



# East End Historical District Association's NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### EEHDA activity

June 5<sup>th</sup> (Thursday)

5:30pm - Refreshments at The Cottage

6:00pm - East End Neighborhood Meeting

Guest Presentation –

**County Judge Jim Yarbrough**

June 2<sup>nd</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> (Mondays) 4:00pm

Landmark Commission – City Hall

June 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> (Mondays) 4:00pm

Planning Commission – City Hall

### EEHDA activity

June 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> (Saturdays) 9:00am

Caulk “party” at The Cottage on the 7<sup>th</sup>,

Painting on the 21<sup>st</sup>

June 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> (Saturday & Sunday)

Sat. -10:00am – 5:00pm, Sun.- Noon – 5:00pm

Clean Galveston's **Back-Garden Tour**

See Jane Chapin or Marianne Miller for tickets

### EEHDA activity

June 12<sup>th</sup> (Thursday) 5:30pm –

Block Party at 6:00pm

15<sup>th</sup> Street – Church to Postoffice

June 14<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) – 8:00 am – Noon

Farmer's Market, 24<sup>th</sup> at The Strand

**Mike Gilbert**

**EEHDA  
PRESIDENT**



**Hello Neighbors!** I've never seen anything like it before in my life. A backyard full of “Stuff” – but new treasures to hundreds of individuals. It was more of a party than a yard sale to raise funds to help clean and spruce up our East End Cottage. At the end of the day, we had another successful fund raiser for the East End. Many thanks to chairperson of the event, Kathy Bass and her crew of “Busy Bees” for netting over \$ 5749.00 in funds. Work has already begun on the Cottage – scraping, painting, caulking – both inside and out. If you want to join in the fun, please meet your neighbors at the cottage on June 7<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 9:00 AM to help continue in this effort.

County Judge Jim Yarbrough will be our special guest speaker at our next EEHDA board meeting on Thursday, June 5<sup>th</sup>. Galveston County is currently considering leasing the old county jail located Ball and 19<sup>th</sup> street to house the overflow of inmates from Harris County. Please come attend this important meeting and assess its impact on our neighborhood. We will begin our social time at 5:30 PM and the meeting will begin promptly at 6:00 PM. See You Around the Neighborhood!

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## ALLISON'S NEIGHBORHOOD



### 904 19<sup>TH</sup> Street

Our East End neighborhood has been oddly enhanced by a little one-story house built around 1950, 904 19<sup>th</sup> Street. Gary Christianson, the owner of a recently renovated home, owns a vital piece of real estate buffering the East End Historical District from commercial traffic on 19<sup>th</sup> Street and one of the infamous jail buildings next to our neighborhood.

If you've just noticed this house recently, it's probably because you can SEE it because Gary shortened his fence by one foot, making his fence the same as the other houses to the east. He's fixed up the exterior of the house, trimmed trees, and landscaped it handsomely. The crowning touch is three beautiful 30-foot Queen Palms that Gary got for a real steal a couple of years ago -- \$19 each at WalMart.

Homes on the west side of our neighborhood have gradually been chipped away by parking lots and bail bondsmen's offices. Please welcome Gary to the neighborhood at the next Block Party, and congratulate him for assisting in the preservation of our special neighborhood.

Got a home to recommend for Restoration of the Month? Drop me a note at [allie\\_brown@comcast.net](mailto:allie_brown@comcast.net). See you in the neighborhood!

# East End Construction

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## COTTAGE ALMOST READY FOR NEW PAINT

BY Jonathon Tromm

I want to thank the many people who helped at the cottage Saturday, May 17; **Ron Carroll, Steve Carroll, Lizette Gaudin, Mike Gilbert, Jamie Grady, Lynette Haaga, George Najarian, Louie and Paula Reeg** and last but not least the presently **unnamed east side scraper**. Thank you all very much. The outside of the cottage was scraped with a good bit of effort, tree limbs cut and much cleaning and organizing was done inside. Everybody enjoyed the lunch and refreshments almost as much as the fun working! A cool breeze and clouds made for a refreshing time.

We are gathering again on June 7th, Saturday, at 9am to caulk the outside seams So please mark your calendars and come out to help. It goes so much faster and makes such a difference when many people come out to help. We will meet again on June 21st, Saturday, at 9am to begin painting and the more the merrier. Unlimited space is available for this entertainment extravaganza so come on out. For a good time please contact **Jonathon Tromm at 409-771-5255** for information or reservations.



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# Thanks for Making Yard Sale a Huge Success!

