



# East End Historical District Association

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## COMING EVENTS

### EEHDA activity

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

Wine & Cheese Reception for members.

**6:00 pm** – EEHDA Board of Directors.

*Members encouraged to attend*

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

Public Forum:

**“Disaster Response for Historic Properties”**

*Wortham Auditorium-Rosenberg Library*

**March 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> (Monday) 4:00pm**

Landmark Commission – City Hall

**March 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday) 4:00pm**

Planning Commission – City Hall

**March 17<sup>th</sup> (Sat.) 6:00pm – 9:00pm – ARTWALK**

### EEHDA activity

**April 13<sup>th</sup> (Friday) 6:00pm – 8:00pm**

Block Party – 1200 Block of Sealy

*Robert Evans*  
**EEHDA  
PRESIDENT**



As we enter Spring on the Island, and begin spending more time enjoying outdoor living, I encourage all of you to get out and visit the so many attractions and shops that abound here. Try to do as much shopping at Island merchants as possible, especially those who advertise in our East End newsletter. When shopping, or even just browsing, let the merchant know you are an East End resident and have seen their advertisement. I especially encourage Board members to get out and introduce yourself to these merchants.

In addition to encouraging the spending of dollars locally, I would also like to caution all to be especially mindful of those merchants located on the island, and specifically located within the East End Historical District, who *do not* share our love of restoration and renovation. We are all conscious and aware of renovation and if we didn't care as much as we do for these structures, we wouldn't be here. I don't believe any of us want to see beautiful old buildings destroyed to make way for new modern structures and parking lots. Shop wisely and let these merchants know why you are, or aren't, shopping within their establishments.

This is always a pleasant time on the Island and signals the beginning of many events that last well into the Fall. One of these is the monthly Block Parties held from April through October. If you are interested in being a host, please contact Block Party organizers **Donna Leibbert** or **Terry Wright** at [Gracedadog@yahoo.com](mailto:Gracedadog@yahoo.com) or drop a note to our new East End e-mail address, [EEHDINFO@aol.com](mailto:EEHDINFO@aol.com).

I'm looking forward to seeing you all at our meetings, block parties and around the island.

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## TIME TO RENEW?

It is getting close to spring time and that means one thing in the East End...Block Parties. What better way to stay informed of events than your membership newsletter. Please take a moment to look at your newsletter address label. Your membership type, length and date of expiration are listed above your name and address. The name of the month and year noted on this label is when your current membership will expire. For example: SAFEE 6Mos Apr 2007. This member is part of the SAFEE program, paying every 6 months and their current dues will be due again in April 2007.

We are looking forward to another exciting year in the East End and encourage you to keep your membership current. If you have a neighbor or friend that is only part time on the island please see if they would like to join. Having the newsletter mailed to them once a month can keep them informed about events on the island and in the neighborhood. We are also updating the website to provide the ability to send out reminders and important information and would like your email address to send you information. You can visit the website at [www.eastendgalveston.org](http://www.eastendgalveston.org). Please email your information to [eehdainfo@aol.com](mailto:eehdainfo@aol.com) or for the SAFEE member [safee@swbell.net](mailto:safee@swbell.net). Your information will not be shared with any other organization. We are looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting or event.

We have also enclosed our membership survey form. Please take a look at this and consider volunteering to help with something in the community. **Submitted by Sheryl Rozier**

## Forum: Disaster Response for Historic Properties

*The forum will be held Saturday, March 3, 2007, from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at Rosenberg Library's Wortham Auditorium.*

The Mayor's Ad Hoc Committee on Disaster Response for Historic Properties will be hosting a public forum on Saturday, March 3, 2007, to give owners of historic structures information about preparing their buildings or homes for disasters, especially hurricanes.

Topics that will be discussed include:

- Galveston Historical Foundation's Role
- The City of Galveston's Resources
- Windstorm Insurance Overview
- Residential Property Concerns
- Minimizing Structural Damage

The public is encouraged to attend.

For additional information, please contact the Office of Planning and Community Development by calling Lori Feild Schwarz or Catherine Gorman Tinnemeyer (409) 797-3660.

