



# East End Historical District Association's NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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## On the Calendar

### EEHDA Neighborhood Meeting

February 3rd (Thursday)

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

### Cottage Work Day

February 5th (Saturday)

9:00 a.m.

### Darragh/Alderdice Parks Work Day

February 12th (Saturday)

8:00 a.m.

Trimming and cutting

### GAME NIGHT AT THE COTTAGE

February 15th (Tuesday)

7:00 p.m.

Bring games and snacks to share

### GAIN MEETING

February 17th (Thursday)

All East Enders invited

5:30 p.m.

Moody Mansion lower level

### Coffee at the Cottage

February 19th (Saturday)

9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Stop in and have a cup!

### Mardi Gras Brunch at the Cottage

February 26th (Saturday)

10:00 a.m.

Parade on the Seawall after

### Mah Jong

Every Monday at The Cottage

1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Amazing! A month gone by, holiday memories are fading and soon it'll be time for Mardi Gras, Galveston-style. This is my first new column in seven years. When I wrote

my last entry as outgoing EEHDA president in December 2003, we had just completed the installation of CBDG-funded sidewalks, many of which had to be carefully maneuvered around our hundred-year-old oak trees.

Today, as our 'new' sidewalks are finally fading to match the existing pavement, much of our neighborhood looks as it did in photographs taken in the early 1900's – stately homes surrounded by small, recently planted trees.

We are so fortunate to live in such an interesting and historic neighborhood. Sure, there are challenges, but I've never met a more open, friendly and diverse collection of people with different interests, talents and "cool junk" stored in their garage. Speaking of that, come April, you'll have a chance to donate some of that 'cool junk' to our second EEHDA Garage Sale – see more info inside.

I urge each of you to use this opportunity to get involved. You are all members of GAIN, the Galveston Alliance of Island Neighborhoods. GAIN meets on the third Thursday of every month and the next meeting is February 17<sup>th</sup>. Recent topics have included a revealing presentation on Galveston's port, an animated discussion of Seawall Parking, and other topics of general interest to all Galvestonians.

Finally, you've seen the signs – soon you'll see even more new trees. The NeighborWoods II tree planting program is underway, thanks to a generous grant from the Texas Forest Service. This year's Planting Day is scheduled for Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup> – almost three weeks earlier than last year. If you've received a tree card, please make sure to return it to our PO Box or drop it off at The Cottage, 1501 Postoffice.

Visit our website at [www.eastendhistoricaldistrict.org](http://www.eastendhistoricaldistrict.org). We've made some changes that should result in more up-to-date information. Especially check out the new event schedule – we've got meetings, block parties, Christmas Home Tour and other dates already in place for 2011.

David  
Schuler  
EEHDA  
President





## An Ounce of Prevention

by Steve Austin

### Or: Is Trouble Brewing Under Your House?

Recently Allison Brown was kind enough to invite me to check the progress of her and Bob's top-to-bottom remodel of their East End Victorian. I always learn something from such experiences. While there were multiple lessons from that particular visit, I'd like to focus on one that I think is important for many of us.

All their exposed plumbing pipes were wrapped in foam sleeves (available from Chalmers). As I inspected, I realized Cathy's and my house lacked such protection from a freeze. I spent the next day bent in half in the space under our house, cutting and fitting insulation for the pipes and lashing it in place with plastic ties—the kind East Enders use to secure their exterior shutters with (also available from Chalmers).

While under our house, I discovered trouble that I suspect lurks under the houses of many East Enders. Plumbing and gas lines are often suspended under our homes with metal clips or metal tape. The tape is easy to cut. Pre-punched holes in the tape provide a place for screws or nails to anchor the tape to wooden joists under the house. This tape contains iron, so it can rust.

When Ike flooded under our houses, these metal parts got soaked with salt water. In the time since Ike struck, several of the straps that had held our pipes in place had completely rusted through. Pipes—both gas and water—were hanging precariously under our house. Had I not picked up more metal tape from Chalmers and re-suspended these pipes, we might have had some very unpleasant surprises down the road, with pipes eventually falling to the ground and potentially breaking, leaking natural gas or gushing water in the process.

