



East End Historical District Association's NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Vol. 38 No. 4

Margaret Hand, Editor

www.eastendhistoricaldistrict.org

April 2011

On the Calendar

**EEHDA Neighborhood Meeting
April 7th (Thursday)**

Refreshments at 5:30, meeting at 6:00
at the Cottage

**Block Party
April 8th (Friday)**

5:30 p.m.
At Darragh Park
Dr. E. Burke Evans Day

**Garage Sale Champagne Preview
April 15th (Friday)**

6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
At the Cottage

**Garage Sale
April 16th (Saturday)**

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
At the Cottage

**GAME NIGHT AT THE COTTAGE
April 19th (Tuesday)**

7:00 p.m.

**GAIN MEETING
April 21st (Thursday)**

All East Enders invited
5:30 p.m.
Moody Mansion lower level

**COFFEE AT THE COTTAGE
April 30th (Saturday)**

9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Stop in and have a cup!

Mardi Gras 2011 is over and it can be said that the East End celebrated in style. Between the beautiful Mardi Gras tree and decorations at the Cottage, the fantastic Mardi Gras Saturday

brunch, parade watching with Ralph & Lynn's RV and the Fat Tuesday party, EEHDA members made it clear we know how to party! At least until 10pm! I'd like to especially thank Kathy Bass for her decorating style, Lynette Haaga for organizing the Saturday Brunch and Sharon Mimms for hosting the Fat Tuesday Party at her home on Broadway.

Although we normally don't have guest speakers at our neighborhood meetings, last month we invited Larry Nichols, the new GISD Superintendent. Larry recently arrived from Calhoun County where he had been superintendent since 2009. The audience appeared to be encouraged by Larry's presentation and his focus on discipline and accountability for both students and administrators.

Once again volunteers showed up in force for Darragh Park "Mulch Day". We'd ordered 24 cubic yards of mulch – three dump trucks full – but thanks to the cadre of workers with pitchforks and wheelbarrows we had the mulch distributed throughout the park by 10:00AM. Turns out three truckloads are not quite enough – next year we'll need four! It is an honor to be involved with so many people who enjoy working for the common benefit of our neighborhood.

Finally, yours truly travelled to Dallas on March 12th to receive an award from the Daughters of the American Revolution for last year's NeighborWoods tree planting program. A unique experience – shoveling mulch at sunrise and speaking in front of 800 prim and proper ladies that same evening describing the outstanding work done by EEHDA members and neighborhood volunteers that made NeighborWoods I such a grand success.

Don't forget to visit our website at www.eastendhistoricaldistrict.org for all the latest information.

David
Schuler
EEHDA
President





Eastlake

by
Steve Austin

In 1868, English architect Charles Eastlake wrote “Hints on Household Taste,” the defining interior decorating book of the second half of the nineteenth century. By 1872, his book came to America, where it affected what furniture manufacturers offered the public for the following two decades.

Much like today’s preservationists, Eastlake loved the old and disdained the new. He labeled the contemporary furniture of his day, “far inferior to what was made in the days of our grandfathers.” The book is filled with great lines like, “In an evil hour *stucco* was invented.” He called the graining of softwood to mimic hardwood “. . . an objectionable and pretentious deceit, which cannot be excused.” His pages are filled with terms like “horrible,” “irretrievably ugly,” “vulgar,” “hopelessly backward,” and “wretched.” The curved legs of French furniture were “vicious” and “detestable” because trees don’t grow that way and straight legs are stronger. Only occasionally did Eastlake grant furniture makers some slack. He conceded, for example, “I do not see exactly how veneering is to be rejected on moral grounds.”

So—what *did* Eastlake like? He approved of two-dimensional designs as found in oriental art and Persian rugs. In furniture, he wanted mostly straight lines. To illustrate his points, the book includes sketches (and even some color plates) of “good design.” He liked walls in three parts—a frieze on top, a fill in the middle, and a dado or wainscot at the bottom.

