



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

Neighborhood News

Fireworks!

Spectacular beachfront fireworks will light up the Gulf on Saturday, July 4, following a parade on Seawall Blvd (41st to 14th Sts). The parade begins at 7:30 p.m.; fireworks to follow. The Moody Gardens fireworks display over Offats Bayou will begin about 9:45 p.m. at the conclusion of Bands on the Sand.



No EEHDA Meetings until September

The EEHDA Board will not convene in July or August as many members are on vacation. The next meeting is set for 6 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 3. All neighbors and members are welcome to attend.



Transformation

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President's Column

Everyone is Welcome at EEHDA Meetings, Parties, Events



For those of you who were unable to attend our June board meeting, you were missed. We had a wonderful turnout of new and returning faces, the cottage was at full capacity.

The June "Birthday's Cocktail Party" was also full of new faces and tenured volunteers, from the "Girls from the Meridian, Bernadette, Paula and Jane" to wonderful long time members from all the way west of 61st street.

Remember: all in our own district and surrounding districts that everyone is welcome to EEHDA Block Parties and Cocktail Receptions, and you are also encouraged to join us for our ticketed events.

Although it is not a requirement to become members of the East End, as a 501 (c) 3 Non-profit our membership dollars are vital in maintaining the ongoing preservation and maintenance of our district. I also encourage all who are interested, to volunteer and assist with East End events and fundraisers.

Just a reminder no board meetings in July & August, see you all in September, do not forget to purchase your Garden Tour tickets.

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

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

Thank you,
Julia



Councilman Ralph McMorris, standing, talks about the use of neighborhood improvement funds at the June board meeting of the East End Historical District Association.



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Important: A Simple Way To Help EEHDA



The East End Historical District Association is now enrolled in Kroger's Community Rewards Program and Randall's Good Neighbor Program. By linking your card to the EEHDA number, the association earns money and it costs members nothing.

Account numbers are: Randall's 13444 and Kroger's NPO-28521.

To sign up for Randall's, you have to fill out a "Good Neighbor Program" form and turn it in at the courtesy booth.

Linking your Kroger account to the East End Historic District Association's account is simple. Call Kroger's Community Rewards ([866\) 221-4141](tel:8662214141) and tell the representative you want to register your Kroger's card to the East End Historic District Association NPO- 28521. This takes minutes to do.

Or, you can also link your Kroger's Account online. Here's how to create a digital account. Visit www.kroger.com or download the Kroger mobile application from the appropriate app store for your device and follow these directions.

1. Select the **register** button.
2. Enter your information.
3. Select **create account**.

Please make sure that you add your card number or create a virtual card number while registering your digital account. This is required for the Community Rewards program so that your transactions apply towards the program.

It takes about 10 days for the Community Rewards total to show on your receipt.

Selecting an Organization

Selecting the organization that you wish to support is as simple updating the Community

Rewards selection on your Digital Account.

Here's how: Sign into your digital account (if you haven't already).

- Select 'My Account'.
- Scroll down to the 'Community Rewards' section of your account page.
- Select 'Enroll Now' or 'Edit'.
- Enter the name or the nonprofit number of the organization that you wish to support.
- Select the appropriate organization from the list and click on 'Save'.

Your selected organization will now display in the Community Rewards section of your account page. Any transactions moving forward using the card number associated with your digital account will be applied to the program.



GAIN Update

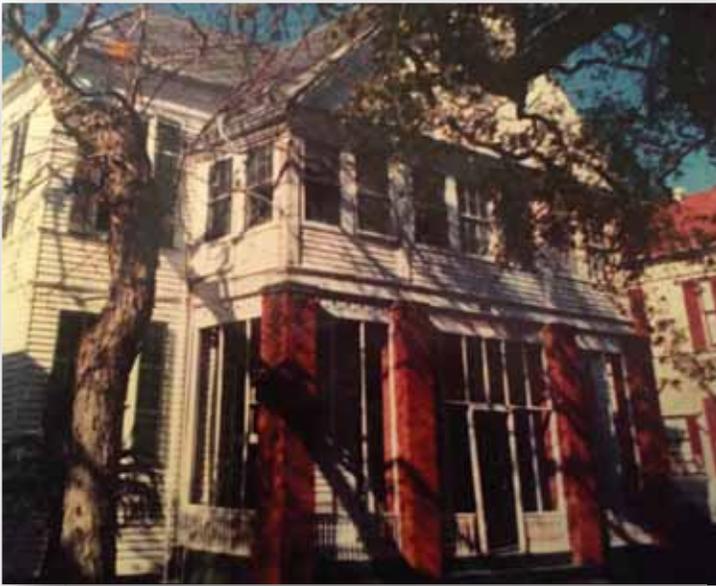
"At the GAIN meeting on June 17, there was continuing discussion on the noise ordinance. Some links to information about noise.

