



East End Historical District Association

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April 2007

COMING EVENTS

EEHDA activity

March 31st (Saturday) 9:00am

Darragh Park "work party" – Spread mulch and new path gravel

EEHDA activity

April 5th(Thursday) 5:30 pm

Wine & Cheese Reception for members.

6:00 pm – EEHDA Board of Directors.

April 2nd & 16th (Monday) 4:00pm

Landmark Commission – City Hall

April 3rd & 17th (Tuesday) 4:00pm

Planning Commission – City Hall

EEHDA activity

April 13th (Friday) 6:00pm –8:00pm

Block Party – 1200 Block of Sealy

April 28th (Sat.) 6:00pm – 9:00pm –

ARTWALK



Spring Has Sprung!!!

It's that time here on the island. The weather is perfect for getting out and exploring our little hamlet. With so many places to go and to see, seek out one of those that you have always thought about visiting but never have or a place you love and haven't been to lately. Visit one of our many tourist attractions, such as The Bishop's Palace, The Seaport Museum or Ashton Villa, and acquaint, or reacquaint, yourself with these spectacular beauties.

Gather together with friends and family and support our local merchants and businesses. It's vital to our economy to support as many businesses here on the island as possible. And remember to let those merchants and businesses who advertise in our newsletter know you see and appreciate their advertising with us.

Also, we have our first Block Party coming up. It will be April 13th, in the 1200 Block of Sealy, in front of Carlos Guerguin and John Crossman's home. April 13th is also the Galveston Historical Foundation's Volunteer Appreciation Party at Garten Verein at 5:30 pm. And finally,

The Chamber of Commerce is holding a ribbon cutting at The Market On Avenue L Wednesday, April 4th at 5:00 pm. Please try to make this and show Jim your support. See you all at the Board Meeting, Thursday April 5th, 5:30 pm at The Cottage.





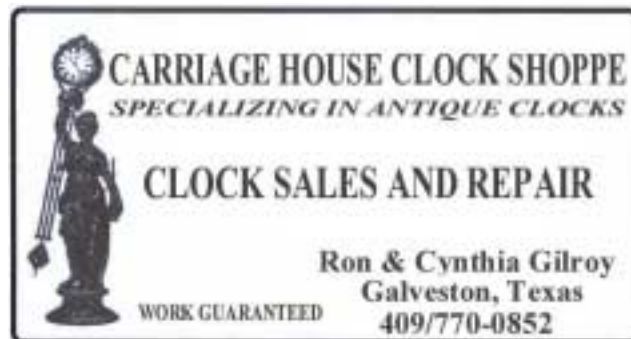
It was still winter in February when fourteen East End green thumbers started spring clean-up at Darragh Park. Part 2 is set for Saturday, March 31st at 9 o'clock. Wrangler Paul Evans has a truckload of mulch on order and is looking for folks with shovels, rakes and wheelbarrows. Join the team!



NEW EEHDA MEMBERS

R & L Denson
J & K Gray
H Bounds
M S Aaron
C & M Buckley

M Miller
G & J Rowe
T Newby
V & N Popov



GHF HOMES TOUR NEXT MONTH

The Galveston Historical Foundation's Spring Homes Tour features three homes in our neighborhood this year – **1212 Sealy, 1207 Ball** and **926 Winnie**. While the Sealy and Ball homes are within the East End District's boundaries, 927 Winnie is a close neighbor that once graced the neighborhood with magnificence until it was practically destroyed by fire. Before the fire GHF featured the home twice on it's homes tour – the first time in 1975 during it's first restoration process. With restoration complete this 1890 "Carpenter Victorian Gothic" style home once again appeared on tour in 1979.

After the fire various muddled attempts at salvage and restoration failed until it was considered a lost cause by most who witnessed the saga through the years. Now, under new ownership, the tour is slated as "restoration in progress" as it returns to it's once magnificent state.

The 2007 GHF tour (May 5 – 6 & May 12 – 13) includes seven other island properties: **1201 15th, 2015 O^{1/2}, 1812 Ave L, 2128 Church, 214 Rosenberg, 3627 Ave M & 1710 21ST Street.**

HERE'S ONE FOR THE KIDS!

The Twelfth Anniversary Celebration of **The Grand Kids Festival** kicks off Saturday April 7, 2007 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Festivities take place on Postoffice Street between 20th and 23rd Streets. Admission prices at the gate will be \$3.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children. Children under five are admitted free.

Advance tickets are available at The Grand 1894 Opera House (800)821-1894 or at www.thegrand.com. This wonderful festival has been become a Galveston tradition as over 5,000 families enjoy live entertainment, interactive educational programs, arts, crafts, and loads of family fun.

EAST END SCHOOL NEWS

The Galveston Independent School District invites the community to get involved in the planning of the new 5-8th grade science, technology, and math magnet school slated to open in Fall 2008 in the newly renovated Austin School Building located at 15th St. and Ave. N 1/2.

