

07-26-05

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Sal Guarino

I would like to thank all our residents for the wonderful response to our recent mailer and for the amount of checks received for association dues. I actually received some calls from people apologizing for being late with their dues. These are people who really care about what is going on in our lovely Eden Isles. The intent of the mail out was to remind our members to pay their dues and hopefully, to encourage everyone to become dues paying members and become involved in our community. We have a considerable amount of "freeloaders" in Eden Isles and also a good percentage of habitual complainers who very seldom offer any constructive criticism. Some people are angry over things that happened in the past and are not willing to admit that "some" things have changed for the better. Myself, the Board of Directors, and our advisory committee continue to work for improvement of our area. The "freeloaders" reap the rewards of the many good and caring residents, who pay their dues, attend membership meetings and or functions of our association.

Another misconception that many residents have is about the check we received from Coastal Waste Services. I hope I can put this to rest! The money received was to be DEDICATED TO THE BEAUTIFICATION OF OUR AREA, God knows this area needs a lot of help. This money has nothing to do with 'GREEN FORCE'!!! The green force fees cover the cost of cutting the boulevard and our common grounds. Our grass cutting contract is for 14 cuts per year but your Board of Directors has given me approval to do many more cuts. You do not need to be a math major to figure out the annual cost to keep our area neat. "Beautification", to me, means anything over and above cutting grass!! The planting of the fountains has commenced but tropical storm Cindy and hurricane Dennis has put hold on the completion, BUT, the flowering plants will be complete by week ending July 16. Also planned, is for additional lighting in front of each fountain. There are additional "beautification" items that need to be addressed.

We have all complained about the increase in our property taxes and I am happy to announce that our guest speaker for our July 26 General Membership Meeting will be PATRICIA SCHWARZ CORE, OUR TAX ASSESSOR. Is this great or what? We welcome all to attend with any property tax questions.

Looking forward to seeing you at our July 26 General Membership Meeting.

**\*\*\*\*\*Attention Homeowners - The EIHOA Board of Directors DID NOT APPROVE THE CUTTING OF THE BRIDGE AT HIGHWAY 11 ENTRANCE. THE PARISH WAS ONLY SUPPOSE TO CUT THE MOONRAKER BRIDGE. CALL YOUR COUNCILMAN WITH ANY COMPLAINTS.**

**2005 MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE NEEDED**

It is that time again and 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
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- Neighborhood Web Site - www.eiho.org
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- Boulevard Grass Cutting
- Boulevard Tree Planting
- Common Area Grass Cutting
- Street Sign Maintenance
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LEGAL FUND -The legal fund is dedicated to protecting your property values.

**SECURITY FUND -**

- Maintenance of camera's at guard houses, both in and out and updated equipment.

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**

Name: (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: Slidell, LA 70458 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Dues:	\$ _____	(\$20 per household)(\$10 -single member)
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 security cameras)
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>	<b>Check Number: _____</b>

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

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EIHOA Mailboxes  
at the entrances to Eden Isles

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

# Garden Club

There is no formal meeting for the summer but we do have several new members joining the club this year and if you are interested in being a member please call Nancy Baldwin at 504-324-1888.

- Report all crimes and violations to the St. Tammany Sheriff's Office @ 898-2338 or dial 911 -

**Cleco** (for burned out street lights) 800-622-5537

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## 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 Marina Drive entrance, the mail box is on the Eden Isles sign as you cross the bridge and at the beginning of the neutral ground. At the Highway 11 entrance, the mail box is attached to the community billboard.

## !!!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 911. They will get the appropriate authority to investigate the violation.

**!!GIVE YOUR NEIGHBORS A BREAK - THROW NO WAKE!!**

## ???BUILDING/REPAIRING - HOUSE, FENCE OR DOCK??? !!!CHECK YOUR COVENANTS!!!

There are many buildings 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 Associations web site. If you don't have access to the internet call the Association's President, Sal Guarino, 690-6269, and he will arrange to get a copy to you.

