

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dale Wood

PLAY IT AGAIN - SAM! A barge (if the "vessel" can be described as such) AND the boat pushing the barge sank in the canal along Windward Passage last week. The barge was carrying a crane. The barge has no markings on it to indicate ownership or registration. The Coast Guard describes the barge as an "undocumented" vessel. The crane has no markings on it to indicate ownership. Here are the details of the sinkings as well as I can determine them to be:

The barge / crane combo was being pushed by a pleasure boat (LA-1351-EK) - the boat that later sank - and was accompanied by a small flat boat (LA-1209-BM). The crane belongs to Deryl Baker (209 Foxcroft, Slidell, LA 70461 - 985-649-5191) who is the owner of Pirate's Harbor Crane Service (no address - 985-643-4771). Neighbors learned that the barge belongs to Earl Lingo (1636 Magnolia, Slidell, LA 70460 - 985-781-3034) who is the owner of Lingo Marine (no address - 985-639-3883).

According to neighbors, the barge / crane combo was parked behind a resident's home when a workman noted that the barge was listing and apparently sinking. Neighbors further reported that the workman pushed the barge with the pleasure boat to the rear of a nearby empty lot whereupon one of the barge's "pontoons" completely sank in shallow water. The crane lunged forward on the barge and struck a resident's boat house.

Several attempts were made to raise the barge. The barge has a rather large hole in it and many, many smaller holes. Mr. Baker and / or his workmen attempted to block up these holes by various means and pump the barge out. This method of raising the barge failed at each attempt.

A crawling backhoe was brought in. The barge / crane combo was lashed to the tie-back pilings holding the bulkhead on the empty lot. Attempts were made to lift the crane and the barge. These attempts failed. Please note that the tie-back pilings are on a privately owned lot. The bulkhead associated with the empty lot was in danger of collapsing several years ago. The bulkhead was subsequently repaired. If Mr. Baker has done any damage to this bulkhead, this may endanger the bulkhead behind existing homes on either side of the empty lot. I have attempted to reach the owner of the lot but cannot reach him as of the date of this writing.

With these lifting attempts, the shifting of weight on the barge caused it to roll considerably and the boom of the crane fell onto a neighbor's dock. Recall that it had been resting on their boat house. The focus of the salvage operation was then transferred to the crane. Apparently, it was important to keep the crane's engine from "going under". Consequently, a larger crane was brought in by Griffin Crane. This crane lifted the barge's crane out of the water and assisted with the re-floating of the barge.

I am quite familiar with this "barge" as I attempted to have it removed from the neighborhood last year. The barge consists of two tanks which function as large pontoons. Bracing is welded between the two tanks to create a flat surface upon which a wooden deck was built. The crane rested on this flat service and was somewhat maneuverable on the flat surface. Note the pictures that are included. They will serve to supplement the descriptions in this writing.

On the day that the barge sank, neighbors reported that the Sheriff's Department and the Fire Department were called due to the spillage of fuel. Apparently, neither agency could or would assist in the matter. I am not totally clear as to the role that they were asked to play. I also note that damage was done to the pavement of Windward Passage. It appears that this occurred when the crawling backhoe was unloaded from its trailer.



In any case, once the barge was re-floated, it appeared that the barge MAY have been in a position to be floated out of the neighborhood. However, Mr. Baker indicated to neighbors his intent to reset his crane on the barge and to push the combo back to the residence where he initially intended on working!

I reported the incident to the Parish President's Office (among others). President Davis responded promptly telling me that he would have Code Enforcement take a look at the situation. According to neighbors, Code Enforcement and our Councilman appeared at the sight assuring neighbors that things would be cleaned up by the next day. This DID NOT happen AND the situation got worse!

On Saturday morning, the boat that was pushing the barge / crane combo was found sunk behind the barge! Mr. Baker later indicated to neighbors that the boat did not have a bilge pump and was swamped due to a shift of the wind. Fuel was spilled into the canal.

I called the Coast Guard and the Sheriff's Department. In turn, the Sheriff's Department called the Fire Department. The Coast Guard is now attempting to track the owners of the barge, the crane, and the boat from information that neighbors and I provided to them. They will "command" the owner of the boat to raise it BUT the Coast Guardsman onsite told me that they really have no jurisdiction even if they could find the owner.

A Sheriff's Deputy that has worked with me on this matter in the past promises to help in locating the owners and "strongly suggesting" that the "vessel" be removed. Again, however, the Deputy told me that they had no real authority in the matter as the land owner where the barge sunk was not present to complain about the situation.

