



# Up and Down the Isles

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## *Message From Our President*

Hello Friends and Neighbors,

Summer is here along with its heat and humidity. The arrival of summer also brings the hurricane season, and now is the time to look around your property and trim your trees and shrubbery. In the event that we have a storm, your trees and shrubs can cause a lot of damage to your home. Look around your home for any loose items that need to be stowed away. In the event of a storm, these items can become missiles in the wind and cause a lot of damage to your home as well as your neighbors' homes. The time to prepare is now. Please do not wait until the last minute.

A month or so ago, I attended a meeting of home owners' associations in the south Sarasota County area where the guest speaker was from a local insurance company talking about Homeowner's and Wind Insurance. He stated that one of the best committees a home owners' association can have in Florida is a Disaster Committee. I am in the process of forming this Committee for our Community. If you have some sort of a hand tool and/or medical background and would like to add your name to this list, please call or email me (941) 460-1892, [dfdurham62@verizon.net](mailto:dfdurham62@verizon.net). This committee would go out after a storm, check on our friends and neighbors, and lend a hand if needed.

That "DREADED LETTER" is the one that the Property Maintenance Committee sends out to remind property owners of a Covenant violation on their lot or dwelling. Again this year the Committee has had to send out quite a few of these letters, and there is still a hand full of residents who just seem to ignore them. This year for the first time, we are in the process of imposing fines on several property owners, and to date some of these people still will not comply with our Covenants. These property owners are about to find out that fines will be assessed per Article 22, "Enforcement Fines" of our Covenants and turned over to our Attorney for collection.

This Board of Directors is dedicated to enforcing our Covenants. They are what keep our Community looking as good as it does. This preserves our home values and quality of life. Have you noticed that homes in our area are selling almost as fast as they go on the market? A lot of this is attributed to the hard work that the Board puts into keeping our Community desirable for residents and potential buyers. If you receive a letter, PLEASE give the Property Maintenance Committee a call to see what can be done to fix the problem. They are there to help. Most people will call and tell them that they will fix the problem, but there is a hand full of unresponsive people. These people end up getting a second letter or lastly a letter indicating that we intend to impose a fine. The Association does not need the money generated by these fines, and we certainly do not like to send out letters threatening to fine anyone, so PLEASE respond to the person listed at the bottom of your letter. Better yet, keep your property looking great and in compliance with our Covenants so you do not receive a letter at all.

Remember, it's hot out there. If you are out working or playing around your home, stay hydrated. Have a safe and great summer.

Sincerely,

*David Durham*

President

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# Celebrate Fall With a Party!

The Social Committee of  
Englewood Isles Property Owners Association, Inc.  
*Units 4, 5, & 6*

*Presents*

## "FALL FEST"

### Dinner & Dance

Saturday, November 23, 2013

5-10pm

**19<sup>th</sup> Hole Restaurant**  
**Boca Royale Country Club**  
1601 Englewood Road

- ❖ Social Hour: 5-6 pm Meet Board Members, Friends, & Neighbors
- ❖ Buffet Dinner: 6-7 pm
- ❖ Music by **Sonny & Sable**: 7-10 pm
- ❖ Cash Bar
- ❖ Raffle

\$20 per person Residents of  
Englewood Isles

\$25 per person non-resident Guests



*Tickets on Sale*  
*Starting October 1, 2013*

Tickets Contact:  
Phyllis Wojcik 941-475-5122  
Edward Baldwin 941-475-5097

*(Make checks payable to:  
Englewood Isles P.O.A., Inc.)*

Limit 125 Reservations

## Trimming of Palm Trees



Palm trees, like all plants, need green leaves to produce food and store nutrients. Do not trim green leaves off your palms. Removing green leaves damages the palm and slows its growth. Cutting green fronds leaves a wound in the tree's living tissue and provides an opening for disease organisms to enter.

