



The Eden Islander

THE OFFICIAL "EDEN ISLES NEWSLETTER"

EDEN ISLES SUMMER 2015

P.O. BOX 2746 • SLIDELL, LA 70459

2015 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING DATES

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday, June 9, 2015 • 7:00 PM

Tammany Yacht Club

GUEST SPEAKER:

MR. DEXTER ACCARDO

Director of Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness for St. Tammany Parish

2015 EVENTS

Eden Isles Annual Crawfish Boil – CANCELLED

Eden Isles Ice Cream Social in Motion – June 17, 2015 6:30-8 PM

Eden Isles Ice Cream Social in Motion – July 15, 2015 6:30-8 PM

Eden Isles Ice Cream Social in Motion – August 19, 2015 6:30-8 PM

Eden Isles Ice Cream Social in Motion – September 16, 2015 6:30-8 PM

Eden Isles Annual Luau – August 8, 2015 7-11 PM

Eden Isles Family Movie Nights – TBD

Eden Isles Multi-Generational Ladies' Tea - TBD

Eden Isles Annual Children's Event - TBD

Night Out Against Crime - TBD

Eden Isles Fall Garage Sale - TBD

EIHOA Christmas Party & General Membership Meeting - TBD

PMYC Annual Christmas Boat Parade - TBD

See Inside for Details on All Events!

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NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

HOW THE EDEN ISLES HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION AND RESIDENTS OF EDEN ISLES REBUILT OUR COMMUNITY



10 YEARS POST- HURRICANE KATRINA AND STILL GROWING STRONGER



Join the Homeowner's Association to **Keep Eden Isles Waterfront Living "the" Best!**

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President's Message

Hello neighbors!

Summer is almost upon us and I hope this newsletter finds each of you in good health. Typical of the beginning of a new year, many issues within our community have been brought to the attention of the HOA board. We have been contacted regarding issues ranging from signs being mysteriously removed from our green spaces, grass in the neutral grounds which had become overgrown, to concerns regarding whether or not residents of Moonraker would continue to be members of the EIHOA. Additionally, we have also received requests to mediate conflicts between neighbors in our community in the hope of finding a mutually agreeable resolution. Based on the many issues we have been involved in resulting from communications we have received from our residents, the board has decided to use this edition of *The Eden Islander* to share some of the issues that have come to our attention and their resolutions in the hope of assisting others who might be dealing with some of these same issues to find their own resolutions. As a board we are also hoping to demonstrate to our residents that we are dedicated to improving the HOA's relationship with our residents and to that end, we will do our best to be as prompt and responsive as we can when responding to any and all communications we receive from any of you.

The theme for this edition of our community newsletter and this summer season is "*Neighbors Helping Neighbors*". This theme was determined as a consequence of conversations that transpired amongst board members regarding how very far our community has travelled on the road to recovery following the devastation our island paradise suffered at the hands of *Hurricane Katrina*. To show respect for how our community has bounced back, we have included in this edition an article with pictures recalling the impact of *Hurricane Katrina* on our neighborhood. For those of you who were living here at that time, may it serve as a reminder of how well our community came together to get through such a disastrous event. For those of us who were not here then, may this article provide an understanding of the resilience of our community and encourage us all to come together to recapture the spirit that has resulted in our beautiful neighborhood continuing to thrive.

Our quarterly General Membership Meeting will occur on Tuesday, June 9th, and with our theme in mind and the anniversary of *Hurricane Katrina* once again approaching, the board has invited **Mr. Dexter Accardo, Director of Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness for St. Tammany Parish** to be our guest speaker.

Also in keeping with our neighborhood theme for this summer, our HOA will be sponsoring a few projects and neighborhood events that we hope will help to build more community spirit and allow for neighbors to get to know each other so that we can become more of a community where neighbors truly can and do help each other when needed. With these goals in mind, be sure to check out this newsletter to learn more about the **Neighborhood Beautification Initiative** we have planned for the last two weeks in June as well as the **Eden Isles Youth Council** we hope to be able to begin in the not too distant future.

Your HOA has big plans for this summer that will hopefully create many opportunities to get to know our neighbors better and to become involved in a fun way that will require minimum amounts of precious time. From events like the *monthly, moving, ice cream socials* that are planned to begin in June to *the Multi-Generational Ladies Tea, 5K Run/Walk, and neighborhood movie nights* we have planned for later this summer/fall we are hopeful that there will be something that every person in our community will feel compelled to join in!

To learn more about upcoming events and initiatives, please be sure to scan the entire newsletter and don't forget you can always visit our website at www.EIHOA.org or check out our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/EdenIslesHomeownersAssociation for updates and more information.

As always, if you would like to become a more active participant in our HOA please don't hesitate to contact one of our board members.

Sincerely,
DeWayne H. Smith
EIHOA President



EDEN ISLES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING • MARCH 10, 2015



The meeting started at 7:07PM.

