



East End Historical District Association's NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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April 2008

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

EEHDA activity

March 29th (Saturday) 9:00am
Darragh Park "Mulching" work party

EEHDA activity

April 3rd (Thursday)
5:30pm - Refreshments at The Cottage
6:00pm - East End Neighborhood Meeting

April 7th & 21st (Mondays) 4pm
Landmark Commission – City Hall
April 8th & 22nd (Mondays) 4pm
Planning Commission – City Hall

EEHDA activity

April 11th (Friday) 5:30pm - Dedication of
the "Dr. E. Burke Evans Pavilion"
at Darragh Park followed by Block Party
at 6:00pm

April 12th (Saturday) 6:00pm – Art Walk

MEMBERSHIP DUES

EEHDA does not mail dues renewal notices. Your membership will expire on the date shown on your address label. Keep your membership active by mailing your dues to EEHDA; P.O. Box 2424; Galveston, TX 77553

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EEHDA
PRESIDENT

Mike Gilbert



Hello Neighbors. Spring has "sprung" in the our beautiful East End Neighborhood – I know, because the oak trees are putting out new foliage and shedding old leaves, twelve bags of leaves are now behind my garage turning into mulch. The azaleas are beautiful and our neighbors are out in their yards pruning and planting for spring and summer.

The month of April brings our first 'block party' of the year. **Please mark on your calendar, Friday, April 11th.** It will be a very special occasion as we dedicate the "Dr. E. Burke Evans Pavilion" located in Darragh Park. We have anticipated this new addition to our park for many months and the realization of its completion has finally arrived. The EEHDA owes a great deal of appreciation and gratitude to Dr. Evans for his generous donation to our neighborhood park. The dedication will begin at 5:30 PM followed immediately by the block party at "The Cottage". Remember to bring a covered dish for all to share, great stories, big smiles, warm handshakes, and be ready to welcome new families into our neighborhood.

I would like to thank everyone who has been working on repairs to our East End Cottage. Money to fund these repairs is being raised by having a large neighborhood garage sale on Saturday, May 3rd. So if you are planning on doing some spring cleaning and have found some items you would like to donate to the sale, **please call Kathy Bass – 762-0841** and she will be happy to tell you where you can deliver the items.

See you around the Neighborhood.



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American Cancer Society Galveston Island Relay For Life

Kathy Bass is forming a team for the EEHDA and would like you to join. Please contact Kathy: **762-0841** or kbass@utmb.edu Let's join our community in creating awareness of this disease that just might save lives and in raising money for cancer research and to help those in our community who are suffering with this disease.



DARRAGH HOUSE LOST IN 1990

The ornate cast-iron fence is all that remains of a once magnificent home at 519 15th Street, now known as Darragh Park. The fence was installed in 1889, when architect Alfred Muller altered and expanded the home for John and Laura Darragh. Darragh was a prominent Irish-American Galveston businessman who served as president of both the Galveston City Company and the Galveston Wharf Company.*

The Galveston Historical Foundation bought the property in 1986 after a misguided attempt at restoration left the house gutted. Four years later the home was burned by arsonists, leaving only fragments of Muller's fence and the remarkable tile sidewalks along 15th and Church Streets.*

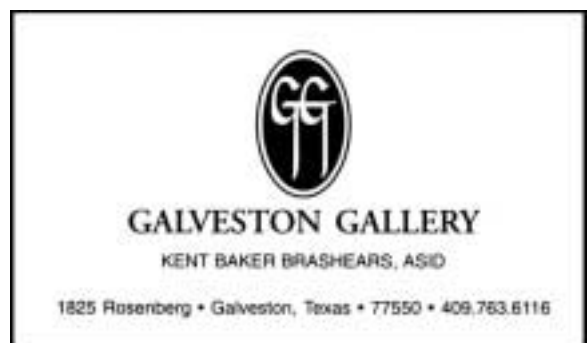
The site remained an empty, decaying lot until the East End Historical District Association purchased it in 1995. EEHDA planned for a year and then launched a new era with the creation of Darragh Park.

