

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dale Wood



On December 10, 2001, I was to serve as the President of the Eden Isles Homeowners' Association for 2002. I accepted election with pride and was looking forward to continuing the work that was begun in the previous year.

On Christmas Eve, I found myself alongside my wife at Slidell Memorial Hospital awaiting results of medical test that would tell us about the illness that had suddenly befallen her. On December 27, our worst fears were confirmed. Donna was diagnosed with cancer.

On that same day, I

prepared a letter addressed to the newly-elected Secretary of the Association, Carol Hopson. The letter told Carol of my wife's condition and of the necessity for me to resign the Presidency and from the Board of the Association. I telephoned the Association's vacationing Vice-President, Jim Cunningham, and informed him of the situation. Jim agreed to assume the Presidency in accordance with the Association's by-laws.

In the following days, I met with Jim and other Board and Advisory Committee members to facilitate a transition. Jim has asked that I continue to work with the board in an advisory capacity and I have agreed to do so.

Fortunately, the cancer was caught at a time when there is every prospect of a full recovery. There will be surgery and chemotherapy. Therefore, my first priority

needs to be my wife. As many of you know, my community's well-being is a great passion for me and during Donna's illness, I will do what I can to support my community and the Association.

In his 1965 autobiography, Ronald Reagan quoted Clark Gable as saying, "The most important thing a man can know is that, as he approaches his own door, someone on the other side is listening for the sound of his footsteps."

Donna has been listening for my footsteps for seventeen years and, quite selfishly, I'd like to keep it that way for many, many more years. I would appreciate your prayers for her and Jim. They both need them now.

### HOMEOWNERS MEETING

Tuesday, January 29, 2002

Tammany Yacht Club

7:00 PM

## Coach Thomas' Meeting About Parking/Abandoning Vehicles On Public Streets

On December 5, 2001 our Parish Representative, Coach Thomas, held a community meeting to discuss enforcement of Parish Ordinances that prohibit parking/abandoning vehicles on public streets. In addition to Representative Thomas, the other Parish officials present were: Mr. Mike Savant, legal counsel for the parish; Mr. Lane Carson, Assistant District Attorney; Mr. Sidney Fontenot, Director of Planning; Mr. Donald Sharp and Al Taylor with the Sheriff's Office; and Mr. Kevin Davis, St. Tammany Parish President.

Mr. Carson read the two ordinances, which state it is unlawful to park or abandon a vehicle on any public street for more than 48 consecutive hours, and it is unlawful to park or abandon boats, trailers, motor homes or vehicles over six feet in width for more than 24 hours.

It was also stated that the 48 hour ordinance applies parish wide, but the 24-hour ordinance for oversized vehicles only applies to district 13.

Residents were given five minutes each to express their opinions.

Those opposed to enforcement of the ordinances cited the following reasons:

1. Safety - Speeding is a greater safety concern than parking on the street. The vehicles parked on the shoulders of Eden Isles drive act as barricades preventing cars from passing on the right shoulder. Cars parked on side streets also act as barricades forcing cars to slow down in order to maneuver around them. Therefore, parking on the side street creates a safer condition.

2. Convenience - Owners of oversized motor homes need to park their motor home in front of their home to prepare for trips, and it takes more than 24-hours to load and unload a motor home.

3. Improper Use of Public Resources - public resources should concentrate their efforts on more important issues like: speeding and crime; not waste their time enforcing silly parking ordinances.

4. Need - My garage is so full I can't put a car in it, and my driveway is too small for all of my cars.

5. This is a Witch Hunt - Supporters

of the ordinances represent only a small number of residents in the subdivision and their efforts to enforce the ordinances will cause hard feelings among neighbors.

Those supporting the enforcement of the ordinances cited the following reasons:

1. Safety - Parking on the street prohibits safe traffic flow, reduces visibility, forces vehicles to drive against on coming traffic, and it's hazardous to pedestrians walking along the edge of the street. There is agreement that speeding is a significant problem, but using vehicles and barricades to restrict traffic flow isn't the answer. Strict enforcement of our speed limits and possibility of speed bumps are more effective and safer than using cars, trucks, and trailers as barricades.

2. The ordinances are extremely liberal and they allow on street parking - the ordinances do not, and will not impact 95% of the residents.

You may park your car on the street all you want just don't store your car, truck, or trailer on the street for more than two days at a time. This gives every resident the freedom to park on the street every day if they choose to, it also allows overflow parking for parties, weekend visits, and other special events. The issue is not parking on a public street. The issue is creating a prolonged nuisance by using a public street as your personal storage lot for vehicles you do not use.

