



East End Historical District Association's NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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On the Calendar

EEHDA Officer and Board Elections
will be held at the January meeting

January 3rd at 6:00
at The Cottage 1501 Postoffice

This is our official annual meeting of the membership. Come see all the neighbors you don't see the rest of the year.

The uncontested slate of candidates for the new board for 2013 includes

President: David Fortenberry
Vice President: Jim Cantrell
Treasurer: Floyd Pollock
Secretary: Emmy Morrison
Past President: Bill Beveridge

New Board Members: Tom Green, Anne Hecht, Jane Chance, Mary Leflore, Pam Gilbert, Larry Wygant, Beth DeKeyser

Returning Board Members: Mike Box, Larry Stanley, Leonard LaMagna

The Nominating Committee's slate was presented in November. Nominations from the floor in December added Emmy Morrison as Secretary and Pam Gilbert as a board member. No positions are contested, but a quorum of the membership is still required for the annual meeting. The EEHDA appreciates your participation.

Folks, another year is nearly gone but the New Year promises to be pretty good. Speaking of next year, I would like to encourage

everyone to attend the Jan. 03 2013 meeting at the cottage. We'll be electing new officers and Board members.

If you were not at the Dec. meeting we gave a big hand to Deanna for her great job with the Christmas Homes Tour. I would also thank the home owners for their hard work along with all the docents. It was a very good turn out thanks to the weather which couldn't have been nicer. Lizette did a tremendous job tending the cottage that night. She's an excellent party organizer, as well with the Block Parties this year.

Fran Kelly has been a big help, running the Garden Tours and taking care of the Cottage. Many Thanks go out to all of you who volunteered and just helped out on everything we as a neighborhood did.

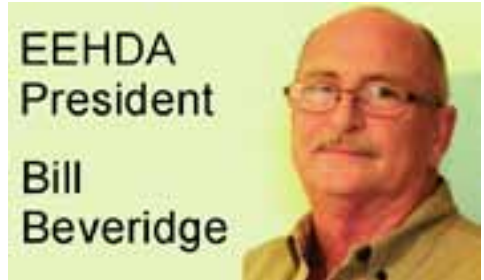
David Collins and Margaret Hand who have been publishing the East End Newsletter will stop as of Jan 1st. We need someone to come forward and take charge. If anyone has any ideas, let Jonathon know soon. This is an important part of our neighborhood for getting information out to all of our members. Please Help

I hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday Season ! Time to start YE OLDE DIET.

It's almost time to get ready for Mardi Gras, which is early again this year.

Don't forget to protect your plants this winter. Even if it doesn't freeze, the wind out of the north can damage your plants. Keep your plants watered as they will survive better in cold weather.

Thank all of you once again for your support and kindness this past year! I've met a lot of very nice people this year and hope we will continue to be friends.



Another Successful EEHDA Christmas Homes Tour

by Deanna Johnson

The 2012 EEHDA Christmas Homes Tour was a success, thanks to everyone who participated, whether presenting your home, chairing a site, providing goodies, docenting, or working in the background. This year we were right on target, selling 415 tickets and 5 cookbooks.

Special thanks go to our homeowners, Jane Rushing, Beth DeKeyser, Shawna Flynn and Rachel Langford (*their husbands too*); to the house chairs, Fran Kelly, David Fortenberry, Bill Beveridge, Jim Cantrell and Jonathan Tromm; to the Cottage co-chairs, Lizette Gaudin and Kay Schwartz; and to Mike Gilbert for organizing the church and entertainment. Once again, our team efforts made this event a successful fundraiser for the EEHDA.

This year, as an added attraction to the tour, we installed holiday lights at Darragh Park. Thank you to Terry Johnson, Jonathan Tromm, David Fortenberry, Lynn Barrett, and Martin and Fran Kelly for helping install the lights. A special thank you goes to George and Ann Schaumburg, who provide some of the electricity for the lights. Weather permitting, you can enjoy the holiday lights at Darragh Park Fridays through Sundays until January 6. Happy holidays!

Editors Note: 2012 was Deanna's first year as Christmas Homes Tour coordinator, and she did a spectacular job. We all owe a debt of gratitude to retiring Christmas Homes Tour coordinators Mike and Pam Gilbert. The Gilberts shouldered the burden of the EEHDA's main event and fundraiser for more than 20 years. Our sincere thanks to all they did (and continue to do) for the East End.



George Najarian sells tickets and Sandra Stanley makes coffee at the Cottage during Christmas Homes Tour.



Volunteers prepared an array of holiday treats for Homes Tour visitors to The Cottage.



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The Cottage lit up the night for 2012 EEHDA Christmas Homes Tour.



For the first time Darragh Park is lit up for the season. Christmas Homes Tour chair Deanna Johnson corralled volunteers to install the lights. They will be lit nightly through January 6th. The lights are an attractive addition to EEHDA's holiday traditions.



GAIN Update

By Jonaton Tromm

GAIN will hold its monthly board meeting at 5:30pm on December 20 with council member Cornelia Banks the featured guest speaker. All EEHDA members are members of GAIN and welcome to attend.

The GAIN Land Development Regulations (LDR) committee has met for a questions and answers session with city staff and the city's consultants. This was both a general information gathering and preliminary exploring of concerns from GAIN members.

There will be another meeting with city staff on Jan. 17 at 6pm. In the meanwhile, there will be more time spent analyzing the proposed LDR's and developing comment concerning the same.

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Changes to the Newsletter

By Margaret Hand and David Collins

With this edition, the EEHDA Newsletter begins its 40th year of publication, and 2013 will bring some changes. After 3 years on the job, we're retiring, and hopefully someone out there is ready to step forward and take charge of this monthly task.

