

THE EDEN ISLANDER

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Goals, directions under discussion

After months of organization and reorganization, the Eden Isles Homeowners Association Board of Directors has put aside its routine business in order to evaluate the functions of the board and consider the future of the association.

The Board of Directors would like to offer the following goals and objectives for your consideration.

- **Unification** - We hope to be able to bring residents of Eden Isles together in a number of social affairs including fish fries, Eden Isles Night Out, block parties and an annual Christmas party. We are presently considering organizing a fishing rodeo. We hope to strengthen our Block Captain program and establish an Eden Isles Welcoming Committee to welcome our new neighbors.

Plan to attend!

The general membership meeting of the Eden Isles Homeowners Association is set for Tuesday, May 29, at 7:30 p.m. in Salmen High School cafeteria. All residents are invited and encouraged to attend.

There will be door prizes provided by Slidell Cleaners, Old Town Slidell Soda Shoppe and AUTOSUR.

Agenda

- I. Call to order at 7:30 p.m.
- II. Reading of the minutes - March 27
- III. Treasurer's report
- IV. Introduction of new board member, Sidney Menard
- V. New business
 - A. Lakeside Utilities Update - Craig Sinden, vice president, Lakeside Utilities
 - B. EIHOA Membership Cards - Presentation by Medicine Shoppe and Northshore Health Center
 - C. Fishing Rodeo
 - D. EIHOA Goals and Objectives for 1990
 - E. Eden Islander Survey
 - F. EIHOA Welcoming Committee - Call for volunteers
- VI. Committee/Liaison Reports
 - A. Security Committee - Marilyn Meier
 - B. Grass Cutting Committee - Pat Murphy
 - C. Architectural Control Committee - A.K. Wilson, Unit 3 Steve Head, Unit 4
 - D. Bylaws Committee - Steve Head
 - E. Litter Committee - Ann Gremillion
 - F. Landmark Land Update - Annemarie Furphy
 - G. Police Juror's Report - Milton Gibson
- VII. Adjournment

- **Beautification and Neighborhood Improvements** - We would like to continue the work of the Litter Committee and the Grass Cutting Committee. Recycling efforts to date have provided us with funds for beautification projects, and the Grass Cutting Committee has already made major contributions to improving the appearance of Eden Isles. We would like to institute maintenance of the median on Eden Isles Drive as well as out common grounds and vacant lots. Research into local, state and federal government programs for beautification may provide the resources necessary to plant trees throughout the neighborhood. Consider, also, the construction of a recreational facility such as a park, basketball courts or swimming pool.

- **Membership** - Currently the homeowners association consists of 119 families. We are still representative of only a small minority of residents of our community. The future of Eden Isles and the homeowners association is dependent upon your interest and participation. It is necessary to increase our membership. Membership cards and discounts provided by local merchants for members, a Welcoming Committee packet, introducing new neighbors to the association and a membership directory are some ideas we will present to the membership.

- **Bylaws Revision** - Finally, so that the bylaws may better reflect the purpose and function of the association, and so the association may more effectively serve the needs of the community, we would like to propose several revisions to the existing document. A committee has been established for this and is awaiting your comments and suggestions.

As a board, we hope to provide you, the homeowners, with the information and direction necessary to realize the full potential of our community.

We hope to be the vehicle by which the residents of Eden Isles may achieve their goals and fulfill their hopes for the future of our neighborhood.

Please plan to attend the next general membership meeting of the Eden Isles Homeowners Association Tuesday, May 29, at Salmen High School cafeteria at 7:30 p.m., so that mapping out our future as well as fulfilling it may be a unified community effort.

Your comments, suggestions, concerns and, most important, your participation is vital to the future of Eden Isles.

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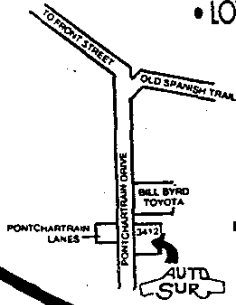
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Security Committee Report

by Marilyn Meier

We continue to make new friends and supporters. As of April 30, 58 "new" people who had not been participating during 1989 have joined the ranks for 1990.

Thanks to these folks who help make a difficult job a little easier!

