

## **ENGLEWOOD ISLES PARKWAY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER FOR SPRING 2019**

**Wow!! What a busy year 2018 was for the Parkway Association. When I wrote the newsletter at this time last year, we were just beginning the process of putting together the necessary paperwork to obtain a Neighborhood Initiative Grant Cycle 31 from Sarasota County to help with the cost of renovating the entrance walls to our community. With great teamwork and many frustrating times during the process, we were awarded the grant in October 2018. The total of our grant funding is \$10,000. Many thanks to those folks who signed our community support portion of the grant and contributed financially to the project.**

**Construction began January 8, 2019 and at present we have the contour of the walls formed, poured and stucco was applied. We anticipate completion of the project soon. It will be a complete transformation of the entrance to our beautiful community. As a community we can be very proud that the design, process of obtaining contractor bids, choosing stone, obtaining the grant, choosing the color palate and painting the new medallions was all done by volunteers in Englewood Isles. Once the project is complete, we plan to have a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the accomplishment.**

**On the maintenance side of the Parkway, we learned that we needed to remove 14 palm trees along the Parkway that were growing into the utility wires. To date 13 have been removed and the remaining one will be removed soon.**

**We have also experienced issues with the irrigation system. We've had to repair 2 broken wires. We also 2 breaks in the main 4" pipe at the first bridge. It has been determined that the broken pipe is due to the bridge settling. Englewood Water District experienced a break in their pipe in the same area. We have been informed that the Water Dept. is planning to replace their pipes along the Parkway. We don't have a timeline for their project.**

**Financially we came in under budget in the Operating Account even with the unexpected expenses of the removal of the palm trees and the irrigation repairs. Since the entrance project isn't complete, we don't have a total cost of the project but have received many donations from the community toward the project.**

**When we began the process of renovating our front entrance, the Parkway Board decided to table the discussion regarding the problems with the street lights along the Parkway. There was preliminary information gathered in 2017 and early 2018 that can now be acted upon by the Parkway Board. I would like to propose another safety issue and that's the excessive speed in all of Englewood Isles. The committee that was exploring options for the street lights could explore options with the county to increase awareness of the speed limit. Another project that was explored was replacing the Englewood Isles sign at the west end of the Parkway. Since we have the design in place for the medallions, that could be modified, and a sign could be made of the same high- density foam that is being used for the**

medallions at the entrance. Betsy Frank has again volunteered to paint the sign. If there is interest, I will obtain a price from Dorsett Signs.

As you can see, the present Parkway Board has great teamwork and is forward thinking with several projects to improve and enhance our community. We will publish further information regarding the date and time of the ribbon cutting.

Also, if you would like to receive email updates of happenings with the Parkway, please go to the Parkway website: [eiparkway.org](http://eiparkway.org) to register your email address with us.

Again, thank you for the tremendous support during 2018!!

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