

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Louis Pendarvis

Thursday, July 6, 2000 marked an important juncture in the direction the surrounding commercial properties may be headed.

At the July 6 Council Meeting, the Oak Harbor Investment Properties, L.L.C. appealed the zoning commission denial of a conditional use permit for the 80,000 sq. ft. self-storage facility in the PUD/C-2 highway commercial district on the east side of Marina Drive, north of Harbor Drive, South of Landmark Drive and west of I-10.

The St. Tammany Parish Council sided with the Residents' Resolve and in an unanimous vote stopped the development of the 80,060 self-storage facility.

While the residents of Eden Isles/Oak Harbor are victorious in having gained support of the St. Tammany Parish Council in the storage facility vote, residents must recognize they must be pro-active and continue their efforts to keep Eden Isles/Oak Harbor the premier waterfront community in St. Tammany Parish.



### Edens Isles Resident Receives Business Award

Lee Kastner Ducote was named the July 2000 Woman Business Owner of the Month by the Women Owner's Network. Ducote is the dance director, teacher and choreographer of Lee Kastner Dance Studio in Slidell, which has been operating for the past 30 years. She has been a member of Dance Masters of America since 1978, served on the Louisiana Association of Dance Masters board of directors and now is serving on the association's Examining Committee. She also has been nominated to serve as the association's president during 2000-01.

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### HOMEOWNERS MEETING

Tuesday, July, 31, 2000  
7:00 PM

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The construction shall consist of repairing 5 to 10% of the under structure pilings and supports, resurfacing the bridge with concrete rather than asphalt, replacing the draw bridge electrical system, refurbishing the pen on the south eaf of the north drawbridge, and installing new rails near the drawbridge. It is the concrete resurfacing that shall close the bridge for two months next year.

Your Eden Isles Homeowner's board has been in contact with the Highway Department and the Parish Engineering Department in an attempt to reduce the impact the bridge closure will have on our community. As construction progresses we shall keep you informed

## Water Watch Reports Higher Counts After Heavy Rain on July 1

After the heavy rain on July 1, 2000, water samples were taken to measure bacterial count. A bacterial count of 200 or greater would indicate a pollution problem, and we recorded a count of 274 at one location near the Coast Water Works discharge line. We expected the bacterial count to increase with the temperature, and we also expected higher counts after heavy rains. This should serve as additional incentive not to swim in the waterways after heavy rains.

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 641-7080 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 Saint 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 into the water or street drains, do not treat the ducks as pets, and instruct your lawn service not to blow grass clippings into the water.

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There are several preventive maintenance procedures that can reduce the likelihood of fire:

- ◆ Clean bilges often and maintain proper gear stowage.
- ◆ Make sure short-tie cables are properly connected.
- ◆ Place oily rags in covered trash cans and dispose of them on shore.
- ◆ Store propane fuel for stoves in a secure area.

Most boat fires can be put out rapidly if you act immediately. **DO NOT HESITATE!** If a fire starts, grab the extinguisher, activate it and direct it at the base of the flames. Use short bursts and sweep it from side to side.

If/when a fire breaks out on your boat, never use water on fires started by faulty electrical wiring, gasoline, oil, or grease. Water will spread a petroleum-based fire and since water is a conductor of electricity, you may receive a damaging shock from an electrical fire. Water should be used only to extinguish burning wood, mattresses, rags, rubbish, and alcohol.

Follow these steps if fire breaks out while you are underway in order to prevent the fire from spreading to other parts of the boat:

- ◆ Slow or stop the boat: wind from the boat's motion feeds the flames.
- ◆ Keep the fire downwind. If the fire is aft, head the bow into the wind; if forward, put the stern into the wind.
- ◆ If the motor catches fire, shut off the fuel supply immediately.

When extinguishing the fire, make sure it is completely out. If not, it may smolder with the potential to start again. If possible, soak burning materials over the downwind side of the boat. Also remember to avoid littering the waterways by removing any debris after the emergency is over.

Always remember: **DO NOT PANIC!** Many boats burn to the water line because people jump overboard without assessing the situation first. If you realize that the fire cannot be put out with the available fire extinguisher(s), put on your life jacket and exit the boat **UPWIND** of the burning craft. Use a radio, cellular phone, or visual distress signals to gain assistance.

