

East End Historical District Association's NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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October 2010

On the Calendar

Annual Fall Park Spruce-Up Work Party
October 2nd (Saturday)
9:00 - Noon
Meet at the Cottage

Block Party/National Night Out
October 5th (Tuesday)
Back to regular start time 5:30
at the Cottage
Live Band: "Waterline"

NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING
October 7th (Thursday)
5:30 - at the Cottage

EEHDA Fall Garden Tour
October 9th & 10th (Sat - Sun)

COFFEE AT THE COTTAGE
9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
at the Cottage
Stop in and have a cup

GAIN MEETING
October 21st (Thursday)
5:30 pm
Moody Mansion lower level

SCARY MOVE NIGHT AT THE COTTAGE
October 26th (Tuesday)
7:00 p.m.
"The Tinger" starring Vincent Price

MAH JONG AT THE COTTAGE
Every Monday 1-4pm

Garden Tour is here! Thanks again not only to Fran Kelly and all her tour volunteers, but also to our East End neighbors

who are welcoming us into their gardens to visit this time. It's going to be a fantastic event!

Speaking of Garden Tour, special thanks to those intrepid and plucky volunteers that braved the elements on our first Fall Parks Work Party (2nd one coming up on 10/2 as of this writing) to pull seemingly Jurassic-park style weeds. Even tropical rainfall didn't stop us from getting out and rolling up our sleeves at Alderdice Park and The Cottage! We actually got a tremendous amount done in between downpours. In fact, after the months of oppressive summer heat, working under a light, steady, cool rainfall for a while was downright refreshing.

One more thank you here, this one to the anonymous person or persons that donated the beautiful cake to honor Paul and Barbara at our September Block Party, one of several nice neighborhood get-togethers before they moved. The mystery donor(s) showed a quiet spirit of friendship and generosity that really shone the spotlight on the Evans' for the evening, and you know, I find that very refreshing too.

Finally, here's a question for you that I ask from time to time, and I truly am interested in your answers. Here goes again— how can EEHDA keep improving on what we're doing? If you're a less active member, what would make you want to get more involved? Let me or any Board member know your comments and ideas so we can all continue working together to keep the East End the positive, growing, and vibrant neighborhood we love to call home.





Whenever in-fill occurs on empty lots in historic neighborhoods, planning departments demand that the new construction be “honest,” meaning that the appearance of the new structure should be sufficiently out of place so that it cannot fool the casual observer into thinking it was built along with the rest of the neighborhood. This dubious goal is supposed to be tempered by paying minimal lip-service to the neighborhood’s style. If the house *were* to really fit in, so the thinking goes, the architect, the planning department, and indeed the landmark commission itself would burn in hell for their “dishonesty.”

Look around the East End and you’ll find a few examples of such thinking, sometimes containing no window sills, or having low ceilings or the wrong siding. The modern addition to the Rosenberg passes the “honesty” test, designed to be sufficiently ugly so that despite its physical attachment to the stately old library, even an inebriated person can’t mistake it for part of the original. In Portland, our old red-brick library was augmented with a white wooden addition that, because of its inappropriateness, is also decidedly “honest.”

I recently asked a preservation architect about all this, as it doesn’t exist in most other countries. When you walk around a seemingly intact 18th century Parisian neighborhood, some of the buildings turn out to be recent additions. Apparently, in Paris it’s illegal to build anything that *doesn’t* fit! As a result, entire neighborhoods look beautifully intact. Of course, new buildings could be forced to bear dated plaques, which would achieve a most benign “honesty” while still saving those who approve the plans from eternal damnation.

The architect admitted that the American policy of “building wrong,” as he put it, in historic neighborhoods only serves to destroy the appearance of the block. I asked him where the idea came from. He guessed it to have originated from the Department of the Interior (which sets guidelines regarding such

issues). “Decisions made by the Department may be influenced by the architectural community,” he mused. “Architects have egos. They want to put their mark on what they design, much like a dog urinating on a fire hydrant. Forcing them to conform to an existing style crimps *their* style. As a result, my fellow architects seem to like these rules,” he told me.

