

East End Historical District Association's NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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November 2010

On the Calendar

EEHDA NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING
November 4th (Thursday)
5:30 - at the Cottage

BONUS BLOCK PARTY
November 12th (Friday)
5:30 in the Cottage back yard
Theme is "Light Up the Night"

COTTAGE PROJECT DAY
November 13th (Saturday)
9:00 a.m. - noon

NEIGHBORHOOD MASTER PLANNING MEETING
November 15th (Monday)
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Wm Temple Center, 427 Market

COFFEE AT THE COTTAGE
November 20th (Saturday)
9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
at the Cottage

SCARY MOVIE NIGHT OR GAME NIGHT
AT THE COTTAGE (TBA)
November 23rd (Tuesday)
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS LIGHT CONTEST JUDGING
November 30th (Tuesday)
5:30 pm
Cash Prizes

EEHDA CHRISTMAS HOMES TOUR
December 3rd (Friday)
6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

One more round of thanks to all for a great Garden Tour. Chair Fran Kelly, homeowners, park volunteers, and docents! Everyone can be very proud of the tour and we look forward to growing and building on it more each year.



Christmas Homes Tour is next, always an exciting finale to the year as once again we traditionally welcome guests into East End homes to share in the holiday season. Special thanks to our Homes Tour homeowners for opening their houses for the tour, to our house chairs, docents, bakers, historian, musicians, and other volunteers, and of course to the Gilberts for chairing this event for so many years.

Coffee at the Cottage got off to a great re-start after taking a break for the hot summer months. There was a nice turnout, excellent breakfast treats, and plenty of lively conversation. Now that Block Party season is coming to a close, why not make our monthly Saturday morning coffee your winter reason for a good time with all your East End friends!

Casino Night is on the horizon, so watch for upcoming announcements.

We're getting ready to launch NeighborWoods II very shortly here so more East End trees are in the very near future. Watch for upcoming city free tree give-aways too. Please remember to keep watering all your new trees, and protect from weed eaters. Our live oaks have already grown a lot, and it makes you feel good to see all the new trees thriving as you go up and down our streets.

I've finally made my first post-Ike venture into gardening now with a fledgling flowerbed on our 17th Street side. My picks are yellow Knockout roses along with petunias, sweet alyssum, and snapdragons for now. Yes, it looks a little straggly but hey, you have to start somewhere!



The architectural term “fenestration” refers to the arrangement of windows in a building. As I’ve heard it used colloquially, “fenestration” may cover the size and shape of windows, how many there are, their location, and what they look like. Once I read a piece by an architectural historian who felt that careful attention to fenestration was the single most important component in making a building look good to our eyes.

The Galvez is about to reach its 100th birthday. Sometime in the past, its precious original windows, which had contributed so much to the overall appearance of the original hotel, were trashed and replaced with modern windows that could hardly have done more to bang up the appearance of this grand old dame by the sea. Fortunately (probably to save money), when this remuddle took place it did not involve alterations in the size or shape of the window frames.

Once modern windows go in, the damage is rarely undone because authentic reproductions of antique windows are costly to make and install. But the Galvez is being given a special 100th birthday present and better still, we all get to enjoy it.

The next time you’re walking along the Seawall, take a good look at the Galvez, as she gets dressed up in preparation for her centennial. Many beach-side windows have already been restored to their original beauty. Many more (as of the time of this writing) are in the process of being restored. While the work continues, the hotel cannot rent out the involved rooms and may well be losing income as a result. Of course this lost income is in addition to the huge expense of the new “old” windows themselves.

Admittedly, Mr. Mitchell has deep pockets. And yet, how many other billionaires would have bothered to pay for such a major “non-essential” restoration?

Once again, Galveston has Mr. Mitchell to thank for his generosity, keen eye, and vision. Thank you, Mr. Mitchell!

Website

Jonathon Tromm

Our website, at www.EastEndHistoricalDistrict.org will soon have a new page for “Projects”. It will have information about upcoming and ongoing projects. We are always looking for pictures of events as well as feedback concerning the website.



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Nominating Committee at Work

The Nominating Committee is in the process of being chosen, as announced at recent meetings. Once the committee is approved by the Board, it will get to work on putting together a slate of candidates for new Officers and Board members for 2011. The slate of candidates will be presented for Board approval at our December business meeting, and also be published in the newsletter and distributed to the membership via email blast to meet the requirements set forth in our by-laws.

