

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Louis Pendarvis

The covenant committee has worked diligently on revising the covenants in order to consolidate them into a more useful, workable and enforceable instrument.

The Board of Directors reviewed the covenant revisions and noted one section that may be controversial. This section deals with a mandatory fee imposed on each resident in Eden Isles subdivision.

Before asking the residents of Eden Isles to make a formal vote on acceptance of the revised covenants, it is incumbent upon the Board of Directors to take a poll of the residents to see if the majority of residents are willing to make the commitment of paying a mandatory fee.

Please refer to the inside page of this newsletter and answer the question on a mandatory fee as explained therein.



### HOMEOWNERS MEETING

Tuesday, March 28, 2000

Tammany Yacht Club

7:00 PM

### Mosquito Control to Address Insect Problem in Eden Isles

Viki Taylor, supervisory entomologist for St. Tammany Parish Mosquito Abatement District # 2, will speak on mosquito control at the homeowner's meeting March 28, 7:00 p.m. This talk should be very helpful in combating these pests during the spring and summer months.

### Garden Professionals to Speak at Meeting

Bring your questions regarding spring planting to the homeowner's meeting March 28th. Linda and Sam Sutter of Sand Dollar Nursery will field questions pertaining to plants, shrubs and trees for spring planting.

### St. Tammany Parish to Take Legal Action

Parish President Kevin Davis is taking steps to remove every sign that is placed illegally on parish rights of way and utility poles. This is a positive move to clean up the proliferation of nuisance signs in our parish.

A reminder to residents of Eden Isles, when you place signs at the guard houses or on Eden Isles Drive, regarding directions or yard sales, please remember to remove them after the event is over.

### Eden Isles Residents to See Garbage Fee Reduction

Waste Management Company has agreed to reduce our monthly fee from the current \$21.50 to \$19.75 starting the month of March, 2000. This amounts to a savings of \$21 per year. Waste Management officials offer to hold the fee at \$19.75 for two years if the homeowners will agree on an exclusive contract for this period of time.

A special thanks to Mike Sims and Grady Engolia for their work in securing this reduction.

### A Second Reminder

We are still receiving complaints about grass clippings being blown into our water ways. Please insist that hired grass cutters bag all grass clippings and dispose of them properly.

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Checking			
Bank One		4,147.67	
Savings			
Market Index Account		19,149.66	
Cash			
Petty Cash		31.77	23,329.10
Other assets			
Utilities Deposit		50.00	
Fund Balance			
General Fund		11,794.97	
Greenforce		8,933.33	
Private Lot Cutting		2,669.36	23,329.10
Income			
Decal & plates		0.00	
Fundraising income		31.50	
Greenforce	385	13,380.00	
Interest Income		0.00	
Islander Income		1,775.00	
Membership Dues	448	8,375.00	
Private Lot cutting		1,825.00	
Other Income		25.00	
		0.00	25,411.50
Expenses			
Administrative Expenses		733.36	
Administrative Salary		600.00	
Bank Fees		0.00	
Fund Raising Expenses		0.00	
Greenforce Expenses		1,780.00	
Insurance		0.00	
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Volunteers with the Eden Isles Water Watch Committee took five water samples in February and five in March, and the results were excellent. A bacterial count of 200 or greater would indicate a pollution problem; the highest count we experienced was only 51, in the Oak Harbor Marina. We expect the bacterial count to increase with the temperature, and we shall continue our sampling and initiate corrective actions as necessary. The goal is to have a comprehensive water quality evaluation of the Eden Isles waterways to assure residents that our waterways are pollution free.

Please continue to do your part by:

1. If you see the "RED" light on at a lift station immediately notify Coast Waterworks @ 641-7932 or 6441-7080 after hours.

2. If you see a sewerage discharge notify Coast Waterworks, and the DEQ and the Health Department. You can reach Mr. David Oge with the St. Tammany Parish DEQ surveillance group at (504) 471-2800, and Mr. Brian Mistic with Health & Hospitals at (504) 871-1331.

