



East End Historical District Association's NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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October 2011

On the Calendar

PARKS WORK DAY
October 1st (Saturday)
Darragh & Alderdice 8 a.m.

Block Party/National Night Out
October 4th (Tuesday)
5:30 p.m.
at The Cottage 1501 Postoffice

EEHDA Neighborhood Meeting
October 6th (Thursday)
Refreshments at 5:30, meeting at 6:00
at The Cottage 1501 Postoffice

Game Night at The Cottage
October 18th (Tuesday)
7:00 p.m.
Bring games and snacks to share

GAIN MEETING
October 20th (Thursday)
All East Enders invited
Moody Mansion lower level
5:30 p.m. 27th & Broadway

COFFEE AT THE COTTAGE
October 22nd (Saturday)
9 a.m.

Looking Ahead

EEHDA 22nd Annual
Victorian Christmas Homes Tour
Friday, December 2nd, 2011
6:00 - 9:30 p.m.
Tickets available October 1st at
The Grand 1894 Opera House

Gasp! Was that a cool snap? Not for long, but still a reminder that Fall is right around the corner. Record heat, record drought, record, well, everything – I'm certainly ready for cooler weather, football and Halloween candy. On the other hand, where has the year gone?

We started the month with our September Block Party at The Cottage. Cool shade, fine foods, and an excellent turnout once again brought together neighbors from across the district – see all the great photos inside. Thanks to Block Party Chairman Lynette Haaga and all those who participated in setup and tear down. Next up –join us for October's National Night Out celebration on Tuesday, October 4th.

On Saturday, September 10th, EEHDA volunteers hosted a water / refreshment station at 19th and Ball for runners participating in the 3rd Annual Galveston Revival race. We all had lots of fun and a friendly rivalry between the "Get Your Gatorade Here" group and the "No, You Want Water!" group made the cool summer's evening go by in a flash. Next year – I may consider running in the race! Look inside for more details and photos.

This month we say a sad goodbye to the Robles House, a two story traditional Galveston structure at 14th and Church. Over the last several years, both GHF and the East End Historical District Association invested time *and* money in an effort to save this house from demolition, but to no avail. Although the structure has been an eyesore for the last several years, we hope the precedent set by the purchase and subsequent legal rulings does not open the door for further demolition along the business corridor on 14th Street - or elsewhere in the East End Historical District.

Don't forget - Coffee at the Cottage returns on Saturday, October 22nd.

Finally, a quick reminder that the Board of Directors has voted to cancel the Annual Fall Garden Tour due to the combination of watering restrictions, extreme heat and lack of rainfall. Please plan to join us for next year's event.

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Design
Standards
Basics IV
by
Steve Austin

You may recreate features that are currently missing but were once part of your house if you prove through photo or other evidence that you'll be duplicating what was originally there. What happens when such evidence is lacking? Say your house has no front gallery, there is clear evidence one originally existed, but no one knows what it looked like. In that case, you may argue through photos of *related* East End homes that it "probably looked like _____." You'll get Landmark's OK only if you can convince enough commissioners of your argument. (See next month's article discussing "false sense of history.")

Fenestration

Fenestration involves the size, shape, and location of doors and windows. It's arguably the most defining feature of most homes and is important enough to consider separately here. In a section labeled "General Considerations," the Standards implore property owners to not alter existing fenestration. When a Ball Street property owner recently wanted to add a second front door (to create a duplex), he had to show evidence not only that a door had originally been there, but also that he was going to conform to the size and shape of the original opening. He did not initially intend to recreate the transom above that door. However, not doing so would have disturbed the original fenestration. Landmark's approval came with the caveat that he must bring back the transom. The intent of the Standards here is clear: leave the original fenestration of your home alone. (Latitude is granted on changes not visible from the street.)

Roofing

The Standards say, "A replacement roof must be compatible with the original roofing material." However, the Standards also say that asphalt is acceptable. Asphalt roofs have been around for about a century, but they are not "compatible with original roofing material" for many of *our* homes, which originally had decorative metal shingle roofs. A few dedicated East Enders have actually recreated original metal shingle roofs. (See Bob and Alison Brown's house on Sealy or Deanna and Terry Johnson's on Post Office). However, when it comes to roofs, most

of us punk out and get a modern composition roof. (I plead guilty as charged.) Doing a period-appropriate roof for a late 19th century house dramatically increases the cost. Perhaps as a result, our Landmark Commission has focused more on the "asphalt" wording in the Standards and less on the "original roofing material" wording.