On the financial bright side, these are the savings we have made to date:

- **Eliminated the practice of monthly billings to residents who habitually ignore the security service's request for financial assistance - a savings that will result in conserving approximately \$1,000 per year;**
- **Reduced by almost half the amount of month water bills by having the category of service changed from commercial to residential;**
- **Through sheer persistence, finally received a \$300 credit from CLECO for charges on past bills which they were unable to document, plus achieved a reduction in the amount of deposit required to begin operating Marina Drive guard house from \$250 to \$50; and**
- **Lowered the cost of billing materials by changing suppliers, thereby saving approximately \$75 each year. This has reduced the cost to mail each invoice by 2 cents. not a big deal but a savings nevertheless.**

Please take notice: When you stop at Lakeside Utilities to pay your water bill, do not park in the area directly behind the guard house on Eden Isles Drive.

A serious traffic hazard is being created by the number of cars using this as a parking lot.

This area is off limits except for the Vinson Security vehicle and any vehicle (short term) of a person having official business at the guard house.

Please park on the shell lot to the north of Eden Isles Drive or in Lakeside's parking lot. This area will eventually have **NO PARKING** signs posted, but we need your cooperation immediately so as to avoid accidents.

We would like to thank the ladies of the Eden Isles Garden Club for their donation of ground cover at the Marina Drive guard house.

The following members worked out in the hot sun last month to get the job done: Pat Buffardi, Carolyn Coullard,

Eden Isles Homeowners Association Board of Directors

Annemarie Furphy, president: 128 Blackfin Cove, 641-9138
Eugene Rovena, vice president: 327 Eden Isles Drive, 649-2104
Judy Polderman, secretary: 119 Rampage Loop
Cathy Flynn, treasurer: 236 Blackfin Cove, 649-0743
Steve Head, 207 Windward Passage, 649-3734
Mike Sims, 301 Charles Court, 641-8379
Bob Michel, 205 Windward Passage, 649-6820
Bob Lazar, 127 Carina Circle, 641-7025
Ann Gremillion, 118 Moonraker Drive, 641-1928 (until May 31)
Sidney Menard, 328 Eden Isles Drive, 649-3555 (June 1)

Security Committee 1/30/90

Marilyn Meier	120 Southern Star
Cinda Spilling	125 Blackfin Cove
Betty Evans	114 Pebble Beach
Melanie Eads	136 Pebble Beach
Mary Ann Murphy	206 Blackfin Cove
Robert Nelson	296 Moonraker
Herb LeBlanc	111 Loreli
Eugene Rovena	327 Eden Isles Dr.
Robert Lazar	127 Carina Circle
Bob Meier	120 Southern Star
<i>Decals/Plates from</i>	
Mary Lou Koch	128 Moonraker
Holly Tassin	205 Chubusco

Nell Forstall, Marion Frosio, Lucille Hunter and Hazel Woniger.

Also, a thank-you to Anthony Graff and buddy Wogan who responded to our need for electrical expertise and lighting assistance.

Alert, visible security officers and good lighting around the subdivision deters and discourages would-be thieves and, while the use of security officers will not stop all criminal intrusion, their presence is a psychological deterrent which helps to limit losses.

Remember: Residents should take responsibility to observe and report suspicious persons or vehicles. Don't take it for granted that the strange car in your neighbor's driveway belongs to her cleaning lady!



Garden Club honors announced

Yard of the Month honors for May go to:

First Place: Earl and Dee Krenning
144 Moonraker Drive

Second Place: Ken and Judy Colley
146 moonraker Drive

Third Place: Charles Elmer
222 Southern Star

The first place winner receives a \$25 gift certificate from Gardens of Eden Nursery.

The Garden Club held its installation of officers at Doug's Restaurant, and the club is pleased to announce its officers for the 1990-1991 season:

President: Marge Paille
Vice President: Hazel Woniger
Secretary: Debbie Provenzano
Treasurer: Diane Saucier

Here are your committees...

Standing Committees

Security Committee: Chaired by Marilyn Meier, 641-8357
Collects voluntary contributions for gate security, provides to residents decals and license plates bearing the Eden Isles logo. Interacts directly with Vinson Guard Service and recruits members in order to meet the security needs of the community.

Grass Cutting Committee: Chaired by Pat Murphy, 643-8030
Collects monies from lot owners to cut grass and maintain privately owned lots (does not include maintenance of common grounds and Eden Isles Drive median) several times a year. Interacts with the parish government regarding unkempt property.

Block Captains Committee: Chaired by Cathy Flynn, 649-0743
Circulates The Eden Islander and other necessary information relating to the functions of the Eden Isle Homeowners Association.

Architectural Control Committee: Unit 3 chaired by A.K. Wilson, 641-4747; Unit 4 chaired by Bob Michel, 649-6820
Reviews plans for new construction in Units 3 and 4. May be responsible for enforcement of Covenants and Restrictions.