3. Improper use of public property - The streets do not belong to you they belong to everyone, and when you store your vehicle on our streets you infringe upon our rights to travel on our streets safely without obstructions.

4. Maintaining community standards and property values - Eden Isles is a quality upscale residential subdivision, and people have made substantial investments in their homes. Most residents take pride in their homes and resent the negative issues caused by using streets as storage lots. Storing cars, trucks, boats, trailers and motor homes on the street detracts from our image and lowers property

values.

5. Enforcement has strong community support - Eden Isles consist of 1,243 residents and as of this date 668 have signed a petition requesting the ordinances to be enforced. It is unfair to accuse the Home Owner's Association Board of Directors of conducting a witch-hunt. The Home Owner's board is a group of unpaid volunteers elected by their neighbors in accordance with the bylaws to help residents achieve the goals that they have set for the community. After receiving numerous complaints about boat trailers and motor homes parked in the streets the board had a responsibility to resolve the problem.

The board published article after article in the newsletter asking residents not to use our streets as a storage lot for their unused vehicles.

The board drove the streets to verify the validity of the complaints, made phone calls and left notices asking people to find another place to store their unused cars, trucks, trailers and motor homes. Most people willingly complied, a small percentage refused. As a last resort the Board simply asks the parish to enforce its existing laws.

6. Enforcement is fair and just - The board has worked out a system with the parish to resolve this issue without imposing undue hardship on the residents of Eden Isles or to the parish enforcement agencies. Once a month a list of complaints is sent to the parish code enforcement agencies. The parish code enforcement office verifies the ordinance violation and issues a written notice to the owner. If the vehicle is not moved within the prescribed period of time (48 hours or 24 hours for vehicles over 6' wide) the sheriff's office is notified and once again the owner is asked to move their vehicle. If the owner still refuses to move their vehicle then and only then is it towed away.

The 24-hour limit is needed for oversized vehicles because they pose a greater threat to public safety of the densely populated subdivision of District 13.

The meeting concluded with the parish's commitments to enforce the ordinances.

## It's Time to Pay Your Annual Membership Dues for the Homeowners' Association for 2002

It's that time of the year again when you have the opportunity to show your support for your subdivision by activating or renewing your membership in the Eden Isles Homeowners' Association and Greenforce. Annual membership dues for the Homeowners' Association is only \$20.00 a year for family membership or \$10.00 for single adults, Greenforce is only \$35.00 each year, and this year we are asking for a \$20.00 donation for a legal fund.

Your Homeowners' Association dues are used to protect property values and to improve the quality of life in Eden Isles. The money is spent in accordance with the by-laws to fund activities that are brought before the Association's membership and voted upon. Each dues paying member becomes a member in good-standing and is granted voting rights on how the money is spent. A full accounting of all money spent is published in each newsletter and presented at each Homeowners' meeting. Some of the things your dues pay for as follows:

- The creation and maintenance of the Eden Isles Web Sight([www.EIHOA.com](http://www.EIHOA.com))
- The maintenance of the Eden Isles Homeowner's hot line.(781-0091).
- The publication and distribution of the newsletter.
- The purchase, installation, and maintenance of security cameras at each guardhouse.
- The purchase and planting of oak trees along Eden Isles Boulevard
- Block parties and the night out against crime party.
- Laboratory testing of our waterways to ensure water quality and identify any hazardous conditions.
- Beautification and maintenance activities (i.e. flags and the repair of the water fall at the Hwy. 11 entrance, guardhouse maintenance, etc.)

Many other miscellaneous activities that increase property values and to improve the quality of life in Eden Isles; all in accordance with your wishes as expressed at our meetings.

Your Greenforce donations pay to have all the common grounds in Eden Isles cut 14 times each year. Imagine what the effect on your quality of life and property values would be if we didn't cut grass on the common grounds.

The legal fund will support the legal costs associated with enforcement of the Eden Isles covenant(s) and additional costs required to assure commercial construction is complimentary to the Eden Isles standard.

A strong Homeowners' Association is the key to having a voice in determining your future. When issues such as a port development, or bridge closure, or zoning changes are proposed, it is the united voice of a strong Homeowners' Association that gets heard!

