



Up and Down the Isles

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Message From Our President

Hello Friends and Neighbors,

Spring is finally here, and summer is just around the corner. Hopefully the cool weather is behind us. There are two things that take place in the Spring; some of our friends and neighbors leave to return to their homes up North. To those who are leaving, we hope you have a great Summer. The other thing is the arrival of warm weather and hopefully more rain. This signals the start of our growing season. To keep our neighborhood looking as beautiful as it does, we all need to check our yards and landscaping. To those that are leaving, please make sure that you assign someone to look after your property in your absence.

Lately it has come to the attention of the Board of Directors that some of our residents are putting themselves in danger by the way they walk in our community. Gladstone Boulevard is a very wide street that is flanked on both sides by a sidewalk and a golf cart path. If you are walking on the street on Gladstone Boulevard, you are doing so illegally. **(see text box below)** The law states that you must use the sidewalk or the golf cart path. Please use these to walk on. We do not want anyone to get struck by a passing vehicle.

It has also come to the attention of the Board that some of our residents are disregarding our Covenants concerning pets. A few residents have more pets than the maximum number allowed, and they are not picking up their waste. By County ordinance, no pets are permitted to leave your lot unless controlled by a leash. Please review your Covenants and be respectful. We do not like writing reminder letters.

To all residents, please have a safe and enjoyable summer here in our little corner of Paradise.

Sincerely,

David Durham
President

The 2012 Florida Statutes Chapter 316 State Uniform Traffic Control

316.130 Pedestrians; traffic regulations.-

(3) Where sidewalks are provided, no pedestrian shall, unless required by other circumstances, walk along and upon the portion of a roadway paved for vehicular traffic.

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Our Email List Is Growing!!!!

Thanks to our residents' response to the request for emails, the list is growing. We now have just over 100 email addresses, and that accounts for almost **one-third of our households!** This saves the Association time, printing, postage, and labor to mail hard copies of newsletters and other important correspondence. Just send your email address to fox.kim55@gmail.com. Be sure to include your full name and address so we can verify that you are a resident here. **To protect your privacy, your newsletter will be sent as a blind carbon copy so your email address will not appear for others to see. The name Kim Fox will be on the address line followed by the subject Englewood Isles Newsletter.**

Concerned About Overwatering? Take Your Gripe to Tony Gipe!



The Property Maintenance Committee has received complaints from residents about neighbors watering their lawns more than allowed

by Sarasota County. The Southwest Florida Water Management District establishes watering restrictions. For the latest restrictions, including days and times allowed for watering refer to www.swfwmd.state.fl.us. Navigate to Sarasota County for the latest restrictions. This allowance applies to County water and well water. Past issues of this newsletter have attempted to explain the detriments of overwatering. For example, overwatering from a well can deplete that well, drawing water from adjacent wells. In some cases, the wells become filled with salt water making the water harmful to grass and plants. In severe cases, a new well must be drilled at great expense to the property owner. Extra watering is allowed for new or replacement lawns, but you must refer to the restrictions. **If you suspect watering violations, you may call Tony Gipe at Sarasota Water Management, (941) 861-6750.**

Beautification Committee Update



The Sarasota County Special Needs Department responded very quickly to our concern about the terrible condition of the asphalt sidewalk on the west side of Gladstone Boulevard. Within days, maintenance department trucks patched the unsightly and unsafe areas including those cracked by tree roots growing under the walkway. However; the sidewalk *looks* "patched" and is not very beautiful. We were told that another department handles a more complete renovation. We weren't told this during our initial call. Apparently the wider sidewalk was intended for golf cart use when Englewood Isles was being developed. That's why it doesn't match the more attractive cement sidewalk on the other side of the street. **If you have ideas for helping to beautify sections 4, 5, 6 call me, Odie Kourapis, at 475-6592.**

Property Maintenance Update

Each month, the Property Maintenance Committee conducts a complete survey of all properties in Englewood Isles Units 4, 5, and 6 for Covenant violations. Letters are then sent to those in violation giving them time to respond and/or correct the violation. **The most common violations occurring recently include the following:**

- ***The grass along the sidewalk and curb of the street needs to be edged on some properties.***
- ***The trash containers are not to be put out at the curb until after 5:00 PM. The trash containers are to be stored other than in front of the house.***



Tree Protection Ordinance

Before you remove a tree from your property, you might want to refer to a complete copy of **Sarasota**



County's Tree Protection Ordinance that can be found at the Sarasota County website under "Article XVIII Chapter 54" from the Sarasota County Code of Ordinances. Two sections of particular interest in this ordinance include the following:

(12) Some trees on public and private lands are especially significant due to their character, size, and age.

