

# East End Historical District Association

*Celebrating thirty years of service to the residents in  
Galveston's historic east end*

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## COMING EVENTS

**April 29 (Friday) 4:00pm** – Oleander Festival

Proclamation Ceremony – Darragh Park

**April 30 thru May 1** – Oleander Festival

**May 2 (Monday) 4:00pm** – Landmark

Commission – City Hall

### EEHDA

**May 5 (Thursday) 7:00pm** - Wine & cheese Reception for members.

**7:30pm** – EEHDA Board of Directors –

**County Judge Jim Yarborough** on east end jail facilities.

**General Membership invited!**

**May 7 & 8 Saturday & Sunday** – Galveston Historical Foundation's Homes Tour

### EEHDA

**May 12 (Thursday) 6:00pm** - Block Party  
16<sup>th</sup> Street between Ball & Winnie

**May 15 & 16 Saturday & Sunday** – Galveston Historical Foundation's Homes Tour

**May 16 (Monday) 4:00pm** – Landmark Commission – City Hall



**Jamie Grady**

**EEHDA  
PRESIDENT**

Our first Block Party in April was a great success and was one of the largest in recent memory. Let's keep the momentum going for Thursday May 12<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Don't forget to bring a covered dish or desert, and we supply the rest, including soda, water, beer, wine, and frozen margaritas.

Galveston County Judge James Yarborough is planning to attend the monthly board meeting on May 5<sup>th</sup> to discuss the county's plans for the jail and surrounding facilities. We expect that he will make a short presentation followed by a question and answer period.

We need help! Help us sell drinks at Darragh Park for the GHF Home Tour on May 7 & 8 and 14 & 15. This is not only great fund raiser for us -- it is fun to talk to the people from out of town taking the tour. Contact Fran Kelly if you can help.

Darragh Park will be featured on Clean Galveston Backyard Garden Tour on June 4 & 5, a great recognition of the park's success. We will be selling refreshments on those days also. Contact Paul Evans or Jamie Grady if you can help.

Don't forget that the EEHDA Cottage is available to rent for weddings and parties. The cottage grounds are looking great with addition of an herb garden, and removal of a thorny



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## DID YOU KNOW?

In the summer of 1981 an archeological dig was held under the grounds of The Cottage under of the direction of Glen Kirk.



Kirk, a dedicated EEHDA resident and member, was assistant director of archaeology at Colonial Williamsburg in Virginia.

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## EEHDA HAS A NEW WEBSITE!

It laid dormant for several years until Mike Newmann picked up the ball. Now our website has a new address and a terrific new look, including information about EEHDA's purpose, it's leadership, past newsletters, and a colorful "slide show" of east end sites.

**[WWW.eastendgalveston.org](http://WWW.eastendgalveston.org)**

Mike is the first to give credit where it is really due, however – **Galveston.com**, a company that provides many of the websites for Galveston related business and tourism. They are providing free internet hosting services for our website and have assisted in redesigning the site to better reflect the neighborhood interests of our organization. EEHDA hopes to continue this beneficial relationship for the

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representation of our Galveston neighborhood well into the future.

## FRIENDS OF DARRAGH PARK

Twice each year we have a spruce up work party for the Darragh Park - trim plants, haul off debris and get ready for the spring. We would not be able to have this beautiful landmark of Galveston without the help of the many volunteers in the EEHDA. On Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, we spread mulch in and around the gardens. Some of our friends could not be with us due to prior commitments but we know they were there in spirit and will be with us the next time they are called upon. Those that were there did a great job and we spread 20yards of mulch in just a little over 1 hour. Hats off to the following helpers: **Jamie Grady and his friend Joanna, Donald Peak, Jerry Hite, Ron Gilroy, Mike Gilbert, Chris Smith, Ginny Adams, Mike Malloy, Jim Cantrell, James Curl, Harold McCracken, Louie Reeg, Charlie Smith, and Neal Jordan.** If I left out anyone I apologize.

After the mulching, some stayed to build an Herb garden in the back yard of the cottage. It is absolutely gorgeous. We invite all members to come by and check it out, pick a tomato or a pinch of thyme, oregano, basil, lettuce, etc.

We are having an increasing problem with some inconsiderate people coming into the park with their dogs, closing the gate and letting their dogs run, dig and poop in the park. - non-members I might add. During the last week alone I have had to ask two different people to take their dogs out of the park.

### **MORE INSCRIBED BRICKS MAY BE AVAILABLE**

The park was built 7 years ago, or was it 8? Time gets away from me. As part of our fundraiser to support the park, inscribed bricks were purchased for permanent placement in the park. At that time we installed 280 bricks.

Since the park was opened we have had numerous requests from people wanting a brick in the park due to many reasons - new to

the neighborhood, a new child or grandchild, new members etc. We are now *CONSIDERING* opening another area for brick sales to help maintain the park. This will take a lot of work to do. The area we are considering would support 126 bricks and these would be sold on a first come basis and this would be the absolute end of brick sales in the park. This project will be discussed at the next meeting of the EEHDA. Due to the expense involved of removing existing pavers and replacing with inscribed bricks the cost of each inscribed brick would be \$60.00. Anyone interested in purchasing a brick to support the Darragh Park can contact Paul Evans 762-2776 or email at pevans8505@sbcglobal.net with the subject DARRAGH PARK BRICK. (submitted by Paul Evans)



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enjoying their beautiful City while our visitors enjoyed themselves. Bravo, everyone!

notes from

**JOE JAWORSKI**  
**City Council Representative**  
**District 3**



Beach Party weekend 2005 is history. The weather was perfect, creating an environment for a heavily-attended event, yet the crowds were half of what we have experienced in years past. This strongly suggests we are seeing a declining trend of attendance as the event tapers off and the youth find other beaches to visit. The City budgeted \$250,000 this year – which is one-third less than the \$375,000 we budgeted in years before. The best news is that the City expects to come in under budget! The crowds this time were more manageable, there was less litter to pick up and Galveston returned to normal more quickly than before. I returned from out of town to the Island at 6:30 p.m. Saturday evening, driving the speed limit over the causeway, and taking the Harborside Drive exit, never once slowing down for traffic.