1. Lou Sandoz of the St Tammany Levee, Drainage, and Conservation District was the featured speaker. Members of the board are appointed to serve four year terms. Lou explained the Board's duties and how they are coming together to work for flood protection for St Tammany Parish. Lou stated the Board's meetings are always public and are held on the third Wednesday of each month. The meeting place alternates between Mandeville and Slidell.
2. Mary Dubisson, representing Senator Greg Cromer's office, reported that Senator Cromer is diligently staying on top of issues in Washington D.C. which have impact on St. Tammany Parish. She also reported the Cromers will reign as Queen and Grand Marshall of the Slidell St. Patrick's Day Parade.
3. Warren Anderson of Absolute Dock and Pile Restoration, LLC. gave a presentation to the membership about the damage shipworms do to pilings and docks. He explained his company's services and their credentials. He, along with Eric Shurden, spoke with members after the meeting about their individual concerns.
4. The winter 2014, General Membership Minutes were published in the Spring 2015 newsletter, and all were able to review them. There were no objections to, nor requests to correct/amend the minutes. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to suspend reading of the minutes.
5. Jerry Williams, EIHOA Board Treasurer, gave a review of the financial report. The financial report is published in the Eden Islander newsletter. He reported there are presently 138 paid members in EIHOA. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the financial report.
6. Upcoming scheduled 2015 events are the PMYC Poker Run scheduled for April 11th, Spring Eden Isles Neighborhood Garage Sale on April 25th, the Eden Isles Crawfish Boil on May 16th, and the Eden Isles Luau on August 8th.
7. Kudos to Will and Diane Bias for their donation to EIHOA in cleaning and repainting the entrance signs. It makes for a great impression to anyone entering our neighborhood.
8. DeWayne Smith, President of EIHOA, introduced the 2015 EIHOA Board members who were present.
9. DeWayne informed the general membership that the Board is focusing on ways to increase membership and asked for help and/or ideas from those in attendance. He informed the general membership that EIHOA dues are tax deductible. He spoke of having a survey to ascertain what the wants and needs of our membership are so that the EIHOA Board can address them. He noted the EIHOA Board is working to increase social functions and encouraged the membership to offer suggestions for events they would be interested in.
10. Moonraker Island is working to start up a civic association. Currently, the EIHOA continues to include Moonraker residents as part of Eden Isles.
11. The bridge to Moonraker Island was assessed by St. Tammany Parish as being functional. The Hwy. 11 Bridge was also inspected approximately three months ago by DOTD and the results showed no issues of concern.
12. Lee Longstreet was recognized for his work and dedication in managing the security cameras at the entrances as well as for his diligence in keeping the EIHOA website updated.
13. The judge has given the property owners at 115 Eden Isles Blvd. several months to bring their property into compliance.
14. Half and Half lottery was awarded with EIHOA receiving \$35. Door prizes were awarded.
15. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.





FINANCIAL REPORT

January 1, 2015 - April 28, 2015

INFLOW		
	\$ 3,441	Carried over from 2013
	\$ 35	50/50 March Meeting+
	\$ 5,000	Transferred from savings for cash flow
	\$ 38,555	Rec'd in dues
	\$ 3,184	Progressive Waste - Beautification
	\$ 50,215	Total Inflow
OUTFLOW		
	\$ 9,705	Parks/Grounds maintenance
	\$ 3,521	Newsletter - Printing & Delivery
	\$ 896	Security Cameras
	\$ 560	Mini storage rental
	\$ 1,397	Flags
	\$ 224	Utilities
	\$ 150	Rental of Tammany Yacht Club
	\$ 250	Deposit for Firehouse
	\$ 195	Misc. - Post Office, bank charges, Door prizes, Sec. of state etc.
	\$ 16,898	
SUMMARY		
	\$ 50,215	Year to date Income
	\$ 16,898	Year to date Expenses
	\$ 34,192	Chase Checking Balance





2015 EIHOA ROSTER



2015 Roster - email the Homeowners Association at eihoa@datakik.com

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Tom Thompson			



Neighbors *Helping* Neighbors

Ask any resident of Eden Isles who has lived here for 10 years or more what was the most challenging situation our island paradise ever had to face and to a person the answer will be the natural catastrophe known as ***Hurricane Katrina***. Causing destruction of property and nearly complete devastation of our entire community the hurricane and the storm surge that followed all but annihilated what had been one of the most desirable neighborhoods in southern Louisiana. From the inconceivable damage inflicted on just about every home to the tons of debris that were left behind in the wake of this disaster, many who lived here at the time were convinced that Eden Isles would never recover.

A quick Google search will lead one to scores of accounts (some written by residents of Eden Isles) of what it was like for those who stayed and "rode out" the hurricane as it passed directly over our community as well as those who evacuated only to return to the devastation the hurricane and storm surge had left behind. In addition to shining a light on the impact ***Hurricane Katrina*** had on our community, these storm tales illuminate an even more significant finding...the impact the hurricane had on our residents and our HOA, and the resultant determination both found within themselves to do whatever was necessary to work together to rebuild what had been so intrinsically beautiful before.

Following ***Hurricane Katrina***, our HOA and residents committed themselves to our community and to each other and dug in to do the work that would be necessary to bring Eden Isles back to its former glory! From this commitment, a spirit of connectedness and interdependency was born that allowed neighbors to work with neighbors and with our HOA to breath new life back into our community.