### HERE IS THE PROBLEM -

Mr. Baker and his equipment are in such poor condition that they are a hazard to our residents. Additionally, his workmen are continually polluting our canals.

Unfortunately, neither the Homeowners' Association or any of these governmental agencies can truly resolve this situation if a resident hires a contractor and allows that contractor onto their property.

The water behind your home is a private waterway! YOU OWN THE CANAL BOTTOM! It is the same as your backyard! If you

don't believe me then I suggest that you read the recent CENAC case that was decided by the Louisiana Supreme Court (a synopsis of the case appears in this month's LOUISIANA SPORTSMAN).

Furthermore, if YOU hire a contractor and the contractor does damage to another resident's property, YOU can be held liable for it according to Article 667 of the Louisiana Civil Code. (I confirmed this with an attorney).

The "situation" with Mr. Baker has existed for years. I have tried on several occasions to solve this problem by going to various governmental agencies and NO ONE appears to be willing to help us.

This IS NOT the first time that Mr. Baker has sunk a barge in this neighborhood and I can safely say that I have NEVER had a resident report anything good about Mr. Baker or his company. I cannot count the number of times that:

- 1 - a resident that hired him has called me to complain about his not completing his work on their dock OR
- 2 - that his crew was polluting our canals with fuel or debris from their work OR
- 3 - that members of his crew were urinating in the canal in plain sight while working

One of Mr. Baker's previously abandoned barges is tied up at a commercial location (GK's) across from the neighborhood. This barge has come loose several times in rain storms. On one occasion the barge hit and damaged my boat lift AND a neighbor's Chris Craft yacht.

The barge that Mr. Baker was using previous to this current pontoon vessel came untied one evening last year and was free-floating down the canals in the tide with a crane on it! I am not aware of the barge striking and / or damaging any property in this incident.

The SAME barge was seen trailing a slick last year. This was reported to the Sheriff's Department, Wildlife and Fisheries, the EPA and the Coast Guard.

MST3 Josh Dubach, a pollution investigator for the Coast Guard, came to my home THE DAY AFTER the incident was reported. He was responding to the slick complaint. Mr. Dubach contended that he could do nothing because he had not seen the slick. We all know that the canals in Eden Isles are subject to tidal action and that there is considerable boat traffic. Naturally, the slick wasn't going to be there the next day!

Mr. Dubach advised that residents collect pictures of any future incidents. In keeping with his advice, workmen on Mr. Baker's barge were videotaped spilling fuel into the canal and throwing trash into the canal. The Coast Guard would not respond to this new incident! The Sheriff's Department responded and gave the workmen a verbal reprimand.

The Homeowner's Association filed a complaint with the local Justice of the Peace about the pollution. Several residents appeared in Court to testify as to various instances of polluting the canals and the video tape was shown to the Court. Mr. Baker was fined for the pollution BUT, in my opinion, the amount of the fine was insignificant (\$150).

When the pontoon "vessel" first appeared in the neighborhood last year, residents called to complain. It was in such poor condition that people thought that it had just been abandoned in the canal. I called the Sheriff's Department. Officer Paul Blaire of the Water Patrol came by. We jointly inspected the "barge" noting its poor condition. However, Paul told me that there was little that could be done unless the owner could be located. As I pointed out earlier,

the barge has no identifying markings and we were not aware, at that time, that Mr. Baker was associated with it.

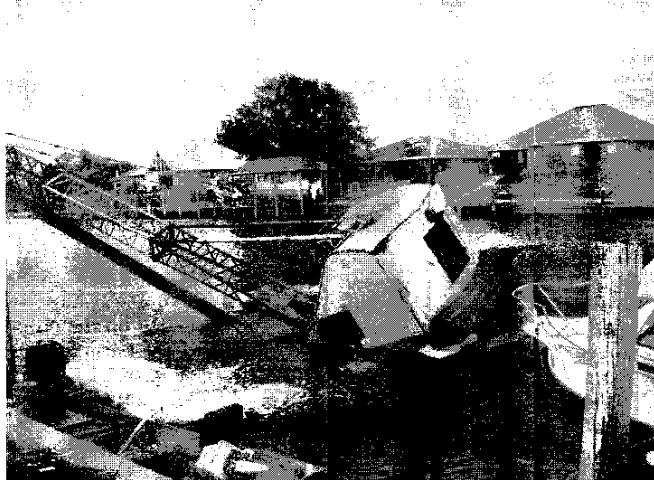
Fortunately, the barge disappeared for several months. It has only recently reappeared with a crane on it and, obviously, it is Mr. Baker's intent to use it to do dock work in the neighborhood.