American manufacturers quickly capitalized on the fact that straight parts cost less to make, and reducing the number of carved parts had the same effect—the heck with the rest of Eastlake’s ideas. In the end, the massive amount of “Eastlake” furniture made in the U.S. in the late 1870s and throughout the ‘80s was not what Eastlake intended. An entire style of exterior house design now called “stick/Eastlake” also has little to do with Eastlake’s ideas.

The Rosenberg doesn’t have a copy of Eastlake’s book, though they can get it through interlibrary loan. If you’re curious, a Dover Publications reproduction can be had for about \$7 including shipping from bookfinder.com.

If a mere picture is worth a thousand words, what’s the real thing worth? Cathy and I have seven “Eastlake” pieces including one desk that really *is* what Eastlake had in mind. We also have an 1869 copy of his book. Call us at 750-9008 if you’d like to see them.



628 14th Street
Galveston, Texas 77550
409.763.1010 (call)
409.763.5251 (fax)
www.mesquitocafe.com

SAFEE Officer Pay Update

by Sheryl Rozier

In September of last year we were notified by GPD that the Officers pay rate for secondary employment would be \$25/hr minimum and would increase to \$30/hr the following year. At that time and since the inception of the SAFE Program we were paying the Officers \$20/hr. This change took place in October 2010. After these decisions were made, it was Officers who work extra jobs (that would not be able to comply with the set increases such as SAFE) that pleaded with the administration to alter the new extra job policy. As a result, administration reversed the policy that dictated the increased rates for the following year. Although it is odd to think that you would have Officers not wanting the increase; they also realized that with today’s economy the market rate was better than no extra work at all. It is important to know that the pay rate increase was an administrative decision to raise the rate and put it into the extra job policy. Additionally, GPD has no union, they have an association. Their association does not have the power to initiate or implement departmental policy change.

Block Party Season Starting Up

By Lynette Haaga

Block Parties are back, and our first one of the year is coming right up on Friday, April 8th in Darragh Park on 15th and Church Streets. Starting time is 5:30pm, and the potluck buffet line will once again open at 6:00pm. Remember to bring a covered dish to share, your lawn chair, and a small donation to our drink kitty. EEHDA provides sodas, water, beer, wine, and frozen drinks along with the plates, cups, and utensils. You won't want to miss one of EEHDA's most popular activities!

The theme of April's Block Party is a thank you to long-time East End benefactor Dr. E. Burke Evans. No big fanfare or ceremony, just an expression of our appreciation of his on-going thoughtfulness and support for our neighborhood over the years by honoring him as our neighbor and friend.

Block Parties never just happen by themselves, and your help is always needed to make each one a success. Last year we had both our "regulars" helping out each month plus an always-changing group of folks pitching in each time as they were able for clean-up and finishing off the margaritas. Thank you so much to all of you! There are lots of chances again to get involved to help out this year and everyone is welcome, so let me know (409-750-9441) if you can lend a hand. Set-up, clean-up, manning the sign-in or drink tables, and donating supplies are all possible ways you can volunteer. Ideas for music/entertainment still open for some months.

Mark your Block Party dates now, find those favorite recipes, and get ready for more good times with your neighbors and friends! Check out our website for the party schedule too. All are held at The Cottage except this first one, and rain date is always the same day the following week. Changes/cancellations will be made by email blast and

answering machine message at The Cottage phone (409-763-5928) by 4pm on party days. Party starting time will be 5:30pm unless otherwise noted.

- Friday, April 8th – Dr. E. Burke Evans Appreciation at Darragh Park
- Thursday, May 12th – Cinema Under the Stars outdoor movie
- Friday, June 10th – Victor Gustafson Day celebrating our Cottage's history
- Thursday, July 14th – All-American Red White and Blue (starts late 6:30pm)
- Friday, August 12th - Some Like It Hot Tropical theme (starts late 6:30pm)
- Thursday, September 8th – Fabulous Fifties
- Tuesday, October 4th – National Night Out w/ Waterline Band
- Friday, Nov. 11th – Light Up the Night Bonus Party

Kwik Kar.
On Broadway

Kwik Kar.
Lube & Tune

Larry Stanley
Owner

Kwik Kar.
Lube & Tune

3115 Broadway • Galveston, TX 77550
409-763-1533 Fax 409-763-2277

John Wilmore
Hair

Over 15 years of experience with hair care & cosmetics for men and women.

