



# East End Historical District Association

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February 2007

## COMING EVENTS

*EEHDA activity*

**February 1st (Thursday) 5:30 pm**

Wine & Cheese Reception for members. **6:00 pm** – EEHDA Board of Directors.

**Members encouraged to attend**

**February 5<sup>th</sup> (Monday) 4:00pm**

Landmark Commission – City Hall

**February 6<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday) 4:00pm**

Planning Commission – City Hall

**February 9<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> Mardi Gras! Galveston**

**February 14<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday) Valentine's Day!**

**February 19<sup>th</sup> (Monday) – 4:00pm**

Landmark Workshop - **Financial Incentives for Residential Properties in Historic Districts**

*EEHDA activity*

**February 24<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) 9:00am**

Darragh Park's "pre spring" tune up.

**March 3<sup>rd</sup> (Saturday) 9:00am – noon**

*Public Forum-*

**Disaster Response for Historic Properties**

*Wortham Auditorium-Rosenberg Library*

### 2007 EEHDA LEADERSHIP

<b>President</b>	Robert Evans
<b>Vice President</b>	Lesley Sommer
<b>Secretary</b>	Doris Jordan
<b>Treasurer</b>	Sheryl Rozier
<b>Past President</b>	Jamie Grady

#### Board of Directors

Patricia Gray, Fran Kelley, Lizette Gaudin, Al Pressman, Terri Wright, Lynette Haaga, Karl Lewis, Ralph McMorris, Julia Muncaster & Kav Schwatz



Jamie Grady (right) turns the gavel over to 2007 President, Robert Evans



Left to Right – Back Row: Patty Gray, Julia Muncaster, Jamie Grady, Lizette Gaudin, Ralph McMorris, Lynette Haaga, Karl Lewis & Kay Schwartz Front Row: Leslie Sommer, Sheryl Rozier, Doris Jordan & Robert Evans. Not Pictured: Fran Kelly, Teri Wright & Al Pressman

## LOOKING FOR SAFE MEMBERS

By Sheryl Rozier

In the coming month I will be gathering information from the current SAFE membership, to bring us up to date. If you would like to be contacted through your email address (as well as your mailing address) please email me at [safe@swbell.net](mailto:safe@swbell.net) with your information. The email notification program is just another service for members, for your dues...more bang for your bucks. We have found that it is more time sensitive and effective to inform members about events and activities in the neighborhood with an email 'blast'. Your information will NOT be shared with any other organization or for any other purpose. We are encouraged by new membership and are looking forward to more new members and new ideas. Please feel free at anytime to make suggestions or comments and ask questions at the above email address. You can join the SAFE program at anytime, not just at the beginning of the year. Please think about it...\$20 per month.

I am looking at other ways to inform the general public that we have additional security patrols in the neighborhood to deter crime, in addition to the regular patrol by GPD. Leave a note in the Black Box on The Cottage porch (1501 Postoffice) when you will be out of town so the patrol can be aware and look out for any suspicious activity. In the month of December the officers patrolled fifteen days, specifically for SAFE (with a total of 57.5 hours). If you would like an idea of what the officer's deal with on a monthly basis, please let me know and I will be happy to give you a record. Please continue using the Black Box for your comments, concerns and needs for the officers.

The task of having abandoned cars removed from the street has recently been changed to be in conjunction with the fire department. If you have put in a complaint in the Black Box and it has not been addressed, it would not hurt to follow up on your request while they are working things out.

Also, please be aware that if you have one of the large light poles near your home and the light is not functioning properly or burnt out, please contact Centerpoint Energy with the information so they can repair the light. You can reach them at 713-659-2111 or you can report it on their website. Remember, security starts at the home and with you first. Make sure your home is well lit. It is typically a great deterrent for vandalism and crime.

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## Restoration of the Month



### 1419 Church, 1870

Restoration of the month is awarded to Rita and Timothy Webb for the excellent restoration of 1419 Church. During restoration it was revealed that all sills and wall studs were notched, fitted and set with wood pins. Hand saws were used to cut all four sides of 2X4's, hatchet shaped to fit, drilled, and wooden pins inserted to maintain stability of the sills and walls. Congratulations to Rita and Tim for the continued preservation of this historic home.  
Submitted by Patsy & Jake Trost



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Juan Pena  
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District 3



Mayor Thomas was presented an award on January 18th from the National Council on Readiness and Preparation for her leadership during Hurricane Rita.

