

The East End Historical District Association

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Neighborhood News



www.eastendhistoricdistrict.org



Victorian Christmas To Launch Holidays

The 1868 Charles Hurley home, a Greek Revival beauty at the corner of 14th Street and Ball Avenue, is one of four private homes that will welcome visitors for a one-night-only Victorian Christmas Homes Tour beginning at 5:30 p.m. and ending at 9:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 4. **See details on Page 3.**



Darragh Park Lights

give our Neighborhood a festive glow at night! Special thanks to EEHDA volunteers led by Deanna and Terry Johnson. See Page 7.

President's Column

East End Thanksgiving Feast Serves Up Good Food, Fellowship

By Julia Muncaster,
EEHDA President



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

First and foremost, thanks to our neighbors, Ralph, Lynn and Meredith McMorris for generously hosting The East End Thanksgiving Feast. There was a wonderful turnout and it was a great evening of enjoyment, fellowship and culinary delights. See photos below. The event raised \$770, which has already been donated to this year's chosen charity, The Salvation Army.

Our next big fundraiser is right around the corner – the East End Christmas Tour – to be held from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Friday December 4.

Many thanks to the event chair, Deanna Johnson, to her committee, and to ALL the volunteers, without whom this event would not be possible.

I also wish to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the homeowners on this year's tour,

Below: About 80 East End neighbors enjoyed a Potluck Thanksgiving Feast at Galveston Landmark Purity Dairy, 1202 Postoffice Street.

not only for opening their private residences but also for the time they have spent decorating for this wonderful event.

Further details regarding times and ticket purchases are inside.

I also would like to thank The Board for their support during the past year; I am happy to report we have many new members, new sponsors and an East End retail merchandising brand thank you to Connie Patterson and Cassie Boatright.

Remember, you are also welcome to contact me with your ideas and suggestions, (409) 789-1739.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous 2016.

See you around the neighborhood!

Yours truly,

Julia



Victorian Christmas Tour Brings Sparkle, Delight December 4

WHEN: 5:30 -9:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 4

TICKETS: \$17. Available at The Grand 1894 Opera House, 2020 Postoffice St.; www.thegrand.com or 800 821-1894.

Galveston's East End Historical District Association will host its 26th Annual "A Victorian Christmas" Homes Tour, 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 4.

Guests may start the tour at any of the homes, or at The EEHDA Cottage, 1501 Postoffice St. This event is the EEHDA's biggest annual fundraiser.

Four East End neighbors have generously volunteered to open their homes, decorated for the holiday season. They are:

The Charles W. Hurley Home. Built in 1868 for Charles Hurley, owner and builder of the Galveston, Pecos and Colorado Narrow Gauge Railroad, and Mayor of Galveston in 1873-74.

The Howard and Kate Mather Home. Built around 1887 for Howard Mather, who worked for cotton factors Lammers & Flint.

The George Walshe House. Designed by George Stowe, and built around 1893 for George Walshe, a partner in the firm of Andrews and Walshe.

Winnie Street Victorian. Built in 1882, this home was a survivor of the Great Fire of 1885, and subsequently, the 1900 Storm.

Also included are two EEHDA sites where guests can enjoy live holiday music: The Victor Gustafson Cottage, now The EEHDA Cottage, and Darragh Park. (This park was built after a fire destroyed Darragh House on this site in the 1990s.)



Rosenberg Fountain To Anchor New Green Space

For all of you who have inquired about the Rosenberg Fountain now sitting on the corner of 16th and Broadway, it will be the centerpiece of a new green space funded by the Galveston Foundation. The project is expected to be complete by spring 2016.

The fountain will be raised to better show its classical design, and the site will include a pergola and landscaping, still to be determined, according to John Campbell who is leading the project.

Look for an update in the January EEHDA newsletter.

EEHDA Board Meeting December 3

The EEHDA Board will convene at 6 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 3, at The Cottage, 1501 Postoffice. All neighbors and members are welcome to attend. Nominations for new board members will be presented and nominations may be taken from the floor. Remember only EEHDA members can nominate and vote.

House of Dreams Warm, Livable

The featured East End home this December is the 1882 Rufus and Sarah Jameson House, 1428 Church, which now belongs to Rebecca and Ken Walker.

