



# THE EDEN ISLANDER

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## EDEN ISLES COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT PLAN HAS BEEN AMENDED

by Bill Weil-President  
Eden Isles Homeowner's Association

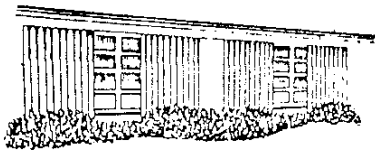
The Commissioners have reduced the overall cost of the District plan following the Public Hearings. Residents will still have 24 hour private security guards at both entrances to Eden Isles as well as a Sheriff's deputy patrol in the subdivision and all medians and common grounds maintained. The cost of the plan is estimated to be approximately \$24.00 per month for all of these services for single-family residences within the gates. The plan will be on a ballot at the November 18th referendum for all registered voters to cast their ballots. Upon approval of the plan, the Commissioners will begin to write specifications with cost limitations to prospective bidders for providing these services. It is estimated that bids will be returned by March 1990 and services will begin to be provided the following year in January 1991. Service fees will probably be collected at the end of 1990 for the fiscal year beginning in January 1991 unless the legislation is amended to allow fees to be collected during the 1990 fiscal year.

The Eden Isles Homeowner's Association will have to figure out a way to raise enough funds to provide guard service in the interim. The present \$10.00 per month voluntary contribution will not provide guard service at both gates and therefore will need to be increased on a volunteer basis if guard service is to be adequately provided until all property owners contribute under the proposed plan. We will still have to live with high weeds on most of the medians and common grounds until the plan is implemented.

## PLAN AMENDED (continued)

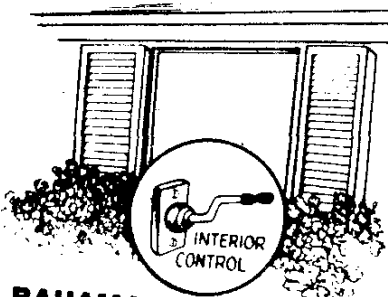
I am in favor of this plan as many of you are aware and I urge those residents who also favor a secure, well maintained subdivision to support this plan also. I have been a resident and active member of the Eden Isles Homeowner's Association for over four years and have watched this subdivision struggle with various attempts to provide services on a volunteer basis without success. If any volunteer system is to succeed it needs volunteers and although we have been successful in many endeavors, we

lack enough volunteers or the mechanism to provide adequate guard service and ground maintenance to a growing community. I am sure you know if you have been an active contributor to our community or if either you or your neighbors have the time to give now or in the past to manage community services of this magnitude. We need a solution now, before we lose our security service or allow our community to continue on it's present course of diminishing services due to a failure to take action. Your decision will determine the direction this subdivision takes over the next several years and will also determine the value we place on our community. I am sure we all look forward to having these services to improve our property values and keep Eden Isles a safe place for ourselves and our children.



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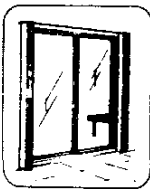
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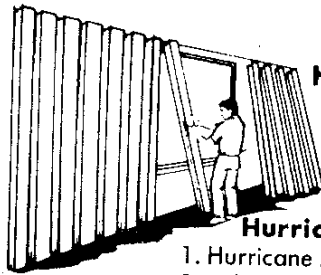
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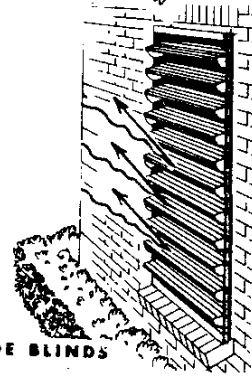
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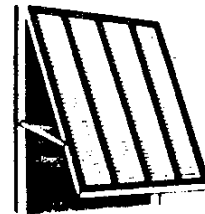
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by  
Robert F. Lazar, Safety Chairman

As some of my fellow Eden Islanders know, I am a Fire Commissioner for St. Tammany Fire Protection District No. 1, which is the fire protection for our part of the Parish. The District covers 120 square miles and protects approximately 49% of the Parish population.

The Fire Department consists of 71 paid personnel operating out of five stations including a well-trained inspection/investigation squad. Three volunteer fire companies, including the Northshore VFD, augment the paid department.

The efficiency of this system plus our elevated tank-fed water system earned Eden Isles a recent insurance rating drop from a six to a four, an average savings of 39% to each householder. (Check with your insurance company for details.) And the effort to extend lower rates in the Fire District with resulting savings to Homeowners goes on.

On the October 7 ballot, your fire department has a referendum for a 15 mill increase. This is a very small increase on our tax bill. We have so far saved more on our insurance. There will be specific information at our Homeowner's Meeting on the cost of the millage.

What will Eden Isles get from this millage? Plenty!

