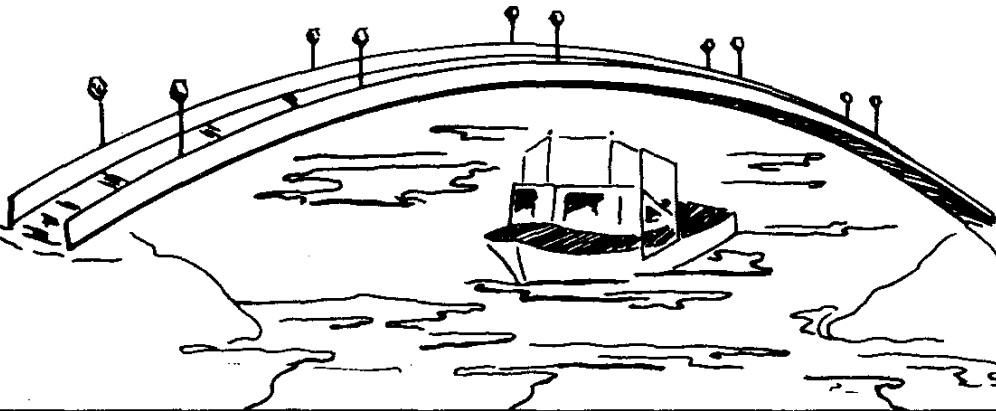


# The Eden Isles Community Forum



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DEAR NEIGHBOR:

THE GRASS IS GROWING, THE TREES ARE BUDDING. CAN SPRING BE FAR BEHIND? TIME TO REPLACE THOSE PLANTS WE LOST DURING THE FREEZE ... GET OUT THE PAINT BRUSHES ... TUNE UP THE OUTBOARD MOTOR. HOPE YOUR VALENTINE PLEDGED TO LOVE, HONOR, AND NEGOTIATE, AND THAT YOUR MARDI GRAS WAS SAFE AND HAPPY.

WE'D LIKE TO REMIND YOU THAT YOUR COMMENTS AND LETTERS ARE WELCOME - IF YOU DON'T AGREE WITH OR ARE CRITICAL OF THE OPINIONS YOU FIND HERE, WE ARE CERTAINLY INTERESTED IN HEARING FROM YOU AND WILL DO OUR BEST TO PRESENT "THE OTHER SIDE" - - JUST BE SURE TO SIGN YOUR NAME SO THAT WE CAN AUTHENTICATE YOUR LETTER. NOTE OUR ADDRESS ON THIS PAGE AND SEND US YOUR INPUT. AFTER ALL, WITHOUT YOU, THERE CAN BE NO "COMMUNITY FORUM."

## RESIDENTS OF THE MONTH AWARD:

### BOUQUETS TO

#### 1. MR. AND MRS. GEORGE JENSEN

WHO NEVER FAIL TO STOP AND PICK UP BOTTLES AND CANS WHICH HAVE BEEN THROWN ON THE NEUTRAL GROUNDS OR IN THE STREETS. MR. AND MRS. JENSEN, IN THEIR EFFORTS TO KEEP THE COMMUNITY LOOKING GOOD, REGULARLY PATROL THE SUBDIVISION IN SEARCH OF LITTER ..... WE SALUTE THESE OUTSTANDING, CARING NEIGHBORS.

#### 2. MR. JACOB ELDER

FOR PAINTING (SO BEAUTIFULLY) AND REPAIRING THE "EDEN ISLES" STREET SIGNS AT THE HIGHWAY 11 ENTRANCE AS WELL AS THE INTERSECTION OF EDEN ISLES DRIVE AND MOONRAKER.

# Thank You

# Look What's Up!

## SECURITY

By Marilyn Meier

HERE ARE SOME SAFETY/SECURITY TIPS TO KEEP IN MIND:

### 1. STREET LIGHTS OUT:

PLEASE CALL CLECO YOURSELF, RATHER THAN ASKING THE GUARDS TO DO SO. CLECO NEEDS TO VERIFY THE NEED FOR REPLACEMENT WITH A PAYING CUSTOMER (HOMEOWNER) IN THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY. CALL 643-5555 OR 11-800-622-6537.