<http://www.gcaudio.com/resources/howtos/loudness.html> and <http://www.chem.purdue.edu/chemsafety/Training/PPETrain/dblevels.htm>

This tells that there are health effects, note that 70 Db is the limit for hearing loss. <http://www2.epa.gov/aboutepa/epa-identifies-noise-levels-affecting-health-and-welfare>

The GAIN meeting on Wednesday, July 15th, will feature a Park Board presentation. GAIN meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 1501 Post office St. EEHDA members are welcome to attend.

<https://www.gaingalveston.com/>" --Jonathon Tromm



Transforming 1712 Ball

When Jack and Eden Terry first looked at the house at 1712 Ball, it was divided into six apartments and much of its abundant charm was undercover.

The once graceful columns were encased in brick; the airy porches enclosed, and the trademark carpentry cutouts of architect William H. Roystone were not visible.

Still, there was a "feeling" about the house, Eden Terry said, and she admired the striking tiered staircase with its hand cut designs, the lofty 12-foot ceilings, and multiple original fireplaces -- brick, slate and wood -- though most in critical disrepair. Also, the house had the original tin ceilings; only one had to be replaced with a replica.

There was no doubt: this was going to be a big project. But they were looking for a house to restore -- and this one called to them.

That was 1990 and piece-by-piece, room-by-room, the house is finally nearing completion.

"We still lack the butler's pantry, but we have a plan for it," Eden said.

They have done much of the work themselves.

Eden personally stripped all the woodwork that had been painted white -- baseboards, doors and molding. She is also responsible for the interior furnishings, which she has chosen overtime.

The house has a simple, elegant floor plan with a grand entry hall with twin parlors on each side and the elaborate carved staircase as the central focal point. The sitting rooms flow into a long, lavish dining room backed by a butler's pantry and the kitchen.

The restored brick fireplace anchors the dining room with an elaborate chandelier that Eden purchased at House of Glass in Houston.

Upstairs, four enormous bedrooms are separated by pocket doors with a central sitting area between the rooms. Here Eden has her grandmother's antique couch and chairs, recovered in French ticking.

When Eden and Jack began to research the house, they discovered the actual handwritten plans filed with insurance records at the County Courthouse. They also have pieced together some of its rich history. (Story continues on Page 5.)

PHOTOS: The house in 1990 and the house today. Below, a front view of the house, the restored porch and a portrait of the original owner, James Sorley.

The house was built for James and Mary Sorley by William H. Roystone, an itinerant architect who worked in Galveston between 1886 and 1890, according to Ellen Beasley in the Galveston Architecture Guidebook.

The Great Fire of 1885 leveled 42 blocks destroying 568 homes and buildings although thankfully, no one died. New houses were constructed over the ashes, and there was a lot of work for architects and builders. Roystone worked for a time out of Nicholas Clayton's office and is known for his use decorative surfaces.

Sorley was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, and came to Galveston in 1851 as one of the founders of the Galveston Cotton Exchange. He served on the City Council and was an elder in the Presbyterian Church. The Confederate States appointed him Customs Collector for the Port of Galveston in 1867. At the end of the Civil War, the family moved to Liverpool, England.

When he was pardoned by President Andrew Johnson in 1867, for his participation in the Confederacy, Sorley returned to Galveston and was among the founders of the Colorado & Santa Fe Railway.

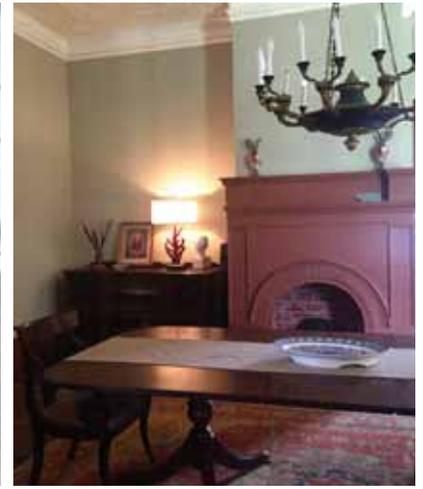
The house at 1712 Ball was sold in 1893 to Marx Marx, a Prussian immigrant and his bride, Julia Newman. He joined the wholesale grocery business with Sampson Heidenheimer, and three years later formed his own partnership, Marx and Kempner. Marx had a colorful past: he had lived in New Orleans on his arrival in the U.S. and was reportedly a trader in Indian Territory where he met and became friends with Brigham Young.