3. Do not over fertilize your lawns, do not dump trash or grass clippings in the water and do not treat the ducks as pets.

The Health & Hospitals Dept. of Environmental Quality also suggested that we do not swim in the waterways for several days following a heavy rain.

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## Neighborhood Watch/Community Policing Update

Our first meeting was held on 3/15/00, and included Valiant Lane, Columbia Place and Brushfire residents. Approximately 13 people attended and the seminar was held at my office at 3663 Pontchartrain. I wish to thank Leo Schmidt & Lynn Pendarvis for offering right away to help in delivering meeting notices to the residents on their streets. This type of involvement is just what we need to make a success of this program in Eden Isles. It will take many hours, but with your help we CAN do it. If you would be interested in making phone calls for me, to your neighbors, I won't turn down any offers. A date will be set by this first group for home security checks, for those who take part in neighborhood watch.

We have had an incident which I would like to advise you of. A vehicle was burglarized. It seems the perpetrators, had a flat tire on the getaway car, and a neighbor (not knowing they had just committed a crime) gave them a ride to their apartment so they could repair the tire on their vehicle. When the victim reported this, it came to light that the neighbor had assisted them, and was able to give a description of not only the vehicle and drivers, but also the apartment location. The good news is, this vehicle was picked up by our surveillance tape as it was leaving, and may be used as evidence against the perpetrators. This is a fine example of our camera being utilized, not even 2 months after installation. It is very important that you notify us right away if you can, so the tape will still have the information on it.

Also it seems a person stating he was with the Census Bureau approached a home demanding to be let in. The resident did NOT admit him, offering to answer any questions through the door, and he said it is a law that we let him into our house to complete his Census taking. After checking with the Census Bureau, they advised this is not the case, and there are no Census takers in our area yet. This person was very persistent, and returned twice more, and neither time did she let him in. We just want to express caution against letting strangers in your home. In this case, her neighbor intervened and called the police, and he went away. If we find out anything different we will keep you advised.

We hope you will come to the next meeting and be sure to let us know if you see any suspicious looking strangers, after notification of the police, of course. We are purchasing an engraver to be used for marking your property, for identification if these items are stolen and recovered.

The latest in criminal activity is as follows: 1/00 - Residential Burglary, Drug Violation, Simple Assault; 3/00 - Theft from a vehicle, Residential Burglary.

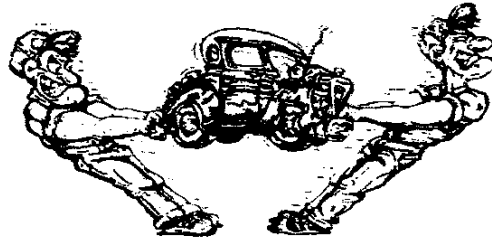
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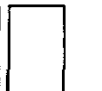
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Therefore, even if a covenant requiring mandatory assessments is approved by a majority of the property owners, in accordance with HB 62, it will not be enforceable against all property owners. House Bill 62 provides for property owners to file a statement declining to be covered by the building restrictions, if the statement is filed within 30 days.

The Board knows that a mandatory assessment that does not apply to all property owners will be controversial.

Before the Board commits to spending thousands of dollars on a formal vote, we want your opinion on this issue.

## VOTE YES OR NO ON THE FOLLOWING QUESTION:

Are you willing to make a legal commitment to pay approximately \$60.00 per year, with the option of increasing it no more than 5% per year with homeowner's approval, to support such activities as the Homeowner's Association, Greenforce, Security, and enforcement of building restrictions?

You may submit your vote by anyone of the following methods. You must give your name and address and only one response per property will be accepted.