When Captain Rufus Jameson returned from the Civil War, he built his wife, Sarah, her long-promised dream house at 1428 Church.

Jameson, who was a blockade runner, was captured three times during the war, and was held as a prisoner until amnesty was granted, and he was allowed to return to his family in Galveston.

Captain Jameson was one of the city's first harbor pilots.

In its 133-year history, the house has sheltered many families and many dreams, and the new owners are no exception.

"From the first time I came in the house, I fell in love with it. It has a kind and gentle space, solid and warm," said Rebecca Walker, who bought the house in 2012 with her husband, Ken.

Both Ken and Rebecca vacationed in Galveston when they were children, and when they had the opportunity, they moved here. They have two grown daughters, Hannah and Sarah, and a grandson, Jack.

"I'm a theater person and I'm attuned to space. I knew from the first that this would be a wonderful home for us," she said.

Rebecca is originally from Dallas and Ken from Nederland. They met in Dallas after Ken earned a four-year scholarship to Southern Methodist University. Rebecca studied theater in high school and college, and joined the Dallas Theater Center as an actress and director.



Photo by David Canright

Her mother, the artist Marian Ramsey, was trained with the Martha Graham Company, and introduced Rebecca to the arts as a young child.

After moving to Galveston, Rebecca began a community theater group in The East End that performs in Darragh Park. The group's third performance, "Mischief Among the Magnolias or Weed 'Em and Reap," will debut in Darragh Park on Saturday, April 2.



The park is adjacent to the house, and Rebecca's favorite part of living there is the joy of having a view of the park from almost every room.

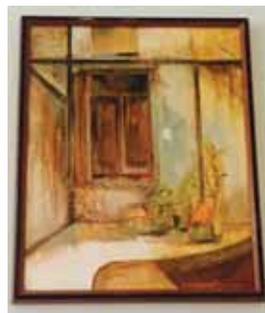
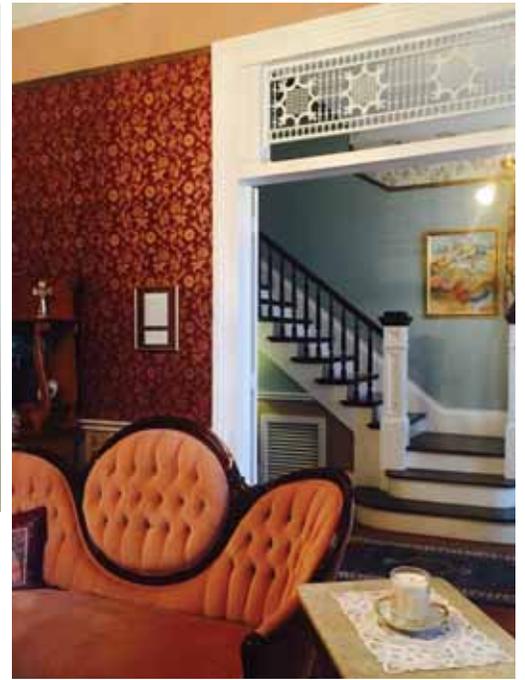
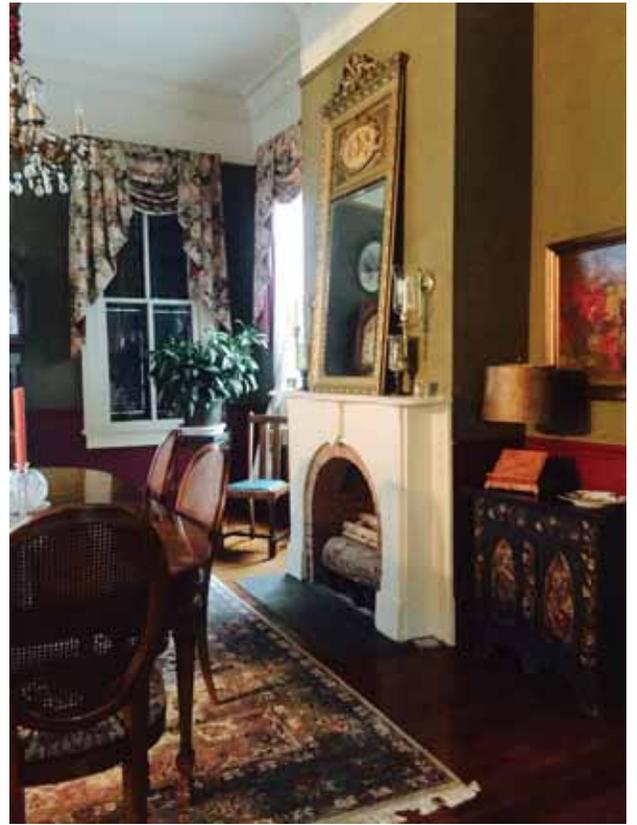
The elaborate three bay, double gabled townhouse with its original carriage house, is probably best known today for the mermaid tree sculpture, Tina, which was carved from an old pecan tree lost during Hurricane Ike.