Marx lived in the house during the 1900 Storm and was a leader in the recovery of Galveston. He died here in 1909 and is buried in the Hebrew Benevolent Society Cemetery, 61st Street.

During the 2008 Ike deluge, the house had about four feet of water, which did slow the renovation. A major loss was the old oak tree that towered above the house but now two young, healthy oaks already offer substantial shade.

Jack and Eden, both retired now, enjoy the slower pace of Galveston.

"The best thing about the house is the neighborhood," Eden said. "Everyone on our street is very friendly and we've enjoyed many visits and many porch parties," she said.



Amazing details. From top left, original brick fireplace in the dining room and next to it, the restored fireplace; note the chandelier from House of Glass; In the center, a detail from the carved staircase and a plaster wall hand-painted by Eden Terry in one of four enormous upstairs bedrooms; finally, a detail of the front parlor's tin ceiling, and downstairs, a real porcelain bathtub, original to the house.

The house is a great place to entertain, and family and friends visit often, especially on special occasions, and in the summer, of course.

What does it take to restore a house of the size and significance?

"Patience. Lots of patience," Eden said.

Going on vacation?

Here's how to keep your home secure

If you're planning to be away from home for a few days or a few weeks, here are a few simple ways to secure your home.

Remember, the best way to keep your home safe is to have it look like you're still there, and to have neighbors on the lookout for anything out of the ordinary.

1. Do share your plans, itinerary and emergency contact numbers with a trusted friend or neighbor but don't broadcast your travel plans. The best protection is to have a person who lives nearby keep an eye on your home. Leave a key with a designated 'watch' person but don't leave keys hidden outside. Even if you think it's hidden well, keys are not hard for a burglar to find.

2. Be sure to stop newspaper deliveries while you are away and have a friend or neighbor collect your mail daily. An overflowing mailbox or stack of newspapers is a sign that you are away. If you want to stop your mail too, visit www.usps.com.

To stop a local newspaper, go to Galveston County Daily News, <http://galvestondailynews.com/stops/>; or Houston Chronicle, by calling (713) 362-7211 or email help@chron.com.

3. If you'll be gone more than a week or two, arrange to have someone mow the lawn. An overgrown lawn signals that the owner is away.

4. Adjust window shades and blinds as if you were at home and, if possible, use timers to have lights come on and go off in the house.

5. If possible, park a car in your driveway.

6. Lock your doors, gates, windows, sheds and other access points to your home. If possible, use a jam-stick or rod for sliding doors and windows.

7. Unplug small electronics & appliances. This lowers your energy bill and protect against fire.

8. Consider hiring a neighborhood child to water the plants and take the trash bin to or from the street while you're away.

9. Be sure that important documents like birth certificates, vehicle registrations, ID cards and financial information are secure. If your house is burglarized, you don't want your identity stolen too.

10. Inform your local law enforcement agency of your plans and request your house to be put on periodic check.

To call the police ...For emergencies, call 911. Tell the dispatcher: type of incident, whether the crime is still in progress, location of the crime, number of suspects, description of the suspects (such as age, race, weight, hair color, clothing, tattoos), description of vehicle and license plate. Call 409-765-3702 for non-emergencies.

Constable Vacation Watch: If you're leaving on vacation and you would like the constable to watch your house at no charge, please fill out the form on the constable's website and email Constable Clint Brown at clint.brown@co.galveston.tx.us or fax him at (409)-770-6229. For information, go to the website at www.clintwaynebrown.com



Wednesday 1st

2015 Kids Chef Camp at Kitchen Chick 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday. 528 23rd St., 409-497-2999. \$350 per student ages 13 – 18 years old. Camp Menu includes handmade Focaccia Bread, pizza, savory turkey meatballs with hand rolled pasta, flaky Quiche Lorraine with handmade pastry crust, maple bacon scones, fried tempura vegetables, spicy chicken dumplings, salads. <http://www.thekitchenchick.com/>

