

The Eden Islander

THE OFFICIAL "EDEN ISLES NEWLETTER"

March 2011

P. O. BOX 2746, SLIDELL, LA 70459

General Membership Meeting

Tuesday
March 15, 2011

Tammany
Yacht
Club

Meet and Greet
6pm - 7pm

2011 Future Meetings
(locations to be announced)

Tues. June 14

Tues. Sept 13

Christmas Party

December 13

*A Message From
Our President...*

CINDY FRANATOVICH

Hello Fellow Neighbors,

As we begin 2011, the Board of Directors of Eden Isle Homeowners Association hopes all homeowners had a blessed holiday season and we wish everyone a prosperous 2011. It was wonderful seeing so many at the holiday meeting/celebration, and we, the Board, are looking forward to seeing you all at upcoming meetings.

After an interesting winter, we are enjoying some beautiful spring like weather. Spring will be here before you know it and our yards are already starting to really get green. The spring flowers will soon be blooming. Now is the time to start spring cleaning not only your homes but also the waterways? If you see debris in the waterways, scoop it and dump it.

The Board is planning another "Driveway Social" again this year since it was such a big hit last year. Look for signs with the date and location. Come meet and greet with your neighbors!

The next phase of our new beautiful street signs are near completion. We have had many compliments on the new street signs. We hope to start another phase on new street signs in the late summer as monies permit. Several bids were received for grass cutting for 2011. Our Green Force has reviewed and interviewed all prospected bidders. Voss & Sons, Inc. has been granted as our grass cutters for 2011.

I would like to remind all homeowners that Eden Isle is governed by covenants, by-laws and regulations that have been in existence for many years. All documents should have been given to you at closing by your real estate agent and/or lawyer. A copy is also available for your convenience on our web www.EIHOA.org. It is every homeowner's responsibility to review the content of these documents and abide by them. Let's all act like responsible and courteous neighbors.

Invoices were recently mailed for 2011 Yearly dues. Please make every effort to mail in your dues as soon as possible. The Board is implementing new projects for 2011 and your dues will allow the Board to fulfill as many projects as possible. This year the Board is giving new Eden Isle garden flags to every homeowner that submits their 2011 dues. Please fly your flag proudly in your garden to represent you are a member in good standings. Thank you if you have already submitted your 2011 dues.

Your Board works diligently to make our area a great place to work and play. The Board continues to be on top of things and we encourage each of you to let us know if there are problems or if you have an idea to make our neighborhood a better, safer, more fun place to reside.

"Living in Eden Isle is truly Paradise on a half shell"

Sincerely, Cindy

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On February 15, 2011, our board member, neighbor and friend, Ralph Grimaldi, was killed in a boating accident.

Ralph loved Eden Isles and took the lead in issues to improve our quality of life. Ralph was instrumental in reestablishing security cameras after hurricane Katrina; he prepared the bid proposals, solicited bids, entered into contract negotiations, supervised installation and monitored the security surveillance.

. When the board needed someone to take over Green Force and negotiated a new grass cutting contract; Ralph stepped up and volunteered for the job. Once again he reviewed bids and negotiated the contract.

Ralph was actively involved in the homeowners association's efforts to establish storm surge protection. Most recently he met with State Senator A. G. Crowe concerning the proposed 5.5 mile breakwater to protect Eden isles.

Ralph's contribution to Eden Isles can not be overstated; he brought his business knowledge and expertise to the table and was the voice of reason when emotional issues were discussed.

Thanks Ralph for everything you have done. We miss you and we will try our best to continue your good work.



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Storm Protection for Eden Isles?

On January 30th the St. Tammany News ran a story about State Senator, A.G. Crowe's concept to build a breakwater to provide storm surge protection for Eden Isles. Senator Crowe's concept consists of an 80 feet wide breakwater, 1,200 feet from the shore extending 5.5 miles, from Bayou Liberty to the twin span. There would also be breaks in the offshore levee so that boats can get out to Lake Pontchartrain.

Your homeowners association's special events committee met with Senator Crowe in order to learn more about his storm protection plans and to offer the association's assistance in developing a storm surge protection plan for Eden Isles.

Senator Crowe said storm surge protection for our area faces many hurdles and if it is to succeed it will require support from residents and business leaders, along with local, state and federal officials. Senator Crowe said he wants to establish a committee consisting of members representing the various groups and together formulate a comprehensive storm surge protection plan and work towards its implementation.

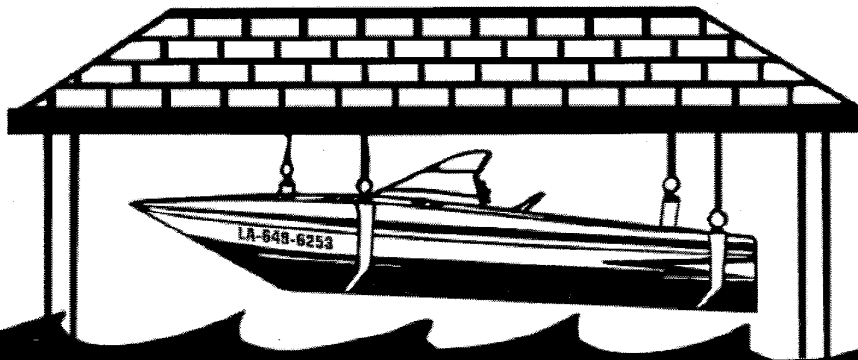
Senator Crowe invited our committee to be part of this group and asked our help in identifying other civic groups that can assist in developing and constructing a storm surge protection plan for our community. The Eden Isles homeowners association shall be contacting other homeowner associations and community groups along with recruiting individuals with engineering, political, legal and organizational skills to assist Senator Crowe's committee. If you have skills that may help in this effort and are willing to work towards storm protection please contact us.

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