Additional Committees

Bylaws Committee: Chaired by Steve Head, 649-3734
Is presently responsible for reviewing the bylaws of the Eden Isles Homeowners Association and making recommendations for amendment to the membership.

Membership Committee: Chaired by Mike Sims, 641-8379
Is presently responsible for developing programs for current members of the association as well as programs designed to attract new members. Will be instrumental in designing and distributing membership cards.

Litter Committee: Chaired by Ann Gremillion, 641-1928
Has established an active recycling program within the community of Eden Isles. Generates revenue through recycling for beautification projects throughout the neighborhood.

Eden Islander Newsletter: Ann Gremillion, editor, 641-1928
Presently provides information and advertising to all residents of Eden Isles and the surrounding community with regard to community affairs and issues of interest.

Bylaws Committee report

The Board of Directors asked that a bylaws committee be formed for the purpose of reviewing and updating the Association's bylaws. On April 26, the committee met and agreed with the preamble of the existing bylaws that the Association is for the "mutual interest of all residents of Eden Isles."

The committee's purpose is to identify the concerns of residents of Eden Isles as they apply to the association's general philosophy and bylaws. Based on the feedback from the community, the committee will recommend changes to the bylaws that truly reflect the "mutual interests of all residents of Eden Isles."

Participation in the Association's Bylaws Committee is **OPEN TO ALL RESIDENTS OF EDEN ISLES**. Participation can mean whatever you want it to mean. Meeting attendance is the preferred method of participating, but your participation in any other way would be greatly appreciated. If you cannot attend the meetings, but want a copy of the current by-laws for your review and recommendations, call Steve Head (649-3734). We appreciate your concerns and input

Farewell to Ann

The Eden Isles Homeowners Association Board of Directors bids a very fond farewell to Ann Gremillion as she resigns from her position on the board and prepares to move her residence to Chicago.

Ann has been instrumental in improving the quality of life in Eden Isles. She is probably best known for her most recent success in organizing the litter Committee and turning garbage into profits for the association.

As a result of her efforts, Eden Isles is one of the few communities to have an active recycling program providing us with funds for beautification projects. Additionally, her writings in the **New Orleans Times Picayune** as well as her work as editor of **The Eden Islander**, have provided us all with valuable information and, at times, an entertaining viewpoint of life in Eden Isles.

Our best wishes go with you, Ann. We are certainly envious of the community which you are about to join.

As Ann steps down from her position on the board, we welcome Sidney Menard. Sidney resides at 328 Eden Isles Drive and has been a resident for three years. Sidney, we offer you our congratulations and our thanks for your willing participation in the association's ongoing efforts to improve our Eden Isles.

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- Garden of Eden - 10 percent off all trees
- Autosur Insurance Agency - Ice chest/thermos: May meeting
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• Eden Isles Hardware - Door prizes periodically

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Often they become impacted, which means they are kept from erupting in their natural place. They might be blocked by another tooth that has come in earlier, or they might erupt sideways or in some other awkward position.

That is one reason for regular dental checkups of children even when they have a good record of freedom from cavities. The dentist monitors the progress of the wisdom teeth and determines whether they are coming in normally or should be removed. Impacted teeth should be removed, even if they are not causing pain, because they can damage other teeth, become infected, inflamed or painful, or can cause an opposing tooth to come in farther than it should.



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Farewell from the editor...

This is my last issue as editor of The Eden Islander. I took over from George Denn in January of this year.

I have worked toward making the newsletter informative and something that our neighborhood can be proud of. It is my sincere wish that it will continue to improve, inform and entertain. Good luck to the Eden Isles Board of Directors with the upcoming issues.

All of the last four issues have been a team effort. Thanks go out to Steve Head, Jan Jahrmann of Wordworks, Jo Creed, Nancy O'Bryan, Annemarie Furphy, Cathy Flynn, all advertisers and all those who deliver the paper.

THE EDEN ISLANDER

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Where Do We Go From Here?

The Eden Islander is a publication of the Homeowners Association and was started about three years ago. The purpose here is to bring you up to date on our situation and ask for advice about the direction we should take.

On the next page is a questionnaire regarding the newsletter's operations, but first, let's review some facts.

