



Up and Down the Isles

A Deed Restricted Community

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Message From Our Newly Elected President

Hello Friends and Neighbors,

As your newly elected President at the January 15, 2014 Annual Board of Directors Meeting, I want to let you and all the members of our fine community know who I am and more importantly what I consider goals to be accomplished for this Board.

I am Bill Callahan, age 70, and married for 42 years to my beautiful wife Susan. We are currently permanent residents of Florida and have lived in Englewood Isles for 3 ½ years. Sue and I previously lived in a small town in upstate New York by the name of Skaneateles. Many can associate this small town with a beautiful crystal clear lake of the same name. Skaneateles Lake is one of the Finger Lakes and consists of rolling hills, dairy farms, small villages and boutique wineries. Susan & I have 4 children, 6 grandchildren all scattered from the foothills of the Rockies to the shores of the Atlantic in Cambridge, Mass.

I worked and retired in the Natural Gas Industry. My military service was with the United States Coast Guard in the mid 60's. My Community Service experiences includes being President of The Marcellus School Board, and Chairman of the Beach Committee in So. Venice. I am fervently loyal to family, friends and Country. I am dedicated & goal oriented to the tasks at hand.

Why am I here? Good question and I have trouble putting the answer to paper. Maybe I'm here for selfish reasons, but in reality I'm here most likely for the same reasons as each one of you would have. First, for economic reasons, protecting our investments. Second, to maintain the quality of life we have taken for granted in our little corner of Paradise.

My goals for the Board include:

- Maintaining our property values
- Being instrumental in keeping our neighborhood a safe and orderly community for all of our residents, and by accomplishing this within the confines of our Covenants and Bylaws.
- Maintaining the Integrity of the Board of Directors
- Promoting:
 - Teamwork within the Board
 - Co-operation between Board Members and the community
 - Respect for the opinions of others
 - Honesty toward all

I want to acknowledge and thank our outgoing President, David Durham, for his 3+ years of service on the Board. He devoted countless hours to community issues and served 3 of those years as President. He demonstrated his devotion to preserving our community through his conviction to updating, recording, and upholding our Covenants and Bylaws.

My telephone number is 474-8866, and my email is cubby_callahan@hotmail.com. I welcome any comments or suggestions you may have.

Bill Callahan
President

englewoodislesfl.org Website Annual Report

The Association's website at englewoodislesfl.org is designed to provide information to our property owners and to others inquiring about our community.

The site is up to date and includes the following:

- Agendas for scheduled meetings
- Approved minutes of past meetings for years 2011, 2012 & 2013
- Current Filed Covenants
- Current Filed By-Laws
- Board Members addresses & phones numbers
- Committees
- Association Social Events
- Community Notices

The site is a work in progress and recommendations for improvements are welcome. Contact Ed Brame at 468-6373.

Southwest County Alliance Of Homeowners' Associations

This Association meets monthly and more often as necessary to keep members up to date and aware of any changes by government or other agencies or individuals, that could impact our homeowners associations and their members in Southwest Sarasota County, Florida. Items that are of current concerns include:

The 776 Corridor Plan

This Sarasota County Plan deals with planning and zoning of property along State Route 776 in Englewood. This plan could have significant impact on traffic and property use along SR 776.

The 20/50 Plan

The 20/50 Sarasota County Plan was originated approximately 20 years ago and deals primarily with the development of property east of I-75 in Sarasota County. This includes land use requirements for housing / commercial developments, density requirement and open space requirements. This plan has recently been applied to property west of I-75 and could directly impact future property development in Englewood. This plan is heavily weighted with input from land developers and builders. It is critical to keep tabs on this Plan and its development as it impacts Englewood and South Sarasota County.

Current Zoning change proposals

Monthly reports on involvement by the Alliance will be delivered at our monthly Board Meetings.

Covenant Revision

Covenant number 10. A. PARKING--

Location

Overnight parking on our streets was becoming a problem, so the Board amended Covenant 10. A., the parking covenant. The amendment was approved by the Association's attorney, and recorded in Sarasota County. (deletions are indicated by ~~strike through~~.)

10. PARKING—

A. Location — All vehicles must be parked in the garage or driveway. No parking is permitted on any lawn, landscaped area, shell or gravel areas, or empty lots. No vehicle may be parked overnight on the street. ~~for more than forty eight (48) hours.~~

Forty eight hours was removed from the Covenant because it allowed for cars to simply be moved after 48 hours and repositioned somewhere on the street. This allowed for indefinite parking on the street as evidenced by vehicles that residents had complained about, some of which were parked on the street facing the opposite direction.