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**Yes, I am willing to commit to a \$60.00 per year mandatory fee.**

**No, I am not willing to commit to a \$60.00 per year mandatory fee that does not apply to everyone**

**Name (print)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

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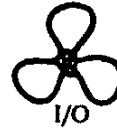
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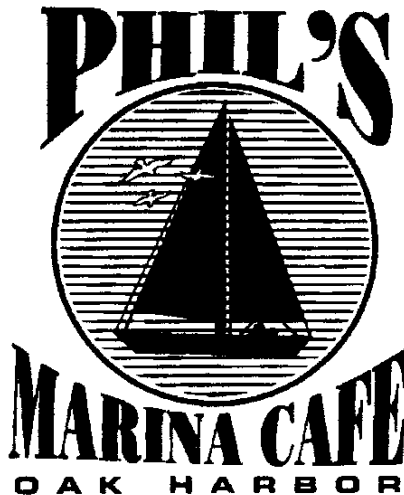


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## Special Thanks

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## Eden Isles Board Members Working Together!!



*Louis Pendarvis, Tom Thompson, Ann Courrege, Ralph Kastner, Marian Bencke, Ray Miller, John Fisk and Mike Sims all attended a board meeting at Ralph's home on Lakelawn in February.*

**Take a Minute!**

### Heaven Help the Volunteer

*Many will be shocked to find when the day of judgement nears,  
that there's a special place in heaven set aside for volunteers;*

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where there's no committee chairman, group leaders or car pools.*

*No eager team that needs a coach, no bazaar and no bake sales,  
there will be nothing to staple, and not one thing to fold or mail.*

*Telephone lists will be outlawed; but a finger snap will bring  
cool drinks and gourmet dinners, and rare treats fit for a king.*

*You ask, who'll serve these privileged few and work for all they're worth?  
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# Garden Club

Marlene Maylon

Don't look now, but spring is here. We will be taking out our gardening tools for spring planting. Hope everyone had a great winter and enjoyed the Mardi Gras season.

Eden Isles Garden Club's February meeting was held at the home of Millie Hoffman.

## February Yard of the Month (Mardi Gras Door Decorations)

1st Place:	Jack & Joyce Margani 165 Pebble Beach Dr.
2nd	Frank & Katherine Mortillaro 242 Blackfin Cove
3rd	Irmat Latapie 169 Pebble Beach Dr.
Hon.	122 Columbia Place
Men.	98 Lakelawn Dr. 102 Weatherly Cove

February: Caution Ladies at Work, operation "Sweep the Bridge", Hwy. 11 guardhouse.

A few of our garden club members met to clean and beautify the bridge. From left, Phyllis Mitts, Hilda Vaughn, Beverly Chauffe, Pam White; Yvon Molinary. Not shown: Lillian Williams & hubby Ron, & Linda Triay.

March meeting was held at the home of Hilda Vaughn

## March Yard of the Month

1st Place:	Josephine Read 158 Pebble Beach
2nd	Walter & Hilda Vaughn 110 Sirius Lane
3rd (tie)	Robert & Margaret Stewart 107 Darcy Lane Andre & Bridget Labat 166 Pebble Beach Dr.
Hon.	104 Weatherly Cove
Men.	109 Carina Circle 309 Eden Isles Dr. 314 Eden Isles Dr. 212 Constellation Dr. 210 Eydie Lane for their small side garden.

During their tour of judging, the members saw the yard at 114 Pebble Beach was torn up by a large backhoe. They enjoyed the homemade cardboard sign "Yard of the Month" tacked on a tree by the homeowners. Needless to say, the judges considered the sign humorous.

March 13, Eden Isles Garden Club members enjoyed a day trip to Zemurray Gardens in Loranger, La. Those attending were Edwana Bourgeois, Linda Palisi, Marion Frozio, Hilda Vaughn, Lillian Williams, Yvon Molinary, Millie Hoffman, Linda Triay, Phyllis Mitts and Nunny Levis.

The Garden Clubs of Slidell held their annual show March 17 and 18.

Eden Isles Garden Club won the Mayor's Sweepstakes award for the most blue ribbons. On hand to accept the silver tray were Lillian Williams, Yvon Molinary, Juanita Gibbs, Linda Triay, June Collins, and Pam White.