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

Full Moon Labyrinth Walk. Moody Methodist Labyrinth. 2803 53rd. Each walk begins about 8:45 p.m. This magnificent labyrinth is a replica of the original Chartres design in France. The labyrinth is a powerful process tool, which has the capacity to open people in a supportive way to the deeper dimensions of human experience. Phone: (409) 744-4526

Friday 3rd

Tremont Jazz: Tremont House Jazz Series: Trio du Jour 6 – 10 p.m., Tremont House, 2300 Mechanic. Trio du Jour takes center stage at the 1888 Toujouse Bar. For information, contact: www.thetremonthouse.com

Turtle Patrol. 6-7 p.m. Galveston Island State Park. 14901 FM 3005. Meet at the day park area. You can become a citizen scientist, and help the park to understand more about the Kemp's Ridley Sea Turtle, an endangered species that nests in Galveston Island State Park. Free with Park Entry Fee \$5; no charge under age 13. For information, contact Lisa.Reznicek@tpwd.texas.gov. (409) 737-1222.

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

Live Music: Jarred Waggoner. Bands on the Sands. 6-10 p.m. Moody Gardens, Palm Beach. 1 Hope Blvd; (800) 582-4673. www.moodygardens.com

Live Music: Texas-based songwriter, Max Stalling. Old Quarter Acoustic Café, 413 20th St. Over the decades, you have heard Bill singing on A Prairie Home Companion, on the HBO series Deadwood, and Public Radio's Mountain Stage. Cash only. For reservations email: wrecks@wt.net or call 409-762-9199 or 409-795-7777.

Saturday 4th

Independence Day Parade on Seawall Boulevard between 45th to 22nd Sts. 7:30 p.m. Fireworks to follow about 9:15 p.m. Parade features a procession of floats, decorated military vehicles and performers. For details visit www.galvestonparades.com.

Bishop's Palace Basement to Attic Tour. 11-12:30 p.m., 1402 Broadway. The Basement to Attic tour of the 1892 Bishop's Palace offers you a rare look to areas of the home normally off limits. By reservation. \$30 per person; tickets are limited. www.galvestonhistory.org.

July 2015

Events Calendar

Saturday 4th

Sin City of the South Tour. 4-5 p.m. 2328 Broadway, Ashton Villa. This hour long tour aboard the Galveston Historic Tour electric shuttle explores the history and sites of Galveston's Free State period of gambling, bootlegging, and prostitution. \$15. Make reservations by calling 409-789-9911

Live jazz. 5 – 10 p.m. Galvez Bar & Grill at Hotel Galvez, 2024 Seawall. Jazz Duo Reg and Cary. No charge. Every Friday and Saturday in July. (409)765-7721.

Movie Night on the Strand: Elf, 7 p.m. Saengerfest Park, 2300 Strand. Bring chairs or blankets. Free. <http://www.galveston.com/saengerfestpark/>

Live Music. Bands on the Sand: Intercoastal Pirates. 6-10 p.m. Moody Gardens, Palm Beach. 1 Hope Blvd; (800) 582-4673. www.moodygardens.com

Live Music: Gabriel Crosby. 2-6 p.m. The Waterman Restaurant, 14302 Stewart Road. (409) 632-0233

Sunday 5th

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

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

The Hot Sardines. 3 p.m. The 1894 Grand Opera House, 2020 Postoffice St. Hot jazz as it was in the era when live music was king. Add a little glamour, a little grit, and a lot of passion, and you have the electrifying Hot Sardines. Tickets \$20 to \$58. 409-765-1894, 800-821-1894 or www.thegrand.com.

Monday 6th

Cooking Class at The Kitchen Chick: Paleo Dinners - Comfort Food Edition. 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at The Kitchen Chick, 528 23rd St, Take a cooking class at The Kitchen Chick! Chef Bailey Glover knows how satisfying it is to dive into a plate full of comfort food. In this class, she'll show how to prepare them the paleo way! You will learn how to prepare crispy avocado fries, creamy mushroom-cauliflower risotto, stove top pork chops and a light, fresh tomato cucumber salad. \$55 per person. <http://www.thekitchenchick.com/>

Tuesday 7th

Galveston Beach Band, 7:30 p.m. Sealy Pavilion, 24th & Sealy. Join the Galveston Beach Band every Tuesday evening from June 2nd for a weekly outdoor summer pop band concert. Every concert is free and offers great musical entertainment for the family. Frank Incaprerá Jr. leads the band. Don't miss this timeless treat.

