



The Eden Islander

THE OFFICIAL "EDEN ISLES NEWLETTER"

SEPTEMBER 2010

P. O. BOX 2746, SLIDELL, LA 70459

General Membership Meeting

Tuesday
September 7, 2010

New Salmen
High School
Cafeteria

Meet and Greet
6pm - 7pm

Guest Speaker
Deputy Eddie Vauthier

from the
St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's
Office

A Message From Our President... **CINDY FRANATOVICH**

Hello Fellow Neighbors,

I hope everyone is having a wonderful summer! Soon the cool weather will roll in and we can escape the extreme heat wave. It is time to get out the Saints gear and cheer the Black & Gold. Thank you to all who continue to do things to help our neighborhood look good, represent well to others (including potential buyers), or help us to lead better lives. A home is a great investment that we should all take pride in. Again, thanks for your help. I am sure that you have noticed new streets signs that were recently installed in the back of Windward Passage. With the continued support of Homeowners paying their dues, we hope to finish with all new street signs in 2011. It is your support that makes things happen! We are asking for volunteers to help coordinate events and activities for our residents. Some of the recent suggestions are spring or fall picnic, community garage sale, driveway socials, fishing rodeo, and Wine tasting party. Also, we are seeking anyone interested to serve on the Board or Special Projects Committee. If you have the dedication, time and are a team player, the Homeowners Association would like you to join our team and volunteer on the Board or Special Project Committee. There have been some intrusions in the last few months, and it has hit our neighborhood. It would be safest to keep your garage door closed when you are not around, as burglars are bold enough to go right into the garages during the day and steal items. Golf clubs, bicycles, and other personal items are easy to pick up and put in the back of a vehicle. If you see a strange vehicle, or notice something that doesn't seem right, get a license plate number, if there was a real problem, that may be the only lead to give to the sheriff. We all need to watch out for our neighbors and our neighborhood. We will soon induct a "Neighborhood Watch" for Eden Isle.

Our guest speaker at the General Membership Meeting September 7th will be Deputy Eddie Vauthier from the St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office who will speak on the "Neighborhood Watch Program". Please get involved; you'll make new friends, and help to improve our Association and neighborhood. We can always use more input on what's going on.

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Sincerely, Cindy

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The board created a "Special Projects Committee on March 31, 2010. Currently the committee consists of 3 volunteers - Lee Longstreet, Thomas Thompson and Ralph Grimaldi.

The Special Projects Committee has been involved in the following issues:

- Hwy.11 project - debate, solutions & conclusion
- Upgrade and maintain the EIHOA website, www.eiho.org
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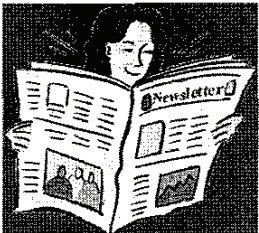
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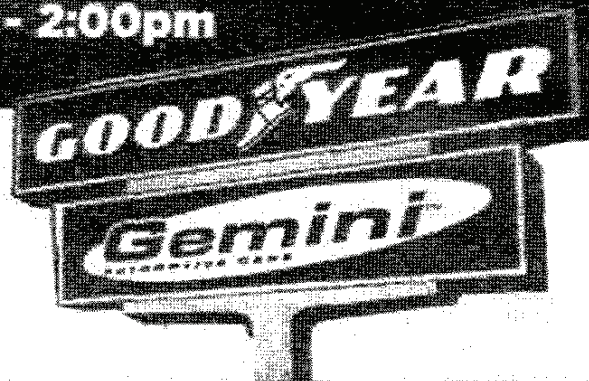
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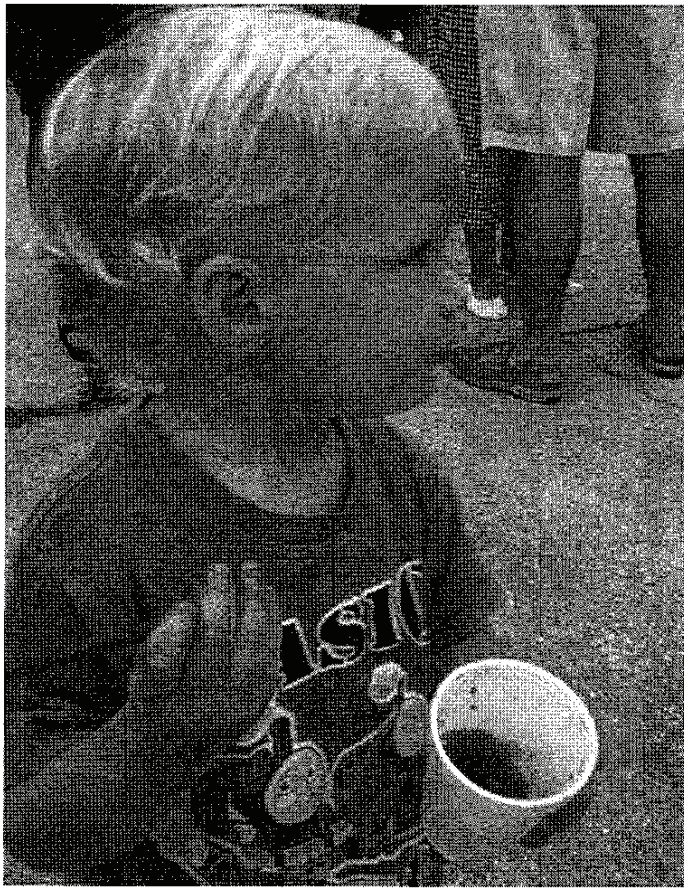


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The first "Driveway Social" was held on Sunday, June 6, 2010 was a huge success. Although hot, the snowballs cooled everyone who attended. Free snowballs were offered in many different flavors. Participants brought their own lawn chairs, and some brought snacks and goodies. There was good music and fun was had by all. What a wonderful opportunity to get to know fellow residents.