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Special thanks to our newest Lifetime members:
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East End Christmas Homes Tour 2011

The 22nd Annual East End Victorian Christmas Homes Tour will take place this year on Friday, December 2nd, beginning at 6:00 PM and concluding at 9:30 PM. Four beautifully restored homes will be featured on this years tour along with the East End Cottage.

The following homes will be welcoming guests for this years tour. The 1897 William Beers home located at 1516 Ball. Recently featured in the Old House Journal will be the 1886 Miss Mitilda Wehmeyer Home located at 1616 Winnie. Located at 1618 Church will be the Mrs. Rosa McDonald Peete Home and last but not least will be the 1890-91 Allen E. Cameron Home located at 1126 Church.

Last year First Presbyterian Church hosted the entertainment for the evening and was featured as a “restoration in progress” due to Hurricane Ike. We are happy to report the church has been fully restored to its beautiful past condition and will once again host the entertainment.

We are currently seeking docents for the evening. If you would like to assist in this great event, please contact Mike Gilbert at 763-2597 to volunteer.



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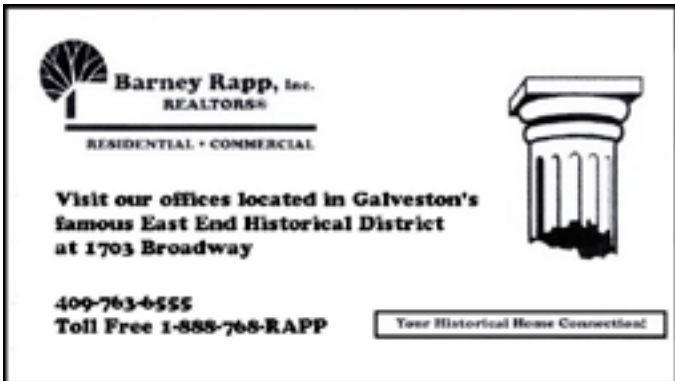
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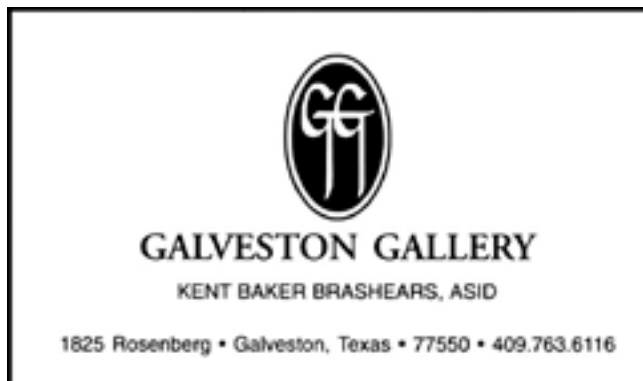


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National Night Out Block Party Tuesday Oct. 4th

By Lynette Haaga

October's Block Party is on National Night Out, which is Tuesday evening, October 4th, back at our regular starting time of 5:30pm. Entertainment will feature East Ender Chris Robbian's band "Waterline", returning for a repeat performance after their well-received debut at last year's event. Galveston Humane Society may be on hand with some adorable pets to adopt, and you'll have the chance to mingle with some of our local police officers, fire fighters, and city officials.

Once again we invite you to make any recipes you've contributed for our upcoming new EEHDA cookbook. Materials will be available for you to label your culinary creations so we can all get a taste test preview from the cookbook. We were a little light on main dishes last time, so please consider that when you're getting ready to cook.

Watch for a short survey asking for your ideas for next season, and take a few minutes to fill it out. Almost everything we've done this year has been from suggestions by our members, and we want to have some fresh and interesting things for next year while still carrying on our much-loved signature East End Block Party tradition.

15th Street will be barricaded off between Postoffice and Church for our National Night Out festivities. If you can help with set-up, be at The Cottage by 4:45pm so we can have everything ready to go. People have really stepped forward to help for the last several parties, and a huge thank you goes out to all of you. September's event was really enjoyable and evenings are getting much cooler and very pleasant, so you won't want to miss our October Block Party!

First Presbyterian Dedicates Historical Restoration

By Lynette Haaga

In a celebration service open to the entire community, First Presbyterian at 1903 Church Street recently re-dedicated their church sanctuary and facilities after an extensive post-Ike restoration.

Although it technically sits just barely outside the area covered by those brown Historic District street signs, this church can be considered an architecturally important anchor landmark of the historical East End as a whole.

