



The East End Historical District Association  
Galveston Island, Texas September 2015

# Neighborhood News



## EEHDA September Meetings

**Board Meeting** at 6 p.m. Sept. 3.  
Members and neighbors welcome.

**Cocktail Party** at 5:30 p.m. on Sept. 11.  
Come meet with neighbors.

**Location:** The Cottage, 1501 Postoffice.

## The Future of the Rosenberg Mansion

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## President's Column

# My Favorite Season Is Almost Here

By Julia Muncaster  
President, East End Historical District Association



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Well, we are nearly there, our favorite time of year, yes: Fall!

We have a packed calendar of events this month. First, do not forget our Cocktail Party on September 11<sup>th</sup> at The Cottage – 1501 Postoffice Street. I certainly hope to see you all and catch up on our neighborhood happenings.

Please mark your calendars for the East End Garden Tour. Tickets will be available during the tour at the cottage and wristbands will be given to all tour participants.

## Fall Block Party Schedule

Block parties begin at 5:30 p.m.

**Friday, September 11:** Cocktail Party at The Cottage, 1501 Postoffice St.,

**Tuesday, October 6:** National Night Out Block Party - Alley Party; Hosted by David & Sandy Fortenberry and all the neighbors. Located in the alley behind The Cottage.

**Friday, November 13:** Thanksgiving Block Party Fundraiser, 1202 Postoffice St. The Purity Ice Cream Factory. \$12 per person.

For further details please see Fran's article, and thank you to all our neighbors who will be hosting their wonderful gardens.

Just a gentle reminder: we are still in hurricane season. Please make sure to check your hurricane supplies. For those of you who are new to our little piece of paradise, you can find more information about hurricane preparedness at [www.NOAA.gov](http://www.NOAA.gov).

If you have any interesting stories or articles you wish to share for future articles for the newsletter, please contact Marsha Canright, [mwcanright@gmail.com](mailto:mwcanright@gmail.com)

See you all at our September 3<sup>rd</sup>, Board meeting at The Cottage.

You are also welcome to contact me with your ideas and suggestions, (409) 789-1739. I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Kind regards, your neighbor,  
Julia



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# Hoop 'n Spear Iron Fence New Addition to Landmark

Owners Gary D. Foy and George Thomas Parsons III recently installed a historic appearance iron 'hoop 'n spear' fence on The 1892 William and Lena Juneman Smith Cottage.

Their home, located at 1709 Ball Avenue, was designated 'A Galveston Landmark' by the unanimous approval of our City Council on June 10th, 2014.

Long owned and cherished by local favorite Terri Wright, Gary and George purchased their home from Terri in late 2013, and began an ongoing extensive and sympathetic historic renovation/restoration.

Gary and George retired to The Island from Houston. Both are members of The East End Historical Association and The Galveston Historical Foundation.

Gary is a past President of our EEHDA. George presently serves on The Landmark Commission and is The Lay Ministry Leader of Tours at his church, Grace Episcopal. Weekly, he volunteers at The Bishop's Palace and The Moody Mansion.

With the assistance of Terri Wright, they are in the process of obtaining a Texas Historical Commission Plaque for 1709 Ball Avenue.



Parsons, left, and Foy, right, at 1709 Ball Avenue.

## Sidewalk Complete at 14<sup>th</sup> and Ball

Bill and Amy Adams Strunk have finished work on a beautiful Herringbone brick sidewalk at their house on the northeast corner of Ball and 14<sup>th</sup> Street. The walk is made of antique Chicago brick on pavers.



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# Yard of Month: 1616 Winnie



**September's Yard of the Month is the home of Leonard LaMagna and Kevin Folzenlogen at 1616 Winnie.**

The garden was designed by Kevin, who purchased the house with Leonard in 2007. They are both attracted to historic homes and Leonard -- who was raised by the Jersey Shore-- wanted to be near the water.

Both men are avid gardeners and have visited many historic gardens in the U.S. And abroad.

Kevin is an art teacher in Houston and sldo does design work. Leonard is a retired VP of a petrochemical company and currently he does consulting work for the oil and gas industry.

The property features a Victorian Garden with box edged parterres, bedding areas, trimmed evergreens and a white picket fence. The theme is continued in the rear yard with an herb garden and an island bed featuring roses. Throughout the year the owners plant flowers and herbs that can be dried and enjoyed during the winter season.



