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NOVEMBER 27TH GENERAL MEETING ELECTION RESULTS FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS DETERMINES NEW BOARD

The election of four new members to the Homeowner's Association was decided at the recent general membership meeting on November 27th at the Salmen Highschool Cafeteria. There were five candidates for the four available positions and the new Board members will be:

- 1) Eugene Rovena
- 2) Mike Sims
- 3) Cathy Flynn
- 4) Steve Head

These new Board Members will join Allen Lofland, Bob Lazar, Annemarie Furphy, Annmillion and Judy Polderman to constitute the new nine member Board of Directors. The new Board will convene with the current Board in December to become acquainted with existing committees, ongoing community projects and to transfer documents. The new Board will also elect their own officers for the upcoming year beginning January 1, 1990. The new members are elected for two year terms. Membership dues for 1990 may be mailed to the Eden Isles Homeowner's Association, Inc., P.O. Box 2746, Slidell, La 70459. Dues are \$10.00 for family membership. Your support of the new Board of Directors will enable them to enter the new year with the energy and resources to meet existing challenges.

A CHRISTMAS TREE WILL BE PURCHASED BY THE EDEN ISLES HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION TO BE PLACED AT THE ENTRANCE ON HWY 11

The Eden Isles Homeowner's Association will purchase a Christmas tree which will be decorated by the Garden Club with ornaments created by area children. The tree will be located in front of the guard house at the Hwy 11 entrance to Eden Isles. Anyone wishing to make an ornament or help decorate can call Mrs. Cazaubon at 641-9325.

The Eden Isles Homeowner's Association and the Garden Club would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

NO MORE DRAINAGE TAXES

Contrary to a "Rumor of the Month" appearing in a recent publication, no Drainage District tax bills will be sent to owners of property in the Eden Isles Subdivision for 1989 or any subsequent years. This is because the boundaries of the Drainage District have been changed and those areas previously included in the District but which have gravity drainage (rather than forced drainage) have been excluded from the new boundaries. This includes all of that area we know as the Eden Isles Subdivision.

The wheels of this reform were set in motion about two years ago by the Homeowners Association. Then-President Milton Gibson and members John Erickson and A. K. Wilson attended several meetings of the District and repeatedly questioned why the residents were being taxed for services that were not provided to them. As a result of their efforts, Landmark Land agreed to defease the outstanding bonds so that the subdivision could be legally removed from the boundaries of the District.

If you have a mortgage on your property and your mortgage company escrows for Drainage Taxes, you may call or visit the Slidell office of the St. Tammany Parish Tax Assessor. They will provide you with a letter stating that you are no longer liable for drainage taxes.

Two Eden Isles homeowners currently serve as Commissioners of Drainage District No. 2: Paul Wogan (643-5279) and June Erickson (643-8768). If you have any questions regarding Drainage District No. 2, feel free to contact them or call the Secretary-Treasurer of the District, Craig Sinden, at the Landmark Land office.

SHERIFF PAT CANULETTE ADDRESSES THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP AT THE NOVEMBER 27TH MEETING WITH A PLAN FOR ADDITIONAL SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES

Sheriff Pat Canulette addressed the Nov. 27th Eden Isles Homeowner's meeting with a plan to add 80 new sheriff's deputies, create 5 sheriff substations and provide 24 hour coverage of the northshore area.

The Sheriff conveyed a sense of urgency regarding the rising crime rate affecting businesses at the I-10 interchange exits in the Slidell area. He expects a tremendous increase in crime in Eden Isles following the opening of the new I-10 entrance into our community. The Sheriff stated that 4-5 cars are stolen per week from the auto dealers at the 433 exit and recently area gun storefronts were rammed by stolen cars to obtain guns. These acts of crime are being committed by juveniles from the New Orleans area gangs which have large followings in the city's projects. Three St. Tammany Parish deputies have been shot at in the past two months by armed juveniles. The Sheriff said that his office is handling 5,000 calls per month, up from 1,500 calls several years ago. Sheriff Canulette also stated that the jails are overcrowded in New Orleans and St. Tammany with violent criminals and there is no place to house these juveniles hence, they are being released immediately following their arrest. Sheriff Canulette's hope is to place a deputy at the Eden Isles interchange if land is provided and meet these criminals when they arrive. There will be a half cent sales tax referendum on the next ballot which will provide 5 million dollars to implement this plan throughout the parish. A sales tax will be paid on all purchases made by parish residents and tourists visiting our retail establishments.

