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EDEN ISLES WINTER 2013

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2013 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING DATES

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING/ ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Tuesday, December 10, 2013
7:00 PM • Tammany Yacht Club

2013 EVENTS

Christmas Boat Parade

Saturday, December 21, 2013

Eden Isles Resident Renters

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"Is The Eden Islander For Me?"

What Would Make Eden Isles Even Better?

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President's Message

For the past two years I have had the privilege of serving on the Eden Isles Home Owners Association board, first in 2012 as Vice President and currently as President. During that time our association has experienced many challenges and several accomplishments. The primary goal of both of the boards on which I served was to move Eden Isles ever closer to living up to our community motto of **“waterfront living at its best.”** Achieving this goal meant working with our neighbors to provide a clean, well-maintained subdivision, in addition to bringing neighbors together for social events and for events that contributed to the safety of our community. I believe that the 2012 and 2013 EIHOA boards made significant progress in making Eden Isles one of the best subdivisions on the North shore.

In 2008 the decision for my wife and I to move into the Eden Isles community was an easy one. My mother and step father had lived in Eden Isles for several years by then and my brother and uncle had relocated from St. Bernard to Eden Isles shortly after Katrina. Following four years of membership in our HOA, I made the decision to become more involved and actively participate in the HOA by volunteering to become a Board member.

From the beginning, many of the functions the Board was responsible for were well managed including information sharing via our EIHOA.org website, maintenance of community green spaces, and utilization of our community security cameras. Since our community's basic needs were already well-covered, I decided my emphasis as President would be to build upon our association's social development with the ultimate goal of increasing participation and membership in our HOA within our subdivision. To this end, we as a board created three hugely successful annual events: The Luau, The Crawfish Boil and The End of Summer Children's Event. These events have become wonderful opportunities to meet neighbors and create increased community cohesiveness and I am hopeful that they are here to stay.

It is my opinion that more social events will encourage increased association membership and strengthen our community. Having said that, please keep in mind that social events should not be the only reason that our neighbors join the Eden Isles Home Owners Association. If we are to keep moving Eden Isles forward, our membership level must increase. In this issue of **The Eden Islander** you will see an article requesting feedback on neighborhood/quality of life enhancements you would like the board to consider developing for our community; projects of this kind can only be brought to fruition if we all band together and take responsibility for the continued improvement of our community. The annual membership dues paid by a fraction of homeowners and the diligence and hard work of our volunteer board allow our **ENTIRE** neighborhood to benefit from things such as common ground landscaping and security cameras, which in turn results in the stabilization of our property values. Our community needs and deserves 100% participation. With higher membership we will see public safety improve, better enforcement of parish and covenant codes, ongoing development of our community, continued property value increases, and all that follows. The success of our community is completely determined by your participation.

This will be my last President's Message. I have had the honor of serving with and meeting many wonderful people during my tenure on the board. The experience has been both challenging and humbling. I personally thank each member of the Board for their hard work. Our community would greatly suffer if not for the hours that these board members volunteer. Also, thanks to all the current members of our association for without you our organization could never succeed. I challenge each of you to go out into our community and invite your neighbors to join. I wish continued success to our Eden Isles Home Owners Association and to our beautiful Eden Isles...Waterfront living at its best!

Raymond Frey
EIHOA President

EDEN ISLES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING • SEPT. 10, 2013



The meeting was called to order by Vice-President, Lou Sandoz at 7:11 p.m.