Regarding this odd dogma, surely it’s time for the preservation community to see that the emperor has no clothes.

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On Broadway

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Website

Jonathon Tromm

We want to thank Galveston.com for hosting and maintaining our website for free during the last 5 years. They have committed a lot of time over the years in designing, changing and updating our website. Thank you very much Lee Roane and Galveston.com.

The EEHDA is now managing the hosting service details and maintaining our website. We have 3 url’s (addresses) and any one leads to our website.

eastendgalveston.org

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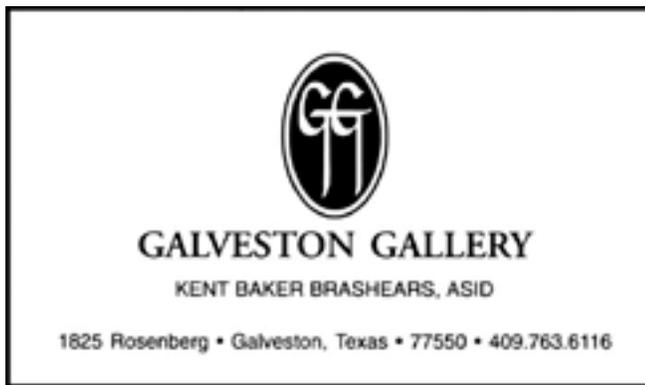
We are still in a transition period and some links and features may not work correctly.

The web site committee is open to volunteers who have graphic design, web site design or similar skills. The website can become whatever the members want to accomplish but remember that we have to do it ourselves or pay someone to do it. There are some ideas for changes in the works. It will take a little time as, of course, we are volunteers with time constraints. Our first goals are to get all links and features working and keep all the information updated in a timely fashion. From there, we will have some modifications that we hope will be useful.

If you would like to help, have helpful comments or submissions such as photos of events, please contact us at webmaster@eastendhistoricaldistrict.org

GARDEN TOUR 2010

Well, it is almost time for this fall's garden tour. If you don't already know the dates are Oct. 9th (10-5) and Oct. 10th (10-4). We are looking for people to sit at the tables outside of the homes to check off tickets and also sell tickets. The shifts are as follows Sat. (9:45-12:30) (12:30-3:00) and (3:00-5:00) and on Sun. (9:45-12:00) (12:00-2:00) and (2:00-4:00) if you can work any of these shifts please call me at (409-370-2306 Fran Kelly) we would greatly appreciate your help. Tickets are \$7.00 prior to the event and \$10.00 the day of the event. For everyone who has put their gardens on this year's tour we are extremely grateful!! I am already starting to look for gardens for next year's tour and if anyone is interested please call me. I think having a year to get ready is a good idea, lots of time for planning. Thanks to everyone who is willing to help out.



Coffee at the Cottage is Back!

Stop in at The Cottage on Saturday, October 16th, from 9am till 11am, for a cup of joe, some yummy homemade breakfast treats, and a friendly hello with your neighbors as you head out for your Saturday morning. Coffee at the Cottage is back after a summer break, and from the inquiries that have been coming in, East Enders are really looking forward to getting back to our informal once-a-month coffee get-together. No projects, no work day, just a chance to chat and catch up with your friends and get a great start to your weekend. If you'd like to bring something to share at the table, just let Anita or Lynette know, and we'll all be looking forward to sampling what you have to make for us. Make plans to stop in for Coffee at the Cottage!

October Block Party is National Night Out

By Lynette Haaga

Mark your calendar for our special October Block Party on National Night Out, Tuesday, October 5th, at The Cottage. Start time will be back to the regular 5:30pm since we're hopefully back to cooler fall weather now, plus the sun is going down ever earlier. National Night Out is a perfect chance to get to know new neighbors a little better and chat first-hand with our Galveston police officers.

As a special treat we'll have live music by the band "Waterline", and you'll likely recognize most of our musicians. The street will be barricaded off, and they'll entertain us with a fun variety of great music. You may even want to bring your dancing shoes, who knows!

