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A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Next week will bring us a time for another Association meeting. We feel that it will be important to discuss the prospects of the Casino Boat mooring in nearby Oak Harbor. The conventional wisdom has it that Gov. Edwards will call a special session this fall, and an expansion of the number of Riverboat Casino locations will be passed by our legislators. One of these new sites will be granted to the Pearl of Pontchartrain. Carve this in stone. I'm taking odds that it will happen.

It has been rumored that I am in favor of the Casino. I would like to make my personal opinion (to which I am entitled) as clear as possible. The key element for the property values of Eden Isles to reach their full potential requires that the property along I-10 from Lake Pontchartrain to Old Spanish Trail be developed commercially. It will require some major attraction to bring about this development. I am in favor of anything that will bring this about in my lifetime. A Casino in Eden Isles I do oppose. A Casino across I-10 I could accept if a majority of the people are in favor of it.

It has always been my policy to support the view of the majority of the community. However we should not let our judgement be clouded by the knee jerk reactions of the vocal minority. Let's study all the issues, and weigh all the evidence.

I wish to offer condolences to the family of Raymond Suavage. He was waked the night of our last meeting and buried the next day. I did not find out about his death until after the meeting. Ray was a loyal member of the Homeowners Association and supported all of its functions. He will be missed by all of us.

Our next meeting will be held next Tuesday, July 27th, at the Tammany Yacht Club above the Marina Cafe. I look forward to meeting you newcomers at this meeting.

Siel Menard



**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF THE
EDEN ISLES HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION**

Tuesday, July 27, 1993 at 7:00 PM

Tammany Yacht Club

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THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR MEMBERSHIP

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DON'T READ THIS...

...unless you care about your property

by Beth Kobeszko



When most of us want to find the current price of a house, we usually take the price that it was bought for and raise it by the total cost of the improvements that were added to it. This method defies the basic rule of value: an item is worth only as much as someone will pay for it. If there is a high demand for a certain brand of shoes, people are willing to pay more money for them than for similar shoes that lack the brand name.

It is the same factors that affect real estate prices. If a house has something that buyers want, such as a pool or big bedrooms, it will sell easier and for more money. One of the main things buyers note about a house is its location. They may look for details like if the house is located in a good school district, if there are children in the area, and if the vicinity has a low crime rate. They will be more likely to move to a house if they like the surroundings.

Eden Isles has many high points that attract buyers. Definitely the most important one is that almost all the properties are waterfront. Some other positive factors are the golf course, the easy access to the interstate, the security booths, Marina Cafe, and the fire station. A country club or a nearby grocery store would increase Eden Isles' popularity even more.

But the greatest impression made on potential buyers is the neighborhood itself. People are attracted to places that have neat lawns, well-paved streets, and an overall friendly, comfortable appearance. Unsightly aspects like litter, a median that's a checkerboard of high and low grass, or an overgrown empty lot nearby can affect a buyer's desire for your house.

We can all pitch in and help make our community a better place to live. It doesn't take much. A good way to start is to help GREENFORCE, the group of volunteers that keeps the neutral grounds neatly trimmed and landscaped. They need to buy supplies like mowers, gas, plants, and fertilizers. You can donate money to help support GREENFORCE. Every penny that you contribute will greatly raise the value of your home.

Don't hesitate to make our neighborhood one to be proud of!

REAL ESTATE CORNER

So far 1993 is turning into another good year for real estate. We are still experiencing a healthy market with home sales strong and a steady increase in home values.

According to information from Multiple Listing Service, 30 single family homes were sold in Eden Isles area in an 180 day period with an average sales price of \$128,728. The prices range was from a low of \$88,000 to a high of \$292,500. The average market time was 75 days.

At present time there are 15 homes for sale in our subdivision with the average price \$190,186 and the average market time of 97 days. The prices range is from a low of \$50,000 to a high of \$550,000.

Above statistics do not include " For Sale By Owner " properties and new constructions.



E.I.H.O.A.

August 1 - October 2, 1993



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Aug 1	Aug 2	Aug 3	Aug 4 Coast Guard Aux Meeting 7:30pm	Aug 5	Aug 6	Aug 7
Aug 8	Aug 9	Aug 10	Aug 11	Aug 12 E.I.H.O.A. BOD MEETING 7PM	Aug 13	Aug 14
Aug 15	Aug 16	Aug 17	Aug 18	Aug 19 POLICE JURY MEETING 4PM	Aug 20	Aug 21
Aug 22	Aug 23	Aug 24	Aug 25	Aug 26	Aug 27	Aug 28
Aug 29	Aug 30	Aug 31	Sept 1 Coast Guard Aux Meeting 7:30pm	Sept 2	Sept 3	Sept 4
Sept 5	Sept 6 Labor Day	Sept 7	Sept 8	Sept 9 E.I.H.O.A. BOD MEETING 7:30PM	Sept 10	Sept 11
Sept 12	Sept 13	Sept 14	Sept 15	Sept 16 Rosh Ha- shanah	Sept 17	Sept 18
Sept 19	Sept 20	Sept 21	Sept 22 Autumn begins	Sept 23	Sept 24	Sept 25 Yom Kippur
Sept 26	Sept 27	Sept 28 HOMEOWNERS MEETING TYC 7PM	Sept 29	Sept 30	Oct 1	Oct