1. The membership said the Pledge of Allegiance.
 2. Parish President, Pat Brister, was the guest speaker.
 - a. The rate increase will not be as big as initially thought.
 - b. Senate is asking for a grandfather clause.
 - c. See www.stpgov.org/AskPat for more information.
 - d. The Parish is prepared for hurricane season.
 - e. The issue of protecting the northshore from storm surge will be “brought to DC” in form of Thomas Thompson’s report.
 - f. The emergency road at Highway 11 and Oak Harbor Blvd. is temporary but well functioning if baskets are placed at that location for a storm.
 - g. Visit www.floodsmart.gov for more information.
 - h. The government is considering a national catastrophic program.
 - i. Senior citizens should receive a tax break.
 - j. New flood maps were discussed as well as raising the I-10 entrances and exits.
 3. Colin Minster reads the minutes from the June 2013 General Membership meeting. A motion is made, seconded, and passed to approve the minutes. A resident suggests that the minutes not be read at the meetings as he feels it is a waste of time.
 4. Ken Lanata gives the Treasurer’s Report. A motion is made, seconded and passed to accept the Report.
 5. Cindy F. advises the status of the street sign replacement/installation is back on course and will continue.
 6. Sharon Smith discusses the newsletter and is commended by the membership for organizing the hand delivery of the newsletter to mailboxes in the neighborhood in advance of the meeting.
 7. Shirley Frey gives details for the Kids Event.
 8. Carol Wester gives details for the Garage Sale.
 9. Jerri Candebat gives details for Night Out Against Crime.
 10. Lou Sandoz advises the status of the Architectural Committee.
 11. Paul and Lucie Titus are introduced as handling code enforcement issues for EIHOA. Residents are instructed to call Paul and/or Lucie with complaints.
 12. The new Attorney of Record for EIHOA is Lydia Alford. She is introduced.
 13. The home at 115 Eden Isles Blvd. is discussed. The membership is advised that the Board’s hands are tied and that Code Enforcement for St. Tammany Parish has advised that they can not do anything more.
 14. The membership is advised of the 4 openings on the Board for 2014 and advised to contact Cindy Franatovich for more information about becoming a Board Member.
 15. 50/50 was awarded. \$108 to resident; \$108 to EIHOA.
 16. Two \$10 bar tabs were awarded as door prizes.
- The meeting was adjourned.



EDEN ISLES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL REPORT



EIHOA 2013 SPENDING VS BUDGET		
11/15/2013		
ITEMIZED INCOME	2013 Budgeted Income	2013 Actual Income
Homeowner Dues (Estimated for 450 members)	\$54,000.00	\$53,075.00
Progressive Solutions - Beautification Subsidy	\$9,500.00	\$7,164.00
Newsletter Advertising	\$3,600.00	\$3,640.00
Social Events & Misc. - (Crawfish boil, Luau, 50/50)	\$0.00	\$2,260.00
Total Income for Year	\$67,100.00	\$66,139.00
ITEMIZED EXPENSES	2013 Budgeted Spending	2013 Actual Spending
Parks / Grounds Maintenance	\$31,500.00	\$26,235.00
Newsletter - Printing & Mailing	\$6,500.00	\$6,884.00
Insurance - Board Liability	\$5,000.00	\$4,778.00
Extraordinary Expense Reserve	\$5,000.00	
Street Signs	\$5,000.00	\$3,692.00
Trimming of Hurricane damaged trees	\$4,200.00	\$2,875.00
Security Camera - Cable Service & Maintenance	\$4,000.00	\$2,240.00
Homeowner Flags	\$2,000.00	\$1,526.00
Christmas Party and Social Events	\$1,500.00	\$4,085.00
CPA/Taxes - IRS reinstatement fee	\$1,000.00	\$1,463.00
Decorations - Entrance Signs	\$800.00	\$251.00
Utilities	\$600.00	\$575.00
Mini - Storage Rental	\$500.00	\$400.00
Meeting Expenses	\$400.00	\$300.00
Unbudgeted Miscellaneous Expenses	\$3,000.00	\$600.00
Total Expenses	\$71,000.00	\$55,904.00
	Balance	\$10,235.00

PARISH PRESIDENT PAT BRISTER

SHARES DETAILS ON FLOOD PROTECTION, INSURANCE RATES, AND AREA CONSTRUCTION

By Heather Howard



Shoreline residents packed the Tammany Yacht Club on Sept. 10 to hear Parish President Pat Brister address the Eden Isles Homeowners Association meeting. Brister addressed concerns including flood protection, insurance rates, and area construction projects.

In response to questions about raising Highway 11 over the Schneider Canal Levee, Brister said that since the Parish realized the work could not be completed until next hurricane season, an "emergency road" was built along the side of the levee. In the event that Highway 11 is again blocked with Hesco baskets, the emergency road will provide a way around the blockade.

Regarding the Biggert-Waters flood insurance legislation, Brister said that she, along with the Louisiana congressional delegation, are fighting for a "Grandfather Clause" for those residents who built their homes to the required elevation and have never let their insurance lapse. "Our delegation is fighting for this every day," she said.

Brister continued that fight in Washington, D.C., where she carried a copy of the report written by Shoreline resident Tommy Thompson. Thompson recently expressed his concerns about the Corps of Engineers' responsibility to provide storm surge protection for the entire Lake Pontchartrain basin in a "Letter to the Editor" that was published Sept. 15 in The Times-Picayune.