Some notable plants include: Cherry Laurel, Japanese Blueberry, Boxwoods, Wax Leaf Ligustrum, Little Gem Magnolia, American Hollies, Meyer Lemon, Pomegranate, Roses, and Zinnias.



This many-sided garden offers a picturesque, relaxing environment all around the house. Photos, page 5, illustrate the broad front porch edged in living color; a busy potting station; and a garden fountain.



# Contacts

**Historic Preservation Officer:** Do you have questions about living in an historic district or do you want to report a violation? Contact Catherine Gorman, Historic Preservation Officer 409-797-3665.

**Galveston Police:** Non-emergency number is (409) 765-3702. For emergencies, call 911.

**Constable Wayne Brown**  
(409) 766-2240; cell: (409) 771-4668.

**Galveston Mayor:** Jim Yarborough,  
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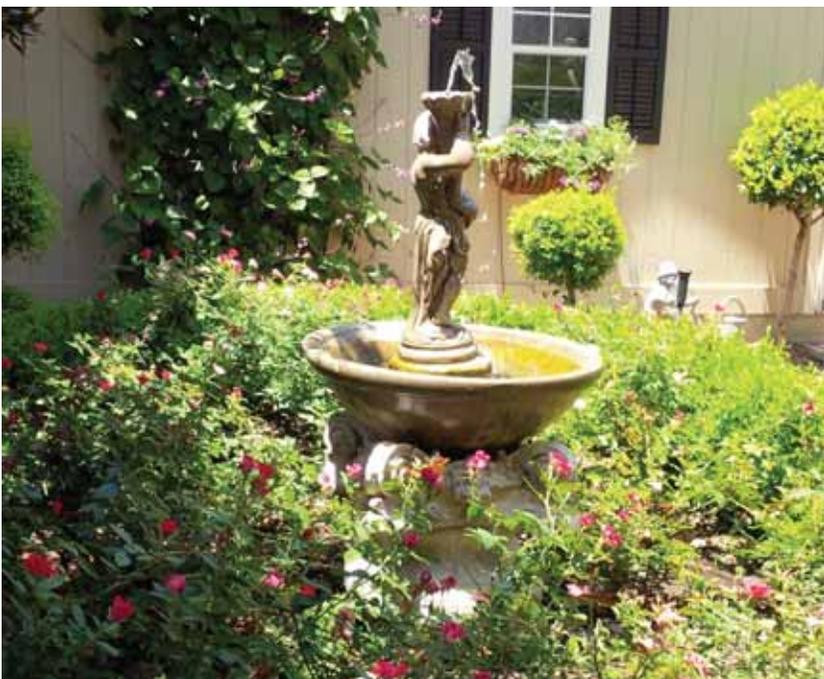
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**EEHDA President:** Julia Muncaster.  
(409)789-1739.

**Storm drain problems:** Call 409-797-3630 or report problems on line at:  
<http://www.cityofgalveston.org/167/Public-Works>

**To report streetlight outages,** contact Center Point Energy at 800 332-7143. The exact location, address and six-digit pole number are helpful when reporting a problem. Report online at <http://www.centerpointenergy.com/cehe/support/streetlight/>

**Potholes and manhole covers.** If you would like to report a pothole or a missing or damaged grate, call (409) 797-3630.



# Rosenberg Mansion: Past & Present

On Sept. 13, 2008, a foot and a half of Hurricane Ike's rising water swept through 1302 Market St., the pre-Civil War home of Galveston's great philanthropist, Henry Rosenberg.

Eight years have passed since the floodwaters left the Rosenberg Mansion, Carriage and Guest Houses uninhabitable, and finally, this September, bids will begin arriving for the buildings' restoration, according to the UTMB project manager Matt Farragher.

"The plan is to return the house to its previous state with slight improvements, including new technology," Farragher said.

The house will be used for meetings, events and as a guest facility, as it was in the past. The Carriage and Guest Houses will be used as guest facilities as well.

The first floor interior suffered the greatest damage and is currently down to wall studs. The infrastructure of the first floor of all three buildings will need to be completely redone. The buildings were air conditioned and heated while being vacant so the interior conditions were stabilized.

According to Farragher, the structure of the brick building is intact – having been reinforced in 1990. The second floor was not damaged in the flood, although it needs cleaning up, he said.

Many of the home's historical artifacts, such as the Rosenberg's china and artwork, have been recovered and are properly stored at a UTMB warehouse.