Services Include:

- Precision cutting for men & women
- One step coloring
- Highlights / Low lights
- Gray hair coverage
- Care and treatment of fine hair (body building)
- Perming for body and volume
- Chemical or product straightening (no formaldehyde)
- Up do's, design, & finish work

Available exclusively at:
K. Renee Salon, Spas & Studios
3100 Timmons Ln. #130
Houston, TX 77027

Located near Greenway Plaza.
Phone: 713.622.6444
E-mail: info@kreneesalon.com
www.johnwilmore.com

John's worth the drive or whenever I'm in Houston™
Jason T.
Galveston, TX

CONTACT US

Telephone - 409-763-5928
Membership Info - membership@eastendhistoricaldistrict.org
SAFE Program - safee@eastendhistoricaldistrict.org

Mardi Gras Festivities

By Lynette Haaga

Mardi Gras season was packed full of opportunities to have fun as always, and as always East Enders were out in force to enjoy the season. Spirits were high at our kick-off Mardi Gras Brunch at The Cottage with a big crowd feasting happily on all the delicious food people brought to share. Celebrity bartenders Bob Chapin, Ed Conner, and Bill Haaga kept the mimosas flowing. Kathy Bass did her usual magic on the beautiful decorations. Many thanks to everyone who helped make our brunch such a big success, especially our clean-up crew!

Former East Ender Dennis Farrell got the king cake baby, and he assured us he will fly in from Louisiana next year to be our brunch host. Ralph and Lynn McMorris provided a prime parade viewing spot for our group after the brunch from the big orange RV up on the Seawall, much appreciated and much looked forward to each year.

The many festivities ended with the Fat Tuesday party and parade. Thanks to Sharon Mims and Steve Aubin for hosting the EEHDA pre-parade party at their house! Steve Chapin got the baby early on at this party so everyone could relax and enjoy some king cake, and Bob and Jane Chapin graciously agreed to help Steven host next year's event at their house.

Galveston's Newest Landmark 1207 Postoffice

East End member Jane Chance was recently awarded landmark designation for her home, the result of unanimous approval from the Landmark Commission and the City Planning Commission. Her home has also been designated a state landmark by the Texas Historic Commission. The house was built in 1868 and has been owned by several notable Galvestonians, including a great nephew of Sam Houston.

Jane did extensive research to qualify for this status and her documentation makes fascinating reading about the people who owned her home and the early history and development of Galveston. Please contact her if you would like to read her submission or would like advice on researching your own home.

Congratulations Jane!

Important Contact Information

Galveston Police – Non Emergency 409-765-3702

SAFEe – safee@eastendhistoricaldistrict.org
(also leave comments in Cottage black mailbox)

Galveston Police – Officer Annie Almendarez
409 765-3616 (office)
281 460-4534 (cell)
aalmdarez@cityofgalveston.org

City Council District 3 – Elizabeth Beeton
409-692-0698 elizabethbeeton@comcast.net

Code Enforcement – need address & short description of complaint

cityplanningcounter@cityofgalveston.org

GHF mattfarragher@galvestonhistory.org

GAIN Ralph@LtBlender.com

Storm Drain Problems – publicworks@cityofgalveston.org

Report Streetlights Out (8am-5pm M-F)
409-765-4165 (Must get number off pole and an address or street corner location)

Report Abandoned Cars on City Streets
409-765-3702 (Must get exact location plus car make, color, & license #)

EEHDA Officers:

president@eastendhistoricaldistrict.org

secretary@eastendhistoricaldistrict.org

treasurer@eastendhistoricaldistrict.org



Jane Chance's Landmark home at 1207 Postoffice.