In closing, Brister reminded guests that they can get answers to their questions on the Parish website, stpgov.org, by using the "Ask Pat" feature on the upper right side of the home page. "Your email will go straight to my inbox and you will get an answer," Brister said. "If you don't get an answer, that means I didn't get the email."

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NOMINEES FOR THE 2014 EIHOA BOARD

Announcing the nominees for the 2014 Board of Directors for the
Eden Isles Homeowners Association as per the requirements of our by-laws:

JOAN SAUCIER

DEWAYNE SMITH

KENNETH MCDOW

BRIAN SAUCIER

CATHERINE HAMMEL

Elections (if necessary) will be held during the December General Membership Meeting/
Christmas Party on Tuesday, December 10, 2013 at 7pm at the Tammany Yacht Club.

What Would Make Eden Isles Even Better?

The Eden Isles Homeowners Association's Board of Directors request input from our members regarding the types of neighborhood enhancement/quality of life projects you would like the board to undertake in our community in the event funding becomes available. Some of the suggestions already received include:

- Install digital signs at both ends of Eden Isles Dr, to display real time messages that impact our community.
- Plant additional trees on the park grounds located throughout the subdivision.
- Build an outdoor fitness circuit on our park grounds with various stations supporting different exercises, which might include a track for runners and walkers who must now use the streets...kind of a mini-Lafreniere Park

Please submit your project suggestions to (eihoa@datakik.com). Your suggestions will be presented at a future general membership meeting where the entire membership will have the opportunity to discuss the merits of these suggestions and vote on which projects the Board should move forward with developing.

Your active participation and support is needed for Eden Isles to continue to thrive as the island paradise we all love.

Welcome Committee Needs Your Help

The Welcome Committee of the Eden Isles Homeowners Association needs your help. We are having some difficulty ensuring that all new residents are properly welcomed into our community and receive their welcome packs. This difficulty arises because the only way we have currently to become aware of new residents is to obtain real estate sale addresses and when available, names from the Times-Picayune; unfortunately, they do not print every sale. In some cases, this can be due to a new homeowner requesting the sale not be published. Additionally, for reasons unknown, the Times-Picayune will sometimes not publish all the sales that are made available to them. So, if you have a house near you that has just sold or into which someone has just moved, please reach out to us and provide an address and if available the name and phone number of our new neighbor so that we can properly welcome them into our community.

If you are a new resident (owner or renter), please contact me, June Collins by calling 985/646-0923 and I will see that you receive a welcome package containing valuable information about your new community and the homeowners association that supports it. We can also be reached via the website at EIHOA.org, via the drop boxes at the entrances to Eden Isles Blvd, as well as by picking up the phone and calling a board member at the numbers printed on the roster included in this and every issue of The Eden Islander. We strive to make all of our residents feel welcome and well informed!

Sincerely,
June Collins

Eden Isles Welcome Committee Chairperson • 985-646-0923



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INSIDE THE ISLANDER

As we wrap up 2013 the Eden Isles Home Owners Association still has several objectives on its collective plate!

Our most immediate concern is the election (if necessary) of new board members to manage the affairs of our HOA in 2014. With several board members' terms of service coming to an end this December, it is critically important that our residents step up to take their place and continue to move Eden Isles closer to becoming the premiere waterfront community on the North Shore.

To those individuals whose time as board members is coming to a close as well as those committee members who have made the decision not to continue on in their positions, I am sure I speak for the entire community when I say we all appreciate your service to our community and hope you will accept our gratitude for the volunteer spirit that led you to devote your time and talents to improving the quality of life we all enjoy here in Eden Isles.

Don't miss the recap of St. Tammany Parish President, Pat Brister's comments as she joined us for our September General Membership Meeting. The meeting was without question one of the most well attended meetings we've held this year and Ms. Brister shared some very interesting insights into many of the issues facing our community.

Finally, if you were amongst those who wondered why military boats were seen cruising the canals of Eden Isles around Halloween don't miss the explanation in this issue. Also, please be sure to provide your feedback to the board regarding your ideas for neighborhood/quality of life enhancement projects you'd like to see developed here in Eden Isles!