**The Rosenberg residence** is worthy of concern as an early, elegant East End house with appealing Italianate architecture. It is also historically important as the home of one of the city's leading businessmen. **See more about Henry Rosenberg's gifts to the people of Galveston, Page 7.**



## Restoration Timeline

Construction bids will be let in September, negotiated in October, and awarded in late October or early November.

Work is expected to begin soon after and to be completed in six months or less, with an estimated completion date in Summer 2016.

Primary work includes the first floor of three buildings, including the carriage and guest houses.

Cosmetic work is planned for the second floor including painting, grouting bathrooms, and similar maintenance.

# Henry Rosenberg Gifts to the City of Galveston

Henry Rosenberg was born in Switzerland to a shoemaker and had to leave school to help make money for the family's survival. He immigrated to Galveston in 1843, speaking no English, and went to work as a clerk for a dry goods firm. He saved and invested his meager salary and in a few years was able to buy the business and build it into a major firm. The shop next door was a ladies' hat store managed by Letitia who would become his wife.

The Rosenberg Mansion was modest in comparison to the houses to follow in the 1880-90s. On the first floor, the house has a sitting room, a parlor and a dining room. At one time, a large kitchen was attached to the main house. There were other out buildings, including stables.

There's a staircase with burlled posts leading to a second floor with several large bedrooms. The main innovation for this 1859 home was indoor plumbing.

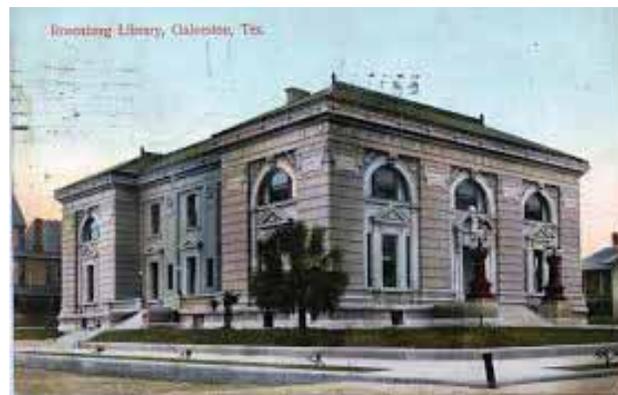
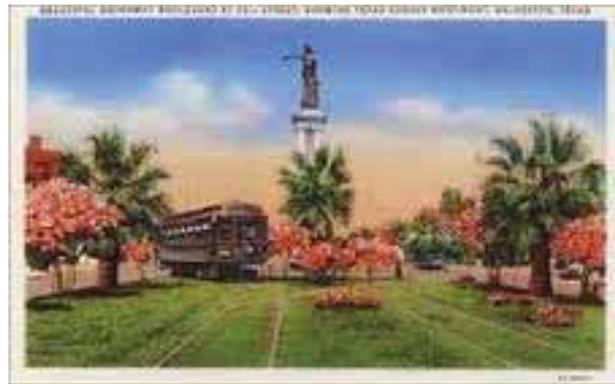
**Rosenberg lived in the house for 33 years;** first with Letitia, his wife of 37 years, and after her death, his second wife, Mollie, who had served as a longtime companion for his invalid wife.

More than 5,000 people attended his funeral, and his body lay in state at Rosenberg Free School. Tributes continued for three weeks.

Rosenberg gave Galveston its public elementary school at 721 10<sup>th</sup> Street, which bears his name. He said he believed the best results for the city would come from "educating its children."

He also contributed about \$400,000 to build and endow the Rosenberg Library – a great sum of money at the time. He paid for the construction of the Texas Heroes Monument; a Woman's Home; an Orphan's Home; contributed funds to build the Eaton Chapel at Trinity, Grace Episcopal Church, and donated drinking fountains to the city for "man and beast," among other civic projects.

Mollie Rosenberg died in 1917 and the house suffered several decades of neglect. It was an apartment building and a funeral home before The Sealy Smith Foundation rescued it and donated it to the University of Texas Medical Branch in 1990 when it was restored.



**Postcard portrayals** of major Rosenberg gifts. Top is the Texas Heroes Monument, 25<sup>th</sup> and Broadway; the original Rosenberg Free School, 721 10<sup>th</sup> St.; the Rosenberg Library, 2310 Sealy; and one of the Rosenberg fountains which first sat at 25<sup>th</sup> and Strand.