<http://www.galvestonbeachband.org/>

Thursday 9th

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

Surfrider Foundation Meeting. 7-8:30 p.m. MOD Coffee Shop, 2126 Postoffice. Galveston Chapter is a group of local activists who educate and encourage events and outreach for a better coast. Contact: VolunteerCoordinator@galveston.surfrider.org

Friday 10th

Turtle Patrol. 6-7 p.m. Galveston Island State Park. 14901 FM 3005. Meet at the day park area. You can become a citizen scientist, and help the park to understand more about the Kemp's Ridley Sea Turtle, an endangered species that nests in Galveston Island State Park. Free with Park Entry Fee \$5; no charge under age 13. For information, contact Lisa.Reznicek@tpwd.texas.gov. (409)737-1222.

Live Music: Yelba. Bands on the Sands. 6-10 p.m. Moody Gardens, Palm Beach. 1 Hope Blvd; Admission: Adults: \$23.95; Senior (65+): \$17.95; Child (4-5): \$17.95; Child (3 & under): Free. (800) 582-4673. www.moodygardens.com

Saturday 11th

Galveston Beach Clean-Up. 8-10 a.m. The Nature Conservancy is partnering with the Houston Zoo to put on a volunteer beach clean-up in Galveston. For more information and to RSVP, go to www.support.nature.org

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

Galveston Artwalk! 6-9 p.m. Galveston Arts Center, 2501 Market, and other galleries and spaces. ArtWalk takes place in existing commercial galleries, non-profit arts spaces and "other walls" (restaurants and retail stores, for example). No charge. For additional information, see

www.galveston.com/artwalk.



Sinbad! 8 p.m. 1894 Grand Opera House, 2020 Postoffice. Stand-up comedian, movie, and TV star Sinbad brings his "tickle your funny bone" talent back to The Grand for an encore performance. Ranked by Comedy Central as one of the top 100 standup comedians of all time, Sinbad has built a loyal following by finding laughter in the trials of everyday life. \$30 to \$98. 409-765-1894, 800-821-1894 or www.thegrand.com.

Saturday 11th

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

Lisa.Reznicek@tpwd.texas.gov

Music Night on the Strand: Mike Stinson. 6-9 p.m. Saengerfeset Park, 2300 Strand. Free. www.galveston.com/saengerfestpark/

Live Music: Face This Way. Bands on the Sands. 6-10 p.m. Moody Gardens, Palm Beach. 1 Hope Blvd; Adults: \$23.95; Senior (65+): \$17.95; Child (4-5): \$17.95; 3 & under: Free. (800) 582-4673.

www.moodygardens.com

Monday 13th

Hercules. Presented by Hampstead Stage Company. 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. Rosenberg Library, 2310 Sealy. The legend comes to life! Join us for a free family-friendly live performance of Hercules presented by the Hampstead Stage Company. www.rosenberg-library.org

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Tuesday 14th

Galveston Beach Band, 7:30 p.m. Sealy Pavilion, 24th & Sealy. Join the Galveston Beach Band for a weekly outdoor summer pop band concert. Every concert is free and offers great musical entertainment for the family. <http://www.galvestonbeachband.org/>

Wednesday 15th

Summer Museum Book Club. 12 to 1 p.m. Rosenberg Library, 2310 Sealy. Reading selection is **The Ice Merchant** by Paul Boor, a professor of pathology at the University of Texas Medical Branch. was the first-place winner in the 2007 Texas Writers' League Novel Contest. No charge. www.rosenberg-library.org

Friday 17th

OPENING: Urinetown. East End Theater Company. 8 p.m. 2317 Mechanic. Urinetown is a hilarious musical satire of the legal system, capitalism, social irresponsibility, and bureaucracy. A terrible water shortage, caused by a 20-year drought, has led to a government-enforced ban on private toilets. Citizens must use public amenities, regulated by a single malevolent company. URINETOWN is a humorous satire. \$27 for adults; \$22 for seniors (55 & up) and students. Showtime 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday; 2:30 p.m. Sunday matinee. Group discounts are available. 409-762-3556 or www.islandetc.org

Saturday 18th

Family Day at the Galveston Community Sailing Center. 5 to 10 p.m. 7509 Broadway. Participants can tour boats and facilities, swim, enjoy hot dogs and refreshments and games. Concludes with fireworks. No charge. For information, [409-572-2562 Ext. 1008](tel:409-572-2562) or email info@ssbgalveston.org or visit www.ssbgalveston.org.