As I pointed out earlier, according to the neighbors near where the barge and boat sank, Mr. Baker intends to put his crane back on the barge now that it has been re-floated. In other words, he intends to recreate the HAZARD! It is also worth noting that I brought a marine surveyor with me to the sight of the sinkings. He agreed that the barge was in VERY poor condition. Additionally, the Coast Guard indicated to me that if the barge was in a commercial waterway that it would be removed as a "hazard to navigation".

Does a neighbor or neighbor's child have to be seriously injured or killed before anyone steps in and does something about this? Don't we have the responsibility to look out for our neighbor's property when a contractor that we hired may damage that property?

Mr. Baker's equipment needs to be SAFELY removed from our canals. Additionally, the equipment needs to be permanently barred from coming into the canals until Mr. Baker improves it's condition. Residents can effectively accomplish this by simply NOT hiring him until he makes these improvements. Furthermore, his workmen need to be properly trained AND supervised so that when they are in our canals they can conduct themselves in a proper manner.

In a earlier issue of this newsletter I spoke to residents about the power of neighborhood unity. With unity we can protect our lives and property and those of our neighbors. Let's just DO IT .....



## ARTICLES

THIS IS YOUR NEWSLETTER! If you would like for the Association to publish your article in the newsletter, call the HOTLINE at 781-0091.

### NEW BOARD MEMBERS

At its July Board meeting, the Board's assignments were changed and new members were elected to serve the remaining 2003 term as follows:

President - Dale Wood  
First Vice President - Sal Guarino  
Treasurer - Andrew Minister  
Sheila Barger - Secretary  
Colin Normand - VP of Fund Raising  
Rob Worringer - VP of Activities  
Christie Stubbs - Director  
Dale Revelle - Director  
And welcome to our newest member - Mattie Edwards

### LOTS OF RAIN = TALL GRASS

The grass on the common grounds is growing very fast with all the rain this summer. We only have funds for 14 cuttings and some of the funds have been spent for removal of resident's debris. Yes! Residents are dumping their own trash (branches, leaves, dead trees, etc.) on the Boulevard and the common grounds. Unless the Association gets more donations to GREENFORCE, the grass will be getting a little taller between cuttings. Please send your \$35 GREENFORCE check so that the Association can keep up with mother nature's insistence on constantly watering the grass.

### UPDATE ON THE OAK HARBOR LAWSUIT

This has been a VERY long process! For those residents that are not familiar with the lawsuit - the Oak Harbor developers signed an agreement of conditional property development with the Parish before they were permitted to sell land or build. The developers made many promises to Eden Isles residents in order to get them to "go along" with the agreement. Now - these same developers are claiming the right to develop the property FREE of any conditional uses. The Eden Isles Homeowners' Association is attempting to intervene (become a part of) in the suit BUT a District Court judge will not allow us to do so. We have appealed his decision.

The Louisiana First Circuit Court of Appeals recently upheld the District Court judges decision. In reviewing the ruling, the Board noted that the First Circuit Court of Appeals ignored the Association's arguments BUT acknowledged the validity of the argument.

The Association's Board has voted unanimously to take the issue to the Louisiana State Supreme Court. Our attorney, Clement Perschall, Jr., has graciously offered his service pro bono if we will pay the filing fees and court costs. The Association set up a separate fund for the lawsuit a couple of years ago. The fund currently has \$601.36 in it. We need all residents to consider donating to the fund. The Association is trying to protect YOUR property values. An annual \$20 donation will help us continue this fight.

### SUPPORT YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

This is your Association! Please support it with your membership dues (\$20), GREENFORCE fees (\$35), voluntary contributions to the legal fund (\$20) and voluntary contributions to the security fund (\$5). Your \$80 a year buys a lot for less than \$7 per month! Please bolster your neighborhood by joining the Association's paid membership. We are on an extremely tight budget this year. Sixty additional members in all categories will help us keep our services at full steam. Send your check in - TODAY!

### WELCOME THE "HOMERS" TO EDEN ISLES

How do you think a couple from Arizona is going to handle a hurricane? I bet they never seen horizontal rain!!! Please welcome Steve and Joanne Homer, 429 Charles Court, to our neighborhood.

Steve is a computer engineer and Joanne is a computer operator. You can give them a hearty "hello" at 726-0730 or drop them a line at sthomer@charter.net.