As we approach the ten year anniversary of ***Hurricane Katrina***, we celebrate the resiliency and fortitude of our community, our HOA, and the residents of our community who did the work to bring Eden Isles back. We celebrate the spirit of community that enabled those individuals to fight alongside our HOA Board to save the way of life we all get to participate in today. We thank each and every one of those dedicated individuals for everything they did to enable us to do all the things in this beautiful community many of us take for granted every single day.

The theme for this edition of ***The Eden Islander*** and for this summer season here in Eden Isles is ***Neighbors Helping Neighbors***. This theme has been chosen in honor of those who dedicated themselves to bringing our island paradise back to what it had been before ***Hurricane Katrina***. Though we still have a long way to go, one only has to take a look at the pictures in the article written by Tom Thompson on the next four pages to know just how far we've come. The Board of Directors of our HOA are working diligently to try to increase the sense of community here in Eden Isles via a myriad of initiatives being rolled out over the next few months. It is the hope of the board that the spirit that bound so many of our residents together in the post-Katrina era will once again take hold in our community so that we can continue on the path to making Eden Isles **the most desirable waterfront community on the North Shore!**

Do our community and our HOA the honor of getting to know your HOA Board and your neighbors during the events we've planned for this summer. Working together and giving just a small amount of time or talent will ensure that Eden Isles will always be able survive whatever comes our way!!!

We've Come A Long Way!



On August 29, 2005, Hurricane Katrina, the worst natural disaster ever to hit the United States, left devastation all along the gulf coast from Alabama to Texas and for the first time in the 36 year history of Eden Isles homes were flooded with two to six feet of water depending on the home's elevation and proximity to the lake.

The few residents that did not evacuate tell a story of feeling relief as the hurricane passed over without flooding. That relief was short-lived because as Katrina move further northward, the winds shifted to the east, and all the surge that had built up on the west edge of Lake Pontchartrain quickly shifted to the east sending a massive 16 foot tsunami directly into Eden Isles.

The destruction was devastating. Every home was flooded. Debris slicks covered our waterways. Boats broke loose from their moorings and floated into homes.



Large sections of the I-10 Twin Span Bridge were washed away and traffic was diverted to Highway 11 at Old Spanish Trail and the old Highway 11 bridge became the only way into or out of New Orleans from the East. The Sheriff's Department set up a road block near the entrance to Eden Isle and only allowed people with proof of residency onto our island. The Sheriff's Department also patrolled the streets and waterways of Eden Isles to protect the lives and property of the residents.



Unlike New Orleans and other communities that were “protected” by levees the tidal surge came and went in just a few hours instead of saturating homes for days or weeks. This allowed Eden Isles residents to return almost immediately and begin cleaning up.

Eden Isles lead the recovery effort despite shortages of building materials and construction workers. Neighbors pulled together and within a year most of the homes in Eden Isles were repaired and the Eden Isles Homeowners Association worked with the parish, state, and FEMA to expedite the cleanup operation.



Over the last ten years the residents of Eden Isles and the Homeowners Association have worked very hard to rebuild and improve our island's infrastructure and quality of life. The Eden Isles Flood Control Committee was established and numerous meetings were held with local, parish, state and federal agencies to develop a protection plan for our community.

The Eden Isles Flood Control Committee organized the parish-wide Corps of Engineers public meeting held on June 16, 2009, to publicize the need for a comprehensive barrier protection system. A standing room only crowd of over 1,000 people showed up at the Harbor Center. This huge turnout got the attention of local and state officials and they began to actively support the need for a comprehensive Lake basin surge protection system.



Thanks to our efforts and the strong support of Senator A.G. Crowe and Representative Cromer, the **Coastal Protection & Restoration Authority (CPRA)** recognized the need for structures to keep surge out of the Lake basin and in 2012 authorized a study to develop this comprehensive protection plan and put it into the state's Master Plan.

Hope For The Future

The CPRA has released a study documenting that a low level, over topping structures will significantly reduce storm surge flooding within the Lake basin without adversely impacting Mississippi. [PMSC2c_PontchartrainBarrierStudiesUpdate_Leadon&Belhadjali.pdf](#)

The CPRA's study is a significant step towards Lake protection, but it will take many years before it will develop into a plan and ultimately into a completed project.

Therefore, in 2014, the Eden Isles Flood Committee reached out to Lakeview, Clipper, and Oak Harbor and formed the **East St. Tammany Storm Protection Committee (ESTSPC)** to develop a localized protection plan that can be implemented much more quickly than the state's comprehensive plan. This new coalition now represents all 7,000 residents living south of Slidell, between highway 11 and I-10.



The ESTSPC has solidified a larger, stronger, united voice for storm surge protection, and has also been active in the establishment of the new **St. Tammany Levee Board**. The ESTSPC developed a localized storm surge

protection plan utilizing existing structures that is both feasible and has a positive cost benefit ratio. This plan has been presented to parish, state and community groups and has been well received by all. In addition this plan has been incorporated into the **St. Tammany Parish Hazard Mitigation** and the **Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation's** list of protection plans.

With your support, the Eden Isles Homeowners Association will continue to work towards providing storm surge protection for our community and look forward to the day when Eden Isles receives the storm surge protection it deserves.

The proposed East St. Tammany Storm Protection Plan may be found on the Eden Isles website under "Publications".