Our President, Yvon Molinary won 1st place in her class and the "Designers Choice Award" titled: "The War Years."

Yvon also won Top Design "Anna Moore's Designers Choice Award" from Anna Moore's family.

The award of merit went to : Juanita Gibbs : Hat Design 60's pillbox hat with ficus leaves and a yellow spider mum on top.

Earline Groce won for her bex-oxalis shamrock..

Nell Forstall's entry was Bletilla ground orchid "Striata".

The Jeanette Roussel "Award of Horticultural Excellence Award" was given to Eugene Veillos of Independence La for his entry Amorphophyllus Riverii plant.

Congratulations to all of the winner.

Garden Tip of the Month: Don't hesitate to use a knife or hatchet to divide clumps of perennials with tangled roots. It's gentler than pulling and tearing.



Mardi Gras Door winner for Month of February: Jack & Joyce Morgani, 165 Pebble Beach Dr.

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*Yard of the Month, March - Josephine Read, 158 Pebble Beach Dr.*



*Day trip to Zemurray Gardens in Loranger, La.*



*Ladies accepting the Mayors Award at the flower show.*



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*Yvon Molinary takes 1st Place at flower show*



*February Meeting - Home of Millie Hoffman. Co-hostesses are Judy Chamberlin, Beverly Chauffe, Pam White (not shown)*



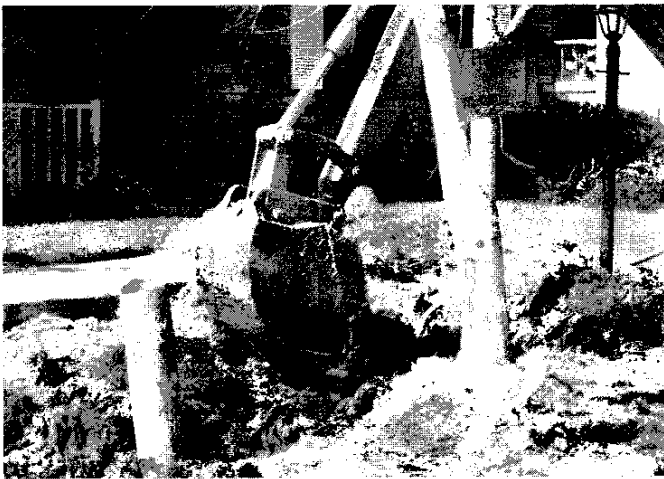
*March Meeting - Home of Hilda Vaughn. Co-hostesses are Gloria Accardo, Harriet Toups, Marlene Maylon (not shown)*



*This Amorphophyllus Riverii won the Jeanette Roussel "Award of Excellence"*



*"Award of Merit" for Earlene Groce's Bex-Oxalis Shamrock*



*Yard of the month wanna-be*



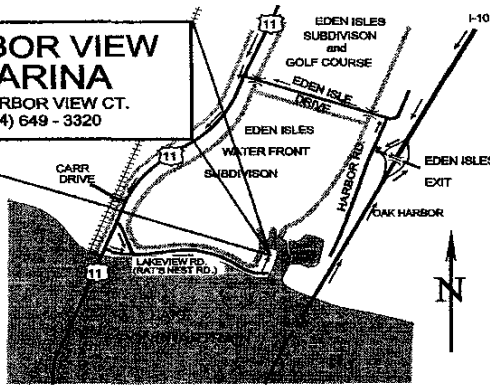
*Yvon Molinary accepts top design award*

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## WARNING TO BOATERS

All waterways in Eden Isles, including Moonraker Lake and Moonraker Canal have a speed limit of five miles per hour. According to Coast Guard regulations, any water craft causing wake damage to boats or bulkheads may be held liable. Residents are asked to call Deputy Rispoli, St. Tammany Sheriff's Water Patrol, 646-4100, for any violations.