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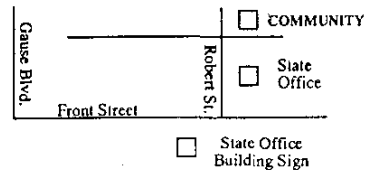
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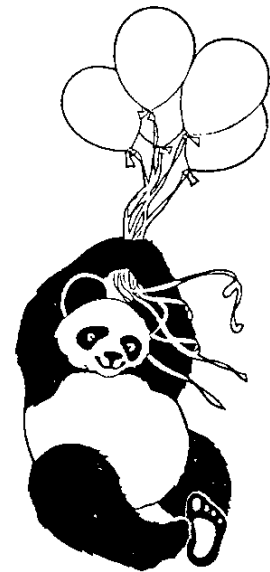


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Robert & Nannette Lotz
Brad & Sherry Petrie
Dina Ponceti
Anthony & Gail Smith
Donald & Lisa Stiebing
Michael & Joanie Whitehead



WELCOMING COMMITTEE REPORT



by Beth Kobeszko

A lot of new families have moved to our community in the past two months. As you can see from driving along our beautiful streets, there are still many new houses under construction. It seems that the rest of the summer is going to be quite busy for our Committee. For this reason we are asking for more help. If you have free time to contact nearby

merchants for gift certificates or reduced rates for newcomers packages, please consider volunteering. If you have time to put packets together, visit newcomers on your street or wish to report the arrival of a new family, please contact me as soon possible at 641-4869.

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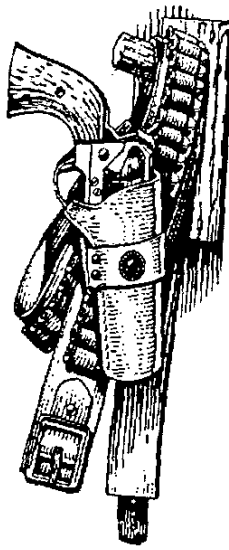
by Marilyn Meier

Summertime and restless juveniles seem to be synonymous; bored with inactivity and in many cases left unsupervised, vandals and bridge jumpers take to the streets. These children are engaging in dangerous "games" which can result in serious consequences for them. If you see anyone diving from the bridges please call the Sheriff's Department immediately and report it. You may help someone avoid a broken body or even save a life.

Another summertime reminder: vacation house checks by the guard service are only done for residents participating in the funding of the Security Service.

As you've probably noticed, street light installation in Unit 4 has begun and should be completed in early August. Every effort has been made by the Committee to be as accommodating as possible to residents; our goal was to put lights where most needed and in locations with easy access to transformers or underground pedestals. This is important because it helps keep the cost of installation down by requiring only minimal trenching and material to make the connection. Placement of lights has also involved engineers and service personnel from CLECO, personnel of the installing contractor, and two departments of the Parish.

This project is an example of how government SHOULD work - giving the taxpayers something worthwhile for their money. It has involved untold hours of volunteer work since last December, time and energy given gladly for a worthwhile result: the safety and enhancement of the community. I'm sorry if a few disgruntled homeowners are upset about a light on "their" property, but wish to remind them that these lights are being installed on the servitudes and easements dedicated on every lot in Eden Isles for installation and maintenance of utilities, etc. If I hadn't personally experienced it, I would not believe that a few "spoilors" could be so diligent in attempting to deprive their neighbors of the long south, much-needed benefit of additional street lighting.



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Thank You Kreegers

With much gratitude, we would like to thank **John and Debra Kreeger** for refraining from feeding the ducks, and replanting their back yard. They have changed their yard from the scourge of the neighborhood to a nominee for yard of the month.

COAST GUARD AUXILIARY by Evelyn Nelson, FSO-PA

The Eden Isles Coast Guard Auxiliary will be having a safety class on Personal Water Craft (Jet skis, etc.) on 4 August 93 at 7PM at the Tammany Yacht Club. We would like to invite anyone interested to attend the class at that time.

We would be glad to have visitors at our regular meetings. We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7:30 PM at the Tammany Yacht Club.

Anyone that would like to have a Courtesy Marine Examination on their boat should call **Jack Thomas** at **649-2418**. He will be glad to set a time to get together with you for the inspection.

GARDEN CLUB NEWS

by Marilyn Cazaubon

In the month of June, the Eden Isles Garden Club ladies braved the heat and humidity to judge back yards. They were piloted by Richard Newman, and made a complete circuit of the entire area accessible by boat.

First place winners were:

Nolan & Bonnie Strong of 124 Weatherly Cove.

Other homeowners earning recognition were

Gerald & Marie Perret,

Mary & Don Smith,

Sherry Ziegler.

July's judging was for front yards and the first place winners were:

Jerry & Marie Perret of 218 Constellation Dr.