The St. Tammany Parish Hazard Mitigation Plan has been posted on the parish website and it includes the Eden Isles protection plan (Project 1.2.8 on page 4-9).

<http://www.stpgov.org/departments/homeland-security-emergency-preparedness>

The Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation (LPBF) has begun a program to study Lake Basin protection, which is bringing much needed exposure to the issue, and the Eden Isles protection plan has been added to their project inventory. PMSC2b_ProjectInventoryUpdate_Boyd.pdf

As more official organizations and agencies recognize the Eden Isles protection plan, the more exposure and credibility our issues receive and the harder it will be for the local, parish, state and federal authorities to ignore the need to provide protection to the Eden Isles area!



In Memory of June Ann Sasak Collins

On Friday, April 10, 2015 Mrs. June Ann Sasak Collins, one of Eden Isles' most dedicated supporters passed away. June had been active in community activities for more than 20 years and had served on our HOA board in addition to having served on numerous committees. Most recently, she chaired the Eden Isles Welcome Committee.

Known to be a generous, kind, and sweet person, June was the kind of neighbor who would welcome new residents to our community and go out of her way to send an email or card complimenting anything from holiday decorations to a pretty, newly-planted flower bed. June personified the concept of "*Neighbors Helping Neighbors*" everyday, and she was a great contributor to the success of our HOA and the maintenance of the lifestyle and quality of life afforded each of us by virtue of being residents of the Eden Isles community.

June will be tremendously missed as we carry on the mission to which she dedicated so much of her time and energy, and it is with her memory in mind that we kick off the Summer of 2015 here in Eden Isles...the season of "*Neighbors Helping Neighbors*"!

ICE CREAM SOCIALS IN MOTION

GET TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS AND YOUR HOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS!!

Your HOA Board of Directors is interested in getting to know ALL of the residents of our island paradise this summer and has planned a series of Ice Cream Socials to be held on neutral spaces throughout our neighborhood over the next few months. The goal is to get residents out of their homes to meet and mingle with neighbors and to let the leaders of our HOA know first-hand what our HOA can do to increase the level of satisfaction residents have within our community.

Ice Cream Socials will take place on selected Wednesdays at 6:30 - 8 pm at the following locations:

June 17, 2015

July 15, 2015

August 19, 2015

September 16, 2015

Carina Circle Neutral Ground

Charles Court Neutral Ground

Rampage Loop Neutral Ground

Weatherly Cove Neutral Ground

All residents are invited whether or not you are a member of the HOA. Additionally, please feel free to attend any or all of the socials and don't feel you have to only attend the one closest to your home as the goal is for us all to GET TO KNOW OUR NEIGHBORS!! Look for reminder signs on Eden Isles Blvd the day of the socials to direct you there!

The Formation and Challenges of the New St. Tammany Levee Board

During its 2014 regular session, the Louisiana State Senate passed Senate Bill 342 / Act No. 303, thus creating the long awaited St. Tammany Levee Board. The bill was sponsored by:

- Senators – Donahue, Crowe and Nevers; and,
- Representatives – Burns, Cromer, Hollis, Pearson, Ritchie and Simon .

The legislation can be viewed at: <https://www.legis.la.gov/legis/BillSearch.aspx?sid=last>

- Search by Author / Select Donahue / Select SB 342

The official title of this new subdivision of our State government is the **St. Tammany Levee, Drainage, and Conservation District**. Its working title will be the **“St. Tammany Levee Board”**, and the nine (9) members of the Board are to be referred to as Commissioners. The Commissioners were appointed by the Governor (early October, 2014), from nominations made by affected area State Senators and Representatives, our Parish President, and the Mayors of Slidell, Mandeville and Madisonville. The jurisdiction of the Board will be the area designated by the district’s geographic boundaries, namely: the East-to-West extents of the Parish, and essentially the South-to-North area from the Lake’s shoreline to I-12, known as the “Coastal Zone.” Senate confirmation of the commissioners is expected to occur at the end of the current legislative session, in early June, 2015. Visit the Board’s current website at: <http://www.stpgov.org/residents/levee-board>.

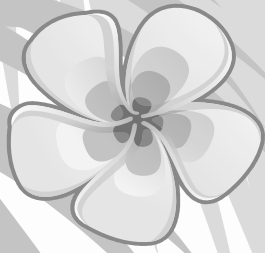
The genesis of this Board was deeply rooted in the longstanding history of the lack of consideration, recognition, and project funding for St. Tammany’s flood protection and drainage needs, dating back even before Katrina. In the past, the Parish had a one-person representation on the consolidated Levee Board on the South Shore, formed after Katrina, the **Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – East**. This organization covers three consolidated districts: East Jefferson Levee District, Orleans Levee District, and Lake Borgne Basin Levee District. However, not having a true Board that could be recognized and considered equally as part of that consolidation, the related flood protection needs of the North Shore were completely ignored, and received none of the **billions** spent on the South Shore, and the neighboring areas to its south.

Through the exceptional commitment and dedication of our Parish government officials, and State legislators, St. Tammany Parish was successful in removing itself from that consolidated, South Shore group, and has now formed its own Levee District. Representatives from our Storm Protection Committee had the opportunity to review the wording of the Bill, during its formation, and were instrumental in assuring Commissioner representation from the *unincorporated* areas of the shoreline, which oddly enough, given that these are the highest threat areas, were not in the original wording.