## IN MEMORIAM

**Elio "Murph" Domenella, an active resident of our community, passed away January 23, 2000. He will be missed by family, neighbors and friends.**

## EDEN ISLES POKER RUN

Saturday, April 29, 2000

Mark your calendars, EIHOA has scheduled another Poker Run for Saturday, April 29th. Get your friends and family for a fun day around Eden Isles. Play a single hand together and play several hands individually. All proceeds go to benefit your homeowners association. Watch for specifics that will be coming soon.

For you first timers here is how a Poker Run works:

- Registration will be the day of the event and will begin at 12:00 noon
- Entry fee will be \$70, golf shirt included
- A course will be given out which is set between five different local area waterfront establishments within the Eden Isles area.
- Either boats or cars can travel to each place and pick up single sealed card
- This sealed card should not be opened and must be turned in by 5:00 p.m.
- Jackpots will be awarded at 5:30, with the High and Low hands splitting 40% of entry fees received.

## **SAFETY TIPS FOR TRAILERING YOUR BOAT**

(Part 2 of 2)

The first installment of this article gave you some tips about choosing a towing vehicle and trailer and how to position your boat safely on the trailer, along with some driving tips. In this second part, we'll discuss launching and retrieving your boat.

### **PRE-LAUNCHING PREPARATIONS**

For the courtesy of others and to prevent rushing, prepare your boat for launching away from the ramp.

- Check the boat to ensure no damage was caused by the trip.
- Raise the lower unit (remove supports) to proper height for launching so it will not hit bottom.
- Remove tie-downs and make sure the winch is properly attached to the bow eye and locked in position.
- Put the drain plug in securely.
- Disconnect the trailer lights to prevent shorting of electrical system or burning out a bulb.
- Attach a line to the bow and the stern of the boat so the boat cannot drift away after launching and it can be easily maneuvered to docking area.
- Visually inspect the launch ramp for hazards such as a steep drop off, slippery area and sharp objects.

When everything has been double-checked, proceed slowly to the ramp remembering that your boat is just resting on the trailer and attached only at the bow. In the best of all possible worlds you would station one person in the boat and one observer at the water's edge to help guide the driver of the tow vehicle.

### **LAUNCHING**

- Keep the rear wheels of the tow vehicle out of the water. This will generally keep the exhaust pipes out of the water. If the exhaust pipes become immersed in the water, the engine may stall.
- Set the parking brake and place tire chocks behind rear wheels.
- Make sure someone else on shore is holding the lines attached to the boat.
- Lower the motor and prepare to start the engine (after running blowers and checking for fuel leaks). Start the boat motor and make sure water is passing through the engine cooling system.
- Release the winch and disconnect the winch line from the bow when the boat operator is ready.

At this point, you should be able to launch the boat with a light shove or by backing off the trailer under power. Finish loading your boat at a sufficient distance from the ramp so others may use it.

### **RETRIEVAL**

The steps for removing your boat from the water are basically the reverse of those taken to launch it. However, keep in mind certain conditions may exist during retrieval that did not exist during launching. As you approach the takeout ramp, take special care to note such factors as:

- Change in wind direction and/or velocity
- Change in current and/or tide
- Increase in boating traffic
- Visibility, etc

First, unload the boat at a dock or mooring if possible. Next, maneuver the boat carefully to the submerged trailer and raise the lower unit of the engine. Then, winch the boat onto the trailer and secure it. Finally, drive the trailer with boat aboard carefully out of the ramp to a designated parking area for cleanup, reloading, and an equipment safety check. Make certain that you remove any vegetation that has become attached to the trailer, the boat or its motor(s). This step can be crucial in preventing the spread of nuisance water plants. Practice will make launch and retrieval a simple procedure. The best advice is just, "do it cautiously with safety as your main concern."

### STORAGE

If your boat will be sitting on its trailer for quite some time before it is used again, it is important to store it properly. To avoid damage from sun and weather, cover the boat with a tarp. To remove weight from the wheels, put cinderblocks or wood beams under the tongue and all four corners of the trailer frame.

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