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FREE

ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS TO THE EDEN ISLES HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO BE HELD AT THE NOVEMBER 27TH GENERAL MEETING. By Bill Weil, President

The Eden Isles Homeowner's Association Board of Directors consists of nine members elected for staggered terms by the general membership on an annual basis. My term as President will expire this year and Board members Norma Hastings, Ray Young and Rob Spilling will end their terms. Only Rob Spilling qualifies to run again as all members are limited to two consecutive terms.

The Board members remaining are Bob Lazar, Annemarie Furphy, Ann Gremillion, Judy Polderman and Allen Lofland. The nominations are closed 30 days prior to the November general meeting which is scheduled for Monday, November 27th at the Salmen Highschool cafeteria. All paid up members of the Association may cast a ballot for the candidates of their choice by proxy delivered at the meeting or in person. I urge all members to attend this meeting to determine the direction of our Association.

The Eden Isles Homeowner's Association, Inc. is the only legal representative body of this community and acts at the discretion of the current membership. As you all know, there is a Community Forum Newsletter which recently made it's debut and is sponsored by 13 authors identified on their front page. I have contacted several of these individuals in an effort to seek their involvement in our Homeowner's Association by running for office on the Board of Directors but the individuals I contacted claimed they did not have the time or didn't know anyone else who had the time to devote to our community organization. I want our readers to know that we do solicit the involvement of all members of our community in the Eden Isles Homeowner's Association.

NOTICE

TO ALL LAKESIDE UTILITIES CUSTOMERS

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by

Robert F. Lazar, Safety Chairman

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Regarding home fire protection, every resident can make improvements with the addition of fire extinguishers and the knowledge of how to use them correctly. First, only purchase UL (underwriters laboratory) or FM (factory mutual) approved extinguishers for the home. For boats, extinguishers should be Coast Guard approved.

Remember, extinguishers are "First Aid" devices and as such have their limits. They can put out small fires or contain certain types of fires. They are not effective on large or spreading fires. To be effective, extinguishers must be charged and large enough for the fire, controlled by a person who knows how to use them without stopping to read the directions, and who is strong enough to lift and operate the extinguisher. A partially charged extinguisher is not dependable, so always have yours at full charge. Disposable ones should be discarded after use or excessive age.

The best locations to install them include the kitchen (never over or just next to the stove) and the garage/workshop. They should be placed near an escape route from a likely source of fire. For example, if the stove top starts burning, you cannot approach it to reach over to get an extinguisher. Plan the location carefully.

BEFORE YOU ATTEMPT TO FIGHT THE FIRE:

1. Make sure everyone is out of the building or leaving.
2. make sure the fire department is called (643-4242).
3. Never attempt to fight it if one or the following is true:
 - *If fire is large or spreading.
 - *If your escape route is blocked.
 - *If you are not sure how to use the extinguisher.
 - *If you have any doubts about the extinguisher.

When using one, remember the word PASS.

Pull the pin.

Aim low at base of fire.

Squeeze the handle.

Sweep from side to side at the base of the fire.

When selecting an extinguisher for your home, car, or wherever, make sure it is the right type.

TYPE A: Ordinary combustibles, including wood, paper, rubber, many kinds of plastics, etc.

TYPE B: Flammable liquids, including oil, gasoline, etc.

TYPE C: Electrical equipment, including wiring, breaker boxes, etc.

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All excess usage, over 4,000 gallons	\$1.10 per M gallons

2) Commercial

First 4,000 gallons, or less	\$15.00 (minimum)
All excess usage, over 4,000 gallons	\$ 1.10 per M gallons

B. Sewerage Service Monthly Rates

1) Single Family Residential, Condominium & Apartment

Flat Rate	\$8.50
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2) Commercial

Flat Rate	\$8.50
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A RESPONSE TO THE EDEN ISLES COMMUNITY FORUM. By Bill Weil

It seems the opponents to the Eden Isles Community Services District have embarked on a campaign to undermine this newsletter and the Eden Isles Homeowner's Association, Inc.. The majority of the articles in the 'Forum' were anti-establishment. Those articles which intended to inform were somewhat helpful however, the person who claimed that the water rate increase for Lakeside Utilities had been tabled indefinitely was way out in left field because I just received a notice that the increase was granted on October 2nd and takes effect on November 1, 1989.

I particularly did not like the cartoon characters laughing at the delay in the referendum for the Eden Isles Community Services District. This seemed very infantile and indicates the attitude of those involved with the 'Forum' to be devisive and detrimental to our community in spite of the sweet solicitation for articles and funding on the front page. I believe that the democratic process is worthy of respect and ought to be held in the highest regard and not impugned in this fashion.

The article on our security participation seemed bent on creating suspicion for those who volunteered their time to seek a bonafide security service by a professional company. Fox Security held our security contract since it's inception and never provided a written contractual agreement with adequate liability insurance for our homeowners. After several years of haggling with Fox Security the Eden Isles Homeowner's Association, at the request of the membership, sought bids for our security service which included a "hold harmless" clause to be provided by the insurer. Fox Security would only offer their personal "hold harmless" clause which is not the same when it comes to liability claims presented in civil court against participating homeowners in the security service. If a liability claim occurred at the time when the owner's of Fox Security pleaded guilty to mail fraud and perjury in Federal Court we would have had the personal guarantee of convicted felons who are now serving time in federal prison to defend us in court. The suggestion of having an "independent security committee" separate from the Eden Isles Homeowner's Association Inc. is not only illegal since private individuals may not employ a personal police force to operate in the public domain but also, an independent security committee would have less checks and balances than the existing committee.

