



# East End Historical District Association's NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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March 2012

## On the Calendar

### EEHDA Neighborhood Meeting

March 1st (Thursday)

Refreshments at 5:30, meeting at 6:00  
at The Cottage 1501 Postoffice

### GAIN MEETING

March 15th (Thursday)

All East Enders invited  
Moody Mansion lower level  
5:30 p.m. 27th & Broadway

### COFFEE AT THE COTTAGE

Saturday March 17th

1202 Postoffice  
Drop in for a cup

### EEHDA Garden Class

March 24th (Saturday)

9 a.m.- 10:30 a.m.  
Darragh Park  
Free to all East Enders. Everyone invited.

### MAH JONG AT THE COTTAGE

Every Monday

1-4 p.m.  
Everyone is welcome

I'm sitting, writing this article listening to the heavy rain on this last weekend of Mardi Gras, hoping the weather clears

before the Parades this evening. I like the Fat Tuesday Parade the best. It's more of the locals and not so crowded. If you do attend the Tuesday Parade, you'll notice several new business's downtown and more coming.

Mardi Gras Brunch went very well, and many thanks to Linda Abbot and her crew for their help, support and time. We'll look forward to Coffee at the Cottage on March 17<sup>th</sup>.

Casino Nite had a good turn out and was great fun. The Silent Auction had some wonderful items , and we owe our donors a very heart felt Thank You. The money raised was more than expected. The live auction also had some great items and brought on some good bidding.

Our next Garden Class will be held on March 24<sup>th</sup>, at Darragh Park. Remember - 9.30 to 10:30, and bring your chair. This month we will discuss bedding plants, pots and local nursery's.

I would like to thank all the volunteers for their involvement on the committees and activities. As a neighborhood association we could not function without your support.

Spring will soon be here, and it's time to think about planting roses. Most varieties do well here on the island. Floribundas make excellent bedding plants. Generally speaking, they are more continuously in flower than Hybrid Teas, because the flowers in their trusses open in succession, and a new truss is ready to bloom by the time the first ones are over. As their flowers have fewer petals, they are much better at opening in wet weather, and make excellent cut flowers. Floribundas can be bought now in bare root or already in containers. If you can purchase bare root roses in any variety at most nursery's now.

EEHDA  
President

Bill  
Beveridge



# Casino Night 2012 Wrapup

By Fran Kelly

Another Casino Night has come and gone and fun was had by one and all. Our Silent Auction was very profitable this year thanks to all of our wonderful donors. And our Live Auction is always one of the liveliest parts of the evening and this year was no exception, especially with the expertise of our auctioneer David Collins.

Our transition to poker chips went really well with little problems. Counting up the winnings at the end of the evening went much faster than having to sort through and count up the play money.

To all of our volunteers we owe a great deal of thanks because as you all know without them we could not possibly succeed. And as always, our special thanks for Ralph and Lyn McMorris and Lt. Blender for hosting the event and providing the wonderful food.

We are looking forward to next year already. Hope to see you there.

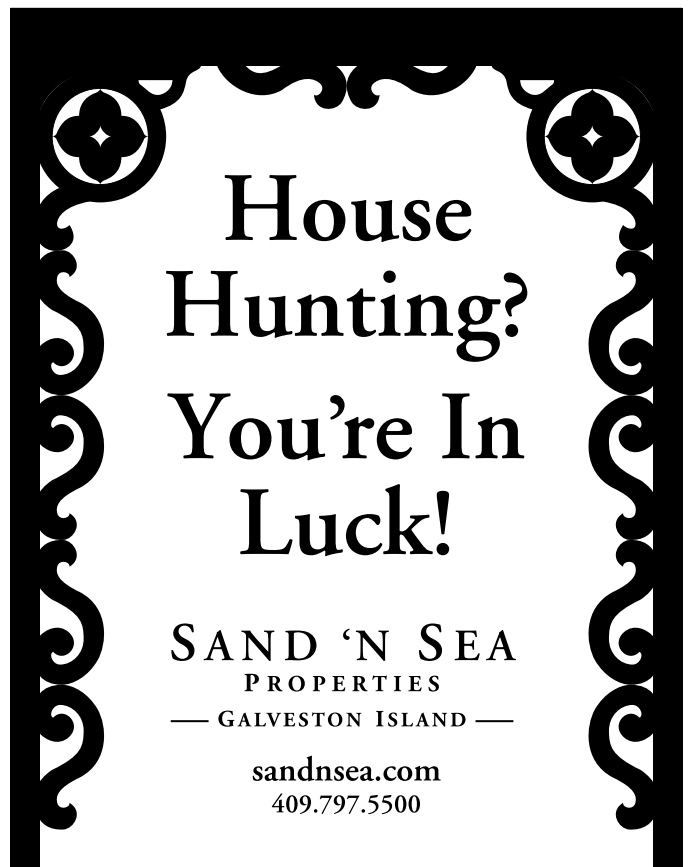
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## East End Historic Homes