Not every season has been a rosy one for the house at 1428 Church. In the 1990s, it had fallen into disrepair and was purchased by the Galveston Historical Foundation as part of a 1995 neighborhood stabilization plan.

The house was restored again after Hurricane Ike, when it had four feet of water downstairs. In the past three years, the Walkers have made a few cosmetic changes all their own.

"We painted the exterior and added shutters, and a brick patio in the garden," Rebecca said.

The house has four original fireplaces, intricate woodwork above the pocket doors and 14-foot ceilings. The house features floor to ceiling windows to capture the gulf breezes, and a built-in china cabinet in the butler's pantry.



Far left, paintings by Marian Ramsey; three of four original fireplaces, the built-in china cabinet, and the antique bedroom set – a gift from Ken for Rebecca's birthday.

Yard of the Month: An Edible Garden

Congratulations to East Enders Dr. Anne and Bill Hecht for earning 'The Yard of the Month' designation for their edible landscape at 1628 Ball Avenue.

Hardly a day goes by that you don't see one or both working in the garden. Below, Anne wrote about her experience of gardening in Galveston.

By Dr. Anne Hecht

My husband hogs the tiny garden around the 1897 house by growing fruit. I take what is left and insert vegetables and flowers. There seems to be enough for neighbors, such as lime marmalade or cucumbers. In fact, I think they run when they see us coming.

Spring: Popping up first are asparagus and blackberries. We take blackberry everything to the East End block parties. White peaches are next. We are in a war with the mockingbirds for the fig crop. It's a toss up who wins.

Summer: Now come the loquats, kumquats, papaya, and pomegranates. Why do papayas love us so much? At least they're healthy. Too slow: Our Mexican Plum. One failure: We planted our avocado tree in the wrong place. Each year one Northern after another blasts the blossoms off the tree.

Autumn: We have olives that we cure ourselves. We bought a cherry pitter each, but now we just leave the pits in and warn people about the risk.

Winter. Oranges, including calamondins, limes, including key, a hybrid Bill grew from seed, and kaffir (use leaves for Asian cooking), Meyer and Ponderosa lemons, lemongrass, and grapefruit.

Most satisfying is growing Mrs. Isadore Dyer's oleander from seed. This is one of the two original Galveston oleanders; the other being Ed Barr.



Pictured Above: Monarch butterfly on zinnia; garden goodies including orange marmalade, lemon marmalade, blackberry jam, white peaches, pickled peaches, brandied peaches, loquat chutney; yard at 1628 Ball Avenue.



Darragh Holiday Lights!

Many thanks to Terry and Deanna Johnson, pictured here, for their work on stringing festive lights in Darragh Park. Neighbors who helped were: Ken and Rebecca Walker; Chris Robbian; Julia Muncaster; Floyd Pollock; Jerry Hite; and Kevin and Lynn Barrett. Photos by David Canright.



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Tuesday 1st

2015 Festival of Lights. 6 p.m. Moody Gardens, One Hope Avenue, Festival of Lights has more than 1 million lights within 100 sound-enhanced animated light displays with nightly live entertainment. You can skate around on the area's only outdoor ice skating rink (bring your own skates or rentals available for \$7), try out our new Arctic Ice Slide or take pictures with Santa. Festival tickets are \$10.95. For information, call (800) 582-4673.