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# Garden Club

By Pam White

For the most part, the ladies of the Eden Isles Garden Club are taking a break for the summer. But the newly elected officers have been very busy making plans for the 2000-2001 club year which begins in September. And great plans they are! Wonderful guest speakers have been lined up for several of the meetings, with topics including hummingbirds, flower arranging, bonsai, cacti & succulents, termites, and camellias. Field trips are being arranged to nearby gardens and nurseries, with an eye toward increasing our knowledge and aiding our acquisition of the latest plants available in the horticulture market. Even a couple of surprise fun trips are scheduled. And workshops are being planned to support our participation in our traditional projects. Sounds like an interesting and busy schedule for our garden club ladies. And the ladies we have to thank for all these great plans are our new officers: President: June Collins, 1st Vice-President: Ann Courrege, 2nd Vice-President: Gail Smith, Secretary: Linda Triay, and Treasurer: Judy Chamberlin.

## A Special Thank You

Thanks to Donna and Dale Wood of Laurent CPA's for their help by providing work hours and materials in the distribution, collection and collation of petitions presented to the St. Tammany Parish Council regarding the self storage facility on Marina Drive.

Thanks to Councilman Joe "Coach" Thomas and State Representative M.P. "Pete" Schneider, III for securing the new American and state flags flying over our Hwy 11 entrance.

Thanks to Roy Provenzano, Jr., of Pro's Pest Control Service, Inc. for a routine inspection of our guard houses. Roy donated his service and found the guard houses free of insect infestation as of June 3, 2000.

The one regular activity of the Club that continues on through the summer is the monthly yard judging. Judges Yvon Molinary, Hilda Vaughn, and Judy Chamberlin drove around the subdivision early in July to determine who in our neighborhood managed to have beautiful yards despite the extreme heat and dry weather. We're pleased to announce that we do have people who managed it. Congratulations to our 1st Place winners, Chadwick and Joan Redding at 162 Pebble Beach Drive. 2nd Place went to 218 Intrepid, 3rd Place to 127 Windward Passage, and Honorable Mention to 217 Ranger Place. Congratulations to you all! You give all the rest of us something to aspire to!

## Fishing Tips From the Pro

Hi, I'm Captain Dudley Vandenboire, maker of the Deadly Dudley!

I was asked to join everyone on July 25, 2000 at the Homeowner's Meeting to chat a little bit about my knowledge of fishing. I'm hoping everyone can attend. I have lived in Eden Isles for twelve years. We are so fortunate to have what I feel is the greatest lake available to catch big trout.

In future issue's I will be giving fishing reports & tips for our area.

West winds have affected this month's fishing which means fish are more likely to be in the Chef Pass & Rigolets areas. I've had successful trips fishing with live croakers and ice with the Chartreuse Tail Deadly Dudley's.

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**HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MINUTES FROM  
THE HOMEOWNERS MEETING OF  
MAY 30, 2000**

Mr. Sidney Fontenot, of St. Tammany Parish Planning Director, spoke with us regarding the zoning of Ward 8, and the proposed Mini Storage on Marina Drive. The lot is zoned C2. The developer wants to build a large 3 story building with an eight (8) foot brick fence surrounding the area. The homeowner's board will write a letter to the Parish Council asking them to not approve the plans.

Coach Thomas presented Eden Isles with two (2) new flags for the Highway 11 entrance. The two flags are the United States and the State of Louisiana.

We are waiting for the weather to get cooler, or a lot of rain before the Eagle Scouts plant the trees which the Sand Dollar Nursery got the State to give to us.

In the months of June and July, we will be having the common grounds cut twice each month.

Our next Homeowner's meeting will be July 31st, and we hope to see you at our meeting. The meeting starts at 7 P.M.



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 always see.

We all know basically, what's kind and good,  
 But do we behave, like we should,  
 Heal all bad tidings, prevent suffering,  
 Evils slip away, but love will cling.

Look at ourselves, investigate,  
 There's so much love, and so much hate,  
 We know it's there, but we don't like seeing.  
 That it's in each average, human being.

It can't be right, to be this way,  
 So let's be more loving, everyday,  
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*Jeff Hobson*

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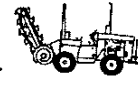
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## Neighborhood Watch Report

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Unfortunately, the block party scheduled for the Columbia Place was cancelled, and has not yet rescheduled. We will wait until a little cooler weather prevails. Of all things, there was some type of chemical leak at the Covington location, which kept the deputies from getting their equipment needed to hold the block party. I apologize to any of you that attended and found no activity going on.

It was a last minute cancellation.

We will have another Neighborhood Watch meeting on 7/26/00 for the Valiant Lane residents, and invite any other residents on that side of Unit 4 to attend. This would include Chubasco, Brushfire, Anita Place or Rampage Loop. This will be held on the empty lot at the corner of Valiant Lane and Intrepid.

Eden Isles was the recipient of an award given by the National Crime Prevention program and this will be available to view both at the next general meeting, and also the 8/1/00 Night Out Against Crime.