Block Party attendance has been outstanding and you won't want to miss out on the fun especially now that the summer heat is past! Usual stuff applies – bring a lawn chair, covered dish to share, and a small donation to our drink kitty. Special thanks to Ralph and Lynn McMorris for supplying our frozen Lt. Blender drinks all season plus our plates and other tableware.

We do need helpers for set-up so please let me know (409-750-9441) if you can give us a hand this time. Volunteers should be at The Cottage at 4:45. It takes some work behind the scenes to make our Block Parties happen, and your help is always welcome and appreciated. See you on the 5th!



EEHDA Membership

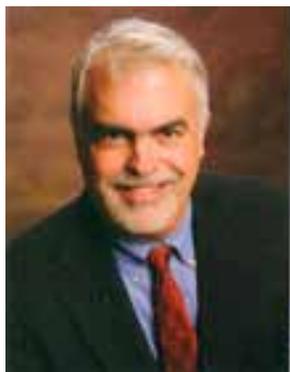
Special thanks to our New Regular, Sponsor and SAFEE members:

Alice & Wayne O'Quin
Barbara & Robert Howell
Matty & Genece Tilts
Leroy and Mary LeFlore
Owen, Alan & Rosario Hamill

Special thanks to our Business members:
Mosquito Cafe

Special thanks to our Sponsor members:

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



Important Contact Information

Galveston Police – Non Emergency 409-797-3702

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

Galveston Police – Officer Tommy Maffei

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TMaffei@cityofgalveston.org

Sgt. Chapman

409-765-3616 (ofc)

409-750-0243 (cell)

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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

409-797-3702 (Must get exact location plus car make, color, & license #)

Scary Movie Night at the Cottage

To celebrate Halloween and all things that go bump in the night, October's return of Game Night will feature as a special treat a Scary Movie Night at The Cottage. Our premiere film will be the Vincent Price classic "The Tingler" (PG rating) Show time is 7:00pm on Tuesday, October 26th. Popcorn and soft drinks will be provided, and please feel free to bring your own extra snacks and beverages of your choice. Halloween costumes encouraged!

Green Shopping

Recycling 101

by Pam Gilbert

Oh the dilemma, paper or plastic, choose paper and you are destroying trees, choose plastic and you are contributing to the oil industry pollution. Rarely now are you even offered a choice, plastic bags are invariably used. In those cases we usually request paper, if for no other reason than we can use the paper bags to bag up our paper recyclables to just pitch into the bin at the recycling center. Often times there is no paper, and usually just one or two items are put in each plastic bag, sometimes double plastic bagged!! What is the point of having your gallon of milk in a plastic bag by itself??

So the green solution? Start stocking up on the fabric bags (hopefully out of recycled material) sold (sometimes free) at most grocery and other retail outlets such as drug stores. They hold more than plastic bags, can be washed if necessary, and last a long time. The only problem is, remembering to put them back in your car when you go on your next shopping trip. So keep them by your door. It has proved embarrassing when running into a neighbor and they are green and we are not!! And those multiple wine bags from Krogers??, just cut out the dividing fabric and voila, you have a shopping bag.

So what to do with the plastic grocery bags that you can not avoid. Use them to line your small bathroom size trash containers. You also can take them back to the grocery store to use for produce bags. Try to avoid buying plastic bags for your small, medium, and large trash cans. Sometimes though it is unavoidable. But think about it, if you carefully open the plastic bags that large quantities of toilet paper and paper towels come in, you can use them for trash. The bags that your garden compost and potting soil can also be used for trash.

Other hints, try buying products with the least amount of packaging even if it means changing brands. And when purchasing a small item and the clerk asks if you need a bag, say no, and thank him/her for asking.

Next month, some minor composting hints.

Special note: The Ball High School National Honor Society is raising funds by providing curb side recycling pick up every other Saturday (\$20 per month). Please see the flyer in this newsletter. Since we do not use this service we cannot attest to it, but please let us know if you use the service and how it works for you.