If you know of a new resident, please give them an application (there's one in this newsletter) to join the Association. If you don't have a form, just email us the new resident's name and address to edenishoes@yahoo.com. We'll give them a hearty welcome to the neighborhood.

### ALLIGATOR ALERT

At our last General Membership Meeting, one of our guest speakers was Howard McCray - The Alligator Policeman. He reported nine alligators were taken from the Eden Isles area last year. So far this year, five alligators have been removed as of May. Residents should call the Wildlife and Fisheries if they spot an alligator in the canal. If W&F does not respond, you should call 646-4141 or 898-2338 (The Alligator Policeman). Officer McCray also encouraged residents to tell your political friends to aseason should be opened on alligators. Their population has rebounded and it needs to be culled a bit.

The alligators are coming more into our waters due to the construction in former tidal areas. Dale Wood, President of the Homeowners' Association, advises residents not swim in the canals and to use extreme caution near your dock. If one insists on swimming in the canals, Shiela Barger, a Board Member who loves to swim the canals, advises residents to stop, look and watch the ducks - they know when there is an alligator in the area!

### LT. JOE SNELL'S CRIME REPORT FROM JANUARY - APRIL 2003

5 reports of criminal damage  
3 reports of felony  
12 reports of auto burglaries  
1 vehicle stolen  
13 vehicle accidents  
53 citations

### NEW LOTS OPEN UP ON WINWARD PASSAGE

The "church lot" on Windward Passage near Gretal Cove were re-subdivided into seven large lots. These lots are larger than the average size lot in the area. The smallest frontage on the lots is 105 feet. None of the lots have water access. The lots have been scheduled for residential development.

### WEB SITE CONTEST

When you log into the web site, the time and date is automatically noted. The Association will randomly select a date and time. The resident login closest to the time selected will win a free yearly membership to the Homeowners Association. BUT .... you must be at the Homeowners' meeting to claim your prize.

### REVIEWING GARBAGE CONTRACT

There have been many complaints about Waste Management and the lack of service they are providing. The Board is reviewing the expired contract and considering an offer from Coastal Waste Management. They have offered a reduction in price, new waste cans and donation of extra cans to the EIHOA. Board members will be negotiating for the best contract for our community.

### MAIL BOXES

Want to save a stamp when mailing in your dues? Want to save a stamp on that petition? Want to make a suggestion to the Association? DROP IT IN ONE OF THE MAIL BOXES AT THE ENTRANCES TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD!! At the Highway 11 entrance, the mail box is attached to the community billboard. At the Marina Drive entrance, the mail box has been moved to near the Eden Isles Boulevard street sign as you come over the bridge from Marina Drive.



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## DO YOU THINK THEY WILL STOP NOW?

Several Board members met recently with the Parish President, Kevin Davis. Chief among the concerns expressed is the continued traffic problems on Eden Isles Boulevard. President Davis expressed a personal leaning towards the installation of speed bumps but suggested that an independent-traffic study be conducted on the matter. The Association will update residents as to the outcome of the study.

Meanwhile, traffic related signage was improved on the Boulevard. Additional STOP and SPEED LIMIT signs were placed. Warning signs on the bridges were updated and NO THRU TRUCK signs were placed on the Boulevard.

## QUESTION OF THE YEAR

At our last General Membership meeting, a resident, Richard O'Kallahan, asked about the "other" side of Eden Isles Boulevard. When is it going to be paved? WE WERE TOLD THAT IT WOULD BE THIS YEAR - REMEMBER!

According to our council person the Boulevard will not be paved till 2004. SAY IT ISN'T SO .... JOE! Who's doing the planning on this job?

## !!! WARNING TO BOATERS !!!

All waterways in Eden Isles, including Moonraker Lake and Moonraker Canal have speed restrictions in them. IF YOUR WAKE CAUSES DAMAGE TO ANOTHER BOAT OR BULKHEAD, NO MATTER WHAT YOUR SPEED, YOU MAY BE HELD LIABLE FOR THE DAMAGE.

If you observe a violation, call the St. Tammany Parish Water Patrol (641-4100) OR the Association HOTLINE at 781-0091.

!! GIVE YOUR NEIGHBOR A BREAK - THROW NO WAKE !!

## HOTLINE AND HOT EMAIL

Got a question or a suggestion? Just call the HOTLINE (781-0091) and leave a message or email your question to edenisleshoa@yahoo.com. A member of the Board will try to get back to you as soon as possible.

