



East End Historical District Association

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June 2007

COMING EVENTS

June 2nd (Saturday) 9:00am – noon
GHF Demonstration class “Designing for Health, Air Quality and Energy Savings
GHF Salvage Warehouse at 908 23rd Street

June 4th & 18th (Monday) 4:00pm
Landmark Commission – City Hall
(June 4th - Hearing on proposed new construction at 1528 Broadway)

June 5th & 19th (Tuesday) 4:00pm
Planning Commission – City Hall

EEHDA activity

June 7th (Thursday) 5:30 pm Member’s Wine & Cheese Reception.
6:00 pm –Board of Directors meeting (EEHDA members encouraged to attend)

EEHDA activity

June 8th (Friday) 6:00pm –8:00pm
Block Party – 17th Street between Winnie & Church

June 9th (Sat.) 6:00pm – 9:00pm –
ARTWALK

Robert Evans

**EEHDA
PRESIDENT**



We had our first Block Party of the season on Thursday, May 10. And what a P-A-R-T-Y!!! The party was hosted by the EEHDA at the cottage and it was a huge success. We gathered a few new members and met lots of new neighbors. The Board has been feverishly working to outline duties for the Block Party Hosts and have come up with the following. The hosts shall:

- Invite neighbors and ask that they not park on the street during the party.
- Greet attendees and be present at the party from 5:30 until cleanup is complete.
- Assist with setup, takedown, and cleanup.
- Be sure that at least two garbage cans are available.

Other useful Block Party information includes this as well. The official rain date will be one week after the original date. If rain occurs on the second date, the event will be cancelled and not rescheduled. The message on the answering machine at the cottage (409-763-5928) will reflect the current block party date, location and rain date. Signs will be placed at the cottage, as well as at the party location, announcing the party date, location, and rain date, should it occur. The cut off time for calling an event due to rain will be 4:00 p.m. on the date of event. The block party chairperson(s) will implement these policies.

Block Party Flyers will be distributed at each monthly board meeting to those persons signed up to hand them out and to anyone wishing to assist in that effort. The weekend is a good time to actually distribute the flyers in order to be sure “weekenders” are contacted. However, the June 2007 meeting will be part of a membership drive, and flyers will be mailed (first class postage) to members, as well as to all residents of the East End Historic District, in ample time prior to the event to reach everyone.

I hope this helps everyone understand our parties better and will assist you all in planning your schedules so you can attend.

Thanks to all for your continued support of the East End Historical District Association and hope to see you at the meetings, block parties and around the neighborhood.

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NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

This is my last issue as Editor of the EEHDA Newsletter. In the 3 plus years I've put it together



I've had to stay pretty close to everything the association was involved in. In a word this has shown me that it is a constant job to maintain the kind of neighborhood you want to live in. Over 30 years ago the founding members of EEHDA had dreams for this part of town.

Those dreams have been realized. The East End Historical District is now one of the most beautiful and certainly the most popular and sought-after residential neighborhood on the island. However, keeping it that way has been the challenge!

Back in the 70's the first EEHDA newsletters addressed issues of the times. Through the years many of the issues changed but they were always there, challenging our neighborhood in the maintenance of its integrity and life-style.

That is what the EEHDA Newsletter is all about. It's the reported word of it's member's work for a better neighborhood and I'm proud to have been a part of it.

It has been a delight to work with the four Boards of Directors under presidents **Ron Gilroy**, **Jamie Grady** (for two years) and our current president, **Robert Evans**. **Jake and Patsy Trost** have gone above and beyond for years in their work for the Restoration of the Month featured every month in the newsletter. All of these folks are your good neighbors. They were, and are committed to maintenance of that dream spawned back in the seventies. My thanks to them, and to you.

Bob Chapin

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BLOCK PARTY NEWS

Wouldn't you know – April “showers” washed out our April block party! The date set made it impractical to use the following Friday as a “rain date” since Beach Party was starting that day. So...

This year's block party schedule has been scheduled to extend into November. **Al and Gale Pressman** will host the event on Friday, November 9th.