*(This is a new feature of the Neighborhood News highlighting our historic homes. If you know the history of yours or another historic building in the East End and would like to submit a column, please contact editor Margaret Hand at newsletter@eastendhistoricaldistrict.org.)*

Driving by 1207 Postoffice St. you may notice a new historical marker in the yard. 1207 is the home of Dr. Jane Chance. Jane did the research and made application to the Texas Historical Commission in Austin to have her house designated as a Historical Landmark. It's a designation that many of the homes in the East End could qualify for, but as Jane will tell you, THC requires detailed documentaion. We hope to get Jane to write a column on the research and application process later this year.

Here's the text of the marker. Drop by and see it yourself. It's quite impressive, and it's a fine addition to the historic flavor of the neighborhood.

### DAVIDSON-PENLAND HOUSE

CONSTRUCTED BETWEEN 1866 AND 1868, THIS HOUSE WAS HOME TO ANUMBER OF SIGNIFICANT GALVESTON RESIDENTS. CAPTAIN JOHN DAVIDSON, AN IMMIGRANT FROM NORWAY AND EARLY GALVESTON SETTLER, BUILT THE HOME. IN 1870, TWO YEARS AFTER DAVIDSON DIED IN AN ATTEMPT TO RESCUE A PILOT FROM A WRECKED BARK, HIS WIDOW, SOPHIA (DETTMAR), SOLD THE PROPERTY TO MARY **McKEEN, DAUGHTER OF HENRY FISHER, WHO COAUTHORED THE 1842 LAND GRANT ACT OPENING THE HILL COUNTRY TO NORTHERN EUROPEANS IMMIGRANTS, AND WIFE OF BYRON.**

IN 1872, THE McKEENS SOLD THIS HOUSE TO SAMUEL MOORE PENLAND (1845 – 1922). A GRANDNEPHEW OF SAM HOUSTON AND NATIVE OF ALABAMA, PENLAND SERVED IN GALVESTON DURING THE CIVIL WAR AND SETTLED IN THE CITY AFTERWARD. ADDRESSED AS MAJOR PENLAND BECAUSE OF HIS TENURE IN THE TEXAS VOLUNTEER GUARDS, HE WAS ALSO AN AUCTIONEER, BUSINESSMAN, AND CUSTOMS OFFICIAL. PENLAND ADDITIONALLY SERVED AS



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AN ORIGINAL TRUSTEE OF THE GALVESTON ORPHANS' HOME. HE CONTRIBUTED A NUMBER OF SAM HOUSTON'S ARTIFACTS AND HIS OWN COLLECTION OF LETTERS OF OTHER FAMOUS INDIVIDUALS TO THE GALVESTON ROSENBERG LIBRARY. WILLIAM N. SCOTT, PASTOR OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, NEXT PURCHASED THE PROPERTY, OWNING THE HOME FROM 1882 TO 1901. LATER OWNERS INCLUDED CIVIC LEADER AND MERCHANT JOHN F. HARGRAVE AND HIS WIFE, ADA.

THIS HIPPED-ROOF, GREEK REVIVAL HOUSE FEATURES STAIRS LEADING UP TO A WIDE FRONT PORCH SUPPORTED BY SQUARE COLUMNS. OTHER FEATURES INCLUDE A FRONT DOOR SURROUNDED BY SIDELIGHTS AND A TRANSOM, AN ORNATE RAILING DESIGN, AND PAIRED DOUBLE-HUNG WINDOWS. HAVING SURVIVED THE 1885 FIRE AND 1900 STORM, IT IS ONE OF THE OLDEST EXISTING EXAMPLES OF ITS KIND IN THE EAST END DISTRICT.

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# Nightmare on Elm Street: Tips to Survive Your Remodeling

By Allison Brown

*(This is the second in a series of three articles by Allison on the extensive remodel that she and husband Bob have undertaken on their East End home on Sealy.)*

## Part II: Doing Your Own Quality Control

- Be there frequently, daily if possible. The start of the day is a good time to be there since the supervisor or contractor will be giving instructions to the workers for the day. You can also go over the work that was done the day before. Make yourself available by phone as much as possible. With our old houses, there are decisions that have to be made on the fly that have involved either savings or more expenses. Those expenses add up fast and can be a sore point with the contractor when you get the bill. The other side of this advice is: DON'T be there all the time. Nobody likes having someone watching over their shoulder all the time. Show respect for the craftsmen that they are (hopefully).