If you have a raised cottage and have enough space underneath to take a look, I recommend you do so or hire a contractor to look for you. If there are plumbing and/or gas pipes hanging under your house

suspended by metal clips or metal tape, inspect these supports. Even if your pipes were suspended with plastic tape (which is weaker than metal but doesn't rust), it's still important to inspect them. As with the metal tape, the plastic tape is fastened into place with nails or screws. Both usually contain iron. They rust. Ike may well have sent them to an early death.

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## EEHDA Cookbooks Available

By Lynette Haaga

East End cookbooks are available for \$10.00 each. Newer members especially may want to take the opportunity to get one while there are still some left. This is the second (red cover) edition. The earlier, sold-out green cover version has already become a prized keepsake on quite a few neighborhood bookshelves, and the current edition will likely do the same. Both have plenty of Block Party and Homes Tour favorites to re-create in your own kitchen. (Our cookbook also makes a nice gift any time of year!) So do we have you ready to get cooking? You can buy your cookbook at any East End monthly meeting, and they're usually on hand at other events too.

# 2011 New Year Resolutions

## Recycling 101

by Pam Gilbert

Sorry we missed the January deadline. Mike and I were sailing the Danube River Cruise Christkindlmarkt from Dec 10-22 (from Prague to Budapest) plus had to “suffer” for an extra 2 days in Budapest due to the snow. Mike’s mother’s family emigrated to the US from Hungary, so everyone we saw we assumed was some long lost cousin. *We would love to show you our 200+ slides.* Mike barely got home in time to do Christmas Eve services and could not do his solo due to some throat issues. But we came home with all kinds of resolutions for the recycling New Year.

We stopped at a store in Budapest to buy juice for the morning and had to ask for a bag, and then they charged us (we think). (We were in three different currency areas: the Czech Republic, Germany and Austria, and Hungary. \$.10 might have been \$10.) Everyone there brings their own bags to shop.

1. We do have bags, let’s use them!! Even at our major stores bring your own plastic for veggies, plus some of those great canvas bags for the heavy items.

2. Brownsville TX is trying to go completely plastic-less. This is something we need to do here in Galveston. Even the big box groups are supporting the plan in Brownsville. I will contact them.

3. How about no **to-go-boxes**. Bring your own, or require our restaurants to go totally Styrofoam free. Some are doing it, but not all.

4. Recycling: let’s get serious and really do it. Plastic, papers including cardboard, glass, cans, and metals of any kind, motor oil, cell phones, car batteries, tires, computers are all recyclable.

5. My resolution is to a better of job of presorting so Mike does not have to do it all.

6. Compost!!! Think about doing it; we are, and are working on making it productive.



## 2011 Block Parties Set to Go

by Lynette Haaga

On these brisk winter days it’s nice to look ahead a little bit to spring, so now is a great time to get your calendars out and mark in all of our 2011 Block Party dates. Due to popular request by our members as well as set-up logistics and escalating city permit costs, all of this year’s parties will be held either at The Cottage or at Darragh Park. During the hottest weather we’ll start an hour later, which worked out very well last year. You’ll notice we will again alternate between Thursdays and Fridays to make sure the maximum number of people get to participate. It takes a lot behind the scenes to make a Block Party happen, so anyone who would like to help out or donate supplies can contact me at 409-750-9441.

