

East End Historical District Association

*Celebrating thirty years of service to the residents in
Galveston's historic east end*

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COMING EVENTS

Mar 27 (Sunday) - Easter

April 4 (Monday) 4:00pm – Landmark
Commission – City Hall

EEHDA

April 7 (Thursday) 7:00pm - Wine &
cheese Reception for members.

7:30pm – EEHDA Board of Directors
General Membership welcome!

EEHDA

April 9 (Thursday) 9:00am – Darragh Park
work party to mulch flower beds

EEHDA

April 14 (Thursday) 6:00pm - Block Party
1200 Block of Sealy

April 18 (Monday) 4:00pm – Landmark
Commission – City Hall

April 18 (Monday) 5:15 – 6:30pm - University
Area Assoc. boards GHF's Seagull II to tour
proposed LNG Terminal on Pelican Island.
Call 762-8641 for reservations. \$5

April 23 (Saturday) 6:00pm – Art Walk

April 30 thru May 1 – Oleander Festival



Jamie Grady

**EEHDA
PRESIDENT**

April marks the beginning of our monthly Block Parties, which are fun to attend and probably the best way to meet East End folks and EEHDA members. The first is on April 14 in the 1200 block of Sealy, starting at 6pm. Bring a covered dish, chair to sit on, and we will supply the rest, including beer, wine, and frozen margaritas.

The Oleander Society will have their Annual Proclamation Celebration in Darragh Park April 29 at 4pm. Come out and support the event – it includes music and a small reception at the Cottage. Then in June, Darragh Park will be featured on Clean Galveston's Backyard & Garden Tour, June 4 & 5, a great recognition of the park's success.

Later in the year, probably October, we are planning a celebration for the 30-th year Anniversary of EEHDA. If you have information or pictures from those early years, please contact Ron Gilroy or Mike Gilbert. More information will be available as the event takes shape.

The new trolley line had a "ribbon cutting ceremony" on March 14th for the new line between downtown and UTMB. This should increase pedestrian traffic between the Strand and UTMB for employees and patients.

At the March EEHDA meeting, Bob Boyce of British Petroleum presented plans for a liquefied natural gas (LNG) terminal on Pelican Island. Information was provided on the projected demands for natural gas, how LNG operations generally function, potential benefits for Galveston, and a timeline for the project. A brief question and answer period followed. Subsequently, members urged councilman Joe Jaworski to encourage City Council to demand a "sweeter deal" for Galveston, given the potential enormous profits this facility represents for BP.

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Our advertisers deserve more than just our thanks, though. Take a few minutes to review the ads this month. Keep in mind they support us and that maybe you can support them as well.

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DARRAGH PARK GETS SPRING SPRUCE-UP

Many thanks to all that showed up at the Darragh Park for our annual spring clean-up. With all the help we had we finished in just a little over an hour. Thanks to **Paul Hadler, Donald and B.J. Peak, George Najarian, Jamie and Helen Grady, Ron Gilroy, Harold McCracken, Bill Foley, Mike Malloy, Chris Smith, Phillip Fox, Jim Cantrell, and James Curl.**

The project was half of our annual Darragh Park work project. Please mark your calendars for Saturday, April 9 at 9:00 A.M. That is the day we will be spreading mulch around the plants. I will have the mulch delivered the day before and if we can get about 15 people we will be finished less than an hour. Bring wheelbarrows, rakes, gloves. Thanks in advance and we will see you there on April 9th! We couldn't have this beautiful park without you East End volunteers.
submitted by Paul Evans



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OLEANDER FESTIVAL TOUCHES EAST END

Galveston's International Oleander Society 2005 Festival will include our Darragh Park in its schedule of activities for Friday, April 29th. At 4 PM the annual Proclamation Ceremony will take place, followed by a reception in our East End Cottage. Food and drink will be served to all participants. The event is open to the public at no charge and East Enders are welcome. Sited in the gorgeous surroundings of this park located at 15th and Church Streets, this year's proclamation ceremony features the music of the acclaimed Mainland Preparatory Academy Choir.