By Kathy Bass

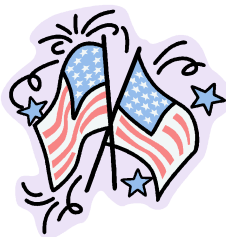
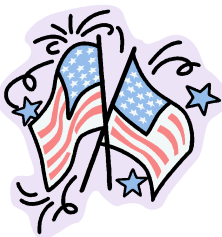
Whether you donated items, helped price items, helped with set up for the Champagne Preview Sale or Saturday Yard Sale, donated your time & effort to collect items, baked goodies, sacrificed your garage for 2 months and most importantly, purchased some of our fabulous LOOT....you were an important part of our first (notice I didn't say annual!)



EEHDA Yard Sale and helped make it the most successful fund raiser in EEHDA history!!! We could not have done it without the generosity of our EEHDA family and friends. On behalf of the committee, I want to say a BIG thank you to all who participated and as chair of this FUN event, I want to thank my awesome committee for their never ending enthusiasm, energy and FUN loving spirit throughout this 2 month endeavor. What a GREAT team effort this was!



Our total donation to the Cottage Rehab Fund, after we paid our expenses, was \$5,749.33!!! A special thank you goes out to **Karl Lewis and Sandy Hardin** for the use of their garage for almost 2 months!!! It made the logistics perfect being just a few doors from the cottage. Also, a personal thank you to **Al & Gail Pressman, Bob & Jane Chapin, George & Lizette Narjarian, Marty & Fran Kelly, Bill & Lynette Hagga, Ron & Cynthia Gilroy, Allison Brown, Cheryl Fortune, Linda & Joey Cotton and Tom Bass** for being there above & beyond. Let's all give ourselves a big pat on the back for a job very well done....but not too hard....some of us are still recovering!!!



The Galveston 4th of July Parade Committee has organized an exciting celebration of our Nation's Independence Day and you have an invitation to be part of it! Decorate your bicycle, tricycle, golf cart, skates, horses, wagons, carriages, float, or any other favorite mode of transportation and be in the parade! For more information, contact: **Kathy Modzelewski** Phone: 409-762-3617, Email: modz@airmail.net



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Notes from

# ELIZABETH BEETON

City Council Representative  
District 3

I am looking forward to representing the East End Historical District Association at City Hall. I love the East End: It is one of Texas' most beautiful, peaceful, and charming neighborhoods. District 3's former council members - David Bowers, Joe Jaworski, and Juan Pena - all worked hard on behalf of our district and I am proud to follow in their footsteps.

As issues arise of particular importance to the East End and District 3, I will write about them here and let you know about them at the monthly meeting. Please let me know when you become aware of issues that need attention from the city. I will do my best to get them handled.

Thank you for your commitment to the neighborhood, the EEHDA, and Galveston.

Sincerely,  
**Elizabeth Beeton**  
1416 Ball Street  
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## NEW & RENEWING MEMBERSHIP

### Regular and SAFEE members:

- John Paul Athanasiou
- Debbie & Chuck Morris
- Paul Waschka
- Jim & Elizabeth Patterson
- Peter, Stephanie, Gideon & Eden McClain
- Casey & Michael Farris
- Mike & Pam Gilbert
- Nicolas & Melanie Knapik

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- Dan Hays-Clark & William Ennis
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# Gustafson Granddaughters Visit East End Cottage

By Lynette Haaga

Two very special shoppers turned up at our EEHDA Yard Sale on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Kathy Williams and Diane Scott are the granddaughters of Victor Gustafson, the original owner of what is now our East End Cottage, and they were delighted to revisit their grandparents' home and recollect some of their childhood experiences there. Gustafson was a Finnish immigrant and lived till 1956. The Cottage was a storm survivor, being repaired and expanded after the great hurricane. It was moved from its original location at 620 Market Street to its present site in the East End in 1979.

Even though Kathy was only three years old at the time, she can recall pleasant visits to the cottage but no specific details. Diane, on the other hand, was a little older and has many clear memories of happy times spent there. The girls' father was Wilford Gustafson, and he moved the family from Galveston to LaMarque in 1951. It was a large family with lots of aunts, uncles, and cousins, who frequently returned to Galveston to gather at their grandpa's house.

Diane told of sitting on the front porch with her grandfather many a time. He would smoke his pipe and tell her all kinds of stories. The

main front room we now use as a meeting room used to be divided by a wall, but she says that the living room area seemed just huge to her back then. "It doesn't look that big to me now", she reported with a smile. There used to be a second bedroom behind our current storage room, and the girls would run in and out the side door. The bathroom was in the same location but you had to go outside on the back porch and come in again to access it.