# September 2015

## Events Calendar

### Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup>

**Strand Walking Tour**, 25th & Strand, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. by reservation. Galveston Historic Tours presents the Strand Walking Tour, a guided tour through Galveston's most famous street. \$10 for adults; \$5 children under 12. Available Monday through Saturday. (832) 305-5007.

### Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Serious Fun** is a party at Pier 21 benefitting children's education programs at the 1894 Grand Opera House. Hosted by Nonno Tony's and The Grand, expect food, music, a wine pull, a silent auction and hand-painted dessert plates. Entertainment by Mickey Hobbs. \$75. For tickets, 409-765-1894, 800-821-1894 or [www.thegrand.com](http://www.thegrand.com).

### Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup>

**East End Historic District Association Board Meeting**, 6 p.m., At The Cottage, 1501 Postoffice. All neighbors and members are welcome to attend.

### Friday 4<sup>th</sup>

**BrewMasters Craft Beer Festival**. Moody Gardens, has events Friday through Sunday with more than 400 specialty and hard-to-find brews available. Two signature events are the BrewHaHa Grand Tasting and BrewLicious Brews and Foods Pairing. There will be a BrewMasters PubCrawl and Texas Brewery Tasting Tour activities include: Beach, Brews and Bands, live music, and fireworks, educational events, and industry experts. Advance tickets are \$25.

**Cooking Class at The Kitchen Chick**: Savory Spanish Tapas. 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at The Kitchen Chick, 528 23rd St, Chef Najet will introduce you to the flavors of Spain and teach you to prepare authentic tapas! Make tortilla espanola de jamón (Spanish tortilla with Spanish cured ham), bite-size crispy spinach croquettes, marinated braised pork, and tender octopus bites. Reserve at 409-497-2999. \$60/person. <http://www.thekitchenchick.com/>

**Live Music: Larry Joe Taylor**. 9p.m., Old Quarter Acoustic Cafe, 413 20th St. The music of Larry Joe Taylor is flavored with a blend of Texas country music and salty melodies reminiscent of carefree tropical vacation. Cover charge. Cash only. For reservations email: [wrecks@wt.net](mailto:wrecks@wt.net) or call 409-762-9199 or 409-795-7777.

### Saturday 5<sup>th</sup>

**Marine Biology Tour. 9:30 to 11 a.m.** Texas Seaport Museum offers participants a hands-on opportunity to observe dolphins and other species in their natural habitat, and explore Galveston Bay's rich history with marine biologist Sid Steffens aboard the SEAGULL II. \$15 per person for adults 19 and up; \$12 for youth aged 6-18. Children 5 and under are free. Make reservations online at [www.galvestonhistory.org](http://www.galvestonhistory.org) or call 409-763-1877.

**Kayak Adventure: Coastal Heritage Preserve**. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Coastal Heritage Preserve. Kayak through the natural and restored marshes at the dune/swale complex on Galveston Island. Artist Boat is working to acquire 300 acres of coastal prairies and wetlands on Settegast Road through grants and community donations. Discover the wonders of the wetlands and celebrate nature. Book trip online at [kayak.destinationnext.com](http://kayak.destinationnext.com)

### Saturday 5<sup>th</sup>

**Beach Exploration**. 10-11:15 a.m. Galveston Island State Park. 14901 FM 3005. Hunt for island treasures with park volunteers. Exploration hikes start at the park's Nature Center, located on the bay side of the park. Get a close-up look at the many critters that inhabit the sand, surf and seaweed. With guidance of Friends of Galveston Island State Park volunteers. For information, email: [Lisa.Reznicek@tpwd.texas.gov](mailto:Lisa.Reznicek@tpwd.texas.gov)

**Great Hurricane Tour**. Ashton Villa, 2328 Broadway. Explore America's deadliest natural disaster. This driving tour will cover stories of survival, surviving buildings, and destroyed sites of the 1900 hurricane that killed 6,000 people. Sites include Ashton Villa, Isaac Cline's home, the Levy Building, Sacred Heart, Bishop's Palace. Galveston Historical Foundation tour on a 12 passenger electric shuttle. \$15 per person. Reservations required at 409-789-991.