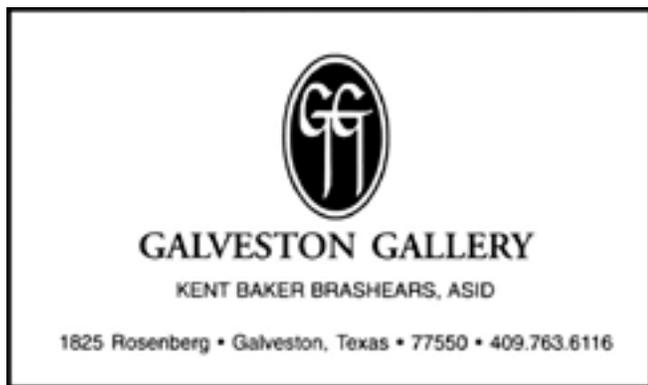
Voting will take place at the beginning of our January 2011 business meeting, and the new Officers and Board will take office immediately.

If you’d like your name to be considered for an Officer or Board member position, please let Lynette know as soon as possible. We’re looking for people with a positive, can-do attitude who are ready to roll up their sleeves and really get involved! Officers are elected for one year, and Board members serve for two years. Board members and Officers are expected to not only attend monthly business meetings but also take an active leadership role in chairing committees and working on projects large and small. You may not miss more than four business meetings in a calendar year. All officers and Board members must live within the boundaries of the East End Historical District to qualify.

Cottage Projects

by Jonathor Tromm

Before we know it the Christmas Homes tour will be with us. We will have a cottage projects day on Saturday, November 13 from 8 to 12 noon. There are numerous inside projects as well as outside projects including painting windows and sashes and grounds work. Please come out and help so it will go quickly.



Bonus Block Party Set for November 12th

Get ready to “Light Up the Night” as once again we have an extra bonus Block Party in November! The sun will go down early, so bring flashlights, interesting lanterns or even light up yourself if you feel inspired. The party will be in the back yard of The Cottage. Start time on Friday, November 12th is 5:30pm and we’ll eat at 6:00pm. (If it happens to rain, we’ll just move inside as best we can this time.) We need volunteers to help set up, so please be at The Cottage at 4:45 if you can lend a hand. It’s been an absolutely fantastic Block Party season with great turnouts, special themes, and new members joining, so you won’t want to miss this last one of the year!



2010 East End Christmas Light Contest

We will be holding another Christmas Outdoor Lighting Contest in the East End this year! The winners will receive cash prizes and a sign in their yard through the holidays. First Prize wins \$100, Second Prize is \$50, and Third Prize is \$25. Sand ‘N Sea Properties is sponsoring the event.

Judges will drive the neighborhood on the night of Tuesday, November 30, beginning at around 5:30, so have all your decorations in place by then! The signs will be in the yards and the prizes distributed in time for the East End Candlelight Home Tour on Friday, December 3.

For further information, please contact Kay Schwartz at (713) 542-7509.

Alderdice Projects Moving Forward

By Lynette Haaga

The second Parks Work Day the weekend before Garden Tour focused on Alderdice Park, and this time the weather cooperated beautifully to make up for the torrential downpours on our first attempt. A small group of volunteers attacked the forest of weeds, pruned and trimmed, planted, and even gave the picket fence a fresh coat of sparkling white paint. The commemorative plaques were also touched up. Alderdice looks better that it has in a long time, and we’re not done yet.

Now that we have the major weeds under control, our new lawn service company will be doing regular maintenance weeding in the Alderdice beds. This year’s two Fall Parks Work Days will become annual events, much like our Spring Park Work Day and Mulch Day. Right before our Garden Tour will be a perfect time each year for regular park maintenance projects that will take our green spaces into the fall and winter, plus showcase them for our Garden Tour guests.

The permitting process has been completed, and by the time you read this we should have our long-awaited historical lights installed, complete with Dark Sky- compliant shades. Everyone will be glad to have the old glaring floodlight gone for good.

Special thanks to Mike Gilbert for not only chairing the Alderdice projects, but also jumping right in to help make them happen too. Thank you also to the volunteers who put in all the hours to make Alderdice Park another great reason to love the East End.