## ??? BUILDING / REPAIRING - HOUSE, FENCE OR DOCK ???

### !!! CHECK YOUR COVENANTS !!!

There are many building and boat dock projects underway in the neighborhood. Some of these projects do not conform to the area's covenants. Before beginning a project, check your covenants to see if you need to get approval from the Architectural Committee in your area. Copies of the covenants are on the Association's web site. If you don't have access to the internet, call the Association's President, Dale Wood, at 781-2272 and he will arrange to get a copy to you.

## UPDATE ON THE GATE AT HWY 11 GUARD HOUSE DAMAGE

The entrance gate Highway 11 was damaged earlier this summer. The insurance payment has arrived and we have begun renovations. Please do not use the dumpster in back of the guardhouse as your private dumpster! THE DUMPSTER IS THERE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION at the guard house. Recently, a resident left crawfish and other undesirables in the dumpster. The 100 degree heat made quite a "perfume" for drivers to inhale as they passed the dumpster. We love our community. Please be considerate of your neighbors!

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# TOWN & COUNTRY

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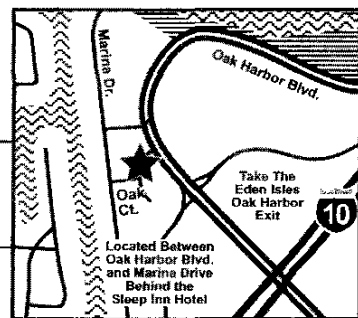
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## BIOGRAPHY

In this issue of the Eden Islander, this writer will attempt to give praise to the magnificent men and women of our armed forces who are defending our freedom. As their expeditionary forces swept across the Iraqi desert, the words of Sir Winston Churchill on August 20, 1940 are as meaningful today as they were then: "Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few." Again, Winston Churchill December 30, 1941: "When I warned [the French] that Britain would fight alone whatever they did, their generals told their prime minister and his divided cabinet, "In three weeks England will have her neck wrung like a chicken." Some chicken: some neck.' DE JA VU !!!

"Wars may be fought with weapons, but they are won by men. It is the spirit of the men who follow and of the man who leads that gains the victory." The words of General George S. Patton, September, 1933. On November 25, 1944 General George Patton drove into the city of Metz, France, where a fierce battle had just been won, to congratulate his victorious men. Remembering the tough fight, the general became serious and addressed the men: "Our success was primarily due to continued offensive . . . day and night . . . relentless and unceasing . . . and to the fact that we used maneuver. We held the enemy by the nose and kicked him in the pants . . . "I am very proud of you. You are magnificent fighting men. Your deeds in battle for Metz will fill the pages of history for a thousand years." Those words may very well echo the past military action of our brave expeditionary units as they defeated the enemy forces in Iraq.

The words of Franklin Delano Roosevelt and Winston Churchill from THE ATLANTIC CHARTER, August 14, 1941: "After the final destruction of the Nazi tyranny, they hope to see established a peace which will afford to all nations the means of dwelling in safety within their boundaries, and which will afford assurance that all the men in all lands may live out their lives in freedom from fear and want." THIS PIECE IS DEDICATED TO THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES WHO DISTINGUISHED THEMSELVES IN IRAQ AND FOR THEIR UNSELFISH DEDICATION TO AMERICA.

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This is your Association! Please support it with your membership dues (\$20), GREENFORCE fees (\$35), voluntary contributions to the legal fund (\$20) and voluntary contributions to the security fund (\$5).

What are you getting for your money?

**MEMBERSHIP DUES -**

- Garbage Pickup Savings
- Bimonthly Newsletter - THE EDEN ISLANDER
- Neighborhood Web Site - www.eihoa.com OR www.eihoa.net OR www.eihoa.org
- Neighborhood Hotline - 781-0091
- Security Cameras
- Water Testing
- Bimonthly Meetings
- Private Lot Cutting Program

AND MORE .....

**GREENFORCE FEES -**

- Entrance Maintenance
- Entrance Beautification
- Boulevard Grass Cutting
- Boulevard Tree Planting
- Common Area Grass Cutting
- Street Sign Maintenance
- Guard House Maintenance

AND MORE ....

**LEGAL FUND** -The legal fund is dedicated to protecting your property values. To date the funds have been used primarily in efforts to stop the Oak Harbor developers from building projects next to Eden Isles that will devalue our properties, increase traffic on our streets and potentially increase crime in our area. The Association currently has a lawsuit on appeal and needs help with legal fees.

**SECURITY FUND -**

The Association has approved in its 2003 budget a security fund. Monies will be used to fund a professional study of the neighborhood's options regarding security ... i.e. ...