Best,
Sharon

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OVER 50 SINGLES SOCIAL CLUB

If ever there was a group that defined good times, it is the Eden Isles Over 50 Singles Social Club! With more than 60 members on their roster this group leads the charge for having fun in Eden Isles. So, if you are single and over 50, enjoy socializing with others, and absolutely love to have fun this may be the group for you!

This Fall the group held several events and has several more planned for the Winter. In honor of Halloween, a grand costume party was held at the home of Terrel Ladner on October 31st. Prizes were awarded for those individuals with the spookiest costume, the most original costume and the best overall costume! There was also a skit performed by Phyne Gambino, Jackie Donaldson, and Carol Wester which according to at least one performer might not have been approved for all audiences! Music was provided by the DJ services of Lou Sandoz whose ad appears in this newsletter and a great time was had by all!

Upcoming events include:

Saints Game Parties

***Thanksgiving Feast Celebration with Dirty Turkey Gift Exchange
Champagne Christmas Gala and Celebration***



***Contact Carol Wester at 985/641-6731 or Phyne Gambino at 985/654-9242
for more information.***

Is The Eden Islander For Me?

(A note to our neighbors who are renting their homes)

As homeowners in Eden Isles most of us feel some ownership for our newsletter *The Eden Islander*, but it has come to the attention of the board that renters in our community may not feel the same. So, in the hope of clearing up any misconceptions, ***"RENTERS the newsletter is for ALL residents and (short or long-term), YOU are residents while you are here!"*** For that reason, it is important that you be aware of what is happening in the neighborhood and that you feel free to use the newsletter in the same way our homeowners do whether it be simply reading it to become more informed or submitting information to be published for the benefit of the community at large. Even more importantly, we hope you will use our *Eden Islander* to become more connected to our community as we want you to know that we welcome you as neighbors and hope you will feel comfortable enough to join in the activities that we provide for all residents...after all, you are at home here in Eden Isles,
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Military Cruises Through Eden Isles

On a beautiful October day a flotilla of military boats took a leisurely cruise through the Eden Isles waterways. This event was captured on video and posted on YouTube; in the event you are interested in viewing the video, Google gunboats in Eden Isles canals.

It is widely known that Navy SEALs are stationed at Stennis, Mississippi and routinely conduct boat operations on the Pearl River, but this is the first time military boats have been seen in Eden Isles. This unusual sight affected people differently...some were concerned that Eden Isles had become a terrorist target while others were disappointed that advance notice was not given so they could have lined the waterways and cheered the military as they cruised by.

After several calls to the parish and sheriff's offices the official response received was:

"What you witnessed was part of a military training exercise. The Sheriff's Office is informed when training, such as this takes place in St. Tammany Parish. In the future if concerned it would be appropriate to call the Sheriff's Office at (985) 809-8200."

Eden Isles Garden Club

SEPTEMBER YARD OF THE MONTH WINNERS

Many thanks to the Yard Judging Committee for their continued faithfulness in searching for the most beautiful front yards in Eden Isles; and thank you to the owners of these beautiful yards for helping to make Eden Isles better day by day!



1ST PLACE

The results are in, and First Place Yard of the Month for September goes to Karen and Fred Thoede at 108 Anita Place for their beautiful yard. These homeowners work hard at keeping their home beautiful and it shows!



2ND PLACE

With their lush green lawn it is no wonder that the Second Place winners this month are Norey and Tom Laug at 204 Intrepid Drive. Our community appreciates the fact that you always keep your yard nice and green!



3RD PLACE

Acknowledgement for Third Place goes to the homeowners at 105 Windward Passage and the beautiful, colorful flowers that decorate their yard!

MOST IMPROVED

With so many beautiful yards and so many up and coming yards, the Judging Committee also decided to give honors to The Most Improved Yard for September as well; that award goes to Craig and Diane Barattini at 225 Intrepid Drive.



CERTIFIED BY NANCY BALDWIN, YARD OF THE MONTH COMMITTEE CHAIR

Eden Isles Garden Club

OCTOBER YARD OF THE MONTH WINNERS



1ST PLACE

For the month of October 2013, the First Place Winning Yard can be found at the home of Diane and Wil Bias of 306 Eden Isles Blvd. With their beautiful Ixora flowers of yellow and orange and lush, green grass these homeowners have discovered the formula for curb appeal!



2ND PLACE

Second Place honors go to the front yard of Bonnie Viosca and Buddy Ayres at 127 Carina Circle who with their perfectly edged lawn and array of colorful flowers define manicured landscaping.



