



ENGLEWOOD ISLES PARKWAY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER 2007

“THE BRIDGES OF ENGLEWOOD ISLES PARKWAY”

After Sarasota County completed repairs to our two parkway bridges, the surrounding area was kind of a wasteland. Even though the County put sod at each end of the bridges, it did not thrive because the County instructed us not to run irrigation in this area. We did plant some low maintenance and drought tolerant plants and hopefully they will dress up the area. It was noticed that the bridges were really in need of a paint job, and Jim Flowerday of Eden Drive tackled the County system and rapidly connected with a person who actually arranged to get the bridges painted. Thanks Jim, they look great.

NEW PLANTING BEDS ON THE PARKWAY ISLANDS

For the last two years a group of your neighbors have been drawing up plans to re-new the plantings along the parkway. This Parkway Re-Design Committee consists of:

Meredith Herrington, Units 4, 5 & 6

Stacy Schell, Unit 3

Dianne Corcoran, E. I. Assoc. #1

Sharon Snader, Windsor Villas

Mary Lou Frederick, Unit 5

Tom Morris, Units 1 & 2

Odie Kourapis, Unit 6

Fred Kern, Units 1 & 2

No longer serving, but were members last year:

Denise Schaub, Unit 3

Donn Williams, Marina Isles

Richard Tedlock, Units 1 & 2

Carl Wisnosky, Unit 5

Many of the plants along the Parkway have become old and woody or have grown too tall and have to be removed from under the power lines or are obstructing traffic views. Some simply require too much maintenance which translates to expense. For your information, the Islands are numbered from #1, at the entrance to #7 which ends the Parkway at Dover Drive S. A demonstration project was planted at Island #2 last year and the group learned a lot regarding plant density, people's preferences, and the cost of plantings. This project was done so that the entire Parkway would have the benefit of the experience gained at Island #2.

The committee and additional volunteers are now working on Islands #6 & #7. By the time you read this these islands will probably be half finished. We still have Islands #1, #3, #4 & #5 to go and we need your input, both physical and mental. This small group cannot do it alone. Every one of you is welcome to the meetings and work parties. Contact your unit President or a Parkway Re-Design Committee member (phone numbers attached within).

VOLUNTEERS

Have you noticed that Englewood Isles continues to be an attractive community after all these years? The Parkway, which is our signature area, takes continual effort by a small group of volunteers who donate their time and talents to keep the Parkway attractive. The reason this group is small is because of the age group of the majority of our residents. Many of these people have contributed over the years to the areas where they have lived and now it's time to rest. Rightfully so, but if we all rest we won't have an attractive Parkway to enjoy.

We need the young because their enthusiasm is contagious, and we need the old for their experience. If you are single, as many of us are, we need you too. If you can't use a rake or a shovel, come and lend your presence and your enthusiasm and maybe provide a cool drink to a thirsty new friend. We all have talents. Come share them with us.

If you are unable to help us physically, you might consider a monetary gift that we would gladly put to good use. Make checks payable to: Englewood Isles Parkway and mail to: Englewood Isles Parkway Association, 1811 Englewood Parkway, P.M.B. 195, Englewood, FL 34223.

PARKWAY PLANTINGS UPDATED

On February 15, 2007 Ed Bingle of Bingle's Tree Care, LLC, North Port, removed 6 Cabbage Palm trees, 2 Oleander bushes, 1 Carrotwood Tree, 3 Bottlebrush trees, 1 Pygmy Date Palm and trimmed 2 Crepe Myrtles on Islands #6 & #7. The Palm trees, Pygmy Date Palm and the Oleander bushes were old and were no longer attractive and needed to be replaced. The Carrotwood is an illegal tree and is very invasive, so that needed to be removed and replaced with more appropriate trees. All the trees had their stumps ground, so there are no unsightly stumps on the two islands. Ed did an outstanding job leaving the area where he worked clean and ready for replanting. Approximately one week before Ed removed the trees, Jim Flowerday, Mary Lou Frederick, Don Frederick and Fred Kern used Don's truck to pull out numerous old and woody Hibiscus bushes. Thanks to these four people, we didn't have to pay someone to remove the bushes.

You may have noticed that we had to remove the beautiful blue century plants at the corner of Oakwood Drive and the Parkway. They had grown too large and became a safety issue for people turning at that corner.

2006 HOLIDAY DECORATIONS

What a great show we put on this year! You probably will agree that this season was especially bright. Bill Cook at 5 Oakwood Dr. N. maneuvered in and around the taller trees in his personal "cherry picker" truck to get the light up to the extraordinary heights. Thanks Bill for a job well done. Many thanks to Carolyn Alexander and Bill Patterson who kept us well fed with her outstanding chili. We had a great turnout in 2006 and lots of fun meeting our neighbors. To lend a helping hand in 2007, please contact any Parkway Board member.

“RUFF...RUFF...” CALLING ALL ENGLEWOOD ISLES DOGS

Would you please ask your "special person" to bring a plastic bag whenever you take a walk on the parkway? You don't want your reputation with your neighbors to be in jeopardy. Last week one of our volunteers almost sat on a "forgotten ticket"!! Please help keep our parkway clean.

PARKWAY BOARD MEETINGS FOR 2007

May 15 October 23 December 4

Our meetings are held at Elsie Quirk Library on W. Dearborn St. at 10 a.m.

All residents are welcome!

PARKWAY BOARD COMMITTEE MEMBERS

President

Bill Schell Unit 3

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Tom Morris Units 1 &

PARKWAY DESIGN COMMITTEE

Chair

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Tom Morris
Stacy Schell
Sharon Snader

***ENGLEWOOD ISLES TODAY!
WHAT A GREAT LIFE!***