Wednesday 2nd

Pianist Joe Sewell, Tremont Jazz Series. 6-9 p.m. Tremont Hotel, 2300 Mechanic. In the 1888 Toujouse Bar at The Tremont House. Free. (409) 763-0300.

Cooking Class: Tacky Christmas & Ugly Sweater Party. Kitchen Chick, 528 23rd St. Wear your ugly sweater and learn how to make holiday foods like Mrs. Claus' 'happy juice' - a red velvet hot chocolate with cream cheese whipped cream, cranberry & brie crostini with maple sugar glaze, silky cauliflower soup with garlic parmesan pull apart muffins, and bourbon cocktail meatballs plus a poinsettia cocktail punch. \$50/person. Call 409-497-2999.

Thursday 3rd

EEHDA Board Meeting. 6 p.m. 1501 Postoffice. All neighbors and members are welcome to attend.

Christmas Concert at Moody Mansion. 6-8 p.m. 2618 Broadway. The Galveston's Heritage Chorale under the direction of Izola Collins will perform Christmas carols. Some of the selections performed will include original compositions by Ms. Collins, an award-winning choir director and author who founded the Heritage Chorale in 1992. Free. Refreshments. Call (409) 789-3227.

Cooking Class: Maceo Meatballs. Kitchen Chick, 528 23rd St. Chef Concetta Maceo of Maceo Spice & Imports will teach you how to make some of her family's most loved recipes. Learn the secrets to delicious crispy homemade mozzarella sticks; and her family's famous meatballs & gravy, and more! \$55 per person; 409-497-2999 for reservations.

Theater: The Boomerang Effect. 8 p.m. Island ETC, 2317 Mechanic. The Boomerang Effect is an up tempo modern look at relationships focusing on the pitfalls of love. Performances are 8 p.m. on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings through Dec. 12. \$25 for students and seniors; \$30 for adults. For information, (409) 762-3556.

Live Music. Ian Moore. 9 p.m. Old Quarter Acoustic Café, 413 20th St. Cover charge. (409)762-9199.

Friday 4th

Drop-in Lego Brick Yard. Rosenberg Library, 2310 Sealy. Drop-in free play with Legos and Duplos. Free and all materials supplied. For information, aengstrom@rosenberg-library.org.

Hand-Cut Silhouette Master Cindi Harwood Rose. 3:30 to 6 p.m. workshop at the Galveston Arts Center, 2127 Strand. \$35. For information, email reyna@galvestonartscenter.org

Holiday Handbell Concert, 1859 Joseph's Church, 2202 Avenue K. Three concerts: 5:30, 7, and 8:30 p.m. \$15. Tickets available online at galvestonhistory.ticketmob.com/event.

December 2015

Events Calendar

Friday 4th continued

The 26th Annual EEHDA Victorian Christmas Tour of Homes. 5:30 -9:30 p.m. Tour four private East End homes decked out in Christmas finery. Tickets \$17 per person; available at the 1894 Grand Opera House, 2020 Postoffice. Contact www.thegrand.com or 800 821-1894.



Dickens on The Strand. 5 to 9 p.m. (Friday); 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. (Saturday) and 12 noon until 6 p.m. (Sunday). The Strand District. The 42nd annual holiday street festival, based on 19th-century Victorian London, features parades, non-stop entertainment on six stages, strolling carolers, roving musicians, bagpipers, jugglers and other entertainers.



Costumed vendors peddle their wares from street stalls. www.galvestonhistory.org/events/dickens-on-the-strand/dickens-on-the-strand.

Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol. 8 p.m. The 1894 Grand Opera House, 2020 Postoffice. Ebenezer Scrooge, Bob Cratchit, Tiny Tim, and the Ghosts of Christmases Past, Present, and Future come together in this delightful performance featuring stunning sets, lush costumes, and plenty of music and dance. Tickets range from \$30 to \$55. (409) 765-1894. www.thegrand.com



Live Music: George Enslie. 9 p.m. Old Quarter Acoustic Café, 413 20th St. Cover charge. (409)762-9199.