Remember, **100% of the money is spent to improve you subdivision in accordance with your wishes**, the board of Directors are all volunteers and receive no payment for their services. Consider how much value you received from this once a year contribution and join your neighbors in supporting the Eden Isles Homeowners' Association, Greenforce and our legal fund. Please write three checks, one to Eden Isles Homeowners' Association for \$20.00, one to Greenforce for \$35.00, and one to Eden Isles Legal Fund for \$20.00, and mail the checks **today** to P.O. Box 2746, Slidell, LA 70458

Thank You,

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STATEMENT OF REVENUES COLLECTED AND EXPENSES PAID  
FOR THE MONTH ENDING 12/31/01

CURR. PERIOD RATIO: NET REVENUE YTD RATIO.....: NET REVENUE	THIS MONTH	RATIO	12 MONTHS	RATIO
<b>INCOME</b>				
DUES FEES & CONTRIBUTIONS	2,118.50	97.0	47,624.16	99.0
INTEREST INCOME	65.68	3.0	471.22	1.0
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>2,184.18</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>48,095.38</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
ACCOUNTING	0.00	0.0	644.50	1.3
BANK SERVICE CHARGES	3.00	0.1	36.60	0.1
CONTRACT LABOR	1,130.00	51.7	14,848.00	30.9
INSURANCE	0.00	0.0	2,869.65	6.0
LEGAL	0.00	0.0	3,703.96	7.7
OFFICE	553.24	25.3	4,298.59	8.9
POSTAGE	0.00	0.0	284.00	0.6
PRINTING	0.00	0.0	5,932.27	12.3
RENT	0.00	0.0	300.00	0.6
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	0.00	0.0	1,026.58	2.1
SUPPLIES	0.00	0.0	558.96	1.2
TELEPHONE	13.98	0.6	164.28	0.3
UTILITIES	85.39	3.9	972.33	2.0
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>1,785.61</b>	<b>81.8</b>	<b>35,639.72</b>	<b>74.1</b>
<b>NET INCOME (LOSS)</b>	<b>398.57</b>	<b>18.2</b>	<b>12,455.66</b>	<b>25.9</b>

**CRIME REPORT**

The crime report from the St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office for November 11 through December 31, 2001 is as follows:

November - Speeding (1 call)  
Traffic stops (2 calls)  
Fire (1 call)  
Theft of Flag (1 call)  
Suspicious Vehicles (3 calls)  
Drug Complaint (1 call)

December - Speeding (8 calls)  
Traffic stops (1 call)  
Patrol of Subdivision (2)  
General Complaints (11 calls)  
Suspicious Persons (2 calls)  
Family Dispute (1 call)  
Suspicious Vehicles (2 calls)  
Drug Complaint (1 call)  
Traffic Incident (4 calls)  
Medical Emergency (1 call)

The Association would like to thank Captain McCormick for her efforts in gathering this information. Why don't you give her a call (898-2329) and let her know that you appreciate her efforts.

**ARTICLES**

**THIS IS YOUR NEWSLETTER!** If you would like for the Association to publish your article in the newsletter, call the HOTLINE at 781-0091.

**TAX TIP**

**by M. Dale Wood Jr., CPA, MS\***  
**(\* - in Taxation)**

If you can't file your income tax return by April 15, you can file for an automatic four month extension of time to file the return. Form 4868 is used to file the extension. This is an extension of time to file only! It is NOT an extension of time to pay your taxes. Extensions of time to pay your taxes are applied for using Form 1127 but are only granted if "undue hardship" will occur if the taxes are not paid timely.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT SAILING RACES

The Saint Tammany Yacht Club spring series is at TYC on Harbor Drive on March 27 at 7 pm. This is a fun event and a good way to learn sailing, and tune up racing skills. Come to the club or call 649-5222.

Information provided by Scott Collins, race chairman, TYC 646-0923.



## MAIL BOXES

Want to save a stamp when mailing in your dues? Want to save a stamp on that petition? Want to make suggestions to the Association? DROP IT IN ONE OF THE MAILBOXES AT THE ENTRANCES TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD! At the Marina Drive entrance, the mail box is on the Eden Isles sign as you are entering the neighborhood. At the Highway 11 entrance, the mail box is attached to the community billboard.