Saturday 18th

Island Market. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mechanic and 23rd St. The Galveston Island Market offers a festive outdoor event where local artisans showcase their creations. www.galvestonmarket.com

Live Music: Cupid & the Dance Party Express. Bands on the Sands. 6-10 p.m. Moody Gardens, Palm Beach. 1 Hope Blvd; Adults: \$23.95; Senior (65+): \$17.95; Child (4-5): \$17.95; 3 & under: Free. (800) 582-4673. www.moodygardens.com

Theater: Urinetown. 8 p.m. ETC, 2317 Mechanic. \$27 for adults; \$22 for seniors/students. 409-762-3556 or www.islandetc.org

Thursday 23rd

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

Texas Race Week Regatta. July 23-25th. More than 50 sail boats race on the waters of the Gulf of Mexico. One race each day beginning between 10 a.m. and noon. Watch from East Beach, Stewart Beach or down the Seawall. <http://www.gbca.org>

Saturday 25th

Ranger Run. 8-9 a.m. Galveston Island State Park. 14901 FM 3005. Run like a wild person with Ranger Lisa on the last Saturday morning of July. This slow-paced run begins at the Nature Center. Great for beginners interested in learning more about uses, history, and wilderness of the park. Restrooms available. Free with park entry fee. Lisa.Reznicek@tpwd.texas.gov

Magic Show with Oscar Munoz. 2:30 – 3:30 p.m., Rosenberg Library, 2310 Sealy. Enjoy a spectacular, free family-friendly magic show. www.rosenberg-library.org

Casino for a Cause. 6-10:30 p.m. Davidson Ballroom, Tremont House, 2300 Mechanic. Enjoy a casual evening of dining, casino gaming, and a live and silent auction. Sponsorships from \$125 to \$5,000. Proceeds benefit survivors of sexual assault and family violence in Galveston County via the Resource and Crisis Center. Call Kim Dimmett at 409-763-1441 or kdimmett@rccgc.org

Monday 27th

The Curt Miller Magic & Comedy Show. 7:30 p.m. July 27-August 2. Moody Gardens Hotel, 1 Hope Blvd. Magician & Illusionist Curt Miller blends dazzling magic, music, and clean comedy in a theatrical show. Adults (13 & Over): \$23 | Kids (3-12): \$16. (800) 582-4673. <http://magiccomedyshow.com>

Friday 30th

Everyday Heroes in the African American Galveston Community 2:30 – 4 p.m. Rosenberg Library, 2310 Sealy. View a special photo exhibit related to African American history in Galveston. David O'Neal will be speaking. Adults and families are encouraged to attend. No charge. www.rosenberg-library.org

OkraFest. 7-10 p.m. Ocean Grille & Beach Bar, 1228 Seawall, hosts the party and Chef Brian Peper will create a small-plates tasting menu based on the prolific okra during this season. Benefits Galveston's Own Farmer's Market. \$30. <https://www.facebook.com/events/1616807485234784/>



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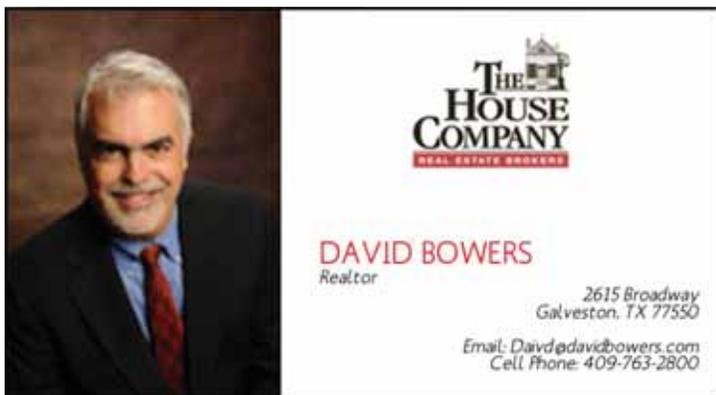
Property ownership is a responsibility

Many East End neighbors take pride in their homes and yards and work hard to maintain and update them. In the following editorial, Paul Lyle examines those who do not – the holdouts – who neglect their properties and are absent or just don't care. These individuals may actually benefit from their behavior as a lower assessed value can translate to lower property taxes. What kind of behavior should the city reward? What's the best way to create good development in the historic East End?

By PAUL LYLE

We know the City of Galveston has multiple challenges with compliance of property owner maintenance, both business and residential, but we also must look to the Galveston County Appraisal District for what is even more important. That is, equal property tax assessments.