Look for the next "Driveway Social" in the fall.



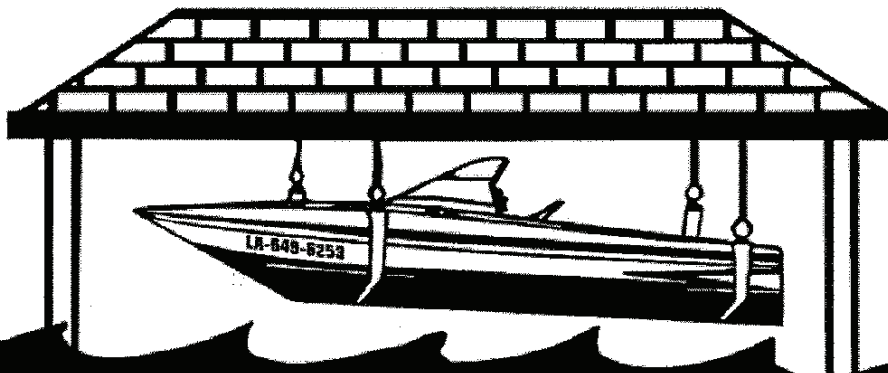
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Some things are not quite so obvious because maybe we think someone else is in charge of seeing they are done. That's just not so. Everyone should make an effort to pick up debris floating behind their homes because no one is contracted to do that for us.

Street lights are paid for each month whether they work or not; what's more, no one is checking on them. If you see a street light out all it takes is a simple call to get it repaired, usually in just a few days. So show you care, call it in.

For neighborhood streetlights, call CLECO at 800-622-6537. Make sure you have the address or nearest intersecting street names when you call.

For street lights on the interstate, call St.Tammany Parish public works at (985) 898-2557.

If you need to identify a solution for something else you can email the Eden Isles Homeowners Association from their website at www.eiho.org. You might also try posting your questions on the neighborhood forum at www.eiohForum.com.

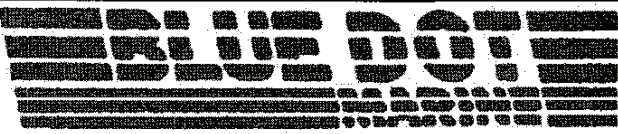


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I guess that my question is really, "Do you know how to use your GPS unit?" If so you are head and shoulders above most of the owners who own a such a unit. But I bet you still don't understand exactly how to get the most out of your unit.

Here are some suggestions that may help you enjoy this new technology. For the sake of space, lets first consider those GPS units that are designed for on the road vehicles. Later if you want additional info, I will be happy to discuss GPS units for boats, etc. in this bulletin.

If you have a model that is designed for use in your automobile, have you checked the accuracy of the unit and the accuracy of the internal maps in the unit? One such a check would be to simply notice the position your unit is displaying on the internal maps and your actual position on the roadway. Are you at the intersection, etc. on the map when you are actually there? Another way is to "FIND" your home address using the internal search feature. Then note if it is actually indicating your home. Whatever the result, when at your home, log in the position. Save the latitude- longitude of the position. Keep it with your important papers. In a catastrophic emergency, first responders may not know the addresses and the streets from the air, but most can now find a latitude-longitude location.

By the way, NEVER, NEVER put a waypoint or location for your home named HOME. Use some kind of a personal code that you can easily remember. A good choice would be the last two digits of the address, the nickname of the street or the year of your birth, or you or your spouse's nick name, etc. Putting your home as a GO TO location or waypoint as one of your favorite locations, could guide a criminal to your home if he were to steal the unit. You will be waiting for the police by your auto, while he heads to your home., knowing that you won't be there for hours. If at all possible, you should ALWAYS remove the unit from the vehicle whenever you leave the vehicle. Theft: of GPS units is one of the highest reasons for burglarizing an automobile. Place the unit in the trunk of the vehicle or an "out of sight" safekeeping location. Be sure to remove the mount so as not to tip off a criminal that there is a GPS in the car. Before using the unit, check to see if you programmed it properly for your type of travel? How you or the clerk who sold it to you programmed the unit can be crucial in how the unit performs. One of the basic settings in the menu setup screens, is how do you wish to route the travel directions to your destination. Most units offer a FASTEST or SHORTEST setting. The fastest may not always be the shortest and the shortest may not be the fastest. In some cases the shortest way may direct you on streets and roads that you would not normally travel. So consider the selection choice very carefully. The internal software of most units determine the routes by the type of streets and roads that you may select in the "Fastest - Shortest" setting. They assume that you will be obeying the speed limits on normal streets, that you will be using interstate speeds on the interstates. The most important suggestion for getting the most out of your GPS is to USE the unit. Don't expect to remember how to use the GPS unit if you only use it for your summer vacation. Use it to go to the store, to get gas and on other errands. The more you use it, the more you will be able to use it. For those of you who do NOT have a GPS unit and would like a latitude - longitude position for their home, contact me Captainpaul@charter.com or ph. 985-847 -OS36, and I would be happy to try and plot your homestead.

Captain Paul S. Titus, Sr.

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