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Saturday 5th

Breakfast With Dickens. 1859 Ashton Villa, 2328 Broadway. 8:30 a.m. Join Jane Dickens Monk, the great-great-granddaughter of Charles Dickens, as she prepares a traditional English breakfast in the 1859 Ashton Villa. \$60. **For information, call (409) 765-7834.**

Our Lady of Guadalupe Procession. 9-10:30 a.m. Broadway 46th St. to 34th St. For information: cityofgalveston.org/calendar

St. Arnold's Strand Walking Tour. 11 a.m. Hendley Park, 21st and Strand. Learn about The Strand and enjoy some of Saint Arnold's brewery's ales. Held daily during Dickens on The Strand, you'll visit three festival pubs as you walk with your guide through the National Historic Landmark district. \$35. **For reservations, call (409) 765-7834.**

Dickens on The Strand. 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Strand District. <http://www.galvestonhistory.org/events/dickens-on-the-strand/dickens-on-the-strand>

Beachcombing 101. 10 – 11 a.m. Galveston Island State Park, 14901 FM 3005. Join Ranger Lisa for a shell workshop and expedition. Winter is the best time for beach combing, but dress for the weather and be ready to get wet. We begin at The Nature Center to review basics and use the restroom before we go to the beach. Bring your park permit; water bottle; camera; and a bucket for collecting. Free with \$5 park entry fee; no charge for under age 13. Contact Lisa.Reznicek@tpwd.texas.gov. (409)737-1222.

Artist Boat Kayak Adventure. 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Coastal Heritage Preserve. This trip takes you to the natural and restored marshes protecting one of the most pristine examples of a dune/swale complex on Galveston Island. Artist Boat has acquired over 300 acres of the coastal prairies and wetlands on Settegast Road. Discover the wonders of the wetlands and celebrate nature. Charges vary. **Book online at kayak.destinationnext.com. or call (409) 770-0722.**

Island Style Holiday Crafts. 1 p.m. Galveston Island State Park, 14901 FM 3005. Make holiday gifts for family and friends at The Nature Center with craft supplies. Make paper fortune cookies; holiday greeting cards; sand dollar ornaments; or watercolor paintings. Materials and instructions provided. Must be accompanied by an adult. Free with \$5 Park entry fee; no charge below 13. Lisa.Reznicek@tpwd.texas.gov. (409) 737-1222.

Salute To Sunset. 4:30 p.m., Texas Seaport Museum, 2200 Harborside Drive. The 1877 Tall Ship ELISSA welcomes you aboard for heavy appetizers, cocktails, cannon fire and special guests leading up to Saturday night's Pickwick's Lanternlight Parade. A new Dickens "must-do"! \$50 per person. **For reservations, call (409) 765-7834.**

Victorian Pipe Organ Extravaganza. 7:30 p.m. Trinity Episcopal Church, 2216 Ball Avenue. \$10. Trinity Church presents their annual Victorian pipe organ concert with acclaimed organist Ronald Wyatt and Edgar Moore. The evening's program will begin with the organ concert and Christmas Carol singing with Wyatt's accompaniment. A fixture of Galveston's Christmas celebrations for more than 20 years. (800) 821-1894.

Live at Old Quarter: Sisters Morales Reunion. 9 p.m. Old Quarter Acoustic Café, 413 20th St. Cover charge. (409)762-9199.

Sunday 6th

Sunday Brunch with Santa. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Hotel Galvez, 2024 Seawall. Sunday Brunch with Santa offers children the opportunity to personally share their Christmas wishes. The hotel's annual holiday gingerbread display is in place for guests to view while listening to traditional holiday favorites being played on the lobby piano. Also, Sunday, Dec. 13 and 20. \$39 for adults. For reservations, call (409) 765-7721.



Farmer's Market, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., 2508 Postoffice. Locally grown produce, prepared foods, farm products. See www.galvestonsownfarmersmarket.com

Dickens on The Strand. 12 noon to 6 p.m. Strand District. For schedule of events, see: www.galvestonhistory.org/events/dickens-on-the-strand/dickens-on-the-strand.

Monday 7th

Street Cleaning. If you want the street swept in front of your house, and you live on the north or east side of the street, today is the day to move your car. Cleaning for even addresses is the first Monday of the month.