- The Homeowners Association has 110+ members for 1992.
- In the past, the Islander has been supported by homeowners' dues, association events and advertising revenues.
- For 1990, the Islander has been supported by advertising revenues.
- There are 683 houses inside the gates of Eden Isles.
- We have traditionally published 900 copies of the Islander for distribution throughout the subdivision, along Lakeview Drive, Marina Drive and Highway 11.
- Our justification for distributing the Islander to those who do not belong to the association is 1) that the Islander is an information vehicle designed to inform and unite residents of the Eden Isles community, and 2) it has been assumed that greater distribution increases advertising revenues.
- An eight-page Islander costs about \$240 per month to print. A 10-page issue costs about \$280 per month.
- We have reduced costs and produced a better Islander during 1990 by going to a desk-top publisher who received computer diskettes from our publisher with articles already typed.
- We have traditionally depended on volunteers to hand deliver the Islander. Occasionally, some Islanders and not delivered.
- It would cost \$.10 per copy to mail the Islander.
- Our advertising rates have recently been increased by 20 percent, but most printers believe our rates should be doubled.
- The Islander has never been used to generate funds for community improvements, e.g., planting trees and/or flowers in our common grounds, community social affairs, etc. It has never added any money to our Homeowners Association general fund.

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Eden Islander Newsletter Questionnaire

Check only one option per section (except as otherwise noted)

CIRCULATION

Print 110 copies. The Islander should be a "perk" for members of our Homeowners Association. Excess advertising revenues should be used to improve our subdivision.

Print 451 copies. The Islander should go to those who support our subdivision by paying homeowners dues and/or security. Excess ad revenues should be used to improve our subdivision.

Print 683 copies. All residents inside the gates of Eden Isles should receive a copy. Excess ad revenues should be used to improve our subdivision.

Print 900 copies. This a break-even quantity with advertising revenues. The additional copies would be distributed outside the gates along Lakeview and Marina drives and Highway 11 until copies run out.

Print 1200 copies. This will provide a copy for each resident on Lakeview Drive, Marina Drive and Highway 11. This option will require a significant increase in advertising revenues and/or support by homeowner dues.

Print 1500 copies. This will provide a copy for those listed above as well as to real estate agencies, civic organizations, Oak Harbor and other business organizations that can sell the advantages of Eden Isles to prospective real estate purchasers. This option will also require a significant increase in advertising revenues and/or support by homeowner dues.

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Combination of dues and fund-raising events Fund-raising events only

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Add editorials from association members only (Add \$40/1000 pages)

Include a classified section (Add \$40/1000 pages)

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Add photographs (Add \$10 per photo per 1000 pages)

Use recycled paper (Add 50 to 100 percent to printing costs)

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CONTENT (Choose as many as desired)

More community boating news More community cooking recipes More on lawn and garden care More on health care More on handling financial matters More on available community services More on city and parish government

More on _____

For proper recording of your opinions on the Islander, please provide your name and address below. Sorry, only one questionnaire per household.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Thank you for taking the time to fill out the questionnaire. If you are unable to come to the next general membership meeting, please mail your questionnaire to the Eden Islander editor. Please do not forget to put your name and address on the questionnaire before mailing.

Need a Baby Sitter?

The following residents are available for baby sitting services within the Eden Isles area:

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 Shawn Verges 649-5315
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What's New

- This year the Slidell Sportsman League Fishing Rodeo, June 8, 9 and 10, will be at the Oak Harbor Boater Service Area instead of on Hwy. 11.
- The new building being constructed between the Anchorage Apartments and Marina Eden Isles that will house a restaurant and the Tammany Yacht Club is set to open in September.
- After 10 years at its present location, Tammany Yacht Club is moving to Oak Harbor Marina to better serve members. To celebrate, we are having a limited membership drive. Through May 31, we will defer \$300 of your \$360 initiation fee until March 1991. Why miss a full summer of activities and benefits? Join now!

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Lawn and garden tips

by Diane Liuzza, Gardens of Eden

Many lawn and garden problems crop up during the summer. Here are a few and some suggestions for combating the problems.

Fire Blight - New shoots suddenly appear as if they have been scorched by fire. Brown or blackened leaves cling to twigs, branches and trunk. Spray with fixed Cappa or broad-spectrum fungicide by Fertloon. After pruning, dip tool in household bleach.

Azalea Petal Blight - This disease affects only the floral parts. The colored flowers have small white spots and the white flowers have small brown spots. The flowers later collapse into a slimy mass and usually remain on the bush. Control with Zineb or Benelate.

Lichens - These are gray/green masses of fungus and algae living together covering trunks and branches of trees and shrubs. In itself it is not harmful; however, their presence indicates a non-vigorous plant. To rid a plant of lichens, spray with Benelate or tribasic copper sulfate, plus aerate the roots of trees and shrubs.