- Should we put guards back at the guard houses?
- Should we have paid security patrols in the neighborhood?
- What other options are available to us?

A portion of the monies collected will be used to keep the neighborhood informed of the results of the study and to solicit resident opinions.

As you can see, your \$80 buys a lot. Please support your neighborhood generously by joining and yearly renewing your membership and supporting the Association's voluntary programs

**EIHOA MEMBERSHIP FORM**

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GREENFORCE Fees (Cuts the grass!)	\$ _____	(\$35 per household)
Vol. Contributions to the Legal Fund	\$ _____	(\$20 dedicated to protecting property values)
Vol. Contributions to the Security Fund	\$ _____	(\$5 to study security options)
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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

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**NEW MEMBERS!** Tell us something about you. We'll introduce you to the neighborhood in the next newsletter.

# Garden Club

by June Collins

We went to the races again this year, which is fast becoming a favorite outing for the group. On March 21st, the Fairgrounds designated the 6th race as the Eden Isles Garden Club Purse. What fun to see your club name in an "Official Program". All of the members, with some of their husbands and friends, had great fun picking winners and losers- and, of course, had lunch.

On March 27th, eight members visited the Garden Guest House Bed and Breakfast on Bayou Liberty Road, having heard about the large variety of succulents to be seen on the property. It is located on 10 heavily wooded acres. We were impressed with the guest houses but most interested in the wonderful greenhouse on the property which contained a very large variety of succulent from many places, some plants were very unusual. Most of the succulents spend the summer months in and around the trees and grounds on the property. One item on the lawn which caught our eye was a child's swing set which had been converted into a garden swing, complete with hanging pots full of flowers on the four corners of the overhead supports.

The April meeting was at Judy Chamberlin's home and helping her were Pam White, Marion Frozio, Ann DeSelles and Beverly Chauffe. The April YOM winners were announced. First place went to 109 Chubasco, second place was 103 Gretel Cove, and third place was 158 Pebble Beach. Our guest speaker was Bob Brzuszek from the Crosby Arboretum in Picayune, Ms. Always a delightful speaker, his emphasis this time was on native plants and trees and their usefulness in our landscaping projects. When we left the meeting, some of us went to help set up the auditorium for the Spring Gardening Symposium. Which was held the next day.

On April 16th the Eden Isles Garden Club mailed 8 boxes to members of the armed forces, currently serving in the far east, who have ties to either the garden club members or were sons or daughters of friends.

On April 24th, seven members went to Baton Rouge to visit the Windrush Gardens and the Louisiana Rural Life Museum. Linda Triay, Ann Courrege, Marion Frozio, Phyllis Mitts, June Collins, Pam White and Marlene Maylon enjoyed the day. The museum has

many rooms and buildings that bring insight into the everyday lives of Louisianans in the 1700 and 1800's. The paths through the gardens are delightful and a good place to spend time in the great outdoors. We headed home after lunch at Copeland's in Baton Rouge, a bit tired but ready for the next "road trip".

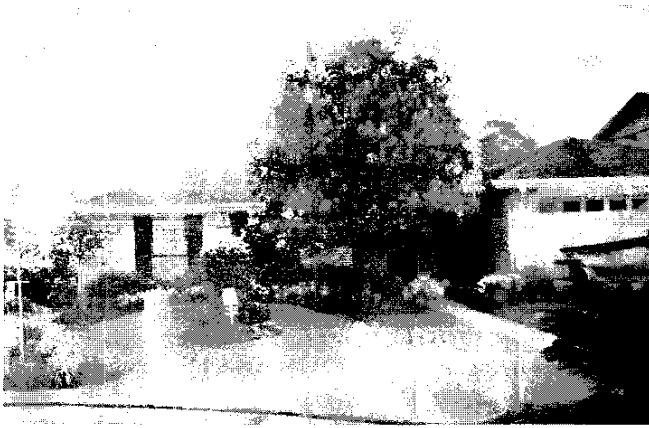
On May 7th, the club held its installation luncheon at the Dakota Restaurant in Covington. The Yard of the Month winners were announced. The home of Creighton and Mary Petrich at 114 Chubasco was the first place pick of the six judges. The combination of white caladiums and white and pink petunias were certainly winners. 2nd place went to 102 Rampage Loop and 3rd place went to 204 Charles Court. One of our founding members, Betty Newman, served as the installing officer this year. The new board for the 2003-2004 year will be President Ann Courrege, 1st Vice-president Marlene Maylon, 2nd Vice-president Yvon Molinary; Secretary Linda Cunningham; and Treasurer Janet Giroir. Ann Courrege received a ceramic house from the club as a thank you for her year as President. Ann gave her retiring board members gardening hand tools, so they could play in the dirt this summer.