3RD PLACE

Rounding out the winner's streak for this month with Third Place is the lovely front yard at 250 Moonraker, the home of Cathy and Eddie Schenck, who continue to make strides towards the number one spot.

MOST IMPROVED

The Yard Judging Committee also felt that acknowledgment should be given this month to a Most Improved Yard and the honor goes to 104 Chubasco, where the Montecino family have been hard at work replacing old trees and updating flower beds. (Word is that they have also installed a pool in their backyard!)



CERTIFIED BY NANCY BALDWIN, YARD OF THE MONTH COMMITTEE CHAIR

Eden Isles Garden Club

NOVEMBER YARD OF THE MONTH WINNERS

Happy Fall and Merry Christmas from the Eden Isles Garden Club's Yard Judging Committee members.



1ST PLACE

This month's top honor goes to the First Place winning garden of Fred and Ingrid Zeile at 101 Brushfire. A drive past their home is a treat during which you can enjoy viewing the beautiful camellias in their newly sculptured landscaping!

2ND PLACE

Coming in at a close Second with its decorative harvest theme and spiral trees is the beautiful front yard at 436 Charles Court, the home of Danny and Sheri Delaup.



3RD PLACE

In Third place this month and for the second time this year is a home with a great lawn and eternally colorful flowerbeds, the home of Linda Bywater and Terrina Jones at 308 Eden Isles Blvd. In honor of Fall, the homeowners have tastefully added a pumpkin-centric design theme!



Keep in mind that second and third place winners can move up to first place as can most improved yards so let's all get our yards ready to compete!

Congratulations to all the winners on all the beautifications you have made to your yards this Fall!

** December's judging will be for the best Christmas lights and decorations so get to work on your Christmas themes and light up our neighborhood as brightly as our children's faces on Christmas morning!

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What goes into the Yard of the Month?

The Committee follows a few basic rules for selection of the winning yards. The selected front yards must be attractive. There can be no trash cans (except on pick up days), trailers, jet skis, boats, trash piles, plastic flowers, or anything that is not aesthetically pleasing near the front door (which is considered by the committee to be the home's focal point). The yard should have well placed trimmed hedges, green grass (no weeds), and preferably some color. The primary factor in earning the award is a neat, well-kept yard with healthy plants.

At this time, I would also like to say "Thank you", to all the yard judging committee members who diligently travel all the streets of our 1100 home community to see personally the recommended choices. We also wish to thank our subs who are always available to step in at a moment's notice. Homes for consideration are provided by residents of our community, and we ask that all of our neighbors please call their recommendations in and help us decide the award for Yard of the Month. We drive all areas of the subdivision but accept the fact that we might miss a good one! If you spot an improving or deserving yard with colorful flowers and a beautiful green lawn, please call Nancy Baldwin at 504-473-6838.

Thanks,

NANCY BALDWIN

Yard of the Month Committee Chair

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Whenever you see these signs, the HOA board asks that you go to the www.eiho.org website at your earliest convenience where you will find specific details regarding the most recent alert. Additionally, whenever possible, details of the alert will also be posted at our new Facebook page at www.facebook.com/EdenIslesHomeownersAssociation.

While our HOA continues to focus on its goals of building our membership rolls and accumulating contact information for every household within our community, this is the fastest means by which we can disseminate important information that is of a time-sensitive nature. So please help us to keep all of our neighbors better informed by passing information along to your neighbors who may not have seen the signs or checked the website. *Also, if you have not already done so, please reach out to a member of our board (contact information included in every issue of The Islander) and provide them with your contact info (home/cell phone or email address) so that in the future we can develop a more direct means of getting important information out to the entire community in the most effective and timely way possible.*

Remember, SAFETY FIRST! The EIHOA Board

Neighborhood Goods & Services Wish List

The EIHOA board was contacted by developers based in Texas who recently purchased the strip mall located across the street from the Sleep Inn near the I-10 entrance into Eden Isles. They were interested in hearing from our community what types of businesses our residents would like to see operating in this strip mall in order to better inform their recruitment strategy for recruiting businesses into this property.

Any resident having any suggestions for types of businesses or services they would like to see in this property is asked to contact a member of the EIHOA board of directors using the contact information included in this newsletter or via the EIHOA.org website to share your idea. The board will accumulate all suggestions and pass them on to the new owners of this property and hopefully it will soon be filled with new businesses providing goods and services our community will be happy to patronize!