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## Restoration of the Month



### 612 15<sup>th</sup> Street, 1886

This home was built in 1886 at Market and 19<sup>th</sup> Street and was moved in 1893 by horse and wagon to its current location. Having been used as a duplex for approximately 25 years, the home was reconfigured to the original style of a single family house by Robert Roth, who made all of the renovations which were completed in August 2005. A bathroom was added upstairs, making this a three bedroom house with three full bathrooms. Additional closets were added, since there were few in the original design because anything with a door was considered a room and thus taxed as such.

Congratulations to **Heather Donnelly** and **Hillary Bell** for the continued preservation of this historic home. Submitted by Patsy & Jake Trost

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## DECORATION CONTEST RESULTS

Christmas decoration contest winners were announced at EEHDA's general membership in January. First prize for individual home decoration went to 1428 Church. Second prize in that category was awarded to 1702 Ball. The competition also recognized two blocks in the neighborhood for their collective talents. First prize to the 1500 block of Postoffice and second prize to the 1700 block of Ball.



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## GALVESTON HAS A RECYCLE CENTER

Clean Galveston Board of Directors has recently focused on recycling as another way to make our City sparkle. The organization encourages Galveston residents to start the recycle habit. The City Recycling Center is at 702 61st Street and operated 8 am to 5 pm Monday - Saturday. Items accepted include all paper, cardboard, glass (brown or clear only), all scrap iron and metal, aluminum, used motor oil, old gasoline, antifreeze, automotive batteries, 1 - 7 plastic, ink jet cartridges, computers, old cell phones and 5 tires removed from rims per week with proof of residency.

Senior citizens who register with the Recycling Center (741-1446) will receive monthly calls and pick-up from their homes on the first Saturday of each month.

notes from

**Juan Pena**  
City Council Representative  
District 3



The election for District 6 Council Representative will be held May 12, 2007.

Lone Star Rally representatives have requested the same "footprint" for the 2007 event that they used in 2006. The Rally is scheduled for the first weekend of November 2007, to begin Thursday November 1<sup>st</sup> through Sunday November 4<sup>th</sup>.


The Disaster Response for Historic Properties committee will hold a public forum on readying properties for the storm season. The forum is scheduled for March 3, 2007 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM at Rosenberg Library.

The Golf Course is now closed and will undergo \$14 million worth of upgrades. The course will be closed for approximately 18 months. The Driving Range on Stewart Road will be open tentatively March 1.

A Request for Proposals for a Height and Density Development plan has been developed by the planning department. The Height and Density Development plan includes a "vision" task which will provide the opportunity for public involvement. Planning also is completing a recommendation for zoning amendments associated with the recently annexed MUD 1, which will be included in the update to the Comprehensive Plan. The first meeting of the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee is expected to be scheduled June 2007. Staff will notify appointed members of the projected schedule and encourage members to review the current 2001 Comprehensive Plan prior to the meeting.

The Charter Review Committee held their first meeting February 15.

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# EEHDA MEMBER SURVEY

Every month something special is happening in the East End. Can you help? Volunteers have made the East End Historical District Association what it is today - the most active and accomplished neighborhood organization on the island. This list of E.E.H.D.A programs and activities would look much better with your name on it. If you want to know more about one or more of the items listed, check the box, fill in your personal information and return this form to **EEHDA Volunteer; P.O. Box 2424; Galveston, TX 77553**

## Christmas Homes Tour (early December)

- Event planning
- House chair
- Docent
- Historical research
- Cottage host
- Refreshments
- Cottage decoration

## Block Parties (monthly April thru October)

- Event planning
- Set-up
- Promotion

## Casino Night (early November)

- Event planning
- Dealer (poker, blackjack, craps, roulette)
- Concessions (bartender, waiter, supplies buyer)
- Physical arrangements (set-up & decoration)
- Guest registration
- Prize collection

## Liaison with community (year round)

- Galveston Historical Foundation
- GAIN
- Clean Galveston
- City of Galveston
- City Council
- Landmark Commission
- Planning Commission
- Police Department
- Code Enforcement

## Newsletter (year round)

- Write articles
- Maintain events calendar
- Prepare for mailing
- Select featured Restoration of the Month

## Cottage & Parks (year round)

- Building maintenance
- Grounds spruce-up (twice in year)
- Manage Cottage rentals

What suggestions do you have to make EEHDA more effective in the community?

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to:

**EEHDA Volunteer  
P.O. Box 2424  
Galveston, TX 77553**

# Application for Membership - East End Historical District Association

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

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

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 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**

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