In the past nine years the Sheriff's manpower has doubled however, the parish's population has risen six times according to the Sheriff's figures and his office is currently understaffed in the law enforcement division. He is also losing experienced deputies to higher paying municipalities and needs to increase pay rates to keep qualified individuals. For more information about this proposal, please call Sheriff Pat Canulette.

SECURITY UPDATE

As of December 1st, guard service will be decreased from 19 hours a day to 16 hours a day. (Roving partols will be cut from 2 hours a shift to 1 hour each shift.)

This cut back was deemed necessary in order to have enough money in the security account at the beginning of 1990 to aid the incoming committee in meeting financial obligations their first couple of months. However, unless participation increases, further cut backs will probably be necessary.

With the new interchange scheduled to open in January and with the Slidell police and the Sheriff's office publicizing the formation of street gangs in Slidell, Eden Isles residents should realize their vulnerability and rally to support security in the community.

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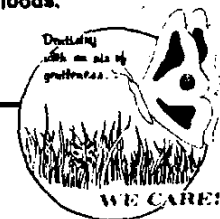
LOST FILLINGS

Q. If a filling falls out of a tooth and there is no pain, what should be done?

A. Make an appointment with the dentist without delay for an examination and a new filling.

The cavity exposed by a missing filling will collect food and bacteria, inviting decay. Also, new decay may already exist around the edges of the cavity. It is not uncommon for such decay to develop in the area surrounding a longtime filling.

If the loss of a filling is accompanied by pain, take a pain reliever if necessary until you can get to the dentist. Do not crush the tablet against the tooth — it may irritate the gums. Also, avoid very hot or cold foods.



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SAFETY by Robert Lazar

SIGNS - Recently, a survey was made of the condition of the stop signs in our community. Many are damaged or faded and several are missing. New signs will be installed by the parish.

Our street signs are for the most part in poor shape or even missing. Several citizens, including this writer, have adopted a street sign and repainted it. Many of these signs need a fresh coat of brown with white trim. Please adopt a sign near your home and help out. A freshly painted sign does enhance the neighborhood.

House numbers as well as street signs can be a critical, life or death factor. For example, ambulances were called to two homes recently. In both cases, the emergency response was delayed due to small or poorly displayed house numbers or a missing street sign.

Check your house numbers - make sure they are large, visible, and can be easily seen at night.

HYDRANT MARKERS - Now that Eden Isles drive is repaved and painted, blue reflectors (cat's eyes) will be implaced on the pavement by the Northshore VFD. Several missing reflectors on other streets will also be replaced. This makes hydrant locations much more visible, especially at night.

On the subject of hydrants, if you see one open or damaged, notify lakeview Utilities or myself promptly.

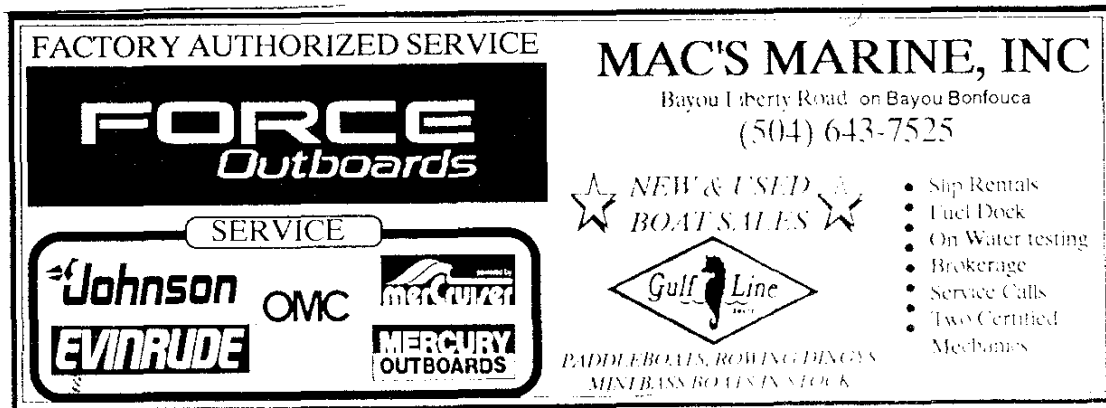
RULES OF THE ROAD - Remember, the speed limit is 25 MPH and all vehicles including bicycles are required to observe stop signs and travel on the correct side of the road. Many young and adult bicyclists violate the rules. It is very dangerous to turn a corner and have a bike coming right at your car, or having a bike whiz through a stop sign just as you thought your car had the right of way through an intersection. It's said bikes have no fender-benders.