## EDEN ISLES HOME OWNER BOARD MEMBER NEEDED

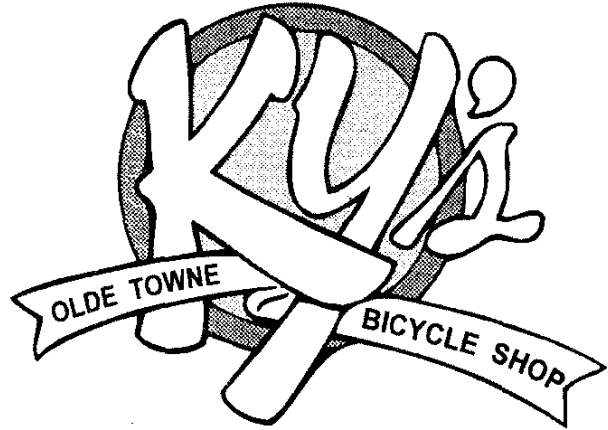
How many times have you asked yourself "Why doesn't the EIHOA Board do something about---?" The Board needs one more Eden Isles resident to be part of the solution. The Board meets once a month (usually on the second Tuesday at 7 pm.) for a couple of hours to conduct the business of keeping Eden Isles the community that we can all be proud of. We are "folks" just like the rest of you, and probably one of your neighbors.

Bring your ideas, skills and energy and join us on the Board. You will be rewarded in being part of the solution. If you are interested, please call Jim Cunningham at 649-6229.

## SENATOR DEAN TO SPEAK

Senator Lynn Dean will speak at the EIHOA's January meeting. Under the state's new redistricting plan, Senator Dean will begin representing our area in January of 2003. Before being elected to serve in the state senate, he served as the President of St. Bernard Parish. It was at the time the parish went from a Police Jury System to a Council System of government. Prior to that, he was a member of the St. Bernard School Board. In addition to his public service career, Senator Dean is the owner of Elevated Boats.

He is interested in sharing his views with us and in learning our concerns for the future. The 2002 Legislative Session is a fiscal only session and all of the activity will be concerned with financial issues. The 2003 Session will be a general session where all concerns can be addressed. Senator Dean is very open with his ideas and views and will be glad to answer our questions. Come and hear our future senator speak!



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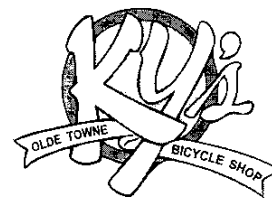
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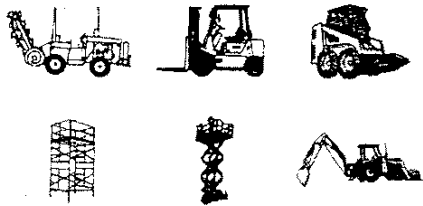
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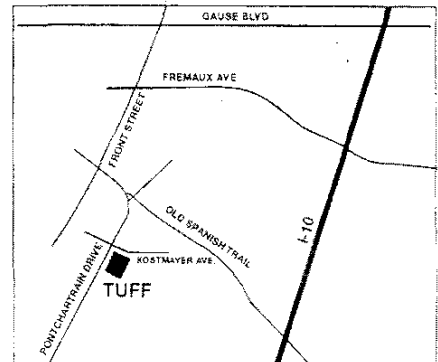
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# Garden Club

I don't know about you but I'm very happy to see a quiet January arrive. Almost all the signs of the holiday season have been returned to the attics.

The end of November found the Garden Club decorating the entrances for the upcoming holiday. Ann Courrege, Wylene Heatherly, Linda Triay, Marie Perret, Janet Giroir, Nell Forstall, Jamie Ceforia, Nunny Levis, Yvon Molinary and I spent a few moments stuffing candy bags for December 16th, then we were off to the entrances, decorations in hand.



In December, Beverly Chauffe and her committee cleaned and replanted the entrances with snapdragons for the cool(er) months. On December 4th, Lillian Williams, Pam White, Wylene Heatherly, Marie Perret, Nunny Levis, and Phyllis Mitts gathered to assemble three gingerbread houses in Linda Triay's kitchen for Slidell's Christmas Under the Stars Celebration.



Our usual monthly meeting, December 5th, was held at the home of Juanita Gibbs. It was catered by Michael's and featured a menu of crab and corn bisque, chicken breasts stuffed with shrimp, scalloped potatoes, string beans, salad and praline bread pudding. Champagne was brought and served to the members with



smile and holiday wishes by Nell Forstall. It was a true Christmas feast in a lovely setting. Kudos go to Juanita and her co-hostesses; Marion Frosio, Phyllis Mitts and Yvon Molinary. After lunch we had great fun with a Chinese auction of our Christmas gifts to each other. As they say, a good time was had by all.



On December 7th, nine members took our handmade angels to Griffin Park in Olde Towne (along with many other area clubs) and decorated one of the Christmas trees. I hope you got a chance to visit Christmas Under the Stars in Griffith Park to see the trees, park decorations, Santa and enjoy the entertainment outside. While, inside the community





building, the gingerbread houses, wreaths, railroads and mountain scenes were on display. It is another reason to be proud of this area.