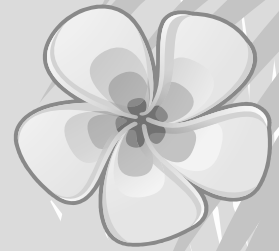
The implications of the designation as a “District”, and the broader identity, “.....Drainage and Conservation”, are quite significant from two perspectives. First, the Board can address flood protection issues as a “system” of flood threat contributors: storms, drainage paths, and capacities, while being mindful of conservation responsibilities. Secondly, this broader scope should allow the Board to pursue a more diverse set of funding interests and sources for its projects.

This Board now has the challenging task of making a difference in matters that affect all of us. Let’s stay tuned for what unfolds in the coming months, and wish these Commissioners all the best. By the way, four of our local residents were selected and appointed by the Governor, to be among the nine Commissioners on the new Levee Board: John Faust, Daniel McGovern, Pat Fitzpatrick and Lou Sandoz.

Good luck, gentlemen!!



SAVE THE DATE!

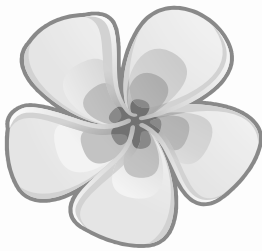


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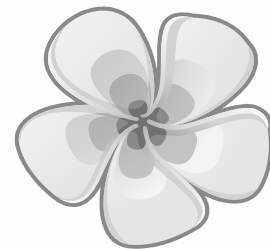
EDEN ISLES LUAU

on

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8TH, 2015



7 - 11 PM



at the

NORTHSHORE BEACH FIREHOUSE

Music by: NIGHTFALL

Call 985-641-1727 or 504-401-3739 for Tickets

Tickets: \$15/person (sold in advance)

Summer Time is Here, Remember Your Neighborhood Etiquette

- Don't throw trash in the waterways or on the street.
- Don't play music loudly or late at night, remember sound travels long distances over the water.
- Don't make a wake when traveling in your boat.
- Don't allow your pets to wander freely throughout the subdivision.
- Don't store your boat, boat trailer, or recreational vehicle on the street.
- Maintain your property in good condition.

Keep Our Waterways Pollution Free:

- Take precautions when using pesticides for lawn and pest control
- Don't pour items down the street storm drains, they drain directly into the waterways
- If you have a dog or cat, pick up their feces, bag it and place in garbage
- Do not over feed the ducks
- If you see rubbish in the water, fish it out
- Place grass clippings in bags not our waterways
- Instruct your lawn care person not to blow clippings into the water

UPCOMING EVENTS

For the first time since its inception the annual Eden Isles Crawfish Boil had to be cancelled. The reason for the cancellation was due to the issues that arose during the months of March and April regarding the placement of signs in public spaces. Though many believed that the HOA had taken their signs, in actuality, the Litter Enforcement Officer's also confiscated signs belonging to our HOA including the Crawfish Boil signs!

With the signs suddenly gone, we had no way to get the word out regarding the date of the Crawfish Boil or how to go about accessing tickets to the event.

This situation is a great example of why it is so important for our HOA to have contact information (email addresses, cell phone, home phone) for all residents as it would provide another means of getting information out to you all in a timely manner.

While we work with the parish enforcement office to find a resolution to the signage issue, please remember to check our website at www.eiho.org or our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/EdenIslesHomeownersAssociation to get information and updates regarding any of our events!

Eden Isles Green Space Maintenance Update

Since the beginning of spring, our HOA board members have fielded many complaints and concerns regarding grass cutting of our community green spaces. In response to the complaints and to keep the entire neighborhood abreast of what to expect relative to the maintenance of our green spaces, please be aware of the following:

- Our current contract with Cornerstone allows for Eden Isles Blvd to be cut and manicured on a weekly basis and for the rest of the community green spaces to be cut and manicured twice per month every **other** week.
- All green space maintenance is scheduled to occur on Mondays. In the event of rain on Monday or over the weekend that has left the ground too wet to cut on Monday, maintenance will occur as soon as possible thereafter on Tuesday or Wednesday. ***In the event the weather does not allow for green space maintenance by Thursday, that week will be skipped and maintenance will occur on the following Monday.***
- As a consequence of the large amounts of rain we have experienced so far this spring, many complaints were received regarding the green spaces within the community. In an attempt to offset this in the future, one-half of the green spaces will be cut on the first and third Monday of the month and the remaining green spaces will be cut on the second and fourth Mondays. Thus, every Monday Cornerstone will be cutting in some section of the subdivision. A map designating which green spaces will be cut on which Mondays will be posted (once schedule is received from Cornerstone) on our website (www.eiho.org) and on our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/EdenIslesHomeownersAssociation).

We are hopeful that the green space maintenance issues are behind us, but if you have concerns about the green spaces in your area, as always, please don't hesitate to reach out to a board member.



Paula Puglise & Theresa Lauzon
Owners/Instructors



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Eden Isles is unincorporated and therefore falls outside of the Slidell municipality jurisdiction. Residents living in unincorporated areas of St. Tammany (such as Eden Isles) are allowed to choose their own garbage service.