I personally like our security gates and would like to see 24 hour gate guards at both gates when the I-10 interchange opens later this year. In answer to the questionnaire in the 'Forum', I am willing to pay \$20.00 per month for this service and also willing to throw in another \$4.00 per month to see our medians and common grounds professionally maintained instead of the manner currently employed which is a very inconsistent haphazard approach. I salute those people who do maintain the small medians near their homes,

but who is going to maintain the large areas which seem to go uncut month after month were it not for our grass cutting committee. The Eden Isles Community Services District plan calls for \$24.00 per month to provide all of these services as well as a roving Sheriff's deputy. For those people who would rather see the security ended or move out of Eden Isles, I would like to help them out, "Which way did you come in?"

As President of the Eden Isles Homeowner's Association, I am responsible for providing information regarding our community through this newsletter. Other Board members submit articles related to their committees as well. To open the Eden Islander to every opinion letter for publication would be impractical and economically infeasible unless we were to have the printing costs donated. The current Board of Directors has decided not to fund outside editorial commentary but, this may change if the new Board of Directors is granted this permission by the general membership and obtains the necessary funding. In conclusion, I would like to see the energy and time that has been spent in opposition to the District plan and the Eden Isles Homeowner's Assn. spent working toward solving our problems and uniting this community. If the opponents will not give their effort to developing an alternative or participating as volunteers on committees then, we as a community can not take them as a serious factor in dealing with our common goals to increase our services and making this community a better place to work and live.

GARDEN CLUB NEWS

The October meeting of the Eden Isles Garden Club was held at the home of Mrs. Brenda Castiglione. The winners of the front yard judging were announced as follows:

- 1st George & Evelyn Livermore
100 Rampage Loop
- 2nd Wayne & Naomi Hess
120 Moonraker
- 3rd Rick & Marcia Saluga
401 Moonraker

There will be a Christmas tree at the Highway 11 Eden Isles entrance during the Holiday Season. All children are invited to decorate the tree with hand-made, outdoor ornaments. Prizes will be awarded for the best decorations. Date to be announced later.

SECURITY COMMITTEE REPORT

The Security Committee has received numerous complaints regarding the fact that the guards are spending too much time on patrol. At the same time, we realize there are residents who feel the guards should spend less time at the gate.

In order to advise Vinson Guard Service on what our preferences are, we ask that you take a few minutes to complete the form below and mail to Eden Isles Security, P.O. Box 3095, Slidell, LA 70458.

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By Diane Liuzza

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Dr. Albert Schweitzer

Millions of animals are killed in blinding and poisoning tests conducted by manufacturers of cosmetics and household products.

A new shade of lipstick or a "new and improved" laundry detergent does not justify animal slaughter.

There are commercial companies that don't use animal tests. If you would like a copy of these cruelty-free products, please contact me.

There are a surprising number of natural alternatives to many commercial household products that can be found in your own home. Here are some helpful hints:

Water softener - 1/4 cup vinegar in final rinse.

Oil stain remover - White chalk rubbed in before wash.

Glass cleaner - White vinegar and water or rubbing alcohol and water.

Copper cleaner - Paste of lemon juice, salt and flour, or rub vinegar and salt.

Household cleaner - 3 Tbsp. baking soda mixed into 1 Qt. warm water.

Stainless steel polish - Baking soda or mineral oil for shining; vinegar removes spots.

Toilet bowl cleaner - Vinegar.

Coffee/Wine stain remover - Blot with club soda.

Mildew remover - Lemon juice and salt, or white vinegar and salt.

Floor cleaner/Wax - Mop with 1 cup white vinegar mixed with 2 gallons of water to remove dull, greasy film. Polish with club soda.

Drain opener - Prevent clogging by flushing drain weekly with boiling water. If clogged, pour 1/2 cup club baking soda, then 1/2 cup vinegar down the drain.

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LAWN AND GARDEN TIPS FOR NOVEMBER

BY Dianne S. Liuzza
Gardens of Eden Garden Center

Many people have the idea they must wait until spring arrives before planting shrubs and trees. This is true for some areas where winters are intense. In our area  is not the case. Planting can be done throughout the year in Louisiana if adequate moisture is supplied. There are some definite advantages to fall and winter planting of ornaments. First it allows the plant materials to establish a root system in the new soil long before the hot weather approaches. Root activity takes place in relatively cool soil even though the top is not actively growing. Depending on the weather, spring and summer planted shrubs and trees may experience greater shock than late fall and winter planted materials.

House Plants - House plants that spent the spring and summer outdoors should be prepared to be taken indoors now. Examine the plants. Pick off any dead leaves. If the surface of the soil is packed and hard, scrape a little away and replace it with a good rich potting soil. Sponge the leaves with warm water to remove grime and insects. Examine the plants closely for scale insects, mealy bugs and other pests. It is helpful to wash the plants thoroughly with a forceful stream of water that ches all parts; including the under surface of the leaves. Be careful not to break the foliage. Sponge with Malathion or spray.

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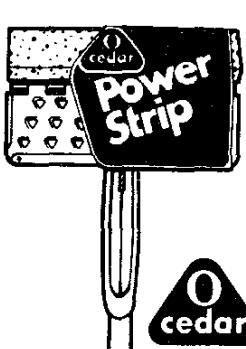
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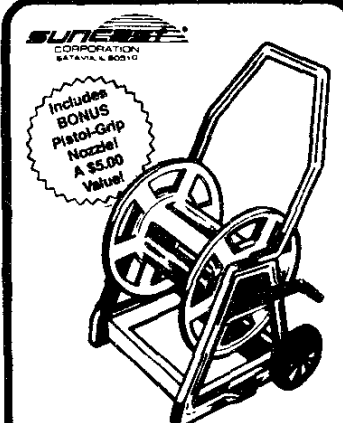


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