(13) Grand trees are an important component of Sarasota County's urban forest and have a unique and intrinsic value to the general public because of their age, size, and ecological value.

Even trees on private land are protected.

Controlling Fire Ants



Here in Florida, we live side-by-side with annoying and sometimes downright dangerous fire ants. Severe allergic reactions to fire ant stings, including severe chest pain, nausea, severe sweating, loss of breath, serious swelling, slurred speech, and anaphylaxis can be fatal without emergency treatment. **Fire ants** are a variety of [stinging ants](#) with over 285 species worldwide. They have several common names, including **ginger ants**, **tropical fire ants**, and **red ants**. The queen is generally the largest individual in the colony. She rules the roost because her primary function is reproduction; she may live for 6 to 7 **years** and can produce up to 3,500 eggs in a single day. That is roughly 9 million in her lifetime, and she can produce roughly 100,000 to 500,000 workers per colony. The poor male who mates with the queen only lives 4 to 5 **days**. It's no wonder how fire ant mounds become large and multiply so quickly!

Controlling Fire Ants: While any attempts to control imported fire ants over large areas are currently impractical, two basic methods can be used successfully to control fire ants within a limited area: **treatment of individual mounds** and **broadcast treatments**.

Treatment of Individual Mounds: Commercial insecticides come in several forms including **mound drenches**, **fumigants**, and **injectants**. Regardless of which form you use, care must be taken not to disturb the mound prior to application. Ants have survival instincts. At the least sign of danger, they will take their queen deep into the mound where she is insulated from some of these treatments.

Broadcast Treatments: A number of fire ant baits are commercially available for broadcast treatments. Baits are composed of an inert pre-gelled corn carrier and soybean oil. A toxicant (either a slow-acting insecticide or an insect growth regulator) is incorporated into the oil. Foragers find the bait and carry it back to the colony. Once there, the ants will ingest the soybean oil/toxicant and begin feeding other members of the colony. Eventually, the toxicant is spread throughout the mound and all members of the colony are affected.

For best results, consult a reputable lawn and garden store or pest control service before buying a treatment, and **always follow the directions on the label!**

Sources: Wikipedia and the University of Minnesota

Social Committee Update

More than 27 residents and guests of Englewood Isles attended the (sold-out) Valentine's Dinner and Dance at the Englewood VFW on February 14, 2013. We enjoyed shrimp cocktail, prime rib or stuffed chicken breast, all the fixings, and a romantic dessert. Live music was provided by Dan and Sue Aikers. Every table was awarded at least one door prize. A great time was had by all. The next social event for Englewood Isles is in the planning stage and will be announced as soon as possible. Edward Baldwin, Social Committee Chair





Board of DirectorsUpdate.....

Your Board of Directors wishes to welcome new member, Christiane Hostler.

There is currently one opening on the Board. If you wish to serve your community, please contact David Durham at 460-1892.



Don't be a Poop.

Be sure to Scoop!

This message is courtesy of Scoopie Doo and his master.

**From Trash To
Treasure,**



It's Garage Sale Weather!

Garage sales are fun, especially if you're the shopper! But, we've all passed by a perpetual garage sale that is obviously a home-based business. None of us want that to ever happen in Englewood Isles. That's why Sarasota County Code Enforcement states that a resident is allowed to hold one garage sale each quarter (every 3 months) not to exceed 3 days in length. For more information, call Gigi at Sarasota County, (941) 861-3280. Also, Section 14 of our Covenants states that "Not more than two (2) signs of any type, excluding security signs, may be placed on a lot. Yard/Garage/Estate sales signs may only be displayed on the day of the sale. No sign shall be larger than 24" (2 feet) x 24" (2 feet). Be sure to remove all signs after your garage sale is over.

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