*Galveston Architecture Guidebook – Ellen Beasley

This year's ACS Relay For Life event will be at Moody Gardens on April 25-26. This event brings together a community for one night to "Celebrate, Remember and Fight Back". We "Celebrate" our cancer survivors who have fought so hard and won their battle against this dread disease. We "Remember" those who bravely fought their hard battle, but were overcome and taken from us much too early by this monster we call cancer. We "Fight Back" by dedicating ourselves to a task for the coming year to do something constructive and worthwhile to aid in the battle for a cure so we can hopefully retire this event in the near future. The event consists of teams who set up campsites and walk around a track from 6pm to 6am. Last year's event had over 30 teams and 900 walkers registered. The first lap is a special one, the Survivors Lap, which starts the 12 hour Relay. We encourage everyone to form a team or join a team and come out and participate in this moving, uplifting event. This year's Relay theme is "Carnival for a Cure", so the campsites will be in the Carnival/Circus theme. There will be games, onsite fundraisers (silent auctions and a live auction, face painting, food to buy, etc.), a DJ playing music all night and generally a great family evening.

There's also a Luminaria Ceremony, called the Light of Hope. As the light dims over campsites and team members complete laps, the night is brightened by the glow of lighted bags called luminaria, each of which has a special meaning. Each bag is inscribed with names of loved ones either "In Memory of" or "In Honor of" those who have battled cancer. All represent a person who has been profoundly affected by cancer and the family and friends who continue to be touched by that experience.

Last year's Galveston Relay included nearly 900 walkers and raised nearly \$110,000.00, much of which stayed in our community through cancer research grants and patient care at UTMB. Help us with this goal to eradicate this monster disease by joining the EEHDA Relay For Life team or donating to the team "In Memory of" or "In Honor of" your loved ones.
www.relaygalveston.com





occasional romp through his former home trying to reclaim a few happy moments of his brief childhood. Chris feels the ghost sometimes seems to be teasing their chocolate Lab, Jackson, who tears through the house in wild figure eights without apparent reason at times as if a boy were up to some mischief with the dog.

George is not the only strange presence here either. Light, ladylike footsteps can be heard on the staircase from time to time. Although this ghost has not been observed yet, the homeowners strongly sense that this is the spirit of the former lady of the house and George's mother, Josephine. The 1850 census records show that Josephine was 26 and her husband, the original owner of the house, was 46 at that time. They had another son in addition to young George. How Josephine died and why she still haunts her house is not known. Perhaps like so many of us, she dearly loves her beautiful Galveston home and just doesn't want to leave it.

Both current and previous owners have reported an unusually difficult time keeping track of keys in this house. During recent renovations, tools seemed to leap off scaffolding of their own accord at times. Maybe George or Josephine are at work in other ways, trying to keep everyone on their toes and remind them of whose house this really is.

To share your story with our resident ghost hunter, call **Lynette Haaga** at 750-9441 or 1-409-200-9547.

Strange sounds, objects being moved about, spectral hands, cold spots, voices, a figure on the staircase – many homes here in the East End have mysterious or unexplained events taking place. Read each month and decide – creaky old house, powerful imagination, or actual paranormal activity?

Chris Smith and John Shomberg's beautiful house at 1515 Postoffice seems to be home to more than just the two of them. On two separate occasions, the figure of a young boy has been seen racing down the hallway, peering into the master suite, and then abruptly disappearing. So far he has not spoken. Research has revealed that he is probably George Leditre, a 9-year-old who died of yellow fever in the house during the epidemic of 1856. Perhaps George is enjoying an

DARRAGH PARK BRICK SALE FUND RAISER

Our beautiful park needs some attention that involves an outlay of funds. In order to achieve our objective we have decided to open another area for a brick sale. We will be creating a space on the west side of the patio area. This space will hold 133 bricks. This will probably be the last time an opportunity will arise to get your name permanently in the Darragh Park The bricks will be a **\$50.00** donation each until the 133 are sold. To purchase a brick fill out the form below with your check (**tax deductible**).

Please **print** the name **very legibly** on the form.