EEHDA Membership

Special thanks to our New Regular, Sponsor and SAFE members:

Athena Garrett
Yolanda Moran
Martha Randolph

Special thanks to our Business members:

Mosquito Café
Sand 'n Sea Properties

Special thanks to our Sponsor members:

Carol Bartz, via an ExxonMobil Matching Gift
Ken Bartz, via an ExxonMobil Matching Gift
Pamela & Billy Burge
Gerald Campbell
John C. Crossman, Jr.
Elisabeth Darst
Mike & Pam Gilbert
Donna & Ken Goode
Carlos L. Guerguin
Denny & Charlotte Kelley
Karl Lewis & Sandy Hardin
Herbert & Rosalind Mitchell
Ellen Morrison & Christian Robbian
Jody Phelps & James Heyland
Dixie Posert
Paula & Louis Reeg
Sally Robinson
Sharon and Emmett Strain
Carl Tapia & John Wilmore
Tom Thayer & Daniel Danford
James Tucker & Renee Magee
Larry & Diane Woodcox



Magnetite
...your window solution

Call Toll Free
800-494-9237

Historic home? High energy bills?

Save money heating & cooling by sealing your windows from *inside*. Magnetite creates a sealed airspace that cuts down drafts by 98% and silences street noise by 50 – 90%.

Used throughout GHF's Green Revival House at 31st & Ave Q.
Give Dennis Farrell a call today for your free evaluation.



**Windmill's
HAIR SALON & GALLERY**

Jim Windmiller
Hair Designer

1015 TWENTY SIXTH STREET
GALVESTON ISLAND, TEXAS 77550
(409) 762-1627
Email: jcwindmiller@aol.com

Galveston Alliance of Island Neighborhoods (GAIN)

by David Schuler

No shortage of topics at this month's GAIN meeting. Buddy Herz and Elizabeth Beeton, both members of the COG finance committee, spoke on the status of the city's financial health and long term liabilities. Overall the city is in good shape due to the 'rainy day' fund in place prior to Hurricane Ike. However, the city, police and fire pension funds assume much higher investment rates of return than are currently achievable – so there will be issues down the road unless changes are made.

Another heated discussion on Seawall Parking, with a few members wanting GAIN to vote NO on the current ballot measure because it does not lay out sufficient details with regard to protecting residents who live behind the seawall. It was decided that a special meeting will be called to review the ballot proposal in more detail before any resolutions are brought to the floor.

Finally, Jonathan Tromm spoke briefly on the current status of the container terminal proposal and Wharves Board long term lease plans. These issues could have an effect on the East End and warrant serious investigation by all residents. Contact Jonathan Tromm at eislamia@swbell.net or call 409-771-5255.



Baker Brassieur & Associates Global Wealth Management

Marcia Brassieur, CFM, CRPC 306 22nd St.
Financial Advisor Galveston, Texas 77550
409 766 2718 Marcia

Jennifer Travis, CFM 877 766 2718 Toll Free
Registered Client Associate 409 766 2722 Jenny
FAX 409 877 4307
marcia_brassieur@ml.com
jennifer_travis@ml.com



Huge EEHDA Garage Sale April 15 & 16

Spring has arrived and it's Garage Sale time again. **April 15 & 16!** This great EEHDA fund raiser supports the continued maintenance and refurbishing projects going on at the Cottage. This is our first sale since Hurricane Ike, so there should be plenty of great stuff on display.

The best of it is sure to go during our Friday night Champagne Preview Sale, inside the Cottage. **Tickets are \$10** and available in advance from Cathy and Fran.

The rest will be on sale in the yard on Saturday the 16th from 9-2. Volunteers are needed for both events.

We need your contributions and your help to make this a truly successful fund raiser. Take a peek in the attic, pull down the good stuff, and bring it by the Kinsey's garage (16th and Postoffice, in the alley next to Karl and Sandy) every Friday morning from 10-noon, or call Cathy to arrange a time.

A fabulous Bake Sale is also part of the plan, so fire up your ovens and bring your best batch of goodies to sell! East End cookbooks, T-shirts and ice cold lemonade and water will also be available.

Dates for the sale are:

Champagne Pre-Sale – Friday, April 15
(tickets are \$10 and will go on sale in February)
sales limited to 100 tickets.