"Deed Restricted" Benefits

Here is a brief overview of the benefits of the term "deed restricted." A "Deed Restricted" community gives an owner the assurance that a neighbor's property will be held to the same maintenance standards as his own. When purchasing a home in a deed restricted community, your financial investment is better protected, and troublesome issues can be avoided as everyone is bound by the Covenant's rules and legal remedies. Please take time to read the Englewood Isles Property Owners' Association Units 4, 5, and 6 Covenants which can be accessed at www.englewoodislesfl.org under POA documents.



Your Board of Directors
Wishes You

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Introducing Your 2014 Board of Directors



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New Board Member Bios

Ed Brame

My name is Ed Brame. I live at 361 Ardenwood Drive in Englewood Isles. My wife is Michaelene Brame; we have been married 43 years and have 3 children who are married and 2 grandchildren. I have lived in Florida all my life, 24 years in Englewood, FL and the rest in Pinellas County, FL. I have owned property in Englewood Isles for thirteen years and built our home here in 2007. I served 4 years in the United States Air Force and 35 years with Allstate Insurance Company.

I joined the Board of Directors because I believe each of us has a duty to serve our community. My goal is to help maintain the Covenants that ensure our quality our life here and enhance the value our investments here.

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Laura Marcusa

Since being newly elected to the Board of Directors, I was asked to serve as the Property Maintenance Committee Chairperson. I have committed to living here full time since last May and am often seen walking the area with my two white poodles. I enjoy Florida gardening, volunteering as a Big Brother/Big Sister at Lemon Bay HS, and watercolor painting which I teach to adults. I have a degree from Carnegie Mellon and a background in Quality Control/Quality Assurance in the printing industry in the New York City area. I am committed to working with the other members of the Property Maintenance Committee and all the residents to keep Englewood Isles beautiful. I look forward to hearing from you and ask for your cooperation, understanding and help by adhering to the Englewood Isles Units 4, 5, and 6 Covenants.

Betsy Kotula

I'm a retired critical care nurse married for 42 years to Bernie, and we have 3 married children and 7 grandchildren. We retired to Englewood Isles 1 1/2 yrs. ago. We bought the house sight unseen, knowing that we loved the neighborhood. I'm joining the Board of Directors because I would like to help maintain the beauty, good reputation, and property values of Englewood Isles. Thank you, Betsy Kotula.

Paul Porte

I bought my house in Englewood Isle in December 2011. I have been married to my wife, Teresa, for the past 30 years, and we have two children, Marianna and Peter. I was born in Italy and at 16 moved to the US, served two years in the U.S Army followed by 20 years in the NYPD as a Police Officer. For many years I operated my retail businesses. My life experiences have given me the insight in human interaction to be a positive influence in our community and on the Board. Paul Porte

Board of Directors Monthly Meetings for 2014



The Board of Directors monthly meetings for 2014 have changed to the 1st or 2nd Wednesday of each month, 6:00 p.m. at the Elsie Quirk Library on Dearborn St. in Englewood. Due to the

popularity of the large meeting room, the Library assigned some of the meetings to the small conference room.

Meetings are scheduled as follows:

(March and April are the first Wednesday)

March 5	Small conference room
April 2	Small conference room
May 14	Large conference room
June 11	Large conference room
July 9	Large conference room
August 13	Large conference room
September 10	Small conference room
October 8	Small conference room
November 12	Small conference room
December 10	Small conference room

Your email Address Or Any Changes To It Are Needed!

Please, if you have not already provided the Board with your email address, do so now.

Your email address enables you to receive our newsletter, Up And Down The Isles, electronically, in *full color*.

It also enables you to receive important announcements and information from the Board.

Send your email and any changes you make to it to fox.kim55@gmail.com.

Parkway Board Update



The Englewood Isles Parkway Board has been very busy looking for a new vendor to maintain the Parkway and the entryway to our Englewood Isles neighborhood. This is what we have been up to for

the last several months. At the October 21, 2013 Englewood Isles Parkway Board meeting, the Board made a motion to solicit three vendors as the required, first step in selecting a new vendor to maintain the Parkway. The results of those bids were discussed at the November 18, 2013 Board meeting and were received from the following vendors:

Landscape Maintenance

TruScapes

Phillips

There was a large dollar difference between proposals from our current vendor, Landscape Maintenance, who has done our work for more than five years and the two other vendors. The Parkway Board decided to search for smaller vendors that might be in our price range and to ask TruScapes and Phillips to rebid on the project.