Name: _____	Phone: _____	Address _____
Name to go on brick(s): (limit of 32 letters including spaces)		
Brick #1 _____		
Brick#2 _____		
Brick#3 _____		
Check amount: _____		Date ordered: _____

If you have questions you can reach me at 409-762-2776 or email me at pevans8505@sbcglobal.net.

**Make checks payable to EEHDA and mail this form and your check to:
Paul Evans - 1509 Postoffice Street, Galveston, Tx. 77550**

notes from

Juan Pena
City Council Representative
District 3



Council has received and reviewed the Winter Height and Density report. A joint meeting was held with Planning Commission Thursday March 13th. The planning commission will make recommendations for Council's review. Discussion at the meeting included building height along the Seawall from 6th to 61st with consideration of areas to the North of the Seawall Overlay Zone. City Council recognizes not everyone will be satisfied with the final decision. Whatever the number of stories and feet, some will say it is too high while others will say it is too low. Council will work hard to work on a plan that will best serve the citizens, businesses, and the City of Galveston. As always I welcome your input on this item and all others.

The City tested the Emergency Notification system. Those signed up for the service received a call informing them of the test. If you did not receive a call or if you received a call and would like to add other numbers such as your cell, visit www.cityofgalveston.org and click the "One call reaches all" button or call 409-797-3546.

City Council elections are scheduled for May 10th. I encourage everyone to utilize the right that many of our brave men and women of the armed services fought and died to provide you. Vote. As the District 3 incumbent, I have a challenger. Please know that I have complete faith and confidence in you to elect the person that will best represent District 3 on City Council. It is my honor and privilege to serve you on City Council. I appreciate your continued support and ask for your vote in the upcoming election.

My e-mail is juanpena@cityofgalveston.org Please contact me if I can be of service. I am Juan Peña, your neighbor at City Hall.

ALLISON'S NEIGHBORHOOD



Every time I walk my dog in the neighborhood, I get to see **Jack and Angela Krummett's** home at **1207 Sealy** all dressed up for the holiday. I chatted with Jack around the time he was about to switch from Valentine's Day to St. Patrick's Day adornments.

He started decorating the house for their children, and it was so much fun, he just kept on doing it. Now the grandchildren get to join in on the fun of decorating for every holiday.

Jack is always on the lookout at arts and crafts stores for new additions for every season. He's used many of the valentines for several years, while several are brand new, like the pretty red cherub by his front door.

Jack said it was a real rush this year to go from Valentine's to St. Paddy's Day to Easter, since Easter is being observed so early. Shamrocks were up for just a week, and then the Easter Bunny hopped on his fence guarding over the Easter Eggs until Jack and Barbara's family has their big Easter Egg hunt. East End neighbors can't help but smile when they go by! We're lucky to have the Krummetts in our neighborhood!

Submitted by Allison Brown

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SAFEE Chili Cook-Off Reminder

Submitted by Sheryl Rozier

Just a reminder...The SAFEE Program will be hosting a Chili Cook-Off on April 5, 2008 to benefit SAFEE. It will be from 2pm until 6pm at 1426 Church. Tickets will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for children (under 8). The rain date will be the next day. We are still looking for sponsors for the event and have had great response so far. Please come out and support this very worth while program for the neighborhood and taste some Chili. You will also have an opportunity to vote for your favorite recipe. If you would like additional information about the event, make a donation or be a sponsor, please contact safee@swbell.net or 409-763-1773.

NEW AND RENEWING MEMBERSHIPS

Regular and SAFEE members:

Richard Dale Tharp
Barbara & Charles Lawrence

Sponsor members:

E. B. Evans, M.D.
Mike & Pam Gilbert
Jerry & Irma Hite
Paula & Louis Reeg
Dan Hays-Clark & William Ennis
Kenneth & Carol Bartz
Terry Lee Wilson
Karen Derr
Carl Tapia & John Wilmore
Larry Janzen

Herbert & Rosalind Mitchell

Corporate Business members:

Ronald McDonald House
Kathleen Collins, Attorney at Law




EEHDA Yard Sale

with Champagne Preview!