Case in point: Neglect. There are land barons and individuals, both local and afar, who own one or more properties, including buildings, carriage houses, large homes chopped up into apartments, and large, medium and small single family homes.



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An East End Example: One of Many.

Many of what I describe are either "slumlords" or owners who don't care what anyone thinks, and for whatever reason allow their properties to go without maintenance for years, some unoccupied or abandoned where they sit and rot.

Then, like everyone else who pays property taxes, they lobby the Appraisal District to lower their assessed values.

This mentality hurts surrounding property owners and negates what responsible people have accomplished with their own properties. What has happened to the pride of keeping up your house and yard?

Property ownership comes with responsibilities and is a detriment to your neighbors and your community if you don't maintain your property. Are they above it all, an "elite class" of some sort, and have no shame? A list of names should be published just like "Wanted" pictures or demerits in the newspaper!

The City of Galveston and Galveston County Appraisal District must stop allowing this type of behavior by rewarding neglected properties without consequences or substantially lower tax values while penalizing the responsible neighbors who maintain their property with higher tax values.

“The reality in Galveston is the trashier the property, the lower the assessed value.”

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The city and county governments must do their equal parts in the oversight and nurturing “good development” policies if we collectively want our “diamond in the rough” island to shine, bringing in more middle class to live, and more businesses to open up, adding to the tax base.

The reality in Galveston is the trashier the property, the lower the assessed value. “If I paint or fix up outside, my taxes will go up.” Who is really being rewarded here? It is certainly not the people who take responsibility for their property ownership. How does this further the “good development” vision?

As an East End resident, I take great pride with my house and yard maintenance to show respect to my neighbors who do the same. Collectively we have changed the entire face of our block over the past 20 years and added to the historic district charm overall. BUT, we still have many holdouts who won’t spend a dime in maintenance on their derelict property(s) and are rewarded by both the City and Appraisal District.

In upcoming newsletters, we will show other examples of properties in immediate need of repair.

2015 Additions to Heritage at Risk

The Galveston Historical Foundation has added five structures to their Heritage at Risk listing. Sites are 2818 Ball, the 1891 Henry Beissner House; 1517 and 1519 Church Street, built around 1886 and rebuilt in 1888. Also, 1424-1428 Strand. Built in 1870 and rebuilt in 1908. The last addition is a Texas City site: Old Barbour’s Chapel Baptist Church, built 1913, also for the second year running, The Bell Tower at Grace Episcopal Church in Galveston.

Each year, Galveston Historical Foundation asks the public for nominations to the “Heritage at Risk” list of historic sites and properties in Galveston County. Houses on the list are at risk of being lost due to damage, neglect or proposed development.

The Heritage at Risk list is not limited to buildings, but also includes landscapes, sites, objects, and monuments that compose the cultural landscape of Galveston County.



1891 Henry Beissner House, 2818 Ball

There are three major criteria for consideration on the list. They are: Listed properties or resources should be locally, regionally or nationally significant. The properties must have an identifiable threat to their preservation such as proposed demolition, critical damage, or significant deterioration, and preservation of the site will contribute to the promotion of Galveston County’s heritage.

For more information, see <http://www.galvestonhistory.org/preservation/preservation-and->

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Yard of the Month: Colorful, Playful

The Yard of the Month for July is the handiwork of Ronna and Bob Stults who moved to Galveston from northwest Houston last January. They turned a blank front yard into a feast of color at 1221 Winnie.

"I love color and different types of plants so I began experimenting. We wanted something pretty and eye-catching, and some plants that would stay green all year," Ronna said. A friend, Fred Billings, who owns Buds & Blossoms in Cypress, helped with the landscape design.

In keeping with the period, they chose a tiered fountain as the centerpiece and found a wonderful old gazebo. The yard is framed in a wrought iron fence, which had already been installed. They raised the fence to highlight it.

"We like to sit on the front porch and enjoy the garden," she said.

"It's not a uniform – there's no rhyme or reason. I plant what I like in a variety of colors, sizes and shapes.

If I have a spot, I fill it. There are flowers, bushes, even herbs," she said. Her former home looked like a wildflower garden.

"We love it here. We can't imagine living anywhere else. It has an agreeable, slower pace. Now, when I drive over the Causeway, I feel like I'm truly home," she said.

(See plant list, page 5. Photos by David Carright.)