Originally Waste Management was the only garbage company servicing Eden Isles, then in 2003 Progressive Waste Solutions (formally Coastal Waste Services) began offering garbage service. As an incentive to increase their client list, Progressive Waste Solutions agreed to contribute money to Eden Isles' Greenforce. The amount they contribute depends on the number of homes they service.

The Homeowners Association has no authority to dictate which service you choose or how many companies operate in Eden Isles, however, the association does endorse Progressive Waste Solutions and request you use their service for two reasons:

1. Progressive Waste Solutions provides needed funds to help maintain our park grounds.
2. Reducing the number of garbage collectors in Eden Isles will help maintain our streets.

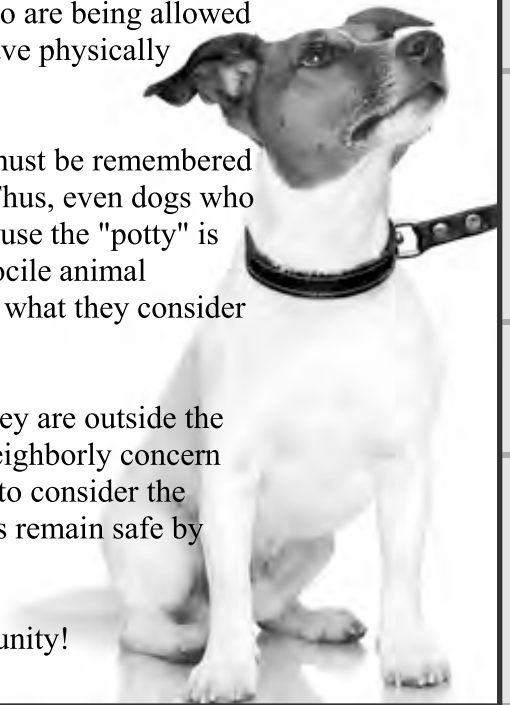
Please Restrain Your Pets

Recently our HOA board members have received several communications regarding unleashed dogs in our community. These dogs are residential pets who are being allowed outside without a leash. On several occasions these unleashed pets have physically attacked residents and/or smaller, leashed dogs.

Though most pet owners believe their pet to be gentle and docile, it must be remembered that most dogs "mark their territory" when they void their bladders. Thus, even dogs who are walked on a leash may feel that the place where they are taken to use the "potty" is their personal territory. This territorialism may result in a typically docile animal becoming unexpectedly aggressive when encountering "outsiders" in what they consider to be their territory.

The law requires that dogs be leashed within our community when they are outside the boundaries of their homeowner's enclosed yard. More importantly, neighborly concern and consideration would hopefully compel all residential pet owners to consider the safety of every resident first and foremost; and to ensure our residents remain safe by keeping your pet on a leash!

Compliance with this request will be appreciated by the entire community!



Conflict Resolution Amongst Neighbors

Our HOA board members receive many communications from residents involved in conflicts with their neighbors. Though the board is happy to try to mediate these situations when it is warranted, we find that oftentimes all that is required is facilitation of the parties talking with each other. To that end, the board wishes to encourage any of our residents who find themselves involved in a conflict with their neighbor to try to talk with the involved neighbor first to try to identify a mutually acceptable resolution. Following are six steps to employ when trying to resolve a conflict; hopefully they will help some of you to find a resolution that will allow both parties to establish or continue to build a positive, neighborly relationship with each other.

Step one: Defuse emotion to prepare for the real issue

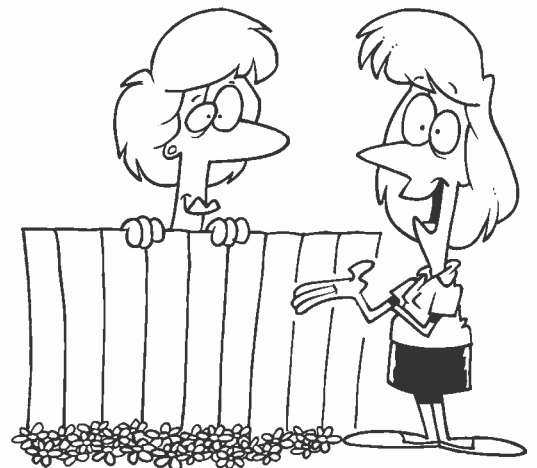
Step Two: Listen and accept the person's perceived issue

Step three: Get permission, then speak what's on your mind

Step Four: Solicit agreement on your issues and concerns

Step Five: Work together toward resolution

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Eden Isles Homeowner's Association Initiatives

It is the goal of the 2015 HOA Board of Directors to better understand exactly what our residents want from our HOA. In order to accomplish this goal, it is necessary for the members of our HOA board to meet and get to know as many residents as we can. In order to facilitate this, we will be undertaking several initiatives with the intent of interacting with as many of our residents as we can.

We would appreciate it if our residents would make the effort to interact with our board whenever possible during some of the opportunities we will provide in the coming months.