**Diane Scott & Kathy Williams**

Holidays were a very important part of Gustafson family life, especially the big Christmas celebration. One cousin would always dress up as Santa and pass out gifts to all the children, calling each one by name to Diane's amazement since of course that really was Santa. The Christmas tree was always in the center of the room which may seem odd to us today, but that is according to Scandinavian custom. No Christmas would be complete

without everyone feasting on traditional favorites such as lutefisk, meatballs, and lefse. Those of you from the upper Midwest may well be familiar with those holiday treats yourselves.

Diane and Kathy graciously took time to chat and also have agreed to send some photos and share more memories of the Cottage and the Gustafson family. We truly appreciate their helping us more fully appreciate the heritage of our EEHDA home as we work together to refresh and restore it.



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# Neighborhood Meeting Refreshment Volunteers

A big thank you to our members who have already stepped forward and donated refreshments for several of our monthly Neighborhood Meetings at the Cottage! Lynn McMorris, Lizette Gaudin, Lynette Haaga, Julia Muncaster, and Cynthia Gilroy have already brought some snacks and goodies to share, and there are certainly a few others whose names we're not aware of that we need to thank as well. (We won't feel hurt if you gently remind us!)

There is currently no budget allowance for meeting refreshments. In previous years, we have relied on Block Party leftovers to tide us through at meetings, but with our new, leaner budget for Block Parties this year there basically are no leftovers. At our last meeting in May, a signup sheet was passed around for volunteers to provide snacks or drinks for the meetings each month.

Just a reminder that these will be considered donations and will not be reimbursed from East End funds. Special thanks to Fran Kelly for providing snacks for our June meeting, and Allison Brown for volunteering to bring wine and beer for both June and July. We appreciate Marianne Miller providing snacks for August. We could use a soft drink (regular and diet) donor for June if anyone is able. By the way, gentlemen, this is not a just a ladies thing and we know quite a few of you are handy in the kitchen!

You will also see our familiar collection jar at the refreshments table at our meetings! The funds collected here are turned over to our Treasurer and will be used to fill in any gaps in months where no one has signed up to bring something. (You know we need our strength for productive meetings, of course.) Thank you all for your generous donations totaling \$29.00 at our May meeting. They will be put to good use for everyone's benefit.

Lynette Haaga has volunteered to coordinate refreshments each month. Please contact her at 409-750-9441 or 1-409-200-9547 (cell) or email at [islandtime8@gmail.com](mailto:islandtime8@gmail.com) if you wish to provide a little something for one of our meetings, and she will put your name on the sign-up sheet. Categories on the list are Snacks, More Snacks, Wine, Beer, and Cokes/Water. We will also have the signup sheet at each meeting.

# SAFEE

By Sheryl Rozier

I would like to wish everyone a happy Summer! The dedication of our beautiful new Pavilion rung in the 2008 Block Party season and the heat is right around the corner. Although with the summer heat it is often too hot to get out and do much of anything during the day, please still keep your eyes and ears open around your block. Leaving your home well lit is also a very good idea. Please remember that security starts with you. Always lock your car and home doors behind you, even if you are home or doing yard work. Crimes of convenience are the most typical around our neighborhood. Do not give someone an opportunity that could be avoided. If you are going to be out of town on summer vacation, remember to have your mail held at the post office and your paper held or even donated. If you do not feel comfortable doing this please consider asking a friend or neighbor to come buy and pick them up. Papers and mail stacking up on the outside of your residence is a sure sign that no one is home. Even if you are not asking them for help while you are away let them know you will be gone. A great defense for crime is also being a good neighbor. Neighbors can certainly help notice any suspicious activity around your home while you are gone. One of the duties of the SAFEE officers is to patrol homes while a resident is on vacation. Please leave a note in the black mailbox at The Cottage, 1501 Postoffice. Include your name, address, dates you will be gone and a phone number where you can be reached. This is a great service offered by SAFEE, not just in the summer but all year long. Have a safe and great summer. As always, if you have a question or comment I can be reached by email at [safee@swbell.net](mailto:safee@swbell.net).

**Join the SAFEE Program!**

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

## ZONING AND LAND USE

Submitted by Sheryl Rozier

Have you ever wondered what you were allowed to do with your property? Better yet, what your neighborhood is allowed to do with its properties? Most people think because they live in a Historic District that the majority of the permitted land use is single family residences. If that was your thought, then you were mistaken. As you would assume, there is a corridor down 14<sup>th</sup> Street that is classified as Neighborhood Services. We do consider that a commercial corridor, which is important to any neighborhood. Broadway is considered a General Residence District which allows up to four units on a property. Most of us think of Broadway as our boulevard of beautiful homes, especially on the north side due to the prevailing winds off the Gulf. But, under our land use someone can convert or build up to a four unit structure on our historic boulevard. In the areas of our neighborhood that are classified as the Historical District you are permitted to use your property as a single family home or duplex. There are areas on the fringe of our neighborhood considered Multi-Family-One and Multi-Family-Two that can have over six units on their property.