A kick-off dinner and show will be held on Thursday evening, April 28th at the new Moody Gardens Conference Center at 6:00 PM. An evening of comedy! Join emcee Vandy Anderson for this laugh a minute program. Tickets include meal with one free bar drink coupon. A silent auction before the program will benefit the construction of a new public Oleander Park to be constructed one block north of the famous Moody Mansion Museum on Broadway Boulevard. Tickets for the dinner, comedy entertainment and auction are available from **Don Peak**, President of the

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HELP EEHDA PREPARE FOR IT'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

This is an appeal to you who have watched the East End evolve over the past 30 years. Some of you who were there in those formative years will find it hard to realize it's really been that long ago that a group of neighbors formed a grass roots organization that would become the strongest neighborhood advocate on the island. It may seem like only yesterday when you were selling gingerbread men cookies at Dickens Evening on the Strand or when you were digging and planting at the corner of 15th and Ball for what would become EEHDA's Alderdice Park. You may recall the kids in costume at the Halloween party in the Cottage back yard or the May Day festivities and dog show at Adoue Park. Last month's newsletter highlighted another milestone when the little house was moved onto the site at 15th and Postoffice. It became known as The Cottage – EEHDA's home base, a place for family fun and serious discussions that frequently found it's way to City Hall and every other entity that needed to understand what we were building. With all of this, the design for our neighborhood took shape.

This is our 30th year. Plans are underway for a special ceremony in October that will recognize the achievements of the Association, and the people who made it happen. *Here's how you may be able to help:* **We're looking for names and current mailing addresses of past officers and members so that they can receive invitations to the October event. We need pictures too, and news clippings that illustrate the activities and issues EEHDA has experienced over the past 30 years. If it's a treasure that you don't want to part with – let us borrow it so that we can make a copy for all to see.** **Mail to: Bob Chapin** **or email: bnjchapin@hotmail.com**

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SAFE E Option:

The SAFE E Program option provides security patrols in the East End by uniformed police officers at random hours throughout the week. Also any security or other neighborhood issues can be noted and left in the brass Security Box located on the front porch of the East End Historical District Cottage, 1501 Postoffice. The officers pick up the forms that are left there when they come on duty.

Joining the SAFE E Program includes family membership in EEHDA.

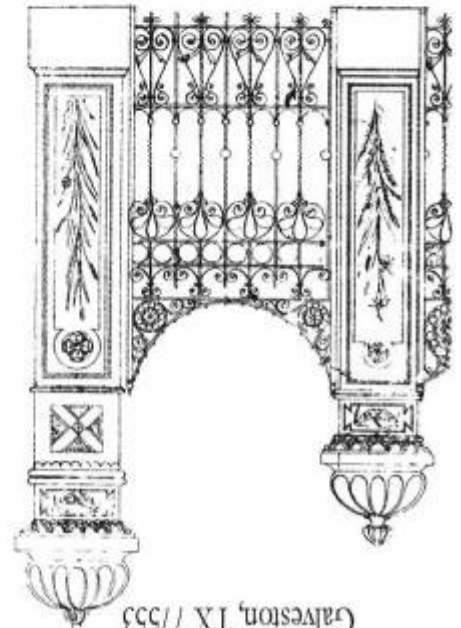
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Help keep your neighborhood safe!

Memberships are for one calendar year beginning January and ending in December. Membership includes a subscription to our monthly newsletter. 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. Your membership supports a variety of services and programs devoted to historic preservation. We hold annual homes tours in December and a monthly block party from April through October. Our Board of Directors holds regular meetings at our meeting house, 1501 Postoffice Street at 7:30pm on the first Thursday of each month and 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 your organization are deductible in the manor and to the extent provided by section 170 of the code.

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