On May 14, we held our last "road trip" of the year. Fifteen members met to visit neighborhood gardens belonging to some of our members and some of their friends. After touring the gardens, we went to President Courrege's home for a pot luck lunch. A very nice way to end the club year.

We are going to have several openings in our club for the next year. If anyone is interested in joining, please call our Secretary, Linda Cunningham at 649-6229 or President Ann Courrege at 646-0648.

Have a great summer.  
June Collins





April Yard of the Month  
109 Clubasco



May Yard of the Month  
114 Clubasco

**!!! DAMAGE TO EDEN ISLES - AGAIN !!!**

Street signs stolen, windows smashed, deep tire grooves in several front lawns, dead trees and branches left in the medium or empty lots. The Association is offering a reward for information leading to determining who is responsible for the theft or damage. If you have any knowledge concerning any theft or damage, please call the HOTLINE (781-0091) and leave your name and number.

**!!! MOVE YOUR STUFF OFF THE COMMON GROUND!!!**

Please remove your vehicles, trailers, etc. from the common grounds. It costs the Association extra money to maintain the common grounds when your stuff is left on it. Also, when you neighbors leave dead trees and branches in the common ground - YOU - have to pay for their removal. Surely, Greenforce fees and dues can be put to a better use.

The GREENFORCE chairman, Ray Miller, will be talking with residents that insist on using the common grounds as for their personal storage. If your "stuff" is on the common grounds, please move it so the your neighbors can enjoy them. The common grounds ARE NOT a parking lot for the private use of residents. The common grounds belong to the neighborhood and are supposed to contribute to a park-like atmosphere.


**STREET SIGN SPONSORS**

If you or your company is interested in sponsoring the maintenance of a street sign in Eden Isles, please call the HOTLINE at 781-0091. Look for the completion of the first sponsorship on Eden Isles Boulevard (just over the bridge at the Marina Drive entrance).

**DO NOT PUT GRASS IN THE CANAL**


With many new lawn caretakers working in the area, please inform them they it is illegal to throw the grass clippings in the canals. You will be responsible for their error of throwing the grass clippings in the water. Keep a good working relationship with the people you hire by telling them before they mow.

The grass clippings are considered to be litter. You and the lawn caretaker can be fined under the Parish's litter ordinances. The decaying clippings decrease the oxygen level in our canals and may contribute to future fish kills.

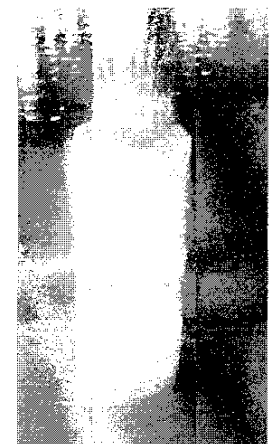


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**Editor's Note: Members of the Association recommended we add a "soap opera" to the newsletter to add some humor and a little life to the publication. They have asked that their names be withheld. The object, after all, is to have a little fun while managing not to get your house "egged" or "TP'ed".**

**Log in to the Association's web site! A question will be asked pertaining to Normal's family life. Come to the next homeowners' meeting with the correct answer and you could win a prize!**

**- INTRODUCING -  
EURIS and NORMA JEANE NORMAL**

Meet the Normals. They are Eden Isles' first residents. Their abode is conveniently located at 100 Eden Isles Boulevard.

The head of the family, Euris (pronounced URASS), is just another ordinary Eden Isles male. He is a retired motorcycle policeman. Euris spent 32 years on the force in THE PARISH before retiring to the neighborhood of his dreams - Eden Isles. Euris is an avid Saints fan and fisherman. He likes a cold Schaeffers in the afternoon but occasionally hangs out with the guys at Campys.

Norma Jeane (pronounced NORMA JEANE) is a homemaker. She hails from the 9th Ward and has been married to Euris for 37 years. Her lifelong dream was to move to Eden Isles and become a member of the Garden Club. She made application to the Garden Club four years ago when she moved into the neighborhood BUT has yet to be accepted due to the Club's limited membership. In the meantime, she still travels back to THE CITY to play bingo for entertainment. She occasionally sneaks a little Piasano (when Euris isn't looking) and enjoys keeping the lines burning in the neighborhood (talking to her friends on the phone).