Whitefly - Gardenia, pyracantha and holly are most affected. Spray with oil spray and Malathion.

Grass cutting money keeps coming in

So far this year, we have received monies to maintain over 60 vacant lots. This is down from last year primarily because there are fewer vacant lots.

Please remember to remove any debris or belongings you may have on a vacant lot since the first cutting of 1990 is set for the middle of May.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Get modern!

Good news for recyclers

In a letter from Michael Audibert, American Metals Recycling Co., he says: I am in the process of preparing three more collection barrels, one for aluminum and two for clear glass.

One of the containers for clear glass will be placed at the guard house on Hwy. 11 entrance to go with the aluminum collection barrel that is there now.

The other two barrels will be placed at the new guard house. There should be ready for placement by Friday, June 1.

The May-June pick-up schedule is:

Friday 5/25

Thursday 5/31

Friday 6/8

Friday 6/15

Thursday 6/21

Wednesday 6/27

I am looking into the possibility of placing a "recyclables collection house" in the subdivision. It would be painted, the doors removed, some changes made and landscaping done before being placed into operation.

In other recycling news, Tammany Exxon on Pontchartrain Drive has a collection area for used motor oil.

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Notes from the Police Juror...

by Milton Gibson

Work is soon to begin on resurfacing Rampage Loop to eliminate the roller-coaster ride. Construction should begin within the next 60 days, so please be patient with the inconvenience and mess. And remember to drive with caution while this work is underway.

A street light is to be installed soon at the new guard house on Marina Drive. This light will increase safety at the intersection of Marina Drive and Eden Isles Boulevard.

The street lights currently being placed along Oak Harbor Parkway should be in by the end of May. This should make the area safer when getting off the interstate especially at the intersection of Oak Harbor Parkway and Landmark Drive. Also, the traffic light at this same intersection should be in place in the next few months. Directional signs have been ordered. We hope these things will help divert more traffic to Hwy. 11 along Oak Harbor Parkway rather than through our subdivision.

A couple of weeks ago, the early morning rush came to a standstill and backed up onto Eden Isles Boulevard because of an accident on the twin span. The traffic light and signs should help loosen traffic jams and provide a safer intersection.

The area directly behind the guard house at Hwy. 11 is a **NO PARKING ZONE**. It is reserved for security and emergency vehicles or vehicles of people doing official business at the guard house. Lakeside Utilities provides a parking lot for its customers. Unauthorized vehicles involved in accidents are liable.

I am looking into the possibility of having the end of Moonraker Drive barricaded to eliminate people using it as a dump. There is a \$500 fine for illegal dumping, and anyone caught is also responsible for cleaning it up -- **all of it**.

An ordinance has been introduced to ban parking of boat trailers, utility trailers, motor homes, etc., on parish rights-of-way. You might want to start looking for alternate areas to store these items. They are a traffic hazard and are

presently against the restrictive covenants in all units of the subdivision. This ordinance was requested by motorists as well as by law enforcements officers.

The pampas grass that lines the approaches to the bridges on Eden Isles Boulevard and Moonraker Drive are to be removed by the parish to improve visibility. This will also clean up an unsightly mess. When grass is unkempt, damaged by frost and left unpruned, it not only looks bad, it can cause an even bigger mess by clogging up our drains.

Editor's Note: Several months ago, members of the Litter Committee asked that funds from the recycling/beautification fund be used to prune or remove the pampas grass. Inquiries were made to nurseries, lawn care services and tree removal companies. Most of the investigation was met with complaints of how time-consuming and hard it is to cut back pampas grass and how down right impossible it is to remove the roots.

Some companies refused the work; one company gave a price of over \$1200. Suggestions were made to burn it or to gather volunteers to work and defray the cost. Hazards connected with fire and the knowledge that the grass is a haven for rats and snakes put an end to those suggestions.

Other problems: the brown leaves have to be hauled to a dump, and the beautification fund has a low budget. Finally, Carl's Tree Removal Service met the demand of a low price for services and proceeded to chop down the grass near the Hwy. 11 entrance. His work was suspended when the committee became aware that the parish was going to remove the grass.

So, besides being a comedy of errors, this is the reason that the work has taken so long and is so uneven. Police Juror Gibson is looking into having the Northshore Volunteer Fire Department burn the bushes. Obviously, Perseverance is still needed to see this project through.

(The good news is: there is money for other projects in the beautification fund.)

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