**Cooking Class at The Kitchen Chick**: Gluten Free. 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at The Kitchen Chick, 528 23rd St, Chef Najet will reveal the secrets of transforming some of your favorite foods into gluten-free goodies! Learn to make classic Spaghetti Bolognese, crave-worthy pizza, savory Geek lamb sliders and pineapple upside-down cake! \$60/person. <http://www.thekitchenchick.com/>



**Movie Night on the Strand**: Maleficent, 7 p.m. Saengerfest Park, 2300 Strand. Bring chairs or blankets. Free. [www.galveston.com/saengerfestpark/](http://www.galveston.com/saengerfestpark/)

**Live Music: Q&A**. 9 p.m. Old Quarter Acoustic Cafe, 413 20th St. Cover charge. Cash only. For reservations email: [wrecks@wt.net](mailto:wrecks@wt.net) or call 409-762-9199 or 409-795-7777.

### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>

**Bay Exploration**. 10 – 11:15 a.m., Galveston Island State Park, 14901 FM 3005. Come join one of our weekly explorations of the connections between the Mainland and Galveston Bay. Discover The Wetlands with a close-up look at the critters, grasses and birds. Free with Park Entry Fee \$5; no charge below 13. For information, contact [Lisa.Reznicek@tpwd.texas.gov](mailto:Lisa.Reznicek@tpwd.texas.gov). (409)737-1222.

**Live Music on East Beach. 3-6 p.m.** Far east tip of Galveston Island. Grab your beach gear and head to the island's party beach for a free, live concert series every Sunday throughout the summer. <http://www.galveston.com/eastbeach/calendar/>

**Galveston Symphony Orchestra. 7 p.m. The 1894 Grand Opera House, 2020 Postoffice St.** Pops Concert celebrating Jazz - Trond Saeverud, Conductor. Tickets \$20 to \$58. 409-765-1894, 800-821-1894 or [www.thegrand.com](http://www.thegrand.com).

## Monday 7<sup>th</sup>

**Labor Day**, the first Monday in September, is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country.

## Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>

**Small Business Health Symposium.** 7:30 – 9:30am. Open Gates, 2419 Sealy. Get a checkup for your small business. Review the policies and insurance coverage of a small business. The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston and the Galveston Regional Chamber of Commerce host a wide range of experts to meet with small business owners about the health of their businesses at the first Small Business Health Symposium on Sept. 8.

## Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>

**Fall Museum Book Club.** 12 to 1 p.m. Rosenberg Library, 2310 Sealy. Reading selection is **The Promise** by Ann Weisgarber. It's set in Galveston during the Great Storm of 1900. McCullough Room located on the library's 2nd floor. Light refreshments are provided. No charge. [www.rosenberg-library.org](http://www.rosenberg-library.org)

## Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>

**City Council Meeting,** 1 p.m. City Hall, Council Chambers, 823 Rosenberg. (409) 797-3510.

**Surfrider Foundation Meeting.** 7-8:30 p.m. MOD Coffee Shop, 2126 Postoffice. Galveston Chapter is a group of local activists who educate and encourage events and outreach for a better coast. See: <https://www.facebook.com/GalvSurfrider> or ask for information at [VolunteerCoordinator@galveston.surfrider.org](mailto:VolunteerCoordinator@galveston.surfrider.org)

## Friday 11<sup>th</sup>

**EEHDA Cocktail Party.** 5:30 p.m. The Cottage, 1501 Postoffice.

**Dana Cooper with Tommy Lewis.** 9 p.m. Old Quarter Acoustic Cafe, 413 20th St. Cover charge. Cash only. For reservations email: [wrecks@wt.net](mailto:wrecks@wt.net) or call 409-762-9199 or 409-795-7777.

## Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>

**Galveston Daily News Press Run.** 7 a.m. 8522 Teichman Road. Benefits Newspapers in Education. Run, walk, or jog in the 4th Daily News Press Run supporting the Newspapers In Education program. Featuring certified Galveston Causeway courses, an exciting Kid's 1K, vendor booths, food, drinks, snacks, moonwalks, music, a costume contest. \$10-\$45. To register: <http://www.galvnews.com/pressrun/>

**The Poseidon Classic PRO-AM Bodybuilding Event.** 8 a.m. – 10 p.m.. Grand Opera House, 2020 Postoffice. Prejudging show for Teens, Women's, and Men's bodybuilding, physique, figure, masters, and bikini competition. \$40 to \$90. To register or for tickets, <http://www.poseidonclassic.com> or [www.thegrand.com](http://www.thegrand.com)

**Birding 101.** 9-11 a.m. Moody Gardens,, 1 Hope blvd. Presented by Moody Gardens and Galveston Island Nature Tourism Council, this series of free classes is designed to educate people about bird life on the Island. Meet at the Aquarium Pyramid lobby. (800) 582-4673.