If you have any questions or comments, you may call our Hotline at 781-0091, and we welcome any ideas to maintain our quality of life.

**Don't forget, new board members are needed by 12/00!  
Consider giving back a little to your community!**

Marian Bencke

## Resident Speaks Out On Property Loss

13 July 2000

Eden Isles residents should be warned again that their property is no longer safe.

My fourteen foot, two seat, khaki colored, slightly damaged, very heavy fiberglass pirogue was taken from my back lower patio while we were on vacation. Most pirogues I've seen are not as large as mine.

I learned of my loss on the sixth of July when the man who serviced my lawn asked what I had done with my pirogue. This is a very heavy pirogue and could not possibly have blown away. It has withstood hurricane winds in the past. It was up too high to have floated away and it had an anchor attached. It was in place the last time he had cut the lawn.

I have lived in Eden Isles since September of 1976 and until a few years ago I have felt entirely safe. No more! Most of us remember the near car-jacking with shots fired while a baby was in the car. That was not all that long ago. I have had construction material stolen from my front yard. My neighbor had the grill and bumper dismantled from his Mercedes right under the bright street lights and only the turn signal lights stolen. Special order? The rest left on his lawn. Previous to this, this same neighbor had witnessed a drive-by shooting on our street. Another neighbor told me that a car had been stolen just a few doors down from us.

The Sheriff's department was notified and a deputy was dispatched to my home to take the information and file a report. Finding a missing pirogue in Louisiana is like looking for the proverbial needle in a hay stack. I loved my pirogue and had just elicited a promise from my brother to come over from Pensacola in cooler weather and make it like new again for me to enjoy once more.

If anyone saw anything going on with a "larger than most" pirogue I would appreciate hearing about it.

*Marion Frosio*

Marion Frosio,  
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## **DSL or Digital Subscriber Line**

**By: Bill Northup**

There is a new type of residential phone line/data service in Eden Isles now. We've had it available for several months and I've had the service at my house for about 2 months. It allows you to surf the Internet at 1.5 megabits/sec or about 13 times faster than ISDN. I am very pleased with the service. Right now, I know of 3 providers of the service. They are: Bell South and Telocity and FreeDSL. If you got the service with Telocity of FreeDSL it would still get to your house by the copper wiring provided by Bell South. The digital carrier actually can utilize the spectrum above human hearing and thus it can share the same wires as an existing phone line without interfering. This means that you don't have to pay for having another pair of wires to be installed at your house. You do have to install small plug-in filters at each jack to keep the analog phones from putting noise on the digital portion of the signal. These filters are about the size of a match box and they just plug into the wall outlets where your phone connects. So you can easily do that yourself.

Actually the variety of DSL that we have is called ADSL, which means that while you get 1.5 megabits of download speed, you only get 256 kilobits of upload speed. The upload speed is not usually as critical as the download speed so that's why they increased the download at the expense of the upload. The increase in download lets you get full motion video from MSNBC to check out the latest news stories. If a story becomes boring to you just cancel it and go to another story. (Haven't you always wanted to do that with the TV?)

Right now the service is about \$50/mo or \$35/mo with FreeDSL. Since you don't have to get another line in your house it's really not that bad of a deal. When I ordered mine there was about a 3 week wait because Bell South has to verify that the neighborhood wiring to your house has good enough quality to handle the extra bandwidth. Then one day the UPS delivers a box to your house with your DSL modem and software.....and you're off to the races. The instructions were excellent but I had problems anyway because my operating system (WIN95) wouldn't accept the PCI bus NIC card that I had bought for \$15. (You need to have a Network Interface Card to accept the ethernet input and I wound up getting an older style one for an ISA bus for \$35 and I upgraded my system to WIN98.) From then on it was smooth sailing. I even got a switch so that I can switch the line back and forth between my computer and my wife's computer. The software has diagnostics and I was able to check that we were running at full speed or 1.5 megabits/sec.

In normal operation you would leave the DSL modem turned on all the time but cut off you computer when not in use. The connection to the internet is always there whether you are on line or not. Our neighborhood has a hub for all the DSL lines in Eden Isles and that hub is on Marina Dr. under the water tower. You should see it. It is beautiful. Sort of like phone man's heaven.

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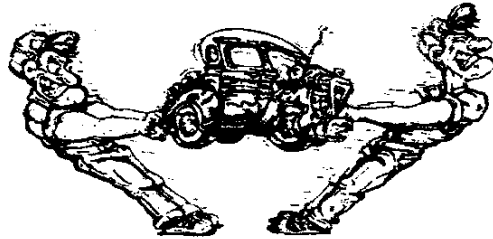
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