## !!!STOP SIGNS"

 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 authorities 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.**

## !!COMMON GROUNDS CUTTING!!

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.

The GREENFORCE chairman, Ray Miller, will be talking with residents that insist on using the common grounds as their personal storage. If your "stuff" is on the common grounds, move it so the rest of the neighborhood 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 suppose to contribute to a park-like atmosphere.

## Litter!

If you observe littering please get license plate number and call the LA. Litterbug number - 1-888-548-7284 to report them. If everyone reports the offenders maybe we can make our neighborhood and parish look better.

## Please Do Patronize

Please remember to patronize all of our advertisers in the newsletter and let them know you saw their ad in the newsletter. They will appreciate your business.

## Please don't speed!

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Eden Isles (067)

Oak Harbor (072)

Incident Type	No. of Incidents	Incident Type	No. of Incidents
Assault	2	Criminal Mischief	2
Burglary	5	Drug Violations	1
Burglary-Vehicle	3	Theft	1
Criminal Mischief	5	Theft-Vehicle	1
Death Investigation	2		
Domestic	4		
Drug Violation	1		
Juvenile	1		
Theft	6		
Theft-Vehicle	6		
Attempted Theft	2		

NOTE: Oak Harbor statistics are provided because the east side of Eden Isles Blvd. and all of Pebble Beach are in Oak Harbor's neighborhood crime boundaries.

For more information on crime and crime prevention in our neighborhood or the rest of St. Tammany Parish, log on to the St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office web site at [www.stpsso.org](http://www.stpsso.org).

National NIGHT OUT against crime is Tuesday, August 2nd. Though Eden Isles Homeowners' Association is NOT formally participating in the event this year, you can participate by getting together with neighbors, friends, and family to make a stand against crime and support our local law enforcement agencies.

**- Report all crimes and violations to the St. Tammany Sheriff's Office @898-2338 or dial 911 -**

**"THANKS"**  
(For Caring)

Thanks to all our caring neighbors that paid their association dues for 2005. We ask that if you haven't paid your dues yet, join us and help make this a better place to live. "WE NEED YOU". It sure makes a bigger impression on our Parish Government when we go to get something done with 1200 members rather than 400. Please think it over. \$80 a year is a "VERY" small amount compared to other subdivisions around us.

We would like to apologize to anyone that had already paid their dues and received a notice. The reason for this was that information cards needed to produce a new directory needed to be filled out and not to ask for more dues. Please help us and return your cards.

"Thanks again for caring about your neighborhood."

THE EIHOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**REMEMBER**

Always remember to forget the things that made you sad. But never forget to remember the things that made you glad. Always remember to forget the friend that proved untrue. But never forget to remember those that stuck by you. Always remember to forget the troubles that passed away. But never forget to remember the blessings that come each day.

An Old Irish Blessing

## COMMENTS & SUGGESTIONS FROM RESIDENTS OF EDEN ISLES

The Board of Directors received this letter and decided to publish it since it summed up most of the complaints that we receive from residents.

We just moved into the neighborhood and are interested in joining the homeowner's association. We have received an application. Before filling out the application and paying the grass cutting fee, we do have a concern. The large open area along the street "Intrepid" has many cars and trailers parked on the grass. Our concern is the aesthetics of the neighborhood, and the integrity of the neighborhood, because of the high grass and cars parked in inappropriate areas.

We realize in order for the grass to be cut the trailers need to be removed but it has been this way since we begun searching for a home in Eden Isles back in April. Isn't there an ordinance that prevents parking on the grass? If there is, how can we enforce it? We would be happy to work to improve the looks of Eden Isles and would like to be active members of the association. Please let us know what we can do to get the grass on this area cut. We would cut it ourselves but our lawn mower won't handle the foot high weeds.