More importantly, businesses remained open downtown, encouraged in part by the City's offer of free parking all weekend. Bars and restaurants had good crowds, and the Strand was pleasant and active. Rebecca and I enjoyed a great dinner Saturday at Sky Bar – which was enjoying a busy night – and we saw a number of residents downtown strolling throughout the evening. I don't deny things were different, and business was slow for some, but it struck me how great Galveston responded to the event this year. Galveston, which only a few years ago was the subject of Department of Justice review for allegations of racism in the management of this event, professionally and economically guaranteed the public health, safety and welfare of its residents and visitors alike. I'm proud of the efforts of the City Manager and his staff, I applaud the merchants for remaining open and I salute the residents for being tolerant and



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## BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR!

Pets are a joy to have in our families and neighborhoods – but they *can* cause problems. One such problem was referred to in last month's newsletter, namely the City's laws about animal excrement. There are still other matters of concern about pets though.

Have you noticed? Many of the carriage drivers are altering their routes to avoid the nuisance of barking dogs. This *is* a problem. It affects more than the carriage route. Visitors enjoying the historic homes we take such pride in are regularly threatened or annoyed by the constant barking of some dogs in our neighborhood. As a resident, you've probably experienced a similar fear or frustration while simply taking an evening walk – or maybe just sitting on your front porch.

What's the solution? There are laws on the books but they are terribly hard to enforce. You can help though. If it's your pet that is annoying the neighbors and visitors, do something about it...please. If it is your neighbor's dog that presents the problem, try approaching that neighbor about the subject in a manner that presumes he isn't already aware

of it. You'll probably find that he's just as interested in a solution as you are.

## BLOCK PARTY SCHEDULE

May 12<sup>th</sup> (Thursday) 16<sup>th</sup> Street - Ball to Winnie

June 9<sup>th</sup> (Thursday) 1700 Block of Ball

July 14<sup>th</sup> (Thursday) 16<sup>th</sup> at Broadway

August 2<sup>nd</sup> (Tues- Nat'l Mt. Out) 15<sup>th</sup> Street - Ball to Winnie

September 8<sup>th</sup> (Thursday) 1217 Market

October 7<sup>th</sup> (or 14<sup>th</sup>) (Friday) 15<sup>th</sup> Street -

## PHOTO RESTORATION

Reproduce Treasured Family Photos

- \* Enhance for fading and discoloration
- \* Remove scratches, spots and cracks
- \* Duplicate photos for family members

**Bob Chapin**  
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## RESTORATION OF THE MONTH



### 1207 Postoffice, c1875

This house, an example of the Gulf Coast cottage type (although it is raised and basement has been altered), was built by a widow, Mrs. Katherine Burke. Her sons, John, Edward, and Mike were partners in J. Burke & Brothers Grocery, which occupied the corner lot next door at 12<sup>th</sup> and Postoffice. \* The present owners, Brent and Erica Kelly, purchased the home in the spring of 1998.

\* Galveston Architecture Guidebook (submitted by Patsy and Jake Trost)

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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Names of persons covered by this membership:

\_\_\_\_\_

Circle type of membership: Family \$15; Individual \$10; Senior \$6; Sponsor \$50; Corporate Business \$100; Life member \$250; SAFEE Program (see Option)

Mail to:

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## SAFEE 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 brass Security Box located on the front porch of the East End Historical District Cottage, 1501 Postoffice. The officers pick up the forms that are left there when they come on duty.

**Joining the SAFEE Program includes family membership in EEHDA.**

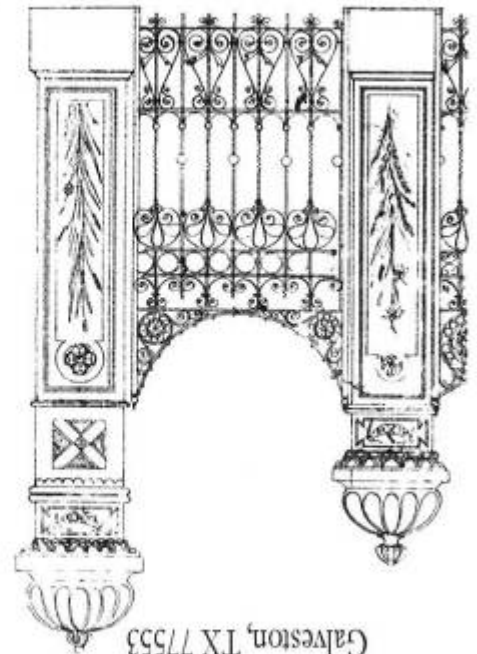
**3 months-\$60; 6 months-\$120; full year-\$240.**

**Help keep your neighborhood safe!**

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. We hold annual homes tours in December and a monthly block party from April through October. Our Board of Directors holds regular meetings at our meeting house, 1501 Postoffice Street at 7:30pm on the first Thursday of each month and 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 your organization are deductible in the manor and to the extent provided by section 170 of the code.

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