### 2. TURN ON YOUR YARD LIGHT:

A DRIVE THROUGH THE SUB-DIVISION REVEALS THAT VERY FEW RESIDENCES HAVE THEIR LIGHT ON AT NIGHT. A 40 WATT BULB BURNING EVERY NIGHT, SUMMER OR WINTER, COSTS LESS THAN \$1.00 PER MONTH.

### 3. IF YOU HAVE A HOME BURGLAR ALARM THAT IS NOT CONNECTED TO A CENTRAL DISPATCH CENTER:

LEAVE A KEY OR YOUR DAYTIME PHONE NUMBER WITH A TRUSTED NEIGHBOR SO THAT YOU CAN BE CONTACTED, IF NECESSARY.

### 4. BE AWARE THAT ST. TAMMANY HAS A CURFEW LAW IN EFFECT FOR YOUNGSTERS UNDER 18 ... 10 P.M. ON WEEKNIGHTS AND 11 P.M. ON WEEKENDS:

IF YOU SEE OR HEAR ANYONE VANDALIZING PARISH OR PERSONAL PROPERTY, PLEASE CALL THE SHERIFF IMMEDIATELY:

643-2121

## INVITATION

THE EDEN ISLES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

### SECURITY COMMITTEE

CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO AN "OPEN-TO-ALL" MEETING ON

TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 1990  
7:00 P.M.

SALMEN HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA

### AGENDA:

WE'LL ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS;

WE'LL LISTEN TO YOUR COMPLAINTS;

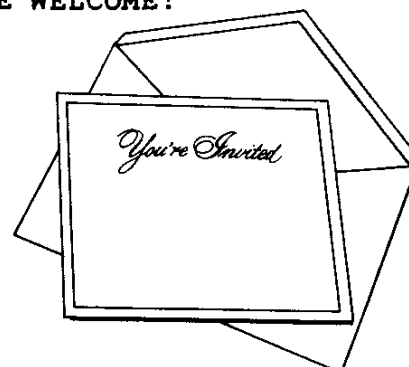
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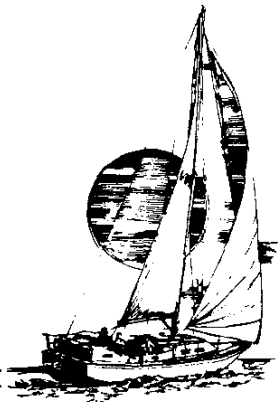
WE'LL TELL YOU WHAT THE OPTIONS ARE;

WE'LL GIVE YOU THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DECISION MAKING PROCESS.

IT'S TIME TO MAKE SOME HARD DECISIONS, AND WE NEED TO HEAR FROM YOU.

WHETHER YOU ARE A SUBSCRIBER TO THE SECURITY SERVICE, A MEMBER OF THE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, ONE OR NONE OF THE ABOVE ... YOU ARE WELCOME!





WELCOME  
TO OUR WORLD .....

INVESTMENT TIP .... BUY UP  
THOSE EMPTY LOTS ... THE PEOPLE  
ARE COMING ...

**NEW NEIGHBORS:**

BERSINS, CORONAS, FARRARS,  
HAWKINS, HAKES, KOCHS,  
MAGHANOYS, LAFONTS, MCGUIRES,  
RUSSELLS, SCHWABES, SHORTS.

WOULDN'T IT BE GREAT IF THERE  
WAS A COMMITTEE TO WELCOME AND  
HELP NEWCOMERS WITH BASIC  
QUESTIONS, ETC.?  
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**FOR SALE:**

OAK FIREWOOD; DELIVERED AND  
STACKED - RACKS AND KINDLING  
TOO! 649-5572 OR 649-7402.

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24' FIBERGLASS PONTOON BOAT  
WITH 60 H.P. MARINER  
649-7304

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**NEED A RELIABLE BABY SITTER???**

YOUNG MOTHER WILL SIT, DAY OR  
EVENING. PLEASE CALL GINA,  
649-4584

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SEND YOUR ADS WITH \$2.00  
DONATION TO:  
COMMUNITY FORUM  
P.O. BOX 4044  
SLIDELL, LA 70459



# Urgent Reminder

YOU PAY TO SUPPORT THESE  
DISTRICTS ... HAVE YOU EVER  
GONE TO THEIR MEETINGS?