You might ask; why is this important? Fabric, density and scale are items that are critical to a neighborhoods charm and integrity. I think it is important for people to know what is allowable for their property and especially what can

happen next door. The integrity of our neighborhood is critical when discussing its value and historic nature. If you are concerned with your surrounding land use please contact the EEHDA. There are things that a neighborhood can do to revise land use in areas of concern. We have had a forum on this topic before at a monthly meeting and can do so again.

	H	1F-4	GR	MF-1	MF-2	NS
Single Family Res	P	P	P	P	P	P
Garage Apt	P	P	P	P	P	
Duplex	P	P	P	P	P	P
Three Units	S	S	P	P	P	
Four Units	S	S	P	P	P	
Five Units	S	S	S	P	P	
Six Units	S	S	S	P	P	
Over Six Units	S		S	P	P	

P = Permitted Land Use

S = Specific Use Permit Required

Blank = Not Permitted

### East End Historical District

#### Types of Zoning Legend:

Historical District -- H

One Family-Four Dwelling District -- 1F-4

General Residence District -- GR

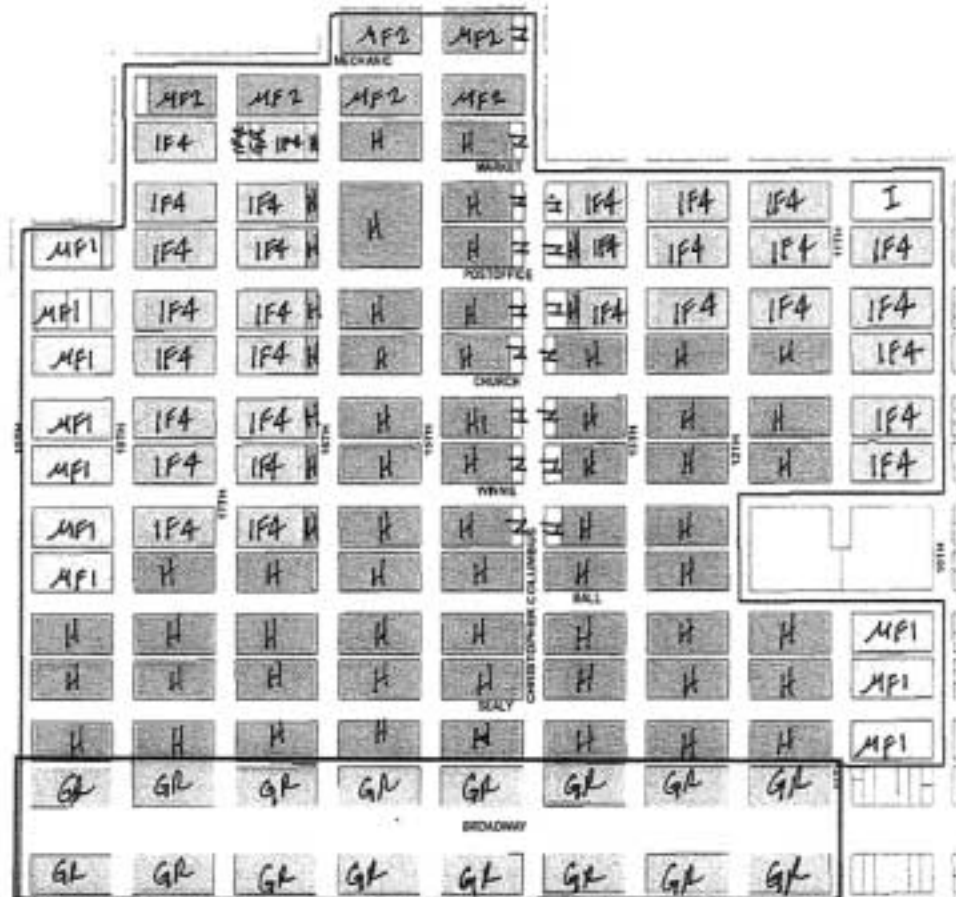
Multiple Family-One Dwelling District -- MF-1

Multiple Family-Two Dwelling District -- MF-2

Neighborhood Service District -- NS

Institutional District

Parking District



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