**April 2011** – Friday 4/8, 5:30pm, at Darragh Park.  
Dr. E. Burke Evans Appreciation

**May 2011** – Thursday 5/12, 5:30pm, at The Cottage.  
Cinema Under the Stars

**June 2011** – Friday 6/10, 5:30pm, at The Cottage  
Victor Gustafson Day

**July 2011** – Thursday 7/14, 6:30pm, at The Cottage.  
All-American Red White & Blue

**August 2011** – Friday 8/12, 6:30pm, at The Cottage.  
Tropical Heat Wave theme

**September 2011** – Thurs 9/8, 5:30pm, at The Cottage.  
Theme TBA

**October 2011** – Tuesday 10/4, 5:30pm, at The Cottage.  
National Night Out

**November 2011** – Friday 11/11, 5:30pm, at The Cottage.  
Light Up the Night

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# Huge Garage Sale Coming April 15 & 16

by Kathy Bass

Start going through your closets and attics right away because the East End is having another huge garage sale **April 15 & 16!** Donating your priceless “stuff” will benefit the continued maintenance and refurbishing projects we began at our neighborhood Cottage, EEHDA’s headquarters and meeting place, after our last successful sale in May 2008. Think of the fun it will be seeing what all your neighbors come up with to donate, and imagine the feeling of accomplishment you’ll get clearing out some of that clutter in your house. Even though we might have had some unexpected disposal help from a critter called “IKE”, I’m sure you’ve accumulated plenty in the past 2 years to donate a few items for the sale. Volunteer to help at the sale and be amazed at what people will buy!

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 bottled water will ensure there’s something for everyone.

**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.**

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

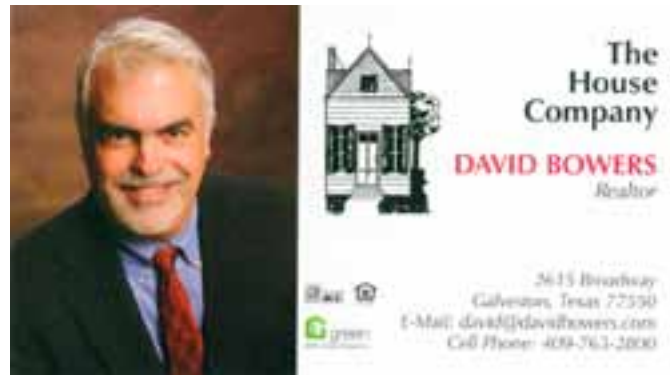
other clothes as we’re hoping we have so much great STUFF, we don’t want to deal with clothes. However, PLEASE feel free to bring formal and Dickens outfits.

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

Donation drop-off will be every Friday in February, from 9:00 am til noon at the Kinsey’s Garage (in the alley next to Karl and Sandy’s house). Bring your items and help us price.

To volunteer, please call:

Kathy Bass @409-739-7092 or Fran Kelly @409-370-2306



## New EEHDA Board Elected

Congratulations to the new Board of Directors of the East End Historical District.

Lynette Haaga passed the gavel to David Schuler at the January Board meeting following the election. The new board is the same as the slate presented in December by the nominating committee with one exception. Mary Case was nominated as Secretary, but is unable to serve. Deanna Johnson was nominated and elected as the new Secretary.

President – David Schuler (dschuler@gdscorp.com, cell 409-599-7578)

Vice President – Jonathon Tromm

Secretary – Deanna Johnson

Treasurer – Emmy Morrison(confusedemmy@hotmail.com)

Past President – Lynette Haaga

New Two Year Board Members: Jerry Hite, Margaret Hand, Pris Files, John Allums, Sandra Pollock.

Returning One Year Board Members - Charlie Smith, Karl Lewis, Nelson Smelker.

# Neighborwoods II Update

## EEHDA Neighborwoods Program

Dave Schuler

Trees! More Trees! As I'm sure you've noticed, the EEHDA NeighborWoods II committee has been busily distributing door hangers and tree signs throughout the East End neighborhood. As of January 20<sup>th</sup> we've received positive responses that represent almost 50% of the target locations. Plus, if you drive around San Jacinto, Lasker Park, Silk Stocking District and Old Seawall neighborhoods you'll their signs as well. While we'd chosen Saturday, January 8<sup>th</sup> for our walk day – and were rewarded with beautiful weather - San Jacinto chose Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup> and if you remember, it rained cats, dogs and gerbils. In spite of that, however, I've been assured that the San Jacinto NeighborWoods program is in fine shape.