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**For Your PAWS Only. The 15th Annual PAWS Gala** benefiting the Galveston Island Humane Society. 6:30-11:30 p.m. Galveston Island Convention Center at San Luis Resort, 5222 Seawall. Event will honor Diana Barr, a longtime board member, past president and supporter. Frank Billingsley, Chief Meteorologist for KPRC TV/ Local 2, will be Master of Ceremonies. \$150. For information call (409) 740-1919 or online at [www.galvestonhumane.org](http://www.galvestonhumane.org).

**Music Night on the Strand:** The Fab 5, a Beatles Tribute Band, 6-9 p.m. Saengerfeset Park, 2300 Strand. Free. [www.galveston.com/saengerfestpark/](http://www.galveston.com/saengerfestpark/)

## Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>

**Tremont Afternoon Tea.** 3-5 p.m. Tremont House, 2300 Mechanic. Includes mini salads, tea sandwiches, pastries and sweets. Advance reservations required. \$40 or \$50 with champagne/wine option. (409) 763-0300.

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## Friday 18<sup>th</sup>

**Illustration Fridays,** 4 – 6 p.m., Galveston Arts Center, 2501 Market St. Every first and third Friday, drop in for a casual, open-studio session. An artist-volunteer will introduce the Illustration Friday topic (a one-word creative prompt) and each person picks up pencil or brush and responds. [www.galvestonartscenter.org](http://www.galvestonartscenter.org)

**OPENING: Glass Menagerie.** 8 p.m. East End Theater Company, 2317 Mechanic. Thursday through Saturday. Sunday matinee at 2:30 p.m. Tennessee William's classic American drama. \$27 for adults; \$22 for seniors (55 & up) and students. Showtime 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday; 2:30 p.m. Sunday matinee. Group discounts are available. 409-762-3556 or [www.islandetc.org](http://www.islandetc.org)

## Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>

**Texas Outdoor Family Weekend. Texas Outdoor Family Weekend.** Through Sunday, Sept. 20. Galveston Island State Park, 14901 FM 3005. Bring your family and learn more about camping in Texas State Parks. Basic gear and equipment for an overnight stay is provided. Individual car camping sites are provided with potable water, electricity, restrooms with hot showers. Classes in building a base camp, fire building, outdoor cooking, kayaking, beach walks and fishing. \$65. (409) 737-1222. [Lisa.Reznicek@tpwd.texas.gov](mailto:Lisa.Reznicek@tpwd.texas.gov). [www.galveston.com/galvestonislandstatepark/](http://www.galveston.com/galvestonislandstatepark/)

**Island Market.** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mechanic and 23<sup>rd</sup> St. The Galveston Island Market offers a festive outdoor event where local artisans showcase their creations. [www.galvestonmarket.com](http://www.galvestonmarket.com)

## Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>

Theater: Glass Menagerie. 8 p.m. ETC, 2317 Mechanic. \$27 for adults; \$22 for seniors/students. 409-762-3556 or [www.islandetc.org](http://www.islandetc.org)

## Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>

Farmer's Market, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., 2508 Postoffice. Locally grown produce, prepared foods, farm products. See: [www.galvestonsownfarmersmarket.com](http://www.galvestonsownfarmersmarket.com)

Island Girl Triathlon Begins 7 a.m. Moody Gardens, 1 Hope Avenue. 8 years old and up. race is perfect for those who want to do their first triathlon!! and for veteran triathletes as well. Enjoy a short 200m swim in the Palm Beach lazy river at Moody Gardens, a flat 8 mile bike ride in Galveston and a short 2 mile run around the lush and tropical Moody Gardens. \$95 single entry. Up to \$255 three person relay. <http://www.islandgirltri.com/>

## Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>

Seasonal Sunrise Labyrinth Walk: Autumnal Equinox, 7 a.m. The Moody Methodist Labyrinth, 2803 53rd St., Free. The public is invited to participate in Seasonal Sunrise labyrinth walks. Each walk begins approximately 10-15 minutes before sunrise. This magnificent labyrinth is a precision replica of the original Chartres design in France, adapted by Marty Kermeen. It is 39 feet in diameter, and the path is 12 1/2 inches wide, extending a total of 750 feet in length. The labyrinth is a powerful process tool, which has the capacity to open people in a supportive way to the deeper dimensions of human experience. Contact: (409) 744-4526.