Public sale: Saturday, April 16, 9:00 am -2:00 pm

Keep these categories in mind as you look around for garage sale items:

Household Items: kitchen utensils, furniture, decorative items, small appliances, fixtures

Tools: yard tools, shop tools, wood tools, electrical

Collectibles: antique glass/ceramic ware, newspapers, magazines, knick-knacks, books, Galveston memorabilia, games, **1950s or earlier vintage hats and clothing (Dickens type...no regular adult clothes, please)**, posters

Baby/Children: toys, books, car seats, strollers, bikes/trikes, furniture

Misc: office supplies/furniture, holiday items, yard and garden things, that Christmas gift from Auntie, that box of stuff you haven't looked in for four years – you get the idea!

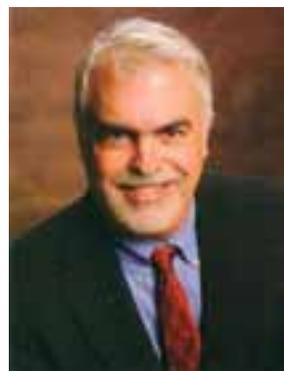
CLOTHES: The **ONLY** clothes we need are evening wear suitable for Mardi Gras balls or formal cruise wear **AND** Dickens outfits. Please don't bring other clothes as we're hoping we have so much great STUFF, we don't want to deal with clothes. However, PLEASE feel free to bring formal and Dickens outfits.

Baked Goodies: bring wrapped for sale-individual wrapped servings or entire batch/whole cake. Fran will be the contact person for the bake sale.

To donate items and/or help at the Garage Sale call:

Kathy Bass @409-739-7092 or

Fran Kelly @409-370-2306



2615 Broadway
Galveston, Texas 77550
E-Mail: david@davidbowers.com
Cell Phone: 409-763-2000



Anne Hecht was among the dozen volunteers who turned out for mulching day at Darragh Park



Kay Schwartz and Deanna Johnson came out for donuts and mulch

East End Construction
 Nelson Smelker
 409-457-6350 — 409-497-4709
 nsmelker@earthlink.net



Lynette Haaga up early in the park


GALVESTON GALLERY
 KENT BAKER BRASHEARS, ASID
 1825 Rosenberg • Galveston, Texas • 77550 • 409.763.6116

 **Barney Rapp, Inc.**
 REALTORS
 RESIDENTIAL • COMMERCIAL

Visit our offices located in Galveston's famous East End Historical District at 1703 Broadway

409-763-6555
 Toll Free 1-888-768-RAPP

 Your Historical Home Connection!



Funny hats ruled on the Seawall. Hey, it's Mardi Gras. Mike Gilbert & grandson Zach Nathan led the way.



Meredith McMorris and David Kelly catch beads on the Seawall.

Join the East End Historical District Association

Membership is open to everyone but only residents of the district are allowed to hold office or vote at meetings. Your membership supports a wide variety of services and programs dedicated to neighborhood improvement and historic preservation. Our Board of Directors holds regular neighborhood meetings at The Cottage, 1501 Postoffice Street at 6:00PM on the first Thursday of every month. Meetings are open to all members and visitors to the district.

The East End Historical District Association, Inc., is exempt

from Federal Income Tax under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions to the EEHDA are deductible in the manner and to the extent provided by Section 170 of the IRS code.

SAFEER is a long-standing EEHDA program that provides additional police patrols in the district by uniformed officers. SAFEER members can directly contact the officers involved in the program and enjoy such benefits as Vacation Watch. Membership in SAFEER requires a membership in the EEHDA. (Note: SAFEER dues are not tax deductible.)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip Code: _____ Phone: () _____

Email: _____

Member(s) Names: _____

Select Membership Type (1 Year)

- Individual \$15
- Family \$20
- Senior (65+) \$10
- Senior Family \$15
- Sponsor \$75
- Corporate \$125
- Life Member \$300

EEHDA SAFEER Program
(requires EEHDA membership):

- One Year \$240
- Six Months \$120



Please return this completed form with your payment to:
East End Historical District Association
P.O. Box 2424
Galveston, Texas 77553