BREAK-INS - Neighbors should always look out for each other. A house was broken into about a week ago. The culprits parked in front and broke the window in the garage door. (These windows are not usually alarmed. Check yours and have them alarmed also.)

With our limited hours guard service, more and more strangers are entering Eden Isles. More people should join and support security. However, crimes can and are committed by people legally in Eden Isles. Relatives and visitors are sometimes the responsible parties and can come in. So, even with the guard, be alert, watch your neighborhood, and improve your home security.



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LAWN & GARDEN TIPS FOR DECEMBER
by Diane Liuzza
GARDENS OF EDEN GARDEN CENTER

Prepare for winter weather by taking some steps to help prevent plant injury. Give physical protection by covering the upper part of the plants and the soil area where the roots are. Protecting only the upper parts of plants is not enough. Remove all coverings immediately after the danger of freeze has passed. Water plants well prior to a predicted freeze. Many plants are killed due to an absence of available water and they become dehydrated. The best and surest way to eliminate damage is to use plants in the landscape that are completely winter hardy. As only so much can be done to protect plants if extremes in winter temperatures should occur. Some plants which require winter protection are; citrus trees, poinsettia, rubber plants, hibiscus, allamanda, bouganvillea, philodendron, succulents, capper plants, brunfelsia, night blooming jasmine.

ROSES - Prepare rose beds now for January planting. Select a sunny area where the soil is well drained. Raise beds for better drainage. Incorporate generous amounts of cow manure, peat moss and top soil.

POINSETTIA - Flowers of bracts to poinsettias must be conditioned after cutting if they are to be used effectively for indoor holiday arrangements. Submerge the cut end of the stem immediately after cutting into hot (nearly boiling) water for about one minute, or you can burn the ends of the stems. Flowers should be placed in tubes of warm water for four to six hours for conditioning before being used in arrangements. Never allow the milky substance for cuts to drop on flowers or leaves as it spots the plant and causes yellowing and faster leaf and bract droppage. The milky substance will also stain clothing. Gas fumes too, will cause poinsettia foliage to turn yellow and drop prematurely.

POTTED CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA - Keep the soil fairly dry, but don't allow the plant to wilt. Clean air is important. For longer life of the plant, keep it in a cool location with bright light. Sudden changes in temperature will cause leaf drop. Make sure drainage holes of the pot are not blocked and place a plastic saucer under the pot to protect furniture and floors.

Poinsettias may be placed outside after the danger of freeze has passed, usually after March 15th. Place in a well protected area from the wind and the influence of street or security lights.

What should be done for cold injured plants
When plants become soft and mushy, remove the damaged portions. With the more woody species such as hydrangea, lantana, night blooming jasmine, etc., delay pruning or cutting back until new growth starts in the spring. Dead growth helps insulate the undamaged portions of the plants.

SPAYING AND NEUTERING: A SOLUTION FOR
SUFFERING
by Diane Liuzza

Many people enjoy the companionship of cats and dogs, who were domesticated between 5000 and 10000 years ago. Over time people have manipulated the animals breeding to produce certain physical characteristics, resulting in the different types of cats and dogs we know today. But domestication took the animals out of the ecosystem, and their reproductive cycles are no longer regulated naturally by predators or habitat. The result is a overpopulation crisis that necessitates widespread spaying and neutering.

Approximately 2500 kittens and puppies are born each hour in the United States. Some are bred on purpose by breeder who sell animals for a profit, some are allowed to breed by people who want their cat or dog to have the "experience" of having a litter, some are the result of fertile animals being allowed to roam freely and mate.

Whatever the reason, the supply of cats and dogs far exceeds the demand for them. Unwanted animals are often treated as a nuisance; incident of kitten drownings and dog abandonment are common. Many people drop off animals in rural areas thinking that someone will take them in or that they can and for themselves. But the tragic result for the animals is cruel treatment, starvation, disease, freezing, highway death, procurement for research laboratories, and even more breeding.