The Normals live on Euris' pension and Norma Jeane's social security BUT Euris picks up extra income from a bulkhead consulting company that he opened when he retired. He managed this with the help of some of his buddies from THE PARISH.

The Normals have three "grown", but mostly unemployed children who return home frequently. You know them well. They can be seen speeding through the neighborhood and running the stop signs when they come to visit.

Gaston (pronounced GAST AWN) is the Normal's oldest son. He is a "sometime" boat mechanic that experiments on his friend's thundering forty-foot speedboat. Yes! He runs the speedboat through the canals all the time. He's on his way to his parent's house! No! He can't slow down. Mama called! Dinner is on the table.

Clotile (she was named after her grandmother - poor thing!) (pronounced CLO TEEL) is the Normal's "middle" child and only girl. Clotile is the most ambitious of the three kids. She is self-employed and owns a residence and office cleaning service in the Slidell area. Her business has been struggling lately so she makes ends meet by "dancing" at Scuttlebutts. She attends college on a part-time basis. Her major is linguistics and she aspires to be a college professor.

Pip is the baby of the family. He claims to be in the construction game. BUT .... we've all seen his camouflaged vehicle parked on the Boulevard at all hours. It NEVER moves! Rumor has it that Pip just can't get over having failed to follow in his father's footsteps - being a policeman. The Sheriff in THE PARISH gave Pip a choice - cop OR construction worker. Pip tried to avoid the ultimatum but the Sheriff caught Pip with a hammer in his hand. The Sheriff followed through with his promise and hammered Pip right off the force.

**Editor's note: Now that you have met the family you can follow their antics in our next issue. Remember to check [www.EIHOA.com](http://www.EIHOA.com) for the NORMAL FAMILY question. You could win a prize from the Association.**

**\$500 FINE FOR A LOST CAT???**

The Association would like to remind residents that it is illegal to put notices on street signs. Putting a notice on a street sign certainly gets attention BUT it can also draw you a \$500 fine. How will the Sheriff's office know who put the notice up? You left your phone number on the notice - remember!

There is also a new Parish Ordinance in place that restricts ANY signs from being placed on neutral grounds without a permit. Violations will be prosecuted under the Parish's litter Ordinances and can draw a \$3,000 fine.

There is a community billboard at the Hwy 11 entrance. Please post your notices there.

Pictures have been included for a clearer understanding. The "drywall" sign is on the neutral ground. This sign is illegal and can draw you a \$3,000 fine. It does not matter whether or not the sign is a commercial sign. That directional sign leading your friends to a birthday party or baby shower can draw you the same \$3,000 fine! The "lost wife" sign is on the community's billboard. It's what the billboard is for - a COMMUNITY SIGN!



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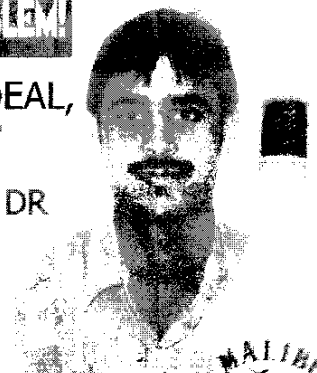
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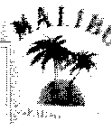
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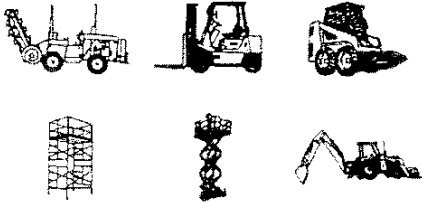
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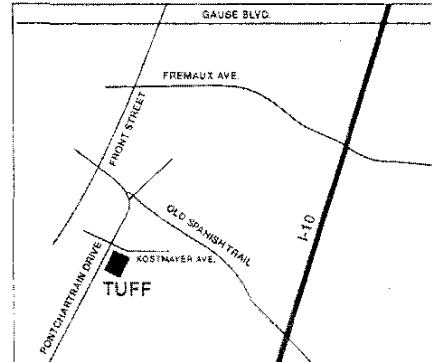
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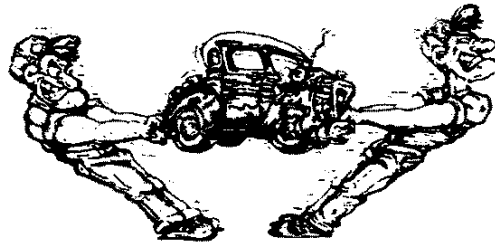
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