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The Eden Islander Cover Photo

In the spirit of making this entire newsletter be all about our amazing community, the decision has been made to feature a photo submitted by a member of our community on the cover of each issue of **The Eden Islander**. This issue's cover photo depicts an amazing birthday party thrown by Wil and Diane Bias for their 3 year old grand-daughter Kiera! As this photo illustrates beautifully with its Candyland theme, the back yards of Eden Isles (with proper supervision) make an awesome venue for children's parties! It is plain to see that even for our youngest residents, Eden Isles is Waterfront Living at its Very Best!

What does your backyard, boat, dock, or backyard event say about living here in our island paradises? If you have a photo that will translate well in black and white and tell a story about life here in the isles, please submit it for consideration for a future cover of **The Eden Islander** and who knows, maybe some of us will discover yet another reason to be so happy we live here! Submit photos electronically to Sharon at sjsmith511@aol.com, but please include a meaningful message (including name and address) as anonymous links will not be opened for fear of computer viruses. Don't have the technology to send an electronic copy...no worries! Simply contact Sharon or another member of the board to arrange to have your hard-copy photo picked-up, scanned, and returned to you.

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Colin Minster	Colin.minster@gmail.com	985-649-1684 504-473-1425	Secretary
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We are already looking forward to next year's event!

See more photos from this event on page 25 of this newsletter.



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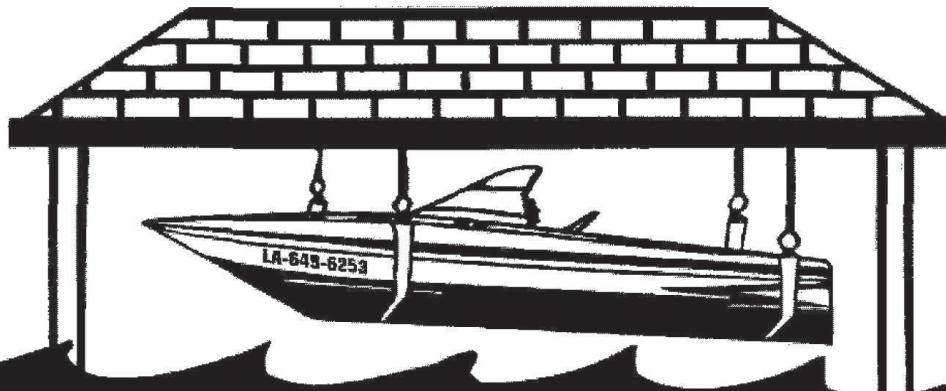
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1. To create a "social home" on the internet where members of our community can share and exchange pictures and other information of a social nature.
2. To utilize the power of social networking in an attempt to encourage a broader cross section of the residents in our subdivision to become active with our association.
3. To establish an alternative means of quickly disseminating information/alerts to the residents of our community, including the use of push notifications for those with the necessary technology who are willing to sign up to have notifications sent.

The decision to move forward with this initiative was not one that was taken lightly, and the final decision was made conditionally. Our Facebook page administrators will monitor ALL postings, comments, etc. prior to allowing them to be published until such time that the board is satisfied that it makes sense to allow unmonitored posting if that time comes at all. At any time, the board may decide to delete the page without prior notice if it becomes evident that the page is detrimental to the HOA's goals or the community's image.

If you are currently a Facebook enthusiast, the board asks that you stop by and **"like"** our page. It is our intent that as we become more versed in using Facebook, it will help us reach our goal of helping Eden Isles to become the most cohesive waterfront community the North Shore has ever known!

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- To collect and properly manage funds for maintaining the common grounds
- Maintain and improve the entrance and street signage
- 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
- Maintain and monitor security cameras

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.

Thank you for your support!

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E-mail address: _____

Do you wish your number listed in the directory YES / NO If YES please circle HOME or CELL
(For security reasons, we recommend listing your phone number so your neighbors can contact you if they see suspicious activity)

Would you like to serve on the board of Directors or on a committee YES / NO

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

EIHOA Drop Box located on Eden Isle Dr. median at the I-10 entrance side

Thank you for your support!

Comments:

A note about dues:

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 HOAs 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 neighborhoods collective property values. Although the covenants are a legally binding part of each propertys 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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