	<p>Kay Schwartz 713.542.7509 kayschwartz@yahoo.com</p>

So Long Paul & Barbara

Longtime East End residents Paul and Barbara Evans have packed up and headed for Lake Conroe where they'll be living closer to family and enjoying their retirement on the lake. They arranged to close on the sale of their Postoffice Street house on September 13th, the second anniversary of Hurricane Ike.

Both were active in the community, and Paul was the backbone of Darragh Park maintenance for many years. Weeds are already sprouting up in his honor. A farewell bash was hosted by friends in Darragh Park where Councilwoman Elizabeth Beeton read a proclamation from the Mayor and Council in their honor. They will be missed.

<p>East End Construction</p> <p>Nelson Smelker</p> <p>409-457-6350 — 409-497-4709</p> <p>nsmelker@earthlink.net</p>
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Paul and Barbara surrounded by friends.

New Cottage Sign-In Log

Members are reminded to use the new Cottage Sign-In Log whenever you access The Cottage for any activity. This would include everything from committee meetings to special events to newsletter stuffing. The log will be very helpful in the event of any future insurance or FEMA claims that EEHDA may have to make, to show a record of ongoing, community-oriented activities held at The Cottage. The log is a 3-ring notebook that will be in clear sight out in the main room. Please record the day, date, time, and type of activity. Names of all the people present aren't necessary.

Our current policy is that EEHDA members in good standing may use The Cottage and our two parks free of charge, but all special activities use should be pre-approved by the Board. A small donation of your choice is always welcome (but never required) for use of our facilities, and many members have chosen to do extra volunteer work hours or do park plantings as their personal contribution.

Individuals or groups using The Cottage should plan on cleaning the kitchen and restroom, emptying all trash to the big alley containers, and returning things to how you found them. Like Mom said, leave it better than you found it, or maybe that's our original Mrs. Gustafson speaking!



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ARE YOU A SAFEER MEMBER?

Sheryl Rozier

Is it time to upgrade your membership to become a SAFEER member? Please consider joining the SAFEER program. This program funds Galveston Police Officers to work extra patrols specifically dedicated to the East End Historical District. One of the services that the SAFEER program offers is a vacation watch for your residence. You may notify the Officers by placing a note in the black mailbox at the Cottage at 1501 Postoffice or you may email safeer@eastendhistoricaldistrict.org with your request. Papers that are placed in the black

box are only seen by the Officers. While you are away please consider letting them know. They will look over your home and actually walk the property and check doors and windows, if you request. This is a wonderful service provided for your SAFEER membership. You can join the SAFEER program at anytime, not just at the beginning of the year. I hope you have had a great and safe summer. Remember... use the black box at the cottage for any requests or concerns for the officers, lock your car doors, keep a porch light on and look out for one another. Please contact safeer@swbell.net with questions or comments about the SAFEER program.



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21st Annual EEHDA

Christmas Homes Tour

Our association will once again for the 21st year feature four wonderful homes on our annual Christmas Homes Tour on Friday, December 3 from 6:00 – 9:30 PM. For many of our past patrons and our residence this marks the beginning of the Christmas season. It is always a special event that demonstrates the beauty and uniqueness of our neighborhood and gives us an opportunity to welcome visitors to our community.

This years homes will feature the Louis Runge Home located at 1301 Market, the Thomas Lucas home located at 1122 Sealy, the John Michels home found at 1616 Ball and the Morris & Rachel Wansker home located at 1817 Sealy. We truly appreciate and owe the owners a big “Thank You” for opening their homes for our biggest fund raiser of the year.

We will also feature the First Presbyterian Church located at 19th and Church Street. This is where our seasonal music will be presented.

We need your help to make this years tour a success. If you would like to be docent for that evening or help in any other capacity, please contact Mike Gilbert at 763-2597 and we will find a place for you to help that evening.



Notes from

ELIZABETH BEETON

City Council Representative
District 3

Galvestonians have spoken up loud and clear about their desire to have a cleaner city. This was one of the recurring themes we all heard from voters on the campaign trail. I am proud to report that City Manager Steve LeBlanc has a comprehensive plan to clean up the city, and that Council unanimously supported funding that plan for the new fiscal year beginning October 1.