Cooking Class: Authentic Italian Lasagna! The Kitchen Chick, 528 23rd St. \$60. Chefs Laura and Linda of The Italian Wooden Spoon teach you to prepare authentic Italian cuisine like authentic lasagne and fresh tomato and herb bruschetta. \$60/person. Call 409-497-2999 to reserve your spot.



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Wednesday 9th

Cooking Class. Bottoms Up Boozy Cooking. The Kitchen Chick. 528 23rd St. Come take a cooking class at The Kitchen Chick! You will really get into the 'spirits' of the holiday with Chef Cat at this festive class! She'll kick things off by teaching you to make a vodka-poached shrimp with bloody Mary cocktail sauce. Next, learn to make baked brie en crut smothered in a boozy fig sauce, a traditional French coq au vin and for dessert, a sinful dark chocolate stout cake with Bailey's frosting. \$60/person. **Call 409-497-2999 to reserve your spot!**

Live at Old Quarter: Ray Wylie Hubbard. 9 p.m. Old Quarter Acoustic Café, 413 20th St. Cover charge. **(409)762-9199.**

Thursday 10th

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. For information see www.facebook.com/Galvsurfrider or VolunteerCoordinator@galveston.surfrider.org

Friday 11th



A Crane Affaire: Opening Celebration of Art on the Wing Juried Affaire. 6:30-9 p.m.; 2227 Postoffice. Party with a purpose at this festive artful evening filled with new works, artists, nature enthusiasts, good eats, sweet treats and libations. \$50. Event ticket sales and a percentage of the evening's art sales will go to the Galveston Island Nature Tourism Council. **Call (409) 789-8125.**

Artist Boat Presents: Float The Boat. 6:30 to 10 p.m. Ashton Villa, 2328 Broadway. Come celebrate the holidays with Artist Boat and a special tribute to Martha Terrill, and Mort & Brenda Voller. Tickets are \$40 in advance and include: Live music by Alligator Handshake; Silent and live auctions; Raffle drawing for a Viking Kayak; Curated art auction of 9"x11" watercolor paintings; Pork tenderloin dinner provided by Lighthouse Charity Team; Beer, courtesy of Del Papa Distributing Company; Ocean masquerade costume contest. **Ticket sales online at www.artistboat.org/float-the-boat.html; Sponsorships available at www.artistboat.org**

Live at Old Quarter: Jimmie Dale Gilmore & Butch Hancock. 9 p.m. Old Quarter Acoustic Café, 413 20th St. Cover charge. **(409) 762-9199.**

Saturday 12th

Santa Train, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Railroad Museum, 123 25th St. Santa is coming to town aboard our Harborside Express train! Bring your wish list and visit with Santa! Stroll through our Garden of Steam and enjoy the festive Holiday lights & decorations! Finish holiday shopping at our Gift Shop. The Railroad Museum boasts one of the largest restored railroad collections in the southwest, and one of the five largest in the country. **(409) 765-5700.**

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

Saturday 12th

Nutcracker Afternoon Tea. 12:30. The 1894 Grand Opera House, 2020 Postoffice. The Nutcracker Afternoon Tea is the perfect complement to a performance of The Nutcracker. Treat your favorite little girl or boy to an afternoon tea filled with delicious treats. Adults \$35; Children under 10, \$25. This does not include a ticket to the Nutcracker performance. **(409) 765-1894.** www.thegrand.com

The Nutcracker by the Houston Ballet. 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. and 2 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 13. The 1894 Grand Opera House, 2020 Postoffice. An annual holiday favorite, "The Nutcracker" delights audiences of all ages. It tells the story of a young girl who dreams of a Nutcracker Prince, a Sugar Plum Fairy and a fierce battle against a Mouse King. Following the afternoon performances, join us to hear a brief presentation about the ballet and meet the dancers. This special presentation is included with your ticket to the Saturday or Sunday matinee performance. **(409) 765-1894.** www.thegrand.com