Then it was Tea Time at Windsor Court, 29 members and friends of the club enjoyed the ambiance, music and graciousness of the continental tea at this marvelous facility



Preparations were made and the Marina Café was the place to be to visit with Santa on December the 16th. The children of the area were invited to come meet that jolly old elf, himself, and about 50 children did. They enjoyed talking to him, getting a small bag of candy, having their pictures taken with him and then having cookies and a drink.

The neighborhood Christmas decorations were judged on December 18th by the Garden Club. The co-winners were 423 and 425 Charles Court (these homes you will all recognize as having the wonderful backyard decorations which you could see crossing the bridge going out to route 10) - well, their front yards were judged to be the best this year. Second place went to 203 Blackfin and third place was 128 Pebble Beach. We had a great time wandering about the neighborhood and seeing all the work and time you all spent on decorating your homes and yards. We, here in Eden Isles, sure are a good group of neighbors. It was very hard choosing winners, keep up the good work. After judging we gathered at Ann Courrege's home for holiday libations and nibbles.

Our Christmas tour in the French Quarter got rained out on December 28th.

Our first regular meeting in the new year was held at the home of our President, Lillian Williams on January 9th. It was hosted by the board members ; Lillian Williams, Ann Courrege, Nunny Levis, Marie Perret and Linda Triay. A program on roses was given by Mr. and Mrs. Goldstein from Metairie. They have about 300 rose bushes in their Metairie yard. Both of the Goldstein's have been a past President of the New Orleans Rose Society. They were very knowledgeable and entertaining.

Yvon Molinary had exciting news to announce to the club. She received an invitation for the club to participate in the New Orleans Museum of Art's "Art in Bloom". For those of you who don't know, this is a spring thing at the museum which involves a floral representation of a selection of art works. This event is by invitation only and this is the first time Eden Isles Garden Club has been invited to participate.

Even though our meeting was not on a Monday, we had a great lunch of red beans and rice, salads, corn muffins and a difficult choice between two cakes (a lemon meringue and chocolate pecan) - some of us couldn't make a choice.....

We are off on January 17th to the New Orleans Botanical Gardens. It seems like a good way for a Garden Club to start the new year (naturally our trip will include a lunch stop, probably at Cafe Degas).

There is no yard judging in January. For a change of pace and since February is not normally known for it's spectacular flowers, the club will be judging Mardi Gras decorations. Dust off your gold, green and purple things right now and get them in place for judging during the first week of the month. Here are some tips for your garden right now: January and February are the best times to be pruning your roses and landscape trees and don't flower in the spring. Now is the time to be spraying dormant oil on those plants that are prone to scale and lace bugs. By removing the dead flowers on your cool-season plants, you can extend the blooming season and improve flower performance.

Till next time, June Collins.





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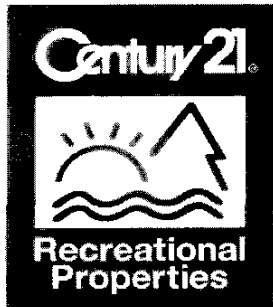


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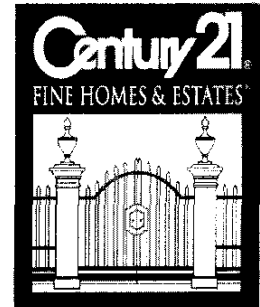


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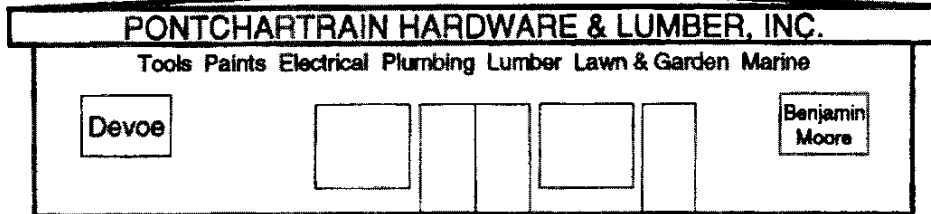


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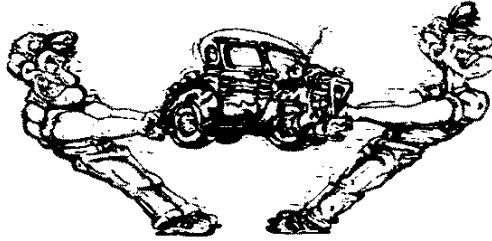


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