is resistant to sunscreen, try to make a game out of it. Teach them BEANS to help remember what parts to make sure they cover: Back of the knees, Ears, face Area (including nose and lips), Neck and Scalp.

Eden Isles Homeowners Association

Annual dues \$120.00, due the beginning of each year
(everyone is welcome & you may pro-rate if you moved in mid year)

Homeowners Name/s: _____
Property Address: _____ Slidell, LA 70458
Mailing address, if different: _____
Home Phone: _____ Cell number: _____
Email Address: _____

Do you wish phone number listed in the directory - Yes / No; if yes please circle which number to list.
(for security reasons, we recommend listing your phone number so your neighbors can contact you if they see suspicious activity)

Would you like to serve on the board of directors or on a committee? – Yes / No

Please mail your annual dues to: EIHOA P.O. Box 2746 Slidell, LA 70459

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