## Thursday 24<sup>rd</sup>

City Council Meeting, 1 p.m. City Hall, Council Chambers, 823 Rosenberg. (409) 797-3510.

SCI Café: Respiratory Infections – New Ideas for Treatment and Prevention. MOD Café. 2126 Postoffice. 5:30-6:30 p.m. UTMB invites you to participate in a conversation about respiratory infections. Find out what we have learned about RSV. Features Roberto P. Garofalo, MD, Professor of Pediatrics, Vice Chair for Research, and Director of Divisions of Clinical and Experimental Immunology and Infectious Diseases; and George Saade, MD, Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Chief of obstetrics and Director of the Perinatal Research. Free. Contact: (409)765-5659.

## Friday 25<sup>th</sup>

Galveston Island Shrimp Festival. 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>. Saengerfest Park, 2302 Strand. Yaga 's Entertainment Inc. will bring foodies a little taste of heaven. \$50 for kick-off Texas Size Shrimp Dinner and open bar with live music and dancing. Registered cook-off teams will receive 5 complimentary tickets. Also 5K run, shrimp parade, free outdoors show. <http://www.yagasresents.com/shrimpfestival/index.html>

## Saturday 26<sup>th</sup>

Shrimp Festival continues. (See above)

Adopt A Beach Cleanup. 9 a.m. to 12. Join volunteers in a massive cleanup of the Galveston beaches. Meet at Menard Park, 27<sup>th</sup> and Seawall Blvd. Sponsored by General Land Office. For information, <http://www.glo.texas.gov/adopt-a-beach/>

## Saturday 26<sup>th</sup>

Live Music: Lisa Morales Band. 9p.m., Old Quarter Acoustic Cafe, 413 20th St. The music of Larry Joe Taylor is flavored with a blend of Texas country music and salty melodies reminiscent of carefree tropical vacation. Cover charge. Cash only. For reservations email: [wrecks@wt.net](mailto:wrecks@wt.net) or call 409-762-9199 or 409-795-7777.



## Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>

Ironman 5150. Moody Gardens, 1 Hope Blvd. 8 to 11 a.m. A field of highly trained international, national, and regional athletes will take to the roadways and waterways of Galveston to compete in the 5150 Triathlon. Competitors will race along Galveston roads. \$100 and up. See website at <http://5150galveston.com>

Full Moon Labyrinth Walk: Harvest Moon. 7:45 p.m. The Moody Methodist Labyrinth, 2803 53rd St., Free. The public is invited to participate in Full Moon labyrinth walks. Each walk begins approximately 1/2 hours after sunset. Contact: (409) 744-4526.

Farmer's Market, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., 2508 Postoffice. Locally grown produce, prepared foods, farm products. See: [www.galvestonsownfarmersmarket.com](http://www.galvestonsownfarmersmarket.com)

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# Remembering Clayton

## City initiative aims to recognize designs as local landmarks

Nicholas Clayton designed some of Galveston's most recognizable buildings: The Bishop's Palace, with its sculpted sandstone and The Ashbel Smith Building, better known as Old Red, that was the University of Texas Medical Branch's first building.

Star Drug Store, the old Galveston News building, St. Patrick's Catholic Church, and numerous buildings in the East End and on The Strand were designed by Clayton.

His work is so widespread and notable that one historian deemed the period when he was most active, in the late 19th century, as "The Clayton Era."

**Now, a new city initiative** aims to designate all of the Galveston buildings designed by Clayton as local landmarks.

"He's Galveston's premier architect," said Catherine Gorman, assistant city planning director and historic preservation officer.

Gorman said the program was devised by the city's Landmark Commission to celebrate Clayton's 175th birthday (Nov. 1).

**A number of Clayton buildings** have already been designated as historic by other means. There are 10 Claytons on the National Register of Historic Places and 18 are Texas Historic Landmarks. Yet none of about 50 Clayton homes that exist today, have the local designation.

Being designated a Galveston landmark protects the property from demolition and inappropriate changes, Gorman said, and can potentially increase property values for homeowners. It also allows the city to further showcase its historic properties. Buildings designated as Galveston landmarks receive a plaque.

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**Pictured above, two Clayton-designed structures that are currently at risk.** The Bell Tower at Grace Episcopal Church, 1115 36<sup>th</sup> St., and the McFadden Building on the Strand. © 2015 David Carright

"We want to make sure that all of his buildings have a historic designation that comes with protection," Gorman said. "I think a lot of people understand the importance and just assume it's been taken care of, but it never has."