Initiatives:

1. ***Satisfaction Surveys*** - Members of the board will be attempting to speak with a random sampling of our residents to survey their opinions on what the board is or could be doing to increase residents' satisfaction with our neighborhood and our HOA.
2. ***Ice Cream Socials In Motion*** - Monthly ice cream socials that will move around to different areas of the subdivision to provide a relaxed, social environment in which residents can meet members of the board and discuss any issues or concerns they may have. This is also an opportunity for neighbors to meet neighbors so we hope many of you will participate.
3. ***Eden Isles Youth Council*** - The board would like to quantify the number and ages of our school-age residents in order to determine the feasibility of developing a neighborhood Youth Council that would provide opportunities for our youth to interact with their contemporaries in the community, potentially participate in community sports teams, and possibly become involved in neighborhood community service projects aimed at assisting some of our elderly residents with the maintenance of their properties.
4. ***Eden Isles Neighborhood Beautification Weeks*** - This initiative is aimed at engaging the entire community in two weeks of beautification of the exteriors of our properties. This initiative would begin Saturday, June 13th and end on Sunday June 28th. During this time the board is hoping that as many households as possible would set aside time to join their neighbors in a community-wide home beautification project which would include whatever maintenance or upgrades to the exterior of your home that might be needed. We are also asking any residents who might like to volunteer to assist some of our older residents with their beautification efforts to contact Sharon Jenkins Smith at sjsmith511@aol.com or by phone at 985/288-5095 with dates and times you might be available.

The Eden Isles Homeowners Association's Position on Signs on Public Property

The Eden Isles Homeowners Association *does not* enforce the parish's litter ordinance prohibiting signs placed on public property.

The Eden Isles Homeowners Association does receive complaints from both sides of this issue.

When the Association receives a call demanding the Association remove signs from public property, the Association refers the caller to the parish's litter enforcement officer. The Association does not direct board members or others to remove signs on behalf of the Association.

When the Association receives a call demanding to know why the Association had a sign removed, the caller is told that it is not the policy of the Association to remove signs, the signs were probably removed by the Parish's Code Enforcement Department or a neighbor who feels the signs devalue the subdivision and consequently all property values.

The Association does not take action on either side of this issue, but serves to assist its members in addressing issues within Eden Isles.

The Association does feel a responsibility to warn homeowners of the penalties of placing signs on public

St. Tammany's Position On Public Property Signs:

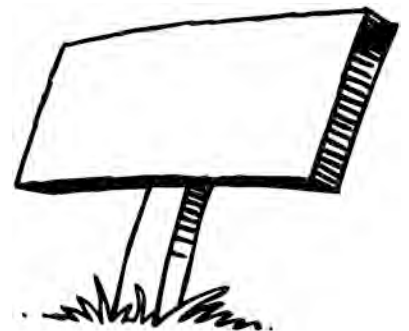
It is illegal to post anything on a STOP sign or any other Department of Transportation (DOT) instrument.

St. Tammany Code Enforcement Division tracks these offenders down and issues a summons with a bond and court date. The minimum fine is \$100 and max fine is \$500, plus court cost of \$50.00. The Code Enforcement Division prosecutes offenders every month. Signs are considered litter in our Parish. There is a litter court once per month in the Parish Council Chambers and they issue approximately 40 summonses each month.

Also, note: **all signs are illegal, even the ones that are erected at the entrance to your subdivision.** So, when the code enforcement officers go out, they will remove all signs.

If residents wish to expedite enforcement of violations they may email a photo of the sign along with the locations where the sign is located. Once this photographic documentation has been received, action will be taken, even if the sign is subsequently removed.

Richard (Rick) Moore
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St. Tammany Parish Government .
Legal Department, Code Enforcement Division
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Office 985.898.2521
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DID YOU KNOW...?

- Eden Isles board members commit to a two year term of service and volunteer their time.

Board meetings are held at the homes of board members and are open to any HOA member. If you would like to bring any suggestions, concerns, or ideas to the board's attention, simply reach out to any board member via the contact information found in the roster enclosed in this newsletter and request some time during an upcoming board meeting. The HOA board meets monthly, typically on the first Monday of the calendar month.

- Making changes in our community in most cases is as simple as making a suggestion to any board member and watching it be implemented if it is feasible to do within the by-laws of our covenants. In some cases, if it involves finances greater than \$500 or requires a change to our by-laws the suggestion may require a vote of the general membership prior to implementation. This vote would then be taken during one of our quarterly membership meetings following which implementation and execution in most cases would happen shortly thereafter.

- Our current committees are always looking for residents (both owners AND renters) who are interested in getting involved and facilitating your involvement is as easy as making a phone call or sending an email to any one of our HOA board or committee chairs who are listed on the roster that can be found in this newsletter. ***Additionally, if the committee you'd like to chair or be a part of does not currently exist, creating it is definitely within the scope of possibilities!***

- MOST HOA-sponsored events within our community are open to all residents (including renters)!! These events are planned in the hope of creating a stronger community bond amongst all of our residents. The intent of these events is multifold:

- ➔ Giving something of personal value back to the households that are already members and allowing members of our HOA board the opportunity to network with them in the hope of learning how to better serve their needs.
- ➔ Meeting new residents with the goal of welcoming them into our community and ultimately hoping they will get involved and join our HOA.
- ➔ Allowing every resident of Eden Isles to get to know the people in our neighborhood thereby creating an island paradise that does not feel like a deserted island.