Mr. LeBlanc's letter to the council on this topic is worth reading. He didn't mince words, estimating that almost one-fourth of the city's residential properties suffer from neglect and disrepair; that our primary entrance to the city, Broadway Boulevard, desperately needs maintenance and care; and that trash seems to be everywhere. "We'll never be able to attract new residents or businesses back to the island if we are unattractive and continue to allow our city to slide into this state of disrepair," he concluded.

To implement his plan, the city will create a new division within the city manager's office dedicated to addressing these problems. Key elements include:

- An assistant city manager to oversee the program
- An assistant city attorney and outside legal assistance to improve our ordinances, bring properties into compliance, and take action against those that fail to do so
- Three of twelve total code enforcement officers dedicated to targeted properties
- Three police officers working full-time on civil and criminal nuisance abatement and removal of junk vehicles and boats
- Two fire inspectors to determine the safety of structures
- Three street sweeping vehicles on a regular street-cleaning rotation
- Manual cleaning of every curb and gutter at least once a year

- A full maintenance crew for Broadway
- Review of all signage to reduce visual clutter
- Heavy trash pickup within 24 hours of call-in
- An audit of who is not paying for trash pick-up
- Requiring chronic trash violators to purchase additional trash receptacles
- Recruiting volunteers to adopt blocks, parks, and medians
- Community service and adult inmates to mow, weed, remove graffiti, and pick up trash

The Council will monitor the progress of the effort on a monthly basis. This won't be an easy process, but I am confident we can accomplish it.

Ball High School National Honor Society Recycling

Hello from the Ball High School National Honor Society!

We would like to invite you to support us by subscribing to our recycling fundraiser.

- The fundraiser is a twice a month recycling service.
- The price will be \$20 each month.
- Payments are due at the end of each month. We will bill you by e-mail!
- Your recycling will be picked up by NHS members at your curbside every other Saturday between 9-12 am.
- The items that we take are: paper, cardboard, brown, green and clear glass, tin, plastic, aluminum, electronics and anything else the recycling center on 61st takes. We do *not* take shattered glass or Styrofoam!
- All materials must be boxed, bagged, or secured for removal. Personal recycling containers cannot be returned so please do *not* put your recycling in containers you want to keep!
- Recycling materials must be rinsed out, dry and sorted. If it is dirty, wet or mixed, we cannot take it! No leftover food please!
- Contact us at: recycling@torsnhs.com

Thank you for your time. We look forward to hearing from you!



Naturally, there was cake (and ice cream).



Elizabeth Beeton presented a proclamation from the Mayor



A good turnout to say goodbye.

Application for Membership - East End Historical District Association

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip Code _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Names of persons covered by this membership:

Type of membership:
 Individual \$15 Corporate Business \$125
 Family \$20 Life Member \$300
 Senior \$10 Sponsor \$75
 Senior Fam. \$15 SAFEE (see enrollment)

Mail to: East End Historical District Association
 P.O. Box 2424
 Galveston, TX 77553

Memberships are for one year. Your address label will display the year of your last payment. You need not reside in the East End Historical District to become a member but only residents of the district are entitled to hold office or vote on questions. Your membership supports a variety of services and programs devoted to historic preservation. Our Board of Directors holds regular meetings at our meeting house, 1501 Postoffice Street at 5:30 pm on the first Thursday of each month. All members are urged to attend these business meetings which often feature speakers and programs on current issues in the district.

East End Historical District Association, Inc. is exempt from Federal Income Tax under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. This exemption was granted February, 1978 and remains in full force and effect. Contributions to E.E.H.D.A. are deductible in the manor and to the extent provided by section 170 of the code.

SAFEE ENROLLMENT

The SAFEE program is a security program sponsored by EEHDA. SAFEE provides security patrols in the East End by uniformed police officers at random hours throughout the week. Security of neighborhood issues can be noted and left for the officers in the black mail box located on the front porch of the EEHDA Cottage, 1501 Postoffice. "Vacation Watch" is offered under this program. Membership in EEHDA is required for SAFEE enrollment.

3 months - \$60.00 6 months - \$120.00 12 months - \$240.00

Mail check to:

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