The area that they are concerned about is the common grounds and the residents that are parking their trailers and cars have been asked to remove them numerous times and refuse. So unless the rest of the residents who live around the area can convince them to remove them, the grass cutters can't cut the grass. We want everyone to be able to enjoy the common grounds and not just have a few inconsiderate persons using them as storage facility. The Architectural Committee's for each area is working on these violations and others (per covenants) and if they do not cease then judgement will be brought and enforced via contempt of court and charges will be pursued.





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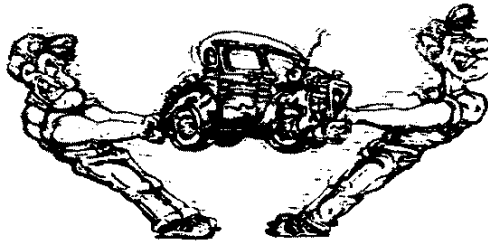
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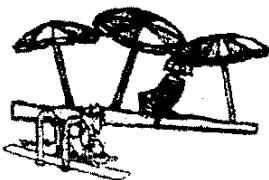
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### "Oak Harbor Park & Ride Opens"

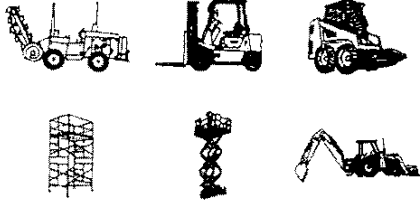
St. Tammany Parish has completed the "Park & Ride" facility east of the I-10 Oak Harbor interchange Exit 261. There is no fee to use the facility.

Sharing rides helps reduce traffic congestion, improve air quality and reduces commuters transportation costs. This is a win/win situation. Four additional Park & Ride facilities are in the design phase. Two are to be located in Slidell and one in Mandeville, and one in Lacombe.

# Web Site: [www.eihoa.org](http://www.eihoa.org)

THANK YOU to everyone who has paid their 2005 dues. If you have not paid your dues yet please send them in so that we will have an updated list of residents. Thank you for caring about your neighborhood and supporting the Homeowners Association.

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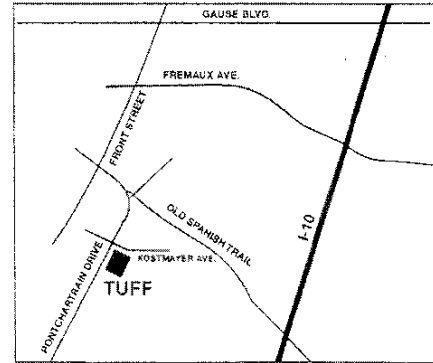
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1. Begin implementation of 10-Year Infrastructure Plan
2. Widen Highway 190 from Abita River to Covington
3. Award franchise to expand wastewater treatment infrastructure
4. Increase capacity on major arterial roads including Allen Rd. (Slidell) and Viola St. (Mandeville)
5. Develop coordinated economic develop strategy
6. Complete Phase 1 of National Maritime Research, Development and Training Center project.
7. Develop plan for new connector road for Airport Road area.
8. Renew 2-cent sales tax, Sales Tax District #3.
9. Refine St. Tammany Parish Homeland Security and Natural Hazards

- **Coming 2006-EIHOA Annual Poker Run**  
Details to follow in later newsletter

- **Message from the President**

- **Meeting July 26, 7 PM**  
Tax Assesor, Patricia Schwarz Core, speaker

- **Did You Know!!!**

- Did you know that it cost approximately \$15,000 per year to keep the common grounds and the Blvd. maintained?
- Did you know that certain changes or modifications on your property require a permit from the parish and approval from your respective Architectural Committee?
- Did you know you should always make sure that contractors working on your property are licensed and insured so that you are not liable if a problem should occur?
- Did you know that you can be held liable if your grass cutter is blowing, dumping grass into the canals, vacant lots or any place it should not be?



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