1. The Fire Department needs additional revenue just to maintain the current level of protection and service. Costs have increased.
2. The need to expand fire protection is being felt now. New fire stations, including one closer to our area have to be built. Response time can be shortened which is a major factor in protecting lives and property as well as contributing to insurance rate reduction.

## SAFETY (continued)

3. Advanced equipment and apparatus are needed to cope with hazardous materials transported through our area as well as more efficiency in the usual kinds of firefighting.
4. More is needed for fire prevention and investigation. The "Learn Not to Burn" education program and other efforts require support. The current effort to teach the school children fire safety is vital and needs support.

There are a wide range of specific areas in the Fire Department that need support. The Fire Chief will visit our Homeowners Meeting to answer any questions you have.

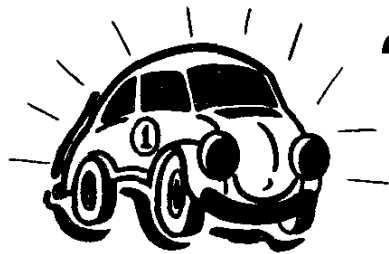
Please support this millage. Vote YES for Fire District No. 1 on October 7, Saturday.

## OAK HARBOR YACHT AND COUNTRY CLUB

Oak Harbor is presently evaluating the interest level in Eden Isles regarding membership to the Oak Harbor Yacht and Country Club. Reduced initiation fees with eventual reimbursement of these fees have been offered to Eden Isles residents only. All residents who wish to take advantage of the reduced rates of membership should contact Oak Harbor to complete an application as soon as possible. Membership participation will begin when the facility is completed and this may be determined in part by the interest level in club membership.



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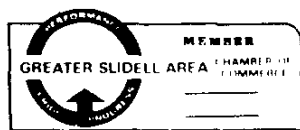
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## LITTER COMMITTEE REPORT

By Ann Gremillion

Isn't it amazing how fast recycable cans, glass, plastic and newspaper can pile up in your garage. If you are one of the 30 or more families in Eden Isles that is separating your trash on a regular basis you know exactly what I'm talking about. It's a little inconvenient but I thank you for finding those storage areas rather than bringing bags and boxes to my door.

Once you get in the habit of separating trash, it's easy. And it gives you a perspective on the amount of trash that goes through a household. Here are some reminders of the items we are collecting and taking to Gabriel's Recycling on Short Cut Road:

Aluminum cans are the most profitable and are more convenient to haul if they are crushed. Stomping cans can be an afternoon's entertainment for kids or a good pressure release for adults.

Plastic such as water or milk jugs, liter soda bottles and other high quality plastic containers need to be rinsed clean. It is also helpful if these items are crushed and bundled in bags.

Glass bottles need to be separated by color, rinsed out with tops removed.

Brown grocery bags are a good way to bundle newspaper.

Computer paper and cardboard can also be recycled.

Car batteries, scrap metal, old motors -- it all can bring in money to the neighborhood beautification fund.

And the best news is that Landmark Land Co. will match dollar for dollar, the money we raise -- up to \$500.

## LITTER COMMITTEE (continued)

Our goal is to raise \$500 from recycling, add Landmark's money and then plant trees, brushes and flowers in the spring.

Want'a help? Start separating your trash. Discourage littering and pick it up when you see it. Volunteer with your ideas, your pick-up truck and your time. Thanks to everyone who already has.

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## LAWN AND GARDEN TIPS FOR OCTOBER

by Diane S. Liuzza  
Gardens of Eden Garden Center

Now is the time to start preparing beds for fall planting. These include pansy, calendula, Gerbera Diasy, flowering cabbage and kale and Dianthus.

Plan to dig and store caladium tubes once foliage begins to brown and droop.

The tubers sometimes will rot in the soil over winter. Stop all applications of fertilizers now and gradually decrease watering until foliage begins to die. Once foliage has faded, lift the tubers, wash and allow to dry, then pack in peat moss and store in a cool location or hang in an old nylon stocking until planting time. Do not allow tubers to freeze while in storage over the winter.

Weed Control - Weeds can greatly detract from an otherwise healthy vigorous lawn.

There are certain cultural practices that a homeowner may do in order to prevent many weeds from invading the turf.

1. Select a turfgrass that is dense and vigorous such as centipede or St. Augustine.
2. Be consistent with cutting height. Be sure to mow the grass before weed seed heads appear. This single practice can be the most helpful practice in preventing a serious weed invasion.
3. Maintain proper soil fertility. Fertilize often. A fall application of Winterizer fertilizer is extremely helpful.
4. Provide at least a one inch penetration of water a week to the lawn.
5. Check the lawn weekly for insect or disease invasion. Especially mole crickets. When turfgrass becomes invaded with disease or insects and dies, weeds take over the space where the turf died. Its advisable this

## GARDEN TIPS (continued)

month to make an application of Diazinon or Dursban granules or Oftano granules.