Turns out, the newsletter has had very few editors over the decades. Bob Chapin managed it for six years, and before that Don Peek was editor for more years than anyone can remember - more than twenty at any rate. Perhaps some of the 'old timers' in the neighborhood can fill us in on the history, how long Don carried the load, and who else might have served as editor in the last 4 decades.

The Newsletter not only provides timely info for current residents, it forms a continuous record of EEHDA events and people. Old newsletters are on file at the Cottage - stop by and look them over. You'll be surprised at how young some of those people looked back then :)

Incoming EEHDA President David Fortenberry spent considerable time at The Cottage going over them to familiarize himself with some of the issues concerning the East End and to get a sense of their history. Today's newsletters may provide a similar sense of history and continuity to some future president twenty, forty, even one hundred years from now. Galveston has a history matched by few cities in America, and the East End Historic District has been, and continues to be, a major part of it.

There has been some discussion about going online with the newsletter, and saving the time and expense of the printing, stuffing and mailing of the paper version. Doing so will require some internet skills that several members possess.

But the big job is Editor. Margaret has spent many hours corralling members to write articles, supply pictures and help find advertisers to support the effort. It's not a complicated job, but it requires a dedicated EEHDA member who appreciates the history and importance of the task, and wants to help the organization keep its voice alive for another 40 years.

If you would be interested in serving at the center of the fun, controversies, decision-making and history of the EEHDA, contact incoming EEHDA President David Fortenberry at 281 814-0732. Future generations will thank you.

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The bylaws of the EEHDA say that membership is open to “any resident of the East End Historic District of the City of Galveston, Texas, or any individual who supports the stated goals and purposes of the EEHDA,“

Whether you’re a resident of the East End or are just dedicated to the restoration and preservation of its history and architecture, your participation is welcome. It’s interesting, and it’s fun. Our block parties, held March through November are a favorite gathering place for East Enders.

You are welcome to attend our annual meeting January 3rd at 6:00pm at The Cottage, our neighborhood gathering place, at 1501 Postoffice St. Or contact us by email at president@eastendhistoricaldistrict.org.



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Membership Report

By Emmy Morrison

The EEHDA would like to welcome new members **Scott & Lynne Langdale, Michael Wheeler, Claudia Maveety, Johnsie & John Bryan, Greg & Linda Stickline, Gary Don Foy and George Thomas Parsons III** and new lifetime member **Shawna Flynn**.

Lynne & Scott reside in the 1200 block of Winnie, Michael resides in the 1600 block of Sealy. Shawna lives in Houston and has a house in the 1100 block of Ball, which was featured on the Christmas Homes Tour.

Gary & George purchased a cottage in the 1700 block of Ball in Dec. and live in Houston. Greg & Linda reside in the 1400 block of Sealy. The Bryans live in Austin and own a house on Ave. R1/2.

Claudia is one of the Monday Mah Jongg players and lives on 37th St.

The EEHDA would also like to thank the members who recently upgraded to sustaining level. A big thank you for their added contribution goes to **Anne & William Hecht, Paul Lyle & Frey Reggio, Larry Wygant, Leroy & Mary LeFlore and David & Sandy Fortenberry.**



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East End Tree Carving Owners Honored by “The Grand”

By Lynn Barrett

East End homeowners with tree carvings were honored for their contribution to the community by the Grand 1894 Opera House. Complimentary tickets to the performance, *The Man Who Planted Trees*, were given by Maureen Patton and Kathy Van De Walli.

The play was an adaptation of Jean Giono’s 1957 book of the same name by master puppeteer and comedian Rick Conte. Though the subject matter deals with planting trees in a barren landscape, it is also a parable of making beauty from the ugliness of destruction. This quite obviously was the intent and accomplishment of the East End owners whose varied and eclectic carvings reflect this spirit.

Maureen Patton and Kathy Van De Walli of the 1894 Opera House deserve our profound thanks.



Cranes carved from a tree destroyed by Hurrican Ike stand in front of George Najarian and Lizette Gaudin’s home in the East End.



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Welcome Home, Elissa

by Deanna Johnson

Galveston Historical Foundation anticipates the homecoming of ELISSA, the official Tallship of Texas, in early January, 2013. After several months in dry dock, ELISSA will return home to Galveston and will dock in her newly renovated berth at the Texas Seaport Museum.

ELISSA entered dry dock in August 2012 for restoration of her historic hull, and upon her return to TSM, shipwrights from Maine will begin replacing her weathered decks with Douglas Fir from British Columbia, Canada. ELISSA will also undergo re-rigging to prepare for annual sea trials and the return of her much-anticipated spring day sails. 2013 marks the 135th anniversary of ELISSA’s sailing.

Watch for upcoming ELISSA special events, at www.galvestonhistory.org.

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EEHDA Christmas Lighting Contest Winners

by Kay Schwartz

EEHDA Christmas lighting contest chair Kay Schwarz has announced the winners of this year's contest.

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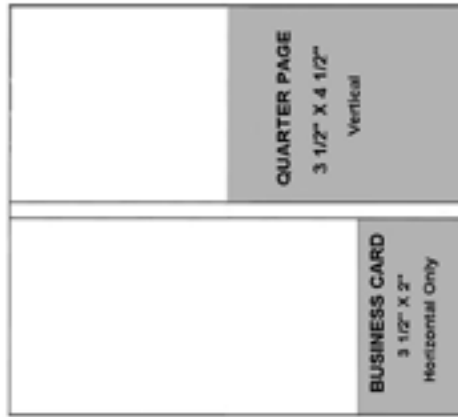
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