Flowers and fruit may be removed without affecting the trees growth. Remove only old leaves, which have already turned brown or yellow. Studies at the University of Florida have shown that trees are more hurricane resistant when not heavily pruned; they are naturally wind resistant.

Not so long ago, people did not trim SABAL PALMS (Sabal palmetto). Our slow growing Sabals were healthy, lived for hundreds of years, and had big round tops like the Truffrla trees in The Lorax book by Dr. Seuss. Somewhere along the line, someone got the idea this was a service by which they could be paid for. In fact, it is a serious disservice. Unfortunately, "monkey see, monkey do," and the bad idea has become a bad fad! It is harmful to the palm, to birds, bees and more. Learn to love them and leave them alone.

For more information, go to [www.plantrealflorida.org](http://www.plantrealflorida.org).

## Did You Save Winkie? Please Come Forward!

Last month, I Betty Stevenson, was walking my little dog, Winkie. He was in a collar, and I, of course, had him on a leash. As we crossed the first bridge over Windsor Canal on Englewood Isles Parkway, he stepped too close to the



edge and ended up in the water. Fortunately he paddled and stayed afloat. I could never have gotten him out without the help of a gentleman who stopped his car and came to my rescue. I don't know if he was a resident. Winkie and I were so shaken by the event

that I didn't get his name. I will be eternally grateful to him. You can understand why I'd like the opportunity to thank him. I'm just sorry that I don't have his name. If you rescued him or know the man who did, please call me at [\(941\) 475-7687](tel:9414757687).

## Beautification Committee Update

The cracked areas of the sidewalk along Gladstone were patched, but the result is less than satisfactory. Weeds are sprouting through the new asphalt. I called the Special Needs Department and spoke to Jim Chesney who handles roads and bridges. He told me that he would take care of the problem, but, so far I don't see an improvement. To black top the entire sidewalk would not be possible at this time, I was told, as funding is not available. Some homeowners are having their lawns mowed and edged at the sidewalk in front of their homes, while others are not. The county requires that the homeowner take care of edging. It would greatly improve the walkway if homeowners would keep walkways neat by not allowing grass to grow into the sidewalk and curb area as mentioned in the last Property Maintenance Committee update. If you have ideas for helping to beautify Units 4, 5, and 6, please call me, Odie Kourapis, at 475-6592.

## Property Maintenance Update



### Attention Winter Residents!

As a suggestion, you might want to receive regular reports regarding the upkeep of your property from a neighbor or friend who lives in Englewood during the summer. Occasionally, contracts to maintain lawns, shrubs, pools, etc. are not honored when the property owner isn't at the residence.

## Want To Speak At Board of



### Directors' Meetings?

All members of our community are welcome to attend our monthly Board meetings (time and place are posted on our website) and **are allowed to speak on items on the agenda.** If you have a specific subject you

want to talk about or bring before the Board, contact the Secretary, Stan Gdowski, or President David Durham, and they will place your subject on the upcoming agenda. These meetings are a business meeting and not an open forum. We need to follow our agenda in order to complete all business within our reserved time frame at the Elsie Quirk Library meeting room.



**Don't be a Poop.**

**Be sure to Scoop!**

*This message is courtesy of Scoopie Doo and his master.*

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## Community Garage Sale Saturday, January 25, 2014, 8a.m. until 4p.m.



Sort through your home for an annual Englewood Isles Units 4, 5, and 6 community garage sale tentatively planned for Saturday, January 25, 2014, just in time for the "snowbirds" and visitors. **Please note that this sale is in the planning phase and can only happen with a Coordinator to make signs, etc. If you would like to volunteer for this position, please email [fox.kim55@gmail.com](mailto:fox.kim55@gmail.com).** Property owners and renters are eligible to participate in the sale. Rules of Sarasota County Code Enforcement apply, and state that a resident is allowed to hold one garage sale each quarter (every 3 months) not to exceed 3 days in length. This community sale is included in that allotment. 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.