Even if someone can find homes for one litter of kittens or puppies, the overpopulation cycle continues if the following generations of litters are allowed to breed. Animal control agencies and shelters receive approximately 13 million unwanted animals annually. Those who are not adopted within about a week, about 10 million, are killed. In many areas where a practice called "pound seizure" is permitted, unclaimed animals can be given or sold to laboratories, where their deaths are often far from painless.

Spaying and neutering does help stop the tide of overpopulation. It does not make animals fat and lazy, harm their health or hurt their personalities. Spaying not only reduces the stress females endure during heat periods, but also eliminates the risk of uterine cancer and greatly reduces the chance of mammary cancer. Neutering makes males far less likely to roam or fight, and helps prevent testicular cancer.

Female cats and dogs should be spayed soon after the age of six months, males should be neutered between six and nine months of age, but both spaying and neutering can be done safely through most of adulthood. The operations require only a few days recuperation. The one time cost of spaying or neutering is far less than the expense communities must pay toward animal control and euthanasia.

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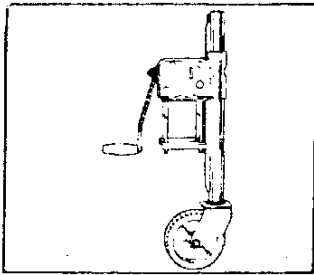
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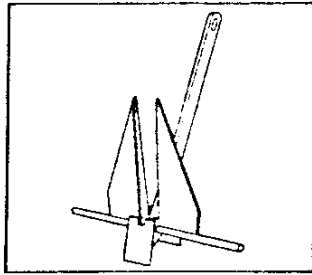
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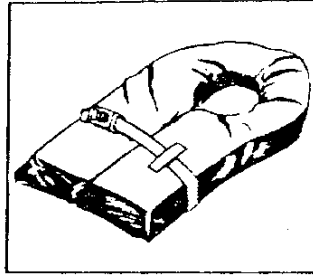
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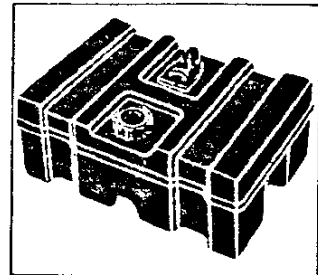
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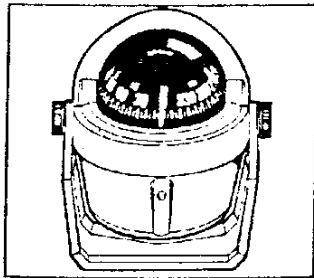
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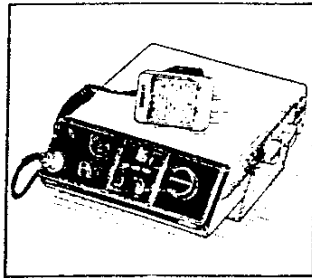
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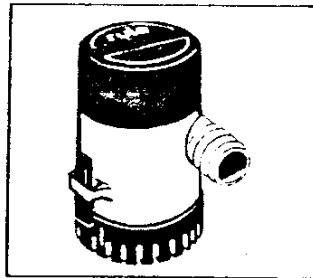
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GARDEN CLUB NEWS

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"Christmas under the Stars" will take place December 10 -22 in Griffin Park. The Garden Club will decorate a tree for display in the park, along with the trees of other area garden clubs. Our theme will be "A Musical Christmas". It was a beautiful event last year. This year promises to be even better, so we hope to see you at the park as part of your holiday celebration.

"Santa by Boat" arrives December 17 at 2PM. Santa will be landing at the boathouse of A.J. and Neil Forstall, 109 Carina Circle. All Children Eden Isles and Moonraker Residents are invited to come talk Santa and receive a holiday souvenir. Parents, bring your children for a fun time and come out and meet the neighbors.

"Christmas Decorating" contest will be held on December 18. The houses of Eden Isles/Moonraker will be judged for best overall holiday decorations. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners will be announced.

For further information/clarification of Garden Club news and activities, please call Brenda Castiglione at 641-9564.



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