EEHDA Membership

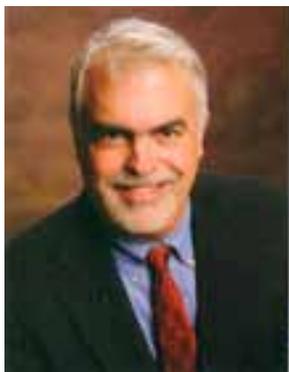
Special thanks to our New Regular, Sponsor and SAFEE members:

Christopher Larson
Evelyn & Bob McCurry
Ann Laughlin & James Steszewski
Angela & Taylor Stickline
Karl Eschbach
David & Sandy Fortenberry

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



GARDEN TOUR 2010

by Fran Kelly

Well, it's over and what a great tour it was! The EEHDA made \$2,706, almost double last year's profit. The weather was perfect and all our guests seemed very pleased with all they saw.

To our homeowners who worked so hard and went to great expense to be able to put on a great tour, we say "THANK YOU", without all your efforts we would not have been so successful.

To the many docents we also owe thanks, because without you there would not have been a Garden Tour. And one more thanks to the Girl Scouts who participated again this year at Darragh Park.

We are already on the lookout for homes for next year, we have two already and will be needing five more. If anyone is interested you may call me (Fran Kelly 409-370-2306) at any time.

Thanks again to everyone involved in putting on the tour.



Galveston Girl Scouts helped out at this year's East End Garden Tour

Clean Texas 2000

Easy Compost Recipe

Recycling 101

by Pam Gilbert

Now that we have recycled all of our paper, plastic, bottles, metals etc, we still have some items in our kitchen and trash cans that can be recycled in another way, composting. We have made a new commitment to start small this fall. Rather than putting our kitchen scraps in the disposal or the trash lets start saving our left over coffee grounds, egg shells, and fruit and veggie scraps to add to the yard debris like leaves and grass clippings.

Several years ago (when we still had trees) we had bagged up a huge quantity of leaves and tossed the bag behind the garage, the next spring we rediscovered the bag and found it full of decomposed compost, for free!! We were hooked!!

The information below is directly from Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, you can do a computer search and will pull up all their resources.

To make an easy compost pile, without a bin:

1. Find a well-draining spot out of direct sunlight.
2. Start with a layer of coarse material, like twigs, straw, pine needles and leaves.
3. Add a layer of grass clippings and leaves, mixed with egg shells, coffee grounds, tea bags and fruit and vegetable scraps from your kitchen, along with water and soil or old compost. * (see below for things not to include)
4. Add more leaves, grass clippings and kitchen scraps as they become available.
5. Turn the mixture on a regular basis to provide spaces for air to circulate.
6. Be sure it always stays moist, like a damp sponge.
7. For best results, try to build your pile so that it is at least three feet wide and three feet deep. If it is smaller you'll still get compost but not as much.
8. Your compost will naturally heat up and decrease in volume as it breaks down.
9. You can simply rake your ingredients into the mound.
10. Compost bins are not necessary to make good compost, but they can help.

** do not include meat, fish, bones, dairy products, cooking oils, pet food, cat litter, animal feces, sawdust or chips from painted or treated wood, weeds, and of course diseased or insect infested plants.

Miscellaneous tips:

1. The smaller the size of the materials the faster they will compost.
2. Run your lawnmower through a pile of leaves to break them up.
3. You do not need to add worms or bugs they will come on their own to help the process.

Please let me know if you are using the Ball High Honor Society Recycling Curbside Recycling at DrPGilbert@aol.com



National Night Out Brings Neighbors Together

The East End celebrated National Night Out on Tuesday, October 5th with a grand Block Party on 15th Street by The Cottage. There was a large crowd of neighbors out enjoying a beautiful fall evening and plenty of great food as always, including but certainly not limited to grilled hot dogs personally cooked and served by Jamie Grady.

It was great to have as our guests Mayor Joe Jaworski, our City Councilwoman Elizabeth Beeton, Lt. Jorge Trevino and many of our Community Policing officers, Galveston firefighters complete with fire truck, and UTMB Police Chief Engells. Sheryl Rozier read a special letter to the East End from Senator John Cornyn.

A surprise treat for the evening was live music from the band "Waterline".