FIRE DISTRICT #1 -  
MEETS ON SECOND TUESDAY OF  
EVERY MONTH, 7:00 P.M. AT  
CHAMPAGNE FIRE STATION,  
BOUSCAREN & SGT. ALFRED,  
SLIDELL;

MOSQUITO DISTRICT #2 -  
MEETS ON THIRD WEDNESDAY OF  
EVERY MONTH, 7:00 P.M., 2800  
TERRACE AVE., SLIDELL. COVERS  
WARDS 8 & 9. ALL 5 MEMBERS  
APPOINTED BY POLICE JURY.

POLICE JURY -  
MEETS EVERY THIRD THURSDAY,  
4:00 P.M. AT 428 E. BOSTON ST.,  
COVINGTON.

YOUR JUROR: MILTON GIBSON  
641-6971

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## N O T I C E

THERE WILL BE NO MONTHLY  
MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY  
SERVICES DISTRICT IN MARCH

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# TAXPAYER ALERT

## IMPORTANT

A SPECIAL ELECTION WILL TAKE PLACE ON SATURDAY, APRIL 7, 1990 FOR REGISTERED VOTERS OF THE EDEN ISLES SUBDIVISION AS WELL AS CERTAIN ADJACENT AREAS. THIS ELECTION WILL DECIDE THE FATE OF A PROPOSITION WHICH SEEKS TO IMPOSE AND LEVY A TAX ON ALL PROPERTY IN THE "EDEN ISLES COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT" WHICH WAS CREATED IN 1988 BY ACT OF THE LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE IN RESPONSE TO THE REQUEST OF A SMALL GROUP OF LOCAL PEOPLE.

THIS PROPOSITION WILL BE THE ONLY ITEM ON THE BALLOT IN THIS AREA. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE:

### NOT VOTING

GIVES THOSE WHO DO VOTE THE POWER TO DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT YOU WILL PAY ADDITIONAL TAXES, RETROACTIVE TO JANUARY 1, 1990, FOR THE NEXT 50 YEARS.

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## PLEASE NOTE:

IF YOU ARE NOT A REGISTERED VOTER, YOU CAN BECOME ONE BY GOING TO THE REGISTRAR OF VOTERS OFFICE, 2124 FIRST STREET, SLIDELL MONDAYS THROUGH FRIDAYS FROM 8:30 A.M. TO 12 NOON AND 1 P.M.- 4:30, UNTIL MARCH 13, 1990. SPECIAL EVENING HOURS HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED ON MARCH 12 AND 13, WHEN THE OFFICE WILL BE OPEN UNTIL 8:00 P.M., FOR THOSE WHO WORK DURING THE DAY.

YOU NEED TO BRING SOME TYPE OF IDENTIFICATION WITH YOUR PARISH ADDRESS ON IT ... SUCH AS DRIVER'S LICENSE, TELEPHONE OR CLECO BILL, ETC.

### MARCH 13

IS THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE ON THIS PROPOSITION.



# TAXPAYER ALERT

## BALLOT FOR APRIL 7, 1990

THE PROPOSED ANNUAL LOT TAX IS AS FOLLOWS:

FOR RESIDENTIAL USE IN UNITS 3, 4, 5, AND MOONRAKER ISLAND:  
WITH AN EXISTING STRUCTURE ON IT: \$ 297.00

VACANT: \$ 148.50

FOR RESIDENTIAL USE ON MARINA DRIVE, HARBOR DRIVE, LAKEVIEW DRIVE, OR HIGHWAY 11:

WITH AN EXISTING STRUCTURE ON IT: \$ 30.94

VACANT: \$ 15.47

FOR COMMERCIAL USE ON MARINA DRIVE, HARBOR DRIVE, LAKEVIEW DRIVE, OR HIGHWAY 11:

WITH ONE EXISTING STRUCTURE ON IT: \$ 15.47

WITH TWO OR MORE: 61.88

VACANT: 30.94

FOR RESIDENTIAL, MULTI-FAMILY OR COMMERCIAL USE BUT CANNOT BE USED OR THOSE PURPOSES BECAUSE OF SIZE RESTRICTIONS, AND IS 1,000 SQUARE FEET OR LESS:

\$ 74.20

FOR MULTI-FAMILY USE:

WITH ONE OR MORE MULTI-FAMILY UNITS: \$ 61.88

VACANT: 30.94

FOR ACREAGE WHICH IS UNSUBDIVIDED AND UNDEVELOPED:  
\$ 27.10 PER ACRE.