As well as obvious repairs to the physical structure, meticulous care was spent researching the correct historic interior details right down to the original colors buried under years and years of paint layers. Painstaking attention during countless hours of labor was well worth the effort when you see the breathtaking results, including intricate hand stenciling on the walls.

Quite a few East Enders attend this church, but everyone is invited to visit and experience this wonderful example of historical restoration. Pastor David Green commented that future informal educational sessions on stained glass and other restoration topics are in the works, and anyone in the neighborhood interested in historical preservation is welcome to attend.



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2011 East End Christmas Light Contest Sponsored by Boulevard Realty

Each year, a contest is held for the best outdoor holiday lighting display in the East End Historical District. The judging this year starts at 6pm on the evening of Tuesday, November 29, in time for Dickens Weekend and the East End Christmas Candlelight Tour to be held that Friday, December 2. The judges will drive around the neighborhood in a horse drawn carriage and make their decisions that evening based on execution, charm, numbers of lights and creativity.

First, second and third place signs will be placed in the yards of the winners that night and are displayed throughout the holiday season. There are also cash prizes of \$100 for First Place, \$50 for Second Place and \$25 for Third Place.

All you have to do is decorate and be located in the East End Historical District to be considered for the contest!

Please contact Kay Schwartz at (713) 542-7509 if you have any questions.

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Coffee at The Cottage is Back

By Lynette Haaga

Coffee at The Cottage starts up again Saturday morning, October 22nd, from 9am till 11am. Plan on stopping in for a cup of coffee, and a quick breakfast treat. If you haven't come before, this is a very informal get-together where you can come and go as you please. There are no projects to do and no business conducted – just a good time to be had to start your day.

Coffee at The Cottage began about 2 ½ years ago at the request of East Enders who wanted some extra regular social get-togethers, especially in the cooler months as Block Party season winds down. The idea of a low-key monthly coffee sounded good to a lot of people, and Coffee at The Cottage was off and running. You're invited to come join your neighbors for coffee on the 22nd. Everyone is welcome, and bring a friend!

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The East End Historical District Association is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to preserving the heritage and livability of Galveston's historic East End. EEHDA volunteers maintain Darragh and Alderdice parks, implement historical preservation programs and organize community-wide projects such as NeighborWoods tree planting. Members also maintain The Cottage at 15th and Postoffice, our historic community center that acts as the focal point for many regular EEHDA activities, including the Annual Victorian Christmas Homes Tour, Fall Garden Tour, and a variety of social events such as Coffee at The Cottage, game and movie nights, and summer time Block Parties. All activities are open to members and non-members alike. The East End Historical District is bounded roughly by Broadway, 10th Street, Market Street and 19th Streets in Galveston, Texas. To learn more about the EEHDA, please visit our website at www.eastendhistoricaldistrict.org.

East Enders Refresh Revival Race Runners

By Lynette Haaga

Runners and walkers in GHF's Revival Race last month received plenty of refreshing cold drinks and cheers of encouragement from EEHDA volunteers at the water station near 19th and Ball Streets. Yes, this was the station with the cheerfully clanging bell! A balloon-decked vintage Cadillac led hundreds of athletes through the East End for the evening race. Some of our neighbors working the station were Tom and Kathy Bass, Jerry Hite, David and Anita Schuler, Kay Schwartz, Lynette and Bill Haaga, and Jim Cantrell. Other East Enders came by also, some in the race, some on bicycles, and some in golf carts. Many of our members also worked hard in other areas before, during, and after the race. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to support this GHF event that showcased our East End Historical District neighborhood!



Revival Race runners appreciated the refreshment.



East Enders handed out water and Gatorade during the GHF Revival Race



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Betty Conner and Jim Cantrell enjoy the first 'mild' weather party of the season



Above: Sandy Hardin, Paula & Louie Reeg
Below: Kay Schwartz, Chris Robbian & Emmy Morrison at the September Block Party



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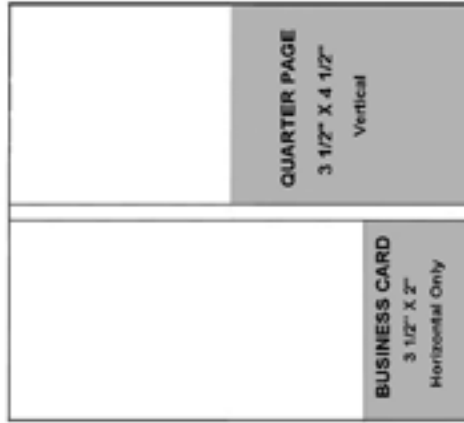
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