As expected, the number of tree stumps, alley openings and power lines on the numbered streets has cut down on the initial number of tree locations. However, we're also walking the numbered streets, looking for additional in-fill locations. With regards to tree species, initial feedback on the response cards shows a preference for live oaks, but once again we see a wide diversity of species being requested.

This year's planting day is Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>. If you can volunteer to help – and we needs LOTS of volunteers – please contact me directly at (409) 599-7578 or [dschuler@gdscorp.com](mailto:dschuler@gdscorp.com).



Lynette takes a break from putting out street-tree signs.



About a dozen volunteers get instruction on identifying good sites for the new trees.



Volunteers place signs where Neighborwoods will be planting new trees.

## The Cottage

Jonathon Tromm

We will be working on the cottage on Saturday, February 5<sup>th</sup> from 8 to noon. There is interior work and, weather permitting, there is exterior work. One exterior project will be glazing and painting windows. Come on out and give us a hand.



## EEHDA Life Members

The following friends have shown their ongoing to commitment to the East End Historic District Association with their Life Membership subscriptions. Our thanks to all of them.

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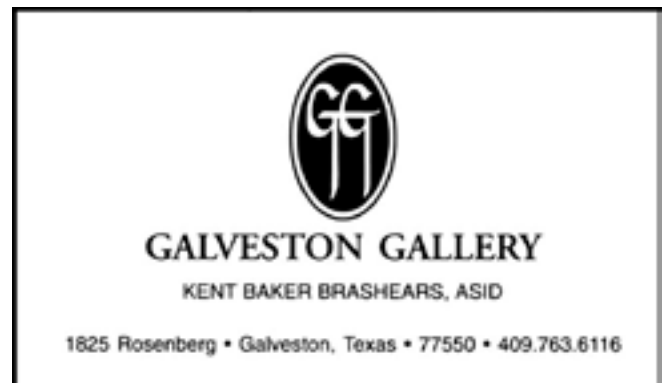
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# 2011 East End Historical Home Sales Market

By Kay Schwartz

Great news! Home prices in areas hard-hit by flooding in Hurricane Ike are beginning to slowly climb back after dropping as much as 20% or more after the storm, and should continue this Spring as the traditional selling season kicks into high gear.

In the East End, where as much as six to seven feet of storm surge inundated the area, prices before the storm ranged from around \$110 to \$150 per square foot for homes in good condition with modern upgrades on good streets. Since that time, prices have generally hovered around \$85-110. Homes with garage apartments are going for \$120-\$136 per square foot because only the square footage in the main house is counted in the MLS. Homes that didn't have much flooding in the other historic districts held their values pretty well, with maybe a ten percent pricing dip at most.

Now that we have finished the second hurricane season without so much as a strong breeze, it may be time to stop and think about the fact that most years really are just like this. Unfortunately, there's not much media fanfare when we don't get a storm!

As memories of the hurricane and its aftermath begin to fade, we should begin looking for a bit of a renaissance with the construction of Galveston's new Pleasure Pier on the site of the Flagship Hotel, which I think will give Galveston a much-needed icon to identify us to the rest of the country--much like the Santa Monica Pier or the Kemah Boardwalk with ferris wheels and rides for children and families to enjoy!

Reconstruction of homes with grant money and new cruise ships harboring in Galveston Bay are two more things that should give prospective homebuyers plenty to look forward to over the next few years. Assuming the economy remains fairly stable and interest rates stay low, we should have a lot to look forward to over the next few years!



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## Mardi Gras Brunch

by Lynette Haaga


Mardi Gras Brunch time is almost here! On Saturday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, we'll all meet at The Cottage from 10:00-11:30am for our annual pre-parade brunch. Mimosas will be flowing and King Cake will be served along with all kinds of other brunch specialties. Max Nathan (Mike and Pam Gilbert's grandson) got the baby last year and he gallantly agreed to be our host. But we'll all pitch in to help Max out, so if you can contribute champagne, orange juice, breakfast casserole, salad or fruit, let Lynette know (409-750-9441) before Tuesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, or sign up at Cottage events.



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### 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.

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