Variety comes alive. The yard includes Potato Vine, Coleus, assorted colors of Lantana, Marigolds, Snapdragons, Willow tree, Knock Out Roses, Chenille, Zinnias, Inpatients, pink and purple Petunias, and white and purple Allysum. Outside the fence: Plumerias, Bleeding Heart, Plumbago, and Rosemary.

Also, Geraniums, mums, a lime tree, and a Jacobins rose. There are ferns, Lavender, Basil, Oregano, Caladium, Blue Daze, Ice Plant, Bougainvillea, Daisies, Vincas, Durantha, Golden Durantha, Sun Lady, Esperanza, Mondo Grass, Hibiscus, Bachelor Buttons, among others.

Bryan Museum Opens Vast Collection To Public

The three-story Bryan Museum housed in the 1895 Galveston Orphans' Home, 1315 21st St., is open for view with its 70,000 books, documents, artifacts and works of fine art owned by Houston oilman and Texas historian J.P. Bryan Jr. and his wife Mary.

The museum is open 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday through Monday. If you are interested in volunteering, see www.thebryanmuseum.org

Museum memberships are available from \$35 to \$3,500 with a variety of benefits. Admission per adult is \$10; \$8 for seniors and military; \$6 for children 6-12; children under 6 are free.

Exhibits include pieces from pre-Columbian era, Texas' annexation, and the state's settlement. Art, documents, photographs and artifacts from the same era are grouped together.

A preserved 1845 Galveston Sanborn map adorns the entry room, which includes a motion-activated video welcome from Bryan.

Paying homage to the orphanage is a downstairs exhibit with artifacts recovered from the childrens' home: toys, a shoe and hundreds of marbles among other pieces.

The third floor has been dubbed "The Rest of the West" because it includes various collections, including spurs, guns, saddles and a gallery devoted to Texas-based artists.

Early visitors can expect added features, including a 2,000-piece model of the Battle of San Jacinto. The museum will rotate exhibits and hopes people use it for weddings, meetings and events.

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Here are descriptions and prices for our advertising opportunities with an ordering form. Let us hear from you. You'll be glad you did. If you have any questions or concerns, contact me at any time. My cell number is 713-291-7043 and my home is 409-770-0612. Or you can reach me via email at advertising@eastendhistoricaldistrict.org. I look forward to working with you. – Julia Muncaster, EEHDA President



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– Julia Muncaster, President

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Our Board of Directors holds regular neighborhood meetings at The Cottage, 1501 Postoffice, beginning at 6 p.m. on the first Thursday of every month. No meetings in July or August. Meetings are open to all members and visitors to the district.

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

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East End Historical District Association

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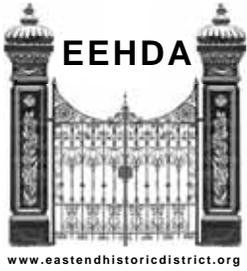
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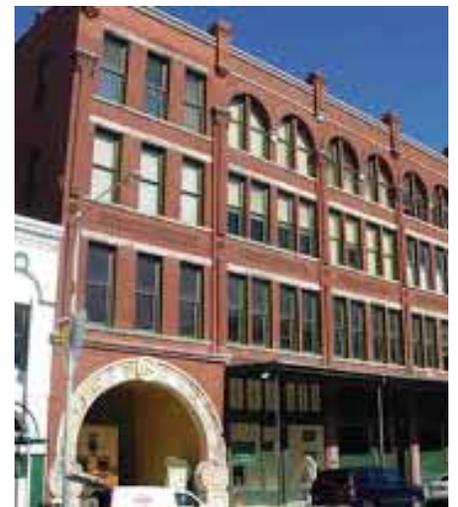


The East End Garden Tour will be Oct. 3-4. Tour hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days. The committee is seeking all kinds of gardens. If you'd like to participate, please call (409) 370-2306 or email kellyfran@aol.com.

Season opens for Grand Opera House

The 1894 Grand Opera House has announced its new 2015-2016 Season including such treats as Olympia Dukakis in "Rose," singers Paul Anka and Tony Bennett, singer/pianist Michael Feinstein, Capital Steps, Peter Noone and Herman's Hermits, and perennial favorites Jerry Jeff Walker, Ray Benson and The Oak Ridge Boys.

Also featured will be humorist Jeanne Robertson and five hit musicals including The Producers; Joseph and the Technicolor Dream Coat; and Ragtime, Pirate of Penzance, and Mamma Mia.



Season tickets are available now; single event tickets go on sale at 9 a.m. Monday, July 13.

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