- Do your "home" work. You should look over the work that's been done in the evening if possible so you can ask questions or redirect the contractor. Make lists of things that you want to talk to the contractor about so you don't waste both of your time.

- Have your contractor use blue painter's tape when anything is going to be masked-off. Regular beige masking tape leaves a residue or can pull the finish off. I was told that painter's tape can leave a residue if left on long enough, but the only place I saw a problem was on a window that was in the bright, hot sun. I wish I'd put in the contract that only painter's tape would be used. That way the contractor could have accounted for the additional expense as they give me their quote and I wouldn't be using Goo Gone now.

- Leave a broom or two and a large dustpan on each floor of the house. It's easy for the workmen to use when they see it lying around. Yeah, I know, the contractor's supposed to use his own, but it seems that they forget it on their truck or the truck that had it isn't there. Workers have always used

them, and my house has stayed tidier as a result. Ditto for garbage bags.

- Pay periodically rather than just at the end of the job. You can't keep a budget up to date if you don't know how much you're going to have to pay in changes. Document the changes as they come and put them in writing, whether you write it up, or the contractor does. Both of you get copies. Oh, how this made my accounting easier! Establish what work will be done based on an hourly charge and at what hourly rate, or get an overall quote.

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## Rearing Rover

by Casey and Dorothy Dan Farris

The wanderlust has got me... by the belly-aching fire.

Robert W. Service, The Wanderlust



Some dogs are just born to run. However, most dogs run away either a) to get to a better place where something rewarding may happen or b) to escape from a real or perceived danger. When the neighborhood is concrete

and is seething with automobiles and trucks, this can present a problem. Free-ranging dogs get into a lot of trouble in our society and a good number of them wind up in the pound. Causes of Roaming including reproductive drive; boredom; predatory drive; social reasons; physical rewards; thunderstorm phobia; or fear of owner.

The first step is making sure that all dogs are neutered. Neutering is the best way to reduce the risk of roaming in an intact dog. Unneutered dogs at large simply add to the already overwhelming population of unwanted pups. The second most important measure is to have your yard fenced with a sturdy solid fence to prevent your dog's escape and unwanted visits from neighboring dogs. Ties, runs, and electric fences are not as good as real fences because they don't keep others out and seem to increase territorial aggression in some dogs. The third step is to ensure that the environment in which you leave your dog is "user friendly." This means providing your dog some company while you are away, ensuring he has plenty of aerobic exercise every

day, making sure he has a sensible diet, and making sure he has a meaningful job to perform while you are with him. Make your home as rewarding a place for him to be as possible. For dogs that run because they are scared—it is important to address the source of the fear by means of a specific behavior modification program. Such programs entail desensitization and, in some cases, anti-anxiety medication.

No one in his right mind would allow a dog to roam the streets these days. There is just too much trouble out there—not to mention leash laws. Attending to a dog's basic needs, making home a fun place, fencing in the yard properly, and having your dog neutered will all help to prevent escapes. And if your dog is one of those incorrigibles who are likely to try anything to escape whatever you do, then you should make sure he is properly identified with tattooing, identification collars and tags or a microchip, so that he can be safely returned in the event of the inevitable escape.

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## Mah Jongg Mondays

Monday is Mah Jongg day at the East End Cottage, 1501 Postoffice. The ancient Chinese game has been popular in America for more than 100 years, and is gaining in popularity among players here in the EEHDA. Here are some pictures of the group from Cathy Hitchcock, an avid Mah Jongger, at the February 9th get together. A dozen people played, making for 3 full tables.

Mah Jongg is open to everyone, every Monday at the Cottage from 1-4.

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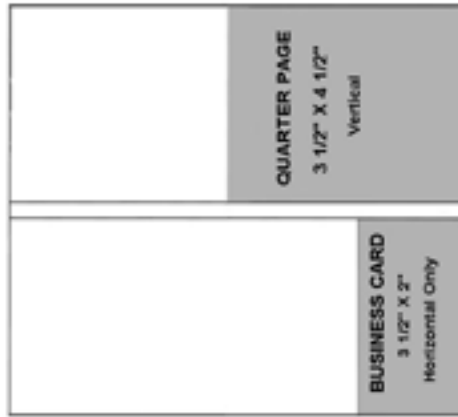
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