Keep those donated items coming for our huge Yard Sale and Bake Sale on May 3rd! Proceeds will benefit our Cottage painting and restoration projects already under way. Make plans to attend the exclusive Yard Sale Champagne Preview on Friday, May 2nd from 6:00pm to 9:00pm at the Cottage, where you can sip and shop and get a jump start on all the best "stuff". Thanks to everyone who has helped out so far with donations, organizing, and pricing!

To donate items or baked goods, volunteer, or get Preview tickets, call Kathy Bass 762-0841 or Fran Kelly 763-3771.



JUAN M. PENA
for City Council District 3

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GAZEBO DEDICATION SET FOR APRIL 11TH

It was little more than a year ago that Dr. E. Burke Evans commissioned iron artisan, Doug McLean to design and build a gazebo for the East End's Darragh Park. Doctor Evan's gift to the community is now a reality, adding a delicate beauty to the park that reflects architectural highlights of the great home that once stood in that location. (see photo page 3)

Doug and fellow artisan Nickey Hanline have created art from our neighborhood's history to make this a centerpiece for celebration in the East End Historical District.

On Friday, April 11th EEHDA's officers and members invite everyone who appreciates the history of this Island to a very special ceremony to dedicate the Dr. E. Burke Evans Pavilion. Unveiling is set for 5:30pm to be followed by a "pot luck" supper and block party at the 1501 Church Street site.

2008 BLOCK PARTY SCHEDULE

April 11th - Friday @ 5:30pm
PAVILION DEDICATION!

15th St. - Church to Postoffice

May 8th – Thursday @ 6:00pm
1400 block of Winnie

June 12th Thursday @ 6:00pm
15th St. - Church to Postoffice

July 10th – Thursday @ 6:00pm
RED, WHITE, and BLUE!

15th St. - Church to Postoffice

August 5th – Thursday @ 6:00pm
15th St. - Church to Postoffice

September 11th – Thursday @ 6:00pm
FABULOUS FIFTIES!

17th St. – Winnie to Ball

October 10th – Friday @ 6:00pm
15th St. - Church to Postoffice




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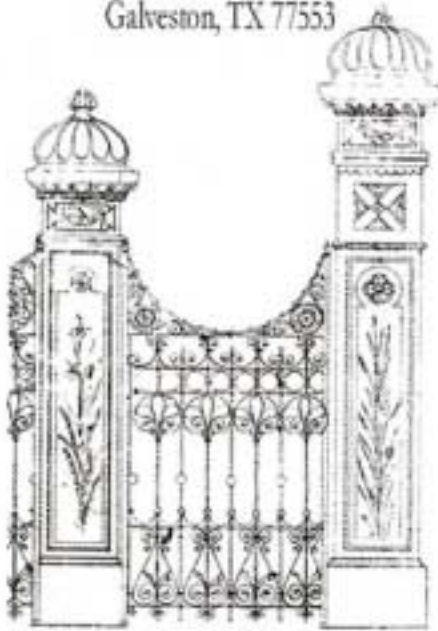
YOUR ADVOCATE AT CITY HALL

- Effective advocate of local political causes, including successful efforts to prohibit new billboards on Galveston Island and to save and restore District 3's Austin Middle School
- Served on City of Galveston's Charter Review Committee, Ethics Committee, and Planning Commission
- Graduate of University of Texas and University of Texas School of Law
- Practiced civil and corporate law in Washington, D.C., and Houston for 12 years
- Resident of East End and District 3 for 18 years
- Wife of local attorney Tim Beeton and mother of Sarah Beth (22), Rachel (17), and Colin (5)

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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 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.H.D.A. are deductible in the manner and to the extent provided by section 170 of the code.

SAFE MEMBERSHIP OPTION

The SAFE 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 E.H.D.A. Cottage, 1501 Postoffice. Officers pick up the forms that are left there when they come on duty.

Joining the SAFE Program includes
 Family membership in E.H.D.A.
 3 months \$60; 6 months \$120; full year \$240

Name _____

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Names of persons covered by this membership:

Type of membership:

Individual \$10 _____

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Application for Membership - East End Historical District Association