RESTORATION OF THE MONTH



1717 Postoffice, 1890

Whether a house was built on the north side of one of Galveston's alphabetical avenues or the south side seems to have had an effect on how it was designed. The tall, planar-fronted house with porches (rather than verandas or galleries) represented by this house for Mrs. Elise C. Michael, is one that appears with far greater frequency on south-side lots than on north-side lots. It is a Victorianized version of the older I-house type. Here, the clapboard-faced body of the house is very plain, in contrast to the exuberant pierced plate wooden porch ornament, the articulated bracketing of the porch's vertical posts and the decorative timber stripping in the gable above the porch. *

Congratulations to **David and Kay Hoh** for the continuing to maintain the beauty of this home. *Galveston Architecture Guidebook

submitted by Jake & Pasty Trost



Darragh Park Gazebo takes shape in the hands of iron artisan, Doug McLean and Nickey Hainline. Dedication ceremonies are expected in July.



2007 LANDMARK COMMISSION PRESERVATION AWARD

At the May 10th meeting of the Galveston City Council, Mr. Joseph Rozier, Landmark Commission Chair, presented the 2007 City of Galveston Landmark Preservation Awards. The Commission recognizes property owners who have taken significant actions to restore structures on Galveston Island.

Residential Rehabilitation Award



1823 Winnie

The houses at 1821 and 1823 Winnie collapsed from their foundations on Mother's Day weekend 2005 following a microburst or small tornado. The property owners were able to rehabilitate the house utilizing the administrative approval policy of the Landmark Commission. Construction was completed in April 2006. This award was presented to James M. Tucker and Holly R. Magee, in recognition of their valuable contributions.

Submitted by Sheryl Rozier



1823 Winnie - May 2005




After repair of storm damage



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notes from

Juan Pena
City Council Representative
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An item that is generating buzz around Galveston recently is the HOT tax. Allow me to share some information regarding this item.

The HOT tax is derived from Hotel and Motel Heads in Beds. The hotel tax rate is 15%. The state receives 6% and the city receives 9%. The city portion is further divided as follows: 4.125 pennies for the Convention Center debt service and operational costs. 1.0 pennies for beach maintenance and patrol. 3.0 pennies for advertising and for promotion of tourism. and .875 pennies for Historical preservation and restoration and in support of the arts. The .875 pennies is the 7/8 of one cent that can go to organizations that apply for funding to the Arts and Historic Preservation committee. The Arts and Historic committee reviews all the applications and their requests for funding and makes a recommendation to City Council for disbursement of these funds. The applicants are aware that there is no guarantee of any amount of funding for any given year. The allocation has increased over the years. The following are the amounts allocated since fiscal year 2000: 2000- \$577,889; 2001- \$606,054; 2002- \$599,956; 2003- \$602,732; 2004- \$609,271; 2005- \$712,466; 2006- \$872,471; 2007- \$862,750.

As can be seen, the amount has been increasing. Since 2000 the amount has increased by \$284, 861 or 49.3%. There can also be seen some fluctuations. That is again because there is no guarantee of the number of heads in beds. It is expected however, that the amount will continue to grow, notwithstanding a major event such as a hurricane. It was initially brought forward to cap the amount of funding to the Arts and Historic Preservation applicants. The committee made the recommendation not to cap but instead to base the allotment on a percentage. This was reviewed and brought forward at the last council workshop. Also at the workshop, it was brought forward by the committee chair to allow the committee some time to review the allotments to the organizations and bring back a report to council. Council has been very responsive in reviewing the recommendation to look at a percentage instead of a cap. Council was also responsive to the request for time to research the effectiveness of these funds utilized by the organizations. The Arts and Historic committee will provide a report to City Council for their consideration in determining the next step. A decision has not been made in regards to this issue. Council will review all information prior to making a decision. The item is scheduled to come before council June 28th.


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



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GRAFFITI IS VANDALISM

Since the end of March 2007 there has been a rise in graffiti activity in the East End. Did you know the legal age to buy spray paint is 18? The best deterrent for graffiti is to make sure there is no audience for it. Publicizing photos only glorifies it for the 'artist.' It is recommended to cover or remove the graffiti as soon as possible, after reporting it to the police. The police will typically want to come out to document and photograph the vandalism. The police are doing their best to deter it, but they need your eyes and ears to help.

People hanging out in the neighborhood with a backpack would be considered a person of interest, especially if it is not a school day or school hours. People hanging out in the alleyways would be considered as well. Graffiti is vandalism and the offender can be prosecuted by law and possibly fined. Most offenders are minors, which means their legal guardian is responsible for their actions. If you see suspicious activity or need to contact the police in this matter, please use the non-emergency number 409-765-3702. Please keep this number handy for all non-emergency uses.

If there is a topic you would like to know more about or would like to be included in receiving emails regarding information for the SAFEE program, please send your address and comments to safee@swbell.net.

Submitted by Sheryl Rozier