Santa's Night Out: Islander By Choice. 7 p.m. Murphy's Pub, 213 22nd St., The annual toy drive and pub crawl invites the public to join in their finest Santa suits, reindeer outfits or elf attire and take to the streets of Galveston for cold ales, warm toddies, and fine friendship while doing good for local charities. Free. Santa attire is encouraged. **For information, (409)770-7360.**

Live at the Old Quarter Sam Baker. 9 p.m. Old Quarter Acoustic Café, 413 20th St. Cover charge. **(409)762-9199.**



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Saturday 12th

Carols by Candlelight. 6-7 p.m. 1859 St. Joseph's Church, 2202 Avenue K. Galveston Historical Foundation and the Houston Children's Choir invite the public to a free performance in the 1859 St. Joseph's Church. The concert is free with advance RSVP. Seats are limited. The Houston Children's Chorus was founded in 1989 by Stephen Roddy. The Chorus involves over 150 children in grades 2 through 8, by annual audition. Free with advance RSVP. **Phone: 409-765-7834.**

Sunday 13th

Coffee and Cranes with Keanne Leonard. 8-11:30 a.m. Moody Gardens Golf Course, 1700 Syndor Lane. Designed for beginners and experienced birders alike, the presentation aims to introduce common vocalizations, body language such as dancing and aggression, and other characteristics of Sandhill Cranes. \$30. Lecture followed by a spotting expedition. Participants under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Contact: **409-789-81125.**

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.**

Thursday 17th

Magical Christmas 2015. 6:30 p.m. buffet followed by 8 p.m. show. Moody Gardens, 1 Hope Blvd. Over the past three years at the Moody Gardens Hotel, Curt Miller's Christmas show has been seen by over 20,000 people, receiving rave reviews and standing ovations. Adults \$59-\$99. Continues through December 27. **For information call 800-582-4673 or visit www.moodygardens.org.**

Thursday 17th

City Council Meeting. 9 a.m. 823 Rosenberg. For information, email: williamsjan@cityofgalveston.org

Friday 18th

Live at Old Quarter: Joe Ely. 9 p.m. Old Quarter Acoustic Café, 413 20th St. Cover charge. (409) 762-9199.

Saturday 19th

Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer, the Musical. 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. showings. The 1894 Grand Opera House, 2020 Postoffice. Rudolph soars off the screen and onto the stage this holiday season. Come see all of your favorite characters from the special including Santa and Mrs. Claus, Hermey the Elf, the Abominable Snow Monster, Clarice, Yukon Cornelius and, of course, Rudolph, as they come to life. \$25 to \$65. **(409) 765-1894. www.thegrand.com**

Galveston Island Market. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 22nd and Mechanic. The Galveston Island Market offers a festive monthly outdoor event where local artisans, handcrafters, and growers can showcase their creations for Galveston residents and visitors. info@galvestonislandmarket.com



Sunday 20st

Santa Hustle Half Marathon and 5K Run/Walk, 8 a.m. to 12 noon. Saengerfest Park, 2300 Strand. Race participants will receive a Santa hat and beard to show their holiday spirit during the race, along with dri-fit sweatshirts. Throughout the courses-which runs along 25th Street for the 5K, and along the oceanfront for the half marathon-holiday cheer will abound with seasonal music, candy and cookie stations, signs and other seasonal goodies. The Galveston Santa Hustle will benefit both the Galveston County Food Bank and Toys for Tots. \$54.50 to \$70. www.santahustle.com/

Tony Bennett. 7 p.m. 1894 Grand Opera House, 2020 Postoffice. The Grand welcomes back the one and only Tony Bennett and his wonderful trio! Winner of 18 Grammy® Awards including a Lifetime Achievement Award and two Emmy® Awards, Tony is an NEA Jazz Master and a Kennedy Center Honoree who has sold over 50 million records worldwide. Sold Out Concert; Check for cancellations at box office. **(409) 765-1894. www.thegrand.com**

Friday 25th

Merry Christmas Day. See Galveston's Directory of Churches with location and service times: <http://www.whitepages.com/business/TX/Galveston/Churches>

Saturday 26th

Live at Old Quarter: Ezra Charles. 9 p.m. Old Quarter Acoustic Café, 413 20th St. Cover charge. (409) 762-9199.