Jeff Sjostrom (GEDP - Galveston Economic Development Partnership) presented information about the East End Flats to City Council during workshop. A Request For Interest (RFI) will go out for consideration in February for 90 days. The RFI are scheduled to be back in June/July for review by City Council. The effort is led by UTMB for 93 acres in partnership with the City of Galveston, the Wharves, GEDP and the Corp of Engineers. The vision is to have a senior living condominium proposed to be on the tax rolls. The Federal Government is being asked to release the remaining acres. Key factors include: 1) Fair market value of the land must be paid to the Corp of Engineers; 2) Reconfiguration of levy walls and dewatering of property to allow stabilization of the soil such that building can take place. 3) Funds must be available to purchase replacement of dredge disposal area.

The Golf Course Proposal has been presented to council and will be voted upon at the January 25<sup>th</sup> Council meeting. I appreciate those individuals that have shared their thoughts regarding the proposal. The proposal presents there will not be a management fee, all profits will go to a special reserve fund specifically for the maintenance of the course, discounts or specials will be available equally to all Galveston hotels, and the course will remain a municipal course open to the public.

The Disaster Response for Historic Properties committee will be hosting a public forum March 3, 2007 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 at Rosenberg Library. The forum will provide the opportunity for residents to gather information on readying their properties for the 2007 storm season.

My e-mail is [juanpena@cityofgalveston.org](mailto:juanpena@cityofgalveston.org) please contact me if I can be of service.



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## DARRAGH PARK READIES FOR SPRING

Get your gloves out...your rake, lopper and your wheelbarrow, too! It's tune-up time at Darragh Park – **Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am.** Green thumb, **Paul Evans** will lead the work party through the pruning and clean-up process that will make us proud when spring returns to the Island. It's always fun so why don't you join us?



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## MONTHLY MEETING TIME CHANGE

One of the first acts of the new EEHDA Board of Directors was to change the meeting time. The date stays the same – first Thursday of the month. Cottage doors will now open for the traditional **wine and cheese reception at 5:30pm** on that date and the **board meeting will start at 6:00pm.**

As always, members are encouraged to attend...and participate! It's always hard to tell who is and who isn't a board member because these meetings are really a gathering of folks who simply want to take care of their neighborhood. So join us!



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# Application for Membership - East End Historical District Association

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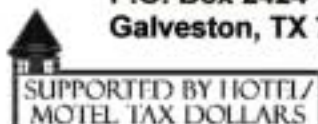
Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Names of persons covered by this membership:**

**Type of membership:**

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| <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 7:30 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 amount and to the extent provided by section 170 of the code.

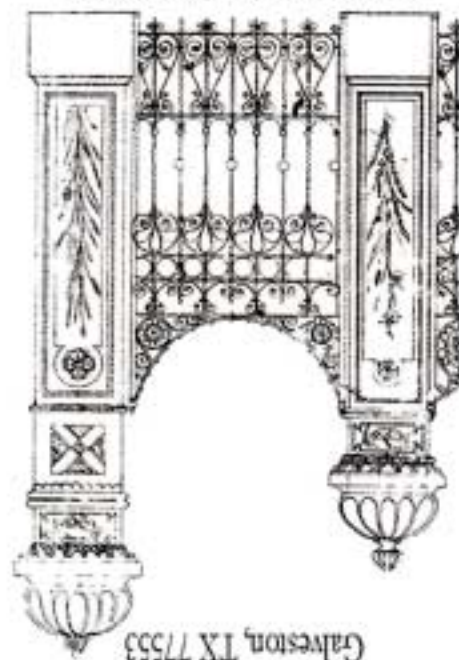
### **SAFEE MEMBERSHIP OPTION**

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.

### **Joining the SAFEE Program includes**

**Family membership in E.E.H.D.A.  
3 months \$60; 6 months \$120; full year \$240**

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