THE PROPOSITION FURTHER STATES THAT THE FOLLOWING SERVICES WILL BE PROVIDED:

A. SECURITY, NEUTRAL GROUND MAINTENANCE, AND ORDINANCE AND COVENANT ENFORCEMENT FOR UNITS 3, 4, AND 5 PLUS MOONRAKER IN THE EDEN ISLES SUBDIVISION;

B. ORDINANCE AND COVENANT ENFORCEMENT FOR MARINA DRIVE, HARBOR DRIVE, HIGHWAY 11 AND LAKEVIEW DRIVE.

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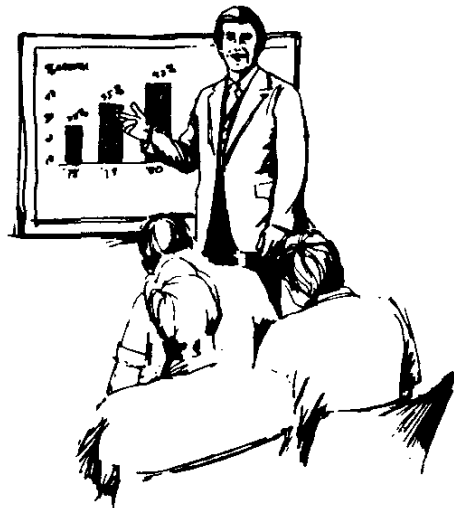
THE INCOME FROM THIS TAX, IF PASSED, IS SUPPOSED TO BE SPENT AS FOLLOWS (ALTHOUGH IT DOES NOT STATE IT ON THE BALLOT):

45.16% FOR SECURITY

12.90% FOR NEUTRAL GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

41.94% FOR ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS OF THE DISTRICT.

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# BULLETIN

## YOU SHOULD KNOW:

IF THIS PROPOSITION PASSES, IT AUTOMATICALLY GIVES "LIFE" TO THE DISTRICT FOR 50 YEARS; HENCE, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT, AS INFLATION EATS AWAY TAX DOLLARS, YOU WILL BE ASKED TO VOTE FOR INCREASED TAXES OR SUFFER DECREASED "SERVICES." (SOUND FAMILIAR?)

IF THIS PROPOSITION PASSES, THE TAX WILL BE RETROACTIVE TO JANUARY 1, 1990 (THIS TAX WILL MOST LIKELY NOT BE A DEDUCTIBLE EXPENSE ON YOUR INCOME TAX);

IF THIS PROPOSITION PASSES, THE TAX WILL BE IN ADDITION TO ALL OTHER PARISH AND TAXING DISTRICT MILLAGES;

IF THIS PROPOSITION PASSES, 3 PERSONS (COMMISSIONERS) CAN AND WILL, WITHOUT YOUR VOTE, MAKE AND ENFORCE WHATEVER LAWS (COVENANTS AND ORDINANCES) REGULATING YOU AND YOUR PROPERTY, THEY THINK YOU SHOULD OBEY;

IF THIS PROPOSITION PASSES, THE MANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THE CONSTITUTIONALITY OF THE "DISTRICT" WHICH HAVE BEEN RAISED BY STATE AGENCIES, AS WELL AS INDIVIDUALS AND/OR LARGE LAND HOLDERS, POINT TO THE PROBABILITY OF COURT CHALLENGES AND INJUNCTIONS AGAINST COLLECTING/SPENDING REVENUES UNTIL THE LEGAL QUESTIONS ARE RESOLVED;

IF THIS PROPOSITION PASSES, NO PROMISES OR GUARANTEES HAVE BEEN MADE BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AS TO WHAT TYPE OF "SECURITY" CAN OR WILL BE PROVIDED TO THE EDEN ISLES SUBDIVISION. AGAIN, LEGAL OPINIONS FROM THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND/OR DISTRICT ATTORNEY WERE REQUESTED LONG AGO, BUT HAVE NOT BEEN FORTHCOMING.