6. Practice detatching and aeration. Detatching removes the breeding ground for insects and disease, while aeration provides oxygen for the root system.

These practices do help a great deal but will not work on weeds such as buttonweed, dalligrass, clover, chickweed and others. Therefore a weed and feed or liquid Herbicide should be used a few times a year.

## FELINE LEUKEMIA

by Diane S. Liuzza

This virus breaks down a cats immune system much like the Aids virus does the human immune system. Cats infected with the virus can't fight off invasions by bacteria, viruses, and funguses. They give birth to weak dying kittens. They often develop such diseases as pneumonia, and suffer from chronic colds, stomach problems, skin and mouth sores and anemia. The cats that survive these related diseases often go on to develop cancer. The fact is once a cat is infected, it rarely lives longer than three years. Feline Leukemia is extremely contagious to other cats. If your cat roams outdoors or is boarded while the owner is away, the odds are that he will contact the virus.

Once the cat has picked up the virus there is no cure. Its extremely important to have your cat tested. If the test is negative you can start the vaccinations. If not it will save you the expense of vaccinating cats that have already been infected.

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## THE FUTURE OF SECURITY

As of October 1st, assuming that participation stays constant, our income for the next year will be \$39,000. \$4,000 of this will be needed for invoices, stamps, envelopes, printing and other miscellaneous expenses. This gives us \$96 a day to pay for the guard service. When the I-10 interchange opens, we will be paying \$14 an hour for a guard at each gate. At \$96 a day we will have 7 hours of coverage at each gate. When we reach this limited coverage, I would imagine a lot of paying members will decide they are not getting enough for their money and they'll drop out. That will be the end of our security in Eden Isles.


In order to have 24 hours of service at each gate - with the guards rotating their roving patrols - the 328 active participants would have to pay \$39 a month. If 100% of all the residents paid their fair share, the cost would be \$19.50 a month.

Under the proposed plan, each resident would pay \$24.75 a month, or \$5.25 more than the \$19.50 mentioned above. This would offer more security, including increased Sheriff's patrols and boat patrols - also maintenance of the common grounds. If the plan passes, we would not only be recognizing and solving our problems - but we would be boosting our property values.

If the plan fails to pass, it will certainly signal the end of our security in Eden Isles since continuous past history proves we will never be able to have the coverage we need with two entrances to Eden Isles if payment is left on a voluntary basis.

As a matter of fact, many of those folks who have paid for years have informed the Committee that should the plan fail, they will no longer continue to support those who refuse to accept their responsibilities.



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## GARDEN CLUB NEWS

The members of the Eden Isles Garden Club judged the front yards of Eden Isles on September 5th and the following winners are announced:

- 1st Place - Jim & Lynn Murden  
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- 2nd Place - Tom & Judy Maurer  
205 Edyie Lane
- 3rd Place - Lester & Gay Swanson  
124 Ranger Place

Congratulations to the owners of these beautiful yards.

The first meeting of the Garden Club for the new season was held September 6th at the home of Joy Leto, 122 Rampage Loop. Thanks Joy for opening up your lovely home to us!

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As of September 17th, 328 residents of Eden Isles had paid for security through the 3rd quarter. Six months ago we had 411 members. This represents a loss of 84 members. Following are some of the reasons offered for these withdrawals:

1. The guards do not spend enough time at the gate and are on patrol too much.
2. The guards are at the gate too much and don't patrol enough.
3. The guards are not checking cars as they come through the gate. (No dates and times given, tho' we've requested this information repeatedly.)
4. Crime is not that bad in Eden Isles - so we don't need security.
5. Will start paying again when we have 24 hour service.
6. I've come through the gate at 4:00 AM and there was no sign of the guard. (We've publicized the fact many times that we can no longer afford 24 hour service.)
7. I've come through the gate a couple of times at 11:00 PM and the guard was on patrol. (Since most vandalism seems to take place in the early morning hours, the patrols are being made from 11:00 PM to 1:00 AM or midnight to 2:00 AM.)
8. I've learned that my neighbors don't pay and I am tired of subsidizing them.

Now let me tell you of the effect that has had on our ability to furnish security.

328 Residents are paying for 19 hours of guard service. Vinson mails 650 statements. All 650 benefit from the service for which half pay.

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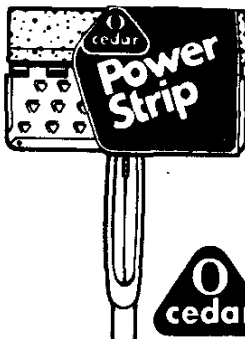
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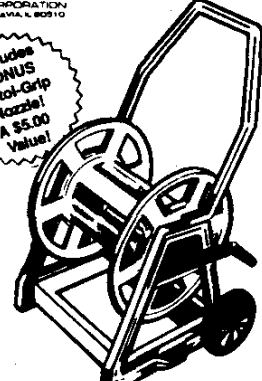
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