Clayton was born in Ireland in 1840. He immigrated to the United States as young boy and, after fighting for the Union in the Civil War, moved to Galveston in 1872. His work in Galveston in the 1870s, '80s and '90s was prolific.

The Texas State Historical Association describes his work as "exuberant in shape, color, texture and detail."

**"He excelled at decorative brick and iron work,"** the association writes in its online handbook. "What made Clayton's architecture so distinctive in late 19th century Texas was the underlying compositional and proportional order with which he structured the display of picturesque shapes and rich ornament."

Last month, members of the city's Landmark Commission held a meeting with property owners to inform them about the project in hope of getting support.

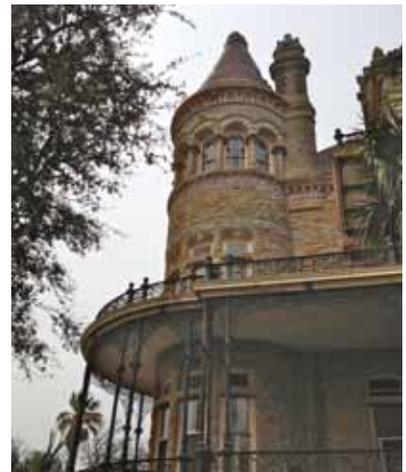
"It's going to help preserve things that are not already landmarked on the island and preserve them for the future of the island," said Greg Lewis, a Galveston architect and former Landmark Commission vice chairman.

Some of his most historically significant works — including Galveston Electric Pavilion, which was the first building in Texas with electric lighting — have been destroyed or demolished.

Buildings that receive a Galveston Landmark designation cannot be torn down without the approval of the city's landmark commission. The city's program is voluntary. Gorman said the hope is to have a group of historic properties designated during a council meeting in November.

It's possible there are Clayton-designed homes in Galveston that have not been identified, said Dwayne Jones, executive director of the Galveston Historical Foundation.

"His simpler, straightforward residential designs — some of them overlooked — are really beautiful," Jones said. "I like those because I think it shows that while he could do big churches and commercial buildings, he also took pride in doing smaller projects for people."



Clayton Master Works: Top, St. Patrick's Church and below, the Walter Gresham house, known as Bishop's Palace.



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# Gardens Galore for October Tour



**Pictured above are three of the seven** featured gardens in October's East End Tour. The tour will be held between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Oct. 3-4 with a rain date for the following weekend. Tickets will go on sale at Tom's Thumb Nursery on September 15. This year same-day tickets will be sold at The Cottage, not at individual sites. If you would like to volunteer to staff this special event, please contact Fran Kelly at [kellyfran@aol.com](mailto:kellyfran@aol.com)

## Andrew's Tree Chosen for Darragh Park

Andrew's Tree has been chosen and will be planted at Darragh Park and dedicated at 5 p.m. on October 17. It is a beautiful live oak about 15 feet tall.

The tree is in memory of Andrew McMorris who loved to sit beneath a large oak tree and read.

Right now the oak is at Tom's Thumb Nursery awaiting the date that it will be planted. We hope to have it in the park right before the Garden Tour.

If you have not made a donation and wish to do so you may mail it in to EEHDA at PO Box 2424, Galveston, TX. 77553.



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– Julia Muncaster, President

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Membership is open to everyone but only resident EEHDA members are allowed to hold office or vote at meetings.

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## East End Historical District Association

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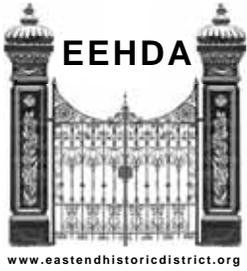
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### **September is the peak of hurricane season in Galveston.**

Take a moment this month to consider the fortitude, the stubborn determination, and the resilience of the people who built and rebuilt our city.

The 1900 Storm which struck the island September 8, 1900, stands as the deadliest U.S. natural disaster in the 20th century. At least 6,000 people died, probably many more, as whole families were swept away. The aftermath and recovery was terrible despite the nation's outpouring of material aid, the help of the Red Cross, and many heroic citizens.

Hurricane Carla made landfall in Port o'Conner near Galveston on September 11, 1961. It spawned tornadoes that cut a destructive path through the city.

Finally Hurricane Ike enveloped most of the island under water and sludge on September 13, 2008.