Thursday 31st

Happy New Year's Eve & Best Wishes for 2016



Contacts

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
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Galveston Mayor: Jim Yarborough,
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City Council member Ralph McMorris.
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EEHDA President: Julia Muncaster. (409) 789-1739.

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Parking Downtown: Why Such A Problem?

By Ralph McMorris
City Council, District 3



Talk to people about parking downtown, and you'll get an earful. It's something people care about.

As the City Council representative for The Downtown, I have been involved in many discussions about parking during the last year, and I have supported some council decisions that, in hindsight, I have to admit, were not the best.

Here's the history: The city's parking meters were removed and replaced by a pay-by-phone system. There were good reasons to remove the old meters because they were expensive to operate and maintain; the projected cost was simply not affordable.

But the change brought about problems. Many of the downtown visitors had trouble using the pay-by-phone system, and the City Council was deluged by complaints from frustrated parking patrons.

Downtown merchants also reported that visitors were reducing their trips or eliminating trips altogether.

Realizing the system was not working, the city initiated a request for proposals from multiple parking payment companies. Six responded and their proposals are being reviewed and evaluated by a committee made up of city employees, concerned residents and business people.

Now, a decision is near. This committee will present recommendations at the next city council meeting, Thursday, Dec. 17, and the City Council plans to take immediate action.

I now know more than I ever expected to know about downtown parking, and these are the objectives and recommendations that I hope the committee will keep in mind.

1. The parking system should encourage turnover of the limited parking spaces in the downtown area.
2. It should be affordable for downtown visitors.
3. It should be easy to use by anyone, including first time visitors and especially those who are not smart phone savvy.

4. The parking system should allow users to pay with any form of U.S. currency.

5. Any proceeds above the expense of implementing and managing the parking system should be invested in the downtown. Since the downtown businesses and residents suffer from the process at times, and because it is collected in their area, the investment seems fair.

6. From all the methods of collecting fees for parking, our experience is that the pay-by-phone process is convenient to those who are technically savvy, and is the most profitable method of collection.

7. However, traditional meters that allow any form of payment, and are easy to use by the vast majority of visitors, should also be conveniently accessible. Therefore, I recommend the installation of at least 30 new pay station kiosks/meters in the downtown. This should provide one meter/ kiosk on each side of the street for the 10 major downtown blocks on The Strand and Postoffice. Also two meters would be strategically placed on the five numbered cross streets.

8. In the interim, and until the meters are installed, pay for parking by phone should be reactivated. Two hours of free parking should continue during this interim period.

9. When the new parking meters are brought online, free parking will be reduced to 30 minutes.

10. Thorough signage should explain how to use the system and it should be placed throughout the downtown.

In summary, with these changes, I believe downtown parking will be better than it has ever been, and the excess revenue can be invested in improving the infrastructure and the attractiveness of our historical downtown.

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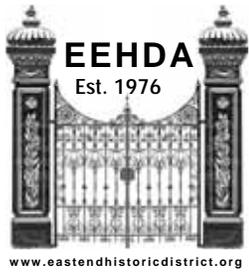
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As the new year dawns, East End resident George Thomas Parsons III, 1709 Ball Avenue, has been reflecting on his favorite writers and some of their quotations. These reflect the thoughts and ruminations he wishes to share with friends and neighbors as we welcome 2016.

A Meditation On The Dawn Of 2016

"We turn not older with years, but newer every day." - Emily Dickinson (1830-1886)

"Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, and today is a gift; that's why they call it the present." - Eleanor Roosevelt (1884-1962)

"Laissez Les Bon Temps Rouler" (Let the good times roll)

"There is nothing permanent except change." - Heraclitus (540-475 B.C.)

"Take life like a toboggan. Don't look back---look forward. And enjoy the ride." - Coco Chanel (1883-1971)

"If I had to live my life again, I'd make the same mistakes, only sooner." - Tallulah Bankhead (1902-1968)

That's all there is, there isn't anymore." - Ethel Barrymore (1879- 1959)

"Look not mournfully into the past. It comes not back again. Wisely improve the present. It is thine." - Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. (1807-1882)

"The past is never dead. In fact, it's not even past." - William Faulkner (1897-1962)