Thank you to East Ender Chris Robbian and his friends for playing for us! Thanks are also due to Emmy Morrison, Bob Brown, Ralph and Lynn McMorris, Bill Haaga, Steve Austin, and Jim Cantrell, plus the best ever set-up and clean-up crews this year. It was quite a Block Party, and thanks to every East Ender for coming out to support National Night Out!

21st Annual Christmas

Homes Tour

Friday, December 3rd.

by Mike Gilbert

It is hard to imagine that we have been hosting the East End Homes tour for 21 consecutive years. Even Ike could not stop us. So many guests have stated to us over and over again that our tour begins their Christmas season and for that reason we have so many returning guests to our neighborhood.

The success of the tour is due to our homeowners who open up their homes and spend countless hours decorating, our house chairman, and our docents who give a few hours of their day to support this special event.

This years homes include the 1916 Runge House (once owned by the president of UTMB) located at 1301 Market and chaired by Jane Chance. Fran Kelly is our chair for the 1886 Thomas Lucas Home located at 1122 Sealy. The 1886-87 John Michels Home located at 1616 Ball is chaired by Bill Beveridge. Emmy Morrison and Jim Cantrell are sharing the duties at the 1907 Wansker Home located at 1817 Sealy. Lynette Haaga will be the chairing our East End Cottage where refreshments will be served to our guests.

If you have never been a part of welcoming guests into our Christmas Homes, and would like to give a few hours to this special event, we would love for you to have that opportunity. Please give me a call (409) 763-2597 and we can put you in contact with any of the house chairs listed above.

If individuals are asking about tickets – they are currently available at “The Grand” 1894 Opera House – (409) 765-1894.

Happy Thanksgiving.



On this year's tour:
1301 Market



1817 Sealy



1122 Sealy

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



1616 Ball

Roberts Rules Basics

By Lynette Haaga

We've had a little bit of fun refreshing and relearning some of the points of Roberts Rules of order at our meetings in recent months. Everyone knows a little something about them, but I came to realize as this year went by that none of us knows as much as we think and in fact, at any one time, there are often several widely divergent ideas going during our meetings on how certain items of business should proceed. Roberts Rules are not exactly exciting leisure reading, I can tell you! This is the first of several short reviews of the very basics. Our meetings are generally informal compared to a lot of groups, and we have the big advantage of all being friends and neighbors. It's still handy to learn the ropes so business can go as smoothly and efficiently as possible.

Let's start with some general rules of debate/discussion. To begin with, a member waits to speak until recognized by the Chair. (Not as easy as it sounds!) You may choose to stand up when you address the group. Often this helps people hear you better. An item of business is brought to the floor for discussion by a motion. A second to the motion

does not mean you agree with it, but that you agree it should be discussed. The member who made the motion has the first choice to speak on it.

Now it's your turn to have the floor! It's a good idea to clearly state "I am for (or against) this motion" first, and then say what you think. Your remarks must pertain directly to whether or not the motion should be adopted, and should be directed to the Chair with no cross debate among members while you're talking. Here's the kicker – everyone may only speak twice on the same motion on the same day, and your second time is only after everyone else who wants to has had their first chance to talk. The group can set time limits on each person's speaking. Unlike the U.S. Senate, which has special rules, we can't save up our time and trade it ("yield the floor") to others to give them more time. Answering questions from others is ok, but that counts as your speaking time.

Next time, some finer points of motions including our favorite, calling the question.

An advertisement for Barney Rapp, Inc. REALTORS®. It features a logo with a fan-like shape, the text "Barney Rapp, Inc. REALTORS®", and "RESIDENTIAL • COMMERCIAL". Below this, it says "Visit our offices located in Galveston's famous East End Historical District at 1703 Broadway". To the right is a drawing of a classical column. At the bottom, it lists the phone number "409-763-6555" and "Toll Free 1-888-768-RAPP". A small box at the very bottom says "Your Historical Home Connection!".



David Schuler and Mike Gilbert hard at work in Alderdice Park.

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

281-734-0931 (day)

281-755-1969 (night)

TMaffei@cityofgalveston.org

Sgt. Chapman

409-765-3616 (ofc)

409-750-0243 (cell)

AChapman@cityofgalveston.org

City Council District 3 – Elizabeth Beeton

409-692-0698 elizabethbeeton@comcast.net

Code Enforcement – need address & short description of complaint

City planningcounter@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 #)

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 manner 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:

EEHDA; Attn: SAFEe; PO Box 2424; Galveston, Texas 77553