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## YOU SHOULD ALSO KNOW:

THE COMMISSIONERS OF THIS DISTRICT HAVE/HAD NO MONEY (FOR 2 YEARS THEY HAVE BEEN FUNDING OPERATING COSTS FROM THEIR OWN POCKETS) ... NO FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE WITH WHICH THEY COULD PAY FOR THEIR PRO RATA SHARE OF THE COSTS OF THIS ELECTION AS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW; HOWEVER, IN ORDER FOR THIS PROPOSITION TO APPEAR ON A BALLOT, THE DISTRICT'S EXPENSES HAVE BEEN PERSONALLY GUARANTEED BY DISTRICT 13 POLICE JUROR MILTON GIBSON, FROM MONEY BEING COLLECTED BY A "PRIVATE GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS."

THESE COSTS, TOGETHER WITH THE NECESSARY ADVERTISING, ARE DOCUMENTED AT APPROXIMATELY \$1,000.00.

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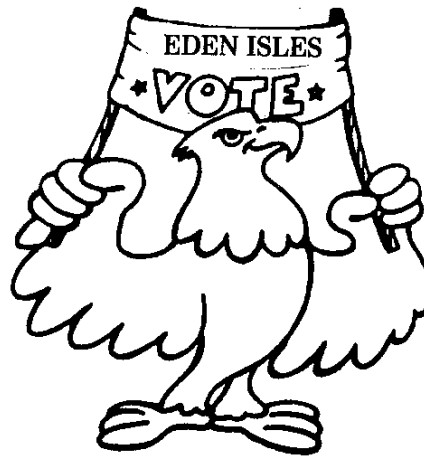
**FINALLY, YOU SHOULD KNOW**

IT IS LIKELY THAT THE ADMINISTRATIVE/OVERHEAD COSTS TO IMPLEMENT AND OPERATE THIS DISTRICT HAVE BEEN VASTLY UNDERESTIMATED. THESE COSTS WERE REDUCED FROM \$145,000 (ORIGINALLY PROPOSED) TO \$130,000 IN THE FINAL PLAN; THE COST FOR PROVIDING SERVICES WERE ALSO REDUCED -- FROM \$225,000 TO \$180,000, ALL IN ORDER TO LOWER YOUR PROPOSED TAX RATE FROM THE ORIGINALLY MANDATED \$350.00 PER YEAR TO THE AMENDED \$297.00, IN THE HOPE THAT THE REDUCED RATE WOULD BE MORE "ACCEPTABLE."

THE RESULT OF THIS "CREATIVE BOOKKEEPING" IS THAT, INSTEAD OF 39 CENTS OF EVERY TAX DOLLAR GOING TO "OVERHEAD," WE NOW HAVE 42 CENTS OF EVERY DOLLAR YOU WOULD PAY GOING TO SUPPORT, MAINTAIN, AND ENFORCE THIS BUREAUCRACY.

THIS MEANS THAT, OF THE \$297.00 YOU WILL BE TAXED ANNUALLY, \$124.74 WILL BE SIPHONED OFF BY EXPENSES TO OPERATE THE DISTRICT.

WHAT KIND OF FISCAL SENSE DOES THAT MAKE???????????



**HERE ARE SOME STATISTICS  
TO THINK ABOUT:**

IN THE JANUARY 20TH REFERENDUM ON THE SHERIFF'S HALF CENT SALES TAX PROPOSITION,

OF THE 2,196 REGISTERED VOTERS IN WARD 9, PRECINCT 9, WHICH INCLUDES THE EDEN ISLES SUBDIVISION,

**ONLY 532 PEOPLE VOTED.**

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WE LEAVE YOU WITH THIS JEWEL OF WISDOM FROM E. BURKE:

**"BAD LAWS ARE THE WORST SORT OF TYRANNY."**

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