At the next Parkway Board meeting held on December 13, 2013 two additional vendors submitted their bids:

Bayview Lawn & Maintenance

Green Coast Sprinkler & Lawn Care

Phillips and TruScapes did not rebid on the project.

Both companies are owned by talented young men who could do a very nice job for all of us in Englewood Isles. Both vendors were interviewed in early January and the new vendor was selected by the Parkway Board at the January 23, 2013 Parkway Board meeting.

Congratulations to Bayview Lawn & Maintenance and thanks to Units 4, 5, and 6 Englewood Isles Parkway representatives; Meredith Herrington, Odie Kourapis, Dane Hahn & Tom Sherrin for all of their hard work in finding and selecting a new vendor.

"You gain strength, courage and confidence by every experience by which you really stop to look fear in the face. You are able to say to yourself, "I lived through this horror. I can take the next thing that comes along."

Eleanor Roosevelt

Pet Waste Pollutes

"Storm drains in Sarasota County are not connected to a wastewater treatment plant. Pet waste left on sidewalks, streets, yards or open spaces can be washed away and carried by rainwater into storm drains and drainage ditches, which flow to nearby lakes, streams, rivers, and bays. A single gram (about ¼ teaspoon) of pet waste contains an average of 23 million fecal coliform bacteria, some of which can cause illnesses or diseases in humans. In addition to human health risks, bacteria and parasites in pet waste can cause serious water quality problems, resulting in polluted drinking water, "No Swim" beach advisories, shellfish bed closures, and surface water impairments." There are already examples of these incidents occurring in our area.

Be a responsible pet owner. Pick up after your pet. Seal the waste in a plastic bag and dispose of it in your trash can.

Source: <http://watershed.com/topics/pet-waste>.

Law Enforcement Report



In the month of December, 2013, we had three felony forced entry incidents that were reported to Sarasota County Sheriff's Office. These three incidents centered around forced entries into two lanais and one garage. The Board will be investigating ways to try to keep our neighborhood as safe as possible. This is a very broad and important issue, and over the next several months Board members will review and investigate concerns and solutions to all issues relating to safety in our community.

Property owners are advised to lock all doors including lanai and garage doors and report any incidents or suspicious activities immediately to the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office by dialing 911.



Lawns and Roofs Roofs and Lawns

Notes from your Property Maintenance Chair

My name is Laura Marcusa. Following my election to the Board, I was appointed as the Chair of the Property Maintenance Committee (PMC) of Englewood Isles Property Owners Association, Inc., Units 4, 5, & 6. The PMC has 5 other Board members who work together to enforce Covenants equally throughout 4, 5 & 6.

As residents of Englewood Isles, most of us are interested in property maintenance...our own and our neighbors. We like our neighborhood to be neat and clean while we are living here and want our property to hold its value in the real estate market when the time comes to move on. Please take the time to read the Covenants of our Association pertaining to property maintenance. The PMC is using the Covenants as a guide. By purchasing a home in Englewood Isles each of us has agreed to abide by the Articles in this document.

From experience, I know learning the tricks of Florida gardening takes some time. I planted drought resistant flora and killed a number of plants by bad choice, bad location, too much of this and too little of that.

I thought I was getting the hang of it, and that one application of Preen would take care of everything. After a few weeks of being away, I received a letter from the PMC for the 15" weeds that had sprung up. This grass, weed, water thing is an ongoing effort.

Not knowing the original color of my roof, I hadn't noticed the mold and mildew until it was pointed out to me by a neighbor. The PMC letter arrived shortly thereafter informing me that I had to clean my tile roof. The contractor who did the job in less than a morning said it would need a wash every two or three years due to the age, material and/or style of my particular roof. Both letters informed and educated me on situations that occur in Florida that a newcomer to the area might not know.

If you receive a phone call, email, or a letter from the PMC, please, before you get upset, go outside and look at your home/property and neighborhood with fresh eyes, the way a buyer would. The corrective action response to our first letters has been excellent.

If you have any questions regarding the Covenants pertaining to property maintenance, please feel free to call me at (941) 474-0670. Our new email address is eipropertymaintenance@gmail.com.

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