This is an opportunity to get involved on the ground floor of a positive, forward-thinking development in Galveston. To get involved call 409-766-5123 or e-mail Dr. Annette Scott, Executive Director for Curriculum and Instruction, at annette_scott@gisd.org.



Picture This! III

April 14th: from 8 - 12pm -- Meet at City Hall, 823 Rosenberg for Breakfast and to receive your assignment. Please bring a digital camera and a clipboard to document Galveston's neighborhoods. For more information please call (409) 797-3770

notes from

Juan Pena
City Council Representative
District 3



Beach Party Weekend is scheduled for April 20, 21, and 22. The traffic plan has been modified. The area between Broadway and the Seawall from 14th Street to 6th Street still will be barricaded to minimize the impact on residents in that area, but otherwise barricades will not be set up. Barricades will be in place and available if needed in other areas.

Election has been called for District 6 and District 2. The election will be held May 12th. Filing deadline for interested individuals is April 11.

The City's Driving Range, at 9020 Stewart Road, reopened on March 5th. It will be opened from noon until 9:00 p.m. seven days a week. A variety of soft drinks and snacks will be available and beer will be available after April 15th. Golf merchandise will be available for purchase. Private golf lessons will be given by appointment. The phone number is 741-1357

The City received a letter from TXDOT advising that they, in cooperation with The Federal Highway Administration, are preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed toll bridge connecting Galveston Island and Bolivar Peninsula. TXDOT states that the proposed project area crosses Galveston Bay and The Galveston, Texas City and Houston ship channels and includes the southern portion of Bolivar Peninsula from the Bolivar ferry landing to East Loop 108 and the northern portion of Galveston Island from IH45 at SH275 to Pelican Island and that new location access points on Pelican Island will be necessary. (see pena-p5)



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The project is included in the 2025 Regional Transportation Plan as a two-land, tolled bridge and will replace the existing free ferry system. TXDOT has asked the City to become a participating agency in the development of the EIS.

The City has hired a very experienced Construction Manager / City Engineer. Carl D. McConnell, PE, reported to work Monday March 5, 2007 and will manage the engineering and construction of the City's Capital Improvement Projects. Carl has over 27 years of Engineering Project Management and Construction Management experience with engineering firms in Texas. Carl most recently has worked for Dannenbaum Engineering of Houston, and is the engineer of record that designed the upcoming 30th Street Pump Station Replacement and the Jamaica Beach Elevated Storage Tank and Pump Station, two of our largest and most complex designs. Carl has also designed most of the major water line projects that have been built on the Island since 2000 and is very familiar with Galveston and City Staff.

A bill is proposed with intent to be introduced in the 80th Legislature of Texas, 2007. The proposed bill relates to the creation and establishment of the Galveston Grand Beach Management District. A management district proposed on the East End of Galveston Island.

Council approved a resolution requesting the 80th State Legislature include a local option vote for municipalities in any gambling bill that would legalize gambling within the City of Galveston to provide that a gaming license may not be issued unless the voters of the City of Galveston, Texas authorize casino gaming or other gambling activity to be located within the City.

My e-mail is juanpena@cityofgalveston.org please contact me if I can be of service.



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The SAFEE 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 security box located on the front porch of the EEHDA Cottage, 1501 Postoffice. Officers pick up the forms that are left there when they come on duty.

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Email address _____

Names of persons covered by this membership:

Type of membership:

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual \$10 | <input type="checkbox"/> Corporate Business \$100 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family \$15 | <input type="checkbox"/> Life Member \$250 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior \$6 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor \$50 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Fam. \$12 | <input type="checkbox"/> SAFEE (see Option) |

Mail to: East End Historical District Association
P.O. Box 2424
Galveston, TX 77553

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. Our Board of Directors holds regular meetings at our meeting house, 1501 Postoffice Street at 6:00 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 amount and to the extent provided by section 170 of the code.

SAFEE MEMBERSHIP OPTION

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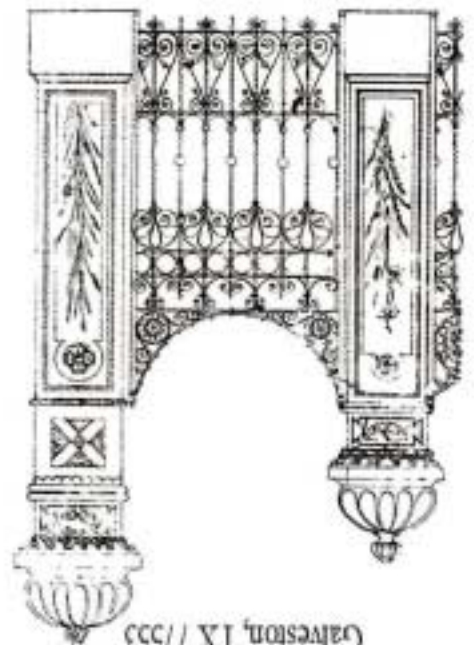
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