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### Meet the new Board of Directors

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# MARK YOUR CALENDAR

March 1<sup>st</sup> (Saturday) 6:00pm – Art Walk

March 4<sup>th</sup>, & 18<sup>th</sup> (Mondays) 4pm  
Landmark Commission – City Hall

March 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> (Mondays) 4pm  
Planning Commission – City Hall

March 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> (Sat. 10am – 6pm,  
Sun. 11am – 4pm) Home & Garden Show  
at Seawall Convention Center

*EEHDA activity*  
March 6<sup>th</sup> (Thursday)  
5:30pm - Refreshments at The Cottage  
6:00pm - East End Neighborhood Meeting

March 15<sup>th</sup> St. Patrick's Day

*EEHDA activity*  
March 29<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) 9:00am  
Darragh Park "Mulching" work party

*EEHDA activity*  
April 11<sup>th</sup> (Friday) 6:00pm -Block Party at  
Darragh Park and dedication of the new  
pavilion

**EEHDA  
PRESIDENT**

**Mike Gilbert**



***Hello Neighbors!*** Yet again, you need to run to Chalmers. You know - for the fifth time to get the right size nut and bolt. When you walk out your front door, through your gate, which way do you go? To your car? Or, did you decide to walk to Chalmers through our neighborhood? In your walk, do you discover a home that you may not have noticed before, do you meet a neighbor that just moved in down the street, did you meet someone who is getting ready to paint their house and has six sample colors painted on the front porch? What a wonderful neighborhood we live in. We are proud to live in the East End. Explore our neighborhood and Enjoy!!

Your East End board and membership is busy planning for a great year of exciting activities and projects. We will need your help to achieve all of our goals for the coming year, so please be ready to volunteer your time and effort to these projects. Please mark on your calendar, Thursday, March 6, 6:00 PM, to attend our next neighborhood meeting, at the Cottage, 15<sup>th</sup> and Postoffice. The City Planning Commission will be present to discuss the Neighborhood Comprehensive Plan. This will be your opportunity to give the city your input as to how to improve our neighborhood. Please plan to be there.

Our first block party will be Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup> and will be held at Darragh Park, 15<sup>th</sup> and Church. This will be a special evening; we will dedicate the pavilion that has been donated by good friend to the East End, Dr. E. Burke Evans. The pavilion will be a beautiful addition to our park and to the neighborhood. You won't want to miss our first block party!

***See you around the Neighborhood !***



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we must keep EEHDA members interested and active in the welfare of the Association and continue to welcome new residents and members. He comments that we need to sustain the traditions we have established and continue to look for ways to improve these traditions and provide new opportunities for the Association to grow and stay healthy.

We're glad to have the Gilberts as neighbors and friends and look forward to seeing them as leaders in EEHDA for a long time.

Meet Mike Gilbert, president of the East End Historical District Association. Actually, this is the fourth time Mike has been president of the EEHDA since he and his wife, Pam, moved into the East End in 1976 and joined the Association. In the early years of the EEHDA, Mike remembers many stories shared about restoration, contractors, and the joys and concerns of taking care of historic



properties. Certainly, Mike has had a large part in this development.

A lot has happened since the Gilberts first moved to the East End. EEHDA has become a moving

force in Galveston for keeping and improving this neighborhood treasure we all love. Today the Association is actively allied with many other neighborhood groups and Galveston Historical Foundation in order to achieve this.

When he talks about the activities of the EEHDA, Mike immediately mentions the Block Parties. He realizes the importance of neighbors coming together, sharing a meal, and getting to know each other. But his love is the Christmas Homes Tour. This is a big undertaking and he has given a lot of time and devotion to this activity. The four homes, selected by a committee, the food and decorations at the Cottage, the horse-drawn carriages, the many participants who provide music at the homes and at Sacred Heart, as well as the numerous volunteers without whom the tour could not exist all come together under Mike's leadership.



Thinking about the future, Mike believes

## YOU'RE INVITED TO A GARDEN PARTY!

Galveston's winter is coming to a close this month on March 20<sup>th</sup> – the first day of spring! As always, the first order of EEHDA business this time of year is garden tune - up at Darragh Park.

Paul Evans is rounding up his garden wranglers for a "mulching party" on Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup> and you're invited! The party starts 9:00am. Put your gloves on and load up your wheelbarrow, a rake and a shovel and come on over. If it works as well as last year we'll be finished in less than two hours!

## NEW & RENEWING MEMBERS

### Regular and SAFEE members

Bettie Forman

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Greg & Rebecca Whitlock

George & Maureen Mimari

Kay & Ben Davis

James & Shannan Elliott

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# DARRAGH PARK HISTORY

Compiled By Paul Evans

The Darragh Park is located at the corner of 15<sup>th</sup> and Church Street in the East End Historical District. The park sits on what was formerly the site of the Darragh Mansion which was destroyed by fire in 1990. The property was owned by the Galveston Historical Foundation and was purchased by the EEHDA in 1995 with the stipulation that we would create a park on the site.