To this end, your HOA plans to bring you more opportunities to interact with your neighbors in 2015 and we would love it if some of you reached out to us to let us know what types of new events you'd like to see be added to our existing events which we assure you will be continued!

- Renters can join our HOA according to the rules set forth in our HOA by-laws. Knowing that many of our current homeowners found their way to our island paradise by way of rental properties and then decided to purchase their homes, we encourage any resident who is renting their home to join our HOA and really see what living in Eden Isles can be.

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Additionally, your HOA Board of Directors wants to remind you that Progressive Waste Solutions contributes money to the Eden Isles Beautification fund on a monthly basis for each household that utilize their waste removal services. These funds help maintain our community's green spaces and fewer large trucks on our roads help to keep our streets in good condition. Through October 31, 2014 Progressive contributed over \$6000 to our community based on the number of households using their services at that time. If you haven't already made the decision to do so, we encourage you to consider changing your waste removal service to Progressive Waste Solutions and help your neighbors who are already using this service to continue to improve our community!!

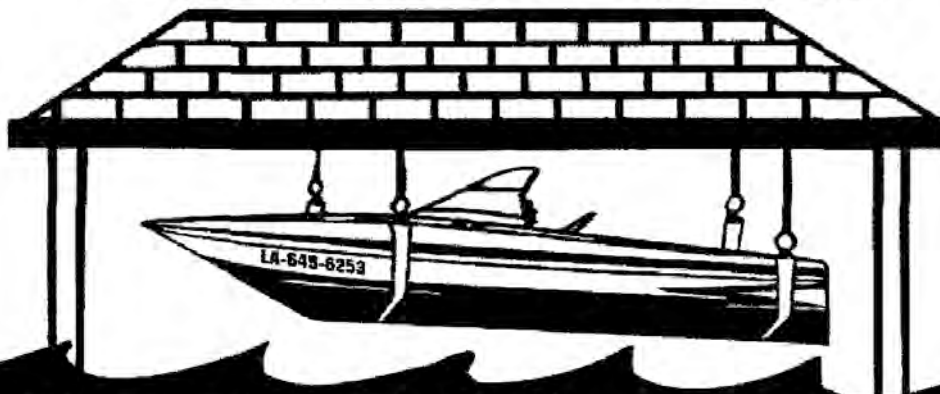
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- Provide seasonal landscaping and decorations for the neighborhood entrances
- Publish the Eden Islander newsletter to keep everyone informed of pertinent neighborhood events
- Maintain a website to make finding important neighborhood information easier and to post time-sensitive news (ie. crime alerts, hurricane updates, etc.)
- To coordinate neighborhood civic activities and meetings (ex. Night Out for Crime, Neighborhood Garage Sale, etc.)
- To serve as a liaison on behalf of 1200 households when addressing our governing agencies
- Help maintain the peaceful coexistence of neighbors and protect/enhance property values via enforcement of Parish and the Eden Isles Covenants

Membership:

Membership is open to all property owners, residents and those wishing to support our community. Membership is the best opportunity available to you the help keep Eden Isles a great place to live. Kindly include the completed form when submitting your annual dues. Members are the first to be contacted when important issues arise.

Participation:

Volunteer homeowners make up our board of directors and committees. We continually need new volunteers to serve on our board of directors and committees. Please attend the quarterly homeowners meetings to keep up with the news and to volunteer.

Questions:

Visit www.eiho.org. You can send an e-mail from the link on the home page or call one of the board members listed under contacts. We thank you for considering Eden Isles your home and helping to make a great place to live for everyone.

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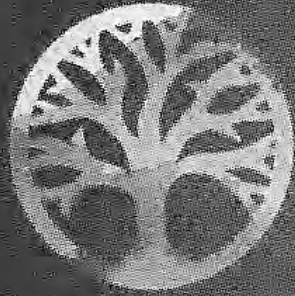
The parish does not maintain or fund the maintenance of the public spaces of our neighborhood, your homeowners association does!

Monies collected are used for: cutting the grass in all of the public green spaces throughout the neighborhood, lighting, maintaining and providing seasonally appropriate decorations for both main entrances, installation and maintaining street signs, managing the cost of repairs and utilities associated with the security cameras, planting and maintaining the landscaping, managing the costs of neighborhood publications (ex. The Eden Islander Newsletter/security alerts/posters), paying for postal service and postage, State fees regarding the entity of the association, water testing lab expenses, insurance and legal fees, quarterly meetings expenses, and basic funding for select neighborhood events.

NOTE: Board and committee members are non compensated neighborhood volunteers whose only interest is contributing to the well being of the neighborhood.

Those who fail to pay dues hinder the HOA's ability to effectively maintain the neighborhood. The more homeowners that participate, the more your association can accomplish. The current level of financial participation does not provide the HOA sufficient budget to cover the expense of properly enforcing the covenants; this hurts us all ultimately via a detrimental impact on our individual and the neighborhood's collective property values. Although the covenants are a legally binding part of each property's deed, without sufficient funding the HOA can offer little assistance, thereby the burden of enforcement becomes the duty of each individual homeowner. Your financial support and participation will allow your Eden Isles Homeowners Association to better help you protect and enhance one of your single most important investments, your home!

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