

# Englewood Isles Parkway Association - A Brief History

The Englewood Isles entrance area that includes the large island with the mature oak trees and parkway garden areas along with the two bridges makes wonderful picturesque views that are the front door to our Paradise.

A history of Englewood Isles is a history of countless volunteers and HOAs that have supported their time and finances for the maintenance and improvement of their neighborhoods and the neighborhood's front door have not been left out of this equation.

The original developers of Englewood Isles, the Kroh Brothers, went through bankruptcy in early 1987. The HOAs common to the parkway decided to form an organization to continue the maintenance of the 776 entrance area and the Englewood Isles Parkway median to Dover Drive.

The Englewood Isles Parkway Association, Inc. came into being in as a Not for Profit Corporation in 1988 with each HOA having one representative and one vote. Each HOA pledged its financial support and the first year's dues was \$20.00 per parcel. Currently the dues are \$40.00 per parcel.

In the early years the Parkway Board signed an agreement with FPL to provide 18 fixtures for the lighting for the 776 entrance and the parkway, so part of your dues provides the electricity for the lighting of the parkway.

A few years ago, the Parkway Board decided to consider an overall landscape plan for the parkway. Units 1 and 2 took the lead in this endeavor and solicited and reviewed three bids from Certified licensed Landscape Architects for a landscaping plan for the front entrance and the parkway. Units 1 and 2's Board chose and paid for Landscape Architect, Yvonne Hall's plan. The Parkway Board reviewed the three bids and agreed with Units 1 and 2's choice.

Meanwhile Sarasota County announced that a permit was required to complete any planting on county property. The Parkway Board was required to submit plans for approval before the county would grant a permit. Yvonne Hall's plans were submitted to Sarasota County and approved with modifications to the plan.

The Parkway Board decided to fund the landscape plan through donations. It appears that it may take several years to complete the new landscape project.

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