A committee was formed of East End members and after about a year of planning meetings the project began and a landscape architect was selected.

McLean Blacksmithing was hired to restore the beautiful cast iron fencing surrounding the property. The fence was taken down in sections, repaired, sandblasted, primed and painted. While the fence was down numerous loads of sand and dirt were hauled in to elevate the land.

Local contractors installed the brick pavers, crushed granite walkways, and irrigation system while EEHDA volunteers installed the lights and benches.

Finally, on one Saturday morning in April of 1998 thirty five members of the Galveston County Master Gardeners set 2,500 plants in the ground bringing life to the park and it's gardens. The grand opening and celebration for EEHDA's new park took place at the following month at the Block Party.

Funding of this project came from donations recognized on the five Granite monuments placed in the park, as well as the inscribed bricks that make up part of the patio area. The named brick project was conceived for extra funding. Sales started and within 3 months 280 bricks had sold for \$50.00 each. To this day have others are asking how they can buy a brick.

## SAFEE Chili Cook-Off

Submitted by Sheryl Rozier & Terri Wright

The SAFE E Program had its first Forum in January and it gave members a great opportunity to meet and ask questions of the officers and find out more about the program. This meeting also sparked the idea of having a fundraiser and membership drive.

The SAFE E Program will be hosting a Chili Cook-Off on April 5, 2008 to benefit SAFE E. 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 also looking for sponsors for the event. 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](mailto:safee@swbell.net) or 409-763-1773.

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At the close of EEHDA's annual membership meeting on January 3<sup>rd</sup>, newly elected President Mike Gilbert called for special meeting of the of the membership to be held on Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>. The intent would be to establish short and long term goals for the Association. These are some of the goals suggested by members in attendance.

## EEHDA GOALS TARGETED FOR 2008

- Better communications with the city government entities
- Contact absentee landlords about condition of their properties
- Study the By-Laws for updating, rewording, & possible changes
- Create a "how-to" book of job descriptions for EEHDA officer's and project & activity chairpersons.
- Continue to refurbish Cottage inside & out
- Recycle area within East End neighborhood
- Establish a Welcome Wagon program
- Change name of monthly meeting from East End Board Meeting to East End Neighborhood Meeting
- Website update & upgrade
- Increase membership & renewal of membership through notices
- Increase SAFEE membership
- Increase income through additional fundraising
- East End float for 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade



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?

The 1895 Hagelman Cottage stands at 1701 Winnie. Before the Great Fire of 1885 that swept through the East End and destroyed so many houses, a larger, grander two-story house previously stood on that property. No structure occupied this lot from 1885 until 1895.

In the Hagelman Cottage, brisk, light footsteps have been heard moving purposefully along the hallway towards the front door. Perhaps this is Mrs. Hagelman herself checking on how the current owners are taking care of her house. Wine glasses are rearranged in the dining room china cabinet. Tilted so they are leaning forward to balance against the cabinet door, they would crash down onto the floor if the door were opened. Both of these instances seem harmless, even playful in the case of the stemware.

Not so playful is a partial apparition in the hallway. A beige mist began forming the figure of what seemed to be a tall, thin man between the living room and master bedroom. This apparition gave off an air of not being at all happy about things. It disappeared instantly when the lady of the house, who watched in amazement as it tried to materialize, couldn't stand it any longer and shouted out. Documents show that Charles Vidor, father of famed silent movie director King Vidor (whose home is across the street) died in the Hagelman cottage, so perhaps his restless spirit tried to appear. Very little is known about the previous structure on this property, so residents from that long-gone house could still be trying to make sure they are not forgotten as time moves on.

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

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# EEHDA to ENTER AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

**Galveston Island Relay For Life  
April 25-26, 2008 Moody Gardens**

This year's ACS Relay For Life event will be at Moody Gardens on April 25-26. This event brings our community together for one night to honor cancer survivors, raise money for cancer research and help those who are suffering with this disease. Over 30 teams set up campsites and walked around a track from 6pm to 6am.

This year's Relay theme is "Carnival for a Cure", so the campsites will be in the Carnival/Circus theme. **Pam Gilbert** will be forming a team for the EEHDA and would like you to join. Please contact Pam at 763-2597 or [drpqilbert@aol.com](mailto:drpqilbert@aol.com). Let's join our community in creating awareness of this disease that just might save lives and raise money. [www.relaygalveston.com](http://www.relaygalveston.com)