Second place went to **Roy & Mary Mouldous** of 203 Blackfin Cove, **Steven & Candy Metzler** of 111 Jubilee Point were third and fourth were **Wayne & Naomi Hess.**

It is to be noted that the Yard of the Month award is only given to the first place winner, but because of the many beautiful yards and gardens, second, third and fourth are mentioned. Congratulations to these energetic people. I get tired just looking at the weeds in my garden.

The Garden Club will not meet until September, however the ladies of the Judging Committee keep plugging along all summer. Thanks ladies for a job well done.



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Eden Islander Newsletter	Annemarie Furphy	Blackfin Cove	641-9138

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State Of Louisiana	Maintenance	Hwy 11 Traffic Light	1-800-545-9280
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**THE CALIFORNIA ACHIEVEMENT TESTS:
A TRUE TEST OF OUR INVOLVEMENT**

Our school district needs your help. On June 24, 1993 the Times-Picayune published the 1993 California Achievement Test (CAT) composite scores for St. Tammany Parish. Once again, our district scores were some of the lowest in the Parish.

This information is bad news for everyone in Eden Isles, not just the residents with school age children. The CAT scores are a major factor in determining real-estate values. Homes in districts that boast high CAT scores (Frenchmen's Estates, Doubloon Bayou, Quail Ridge, River Oaks) are in greater demand and command higher prices than homes that are in district with low CAT scores.

If you want to increase your property value, improve the quality of life in Eden Isles and guarantee the future of our community, we as residents of Eden Isles, must get involved and take an active role in improving the quality of education in our district. We must hold our school board representative and the school administration accountable for their actions.

- Call our school board representative, Virgil Ward at **646-1528** and let him know that he will not be re-elected unless the quality of education in our district improves. Offer your support for his efforts but don't accept excuses!
- Exercise your right to monitor class room activities and administrative decisions to ensure that the teachers and administrators are truly committed to excellence in education. Call the school principal, the school superintendent and your school board representative to report incompetence.
- Join, support and become an active member of your school's PTA.
- Volunteer your time as a tutor, a teacher's aid, an office administrator, assistant librarian, hall monitor, playground monitor, etc.
- Donate surplus office equipment and teaching aids (computers, file cabinets, televisions, VCRs, maps, stereos, etc.) to the school.
- Ask your company to adopt a school in our district.

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by Esther

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Total Houses	
Occupied	887
Under Construction	42
Vacant Lots	
Unit 3	21
Unit 4	206
Pebble Beach Dr.	12
Moonraker Dr.	106
Total Lots	
	1274

Grasscutting Volunteers

We are in need of volunteers cut grass with the Scag Ridermower in the following areas:

1. Charles Court at Eydie Lane and Barbara Lane - about 1 hour work every other week.
2. A relief operator to fill in for one of the regulars when they are unable to cut their areas.

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Going on vacation or out of town for the night?

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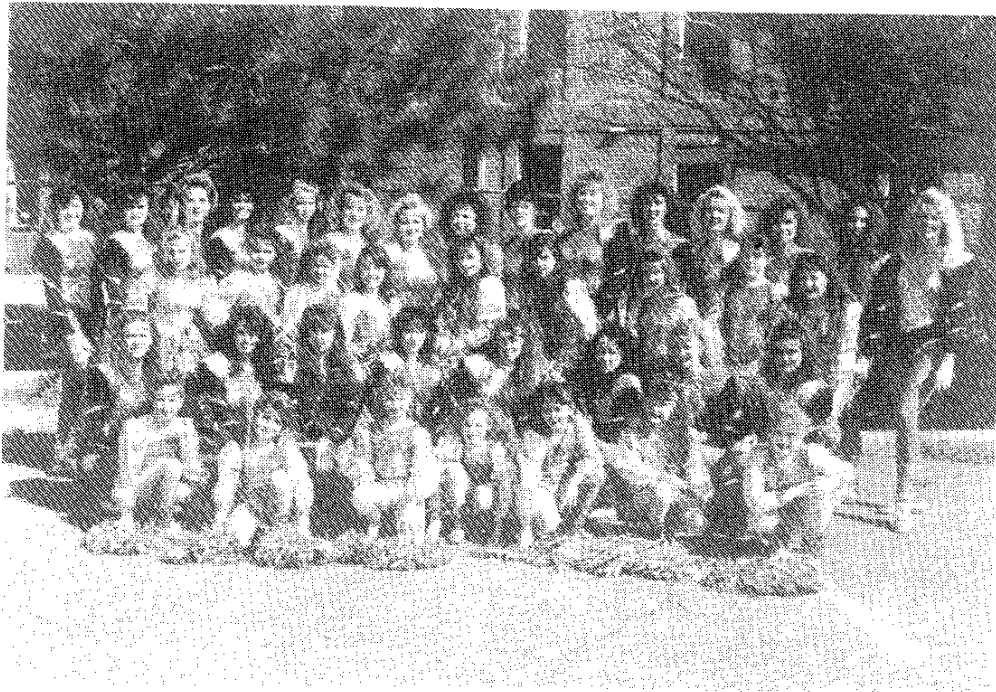
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