## 2007 SAFEER REPORT

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	TOTAL
Abandoned Vehicles Tagged	6	5	1	2	14
Aggravated Assault	1	3	0	0	4
Arrest Felony	1	1	4	2	8
Arrest Misdemeanor	7	8	6	5	26
Burglary	2	2	3	0	7
Call for Service	131	127	132	102	492
Citizen Contact	261	345	256	271	1133
Criminal Mischief	2	1	0	0	3
Disturbance	0	5	3	3	11
Drug Activity/Suspect Checked	3	9	3	2	17
Graffiti	3	2	0	0	5
Noise Citations/Warning	1	2	0	1	4
Patrol Assists	16	18	33	24	91
Periodic Home Check	1	5	2	8	16
Suspicious Person/Vehicle checked	5	5	0	10	20
Traffic Citations/Warning	73	63	68	44	248
Transient Citations/Warning	5	9	4	4	22
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>518</b>	<b>610</b>	<b>515</b>	<b>478</b>	<b>2121</b>
<b>MAN HOURS</b>	<b>168.0</b>	<b>193.0</b>	<b>189.5</b>	<b>207.5</b>	<b>758.0</b>

For all **non-emergency** police needs please call 765-3702 and speak to dispatch. If you questions or would like to join the SAFEER program Please contact Sheryl Rozier at [safee@swbell.net](mailto:safee@swbell.net) or 763-1773.



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# COTTAGE COMMITTEE HITS THE GROUND RUNNING MAY YARD SALE PROJECTS UNDERWAY NEEDS YOUR "STUFF"



Lizette Gaudin's Cottage Committee is already on the move. On Sunday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, they launched with the first of several Work Parties at the EEHDA Cottage.

Much was accomplished in one short afternoon, with the kitchen and storage room both cleared out, organized, and major cleaning throughout begun.

Cottage Committee members include **Jonathan Tromm, Kathy Bass, Lynn McMorris, Barney Rapp, Sheryl Rozier, Jamie Grady, Fran Kelly, Paul Evans, Lynette Haaga, and Lizette Gaudin.** The more the merrier, of course. Everyone is welcome to join in.

Goals for the year include cleaning, painting, and repairs both inside and out, power washing the gazebo and cottage exterior, installing storeroom shelving, refinishing and reupholstering some of the furniture, replenishing all holiday and special occasion decorations, and pursuing renting out the cottage for special events. To fund these projects, the EEHDA will hold a huge garage sale and bake sale on May 3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>.



To volunteer for the Cottage Work Parties or make a monetary contribution for cottage projects please call: **Lizette Gaudin** 763-4954 or cell 713/557-0599) or **Lynette Haaga** –750-9441 or cell 1-409-200-9547



Start going through your attics and closets right away because the East End is having a huge Yard Sale May 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>! Donating your priceless "stuff" will benefit the new maintenance and refurbishing projects just beginning at our neighborhood Cottage, EEHDA's headquarters and meeting place. Think of the fun it will be seeing what all your neighbors come up with donations, and imagine the feeling of accomplishment you'll get clearing out some of that clutter in your house. (Ever watch "Clean Sweep" on TV?)



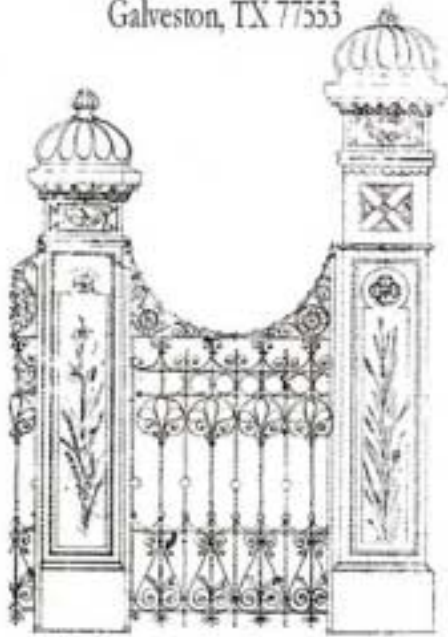
A fabulous Bake Sale is also part of the plan, so fire up your ovens and bring your best batch of goodies to sell! East End cookbooks, T-shirts, and ice cold lemonade and bottled water will ensure there's something for everyone. Volunteer to help at the sale and be amazed at what people will buy!

**Keep these categories in mind as you look around for yard sale items to donate:**

- Household Items:** kitchen utensils, furniture, decorative items, small appliances, fixtures
  - Renovation Items:** shutters, hardware, fixtures, trim, gingerbread
  - Tools:** yard, shop, wood, electrical, plumbing, etc.
  - Collectibles:** antique glass/ceramic ware, newspapers, magazines, knick-knacks, books, Galveston memorabilia, games, 1950s or earlier vintage hats and clothing (no regular adult clothes, please), Dickens outfits
  - Baby/Children:** toys, books, gently worn clothes, car seats, strollers, bikes/trikes, furniture
  - Misc:** office supplies/furniture, holiday items, yard and garden things, that Christmas gift from Auntie, that box of stuff you haven't looked in for four years – you get the idea!
  - Baked Goodies:** bring wrapped for sale-individual wrapped servings or entire batch/whole cake
- To donate items or baked goods and/or help at the Yard Sale please call:  
**Kathy Bass** 762-0841 or **Fran Kelly** 763-3771.

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**SAFE MEMBERSHIP OPTION**

The SAFE program 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

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