

East End Historical District Association's NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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On the Calendar

NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING September 2nd (Thursday)5:30 - at the Cottage

Block Party September 9th (Thursay)

<u>Later start time</u> - 6:30 til Sundown 12th St. between Postoffice and Market Hosted by Ralph & Lynn McMorris

September 16th (Thursday)
Special Neighborhood Master Plan Mtg.
for East End,
6:00pm,

William Temple Episcopal Center, 427 Market St. - Everyone welcome!

MAH **J**ONG AT THE **C**OTTAGE
Every Monday 1-4pm

EEHDA Fall Garden Tour Saturday, October 9th & Sunday, October 10th

GAME NIGHT AT THE COTTAGE
Will return in October

COFFEE AT THE COTTAGE
Will return in October

Save the Date
Tuesday, October 5th
National Night Out/Oct. Block Party
at the Cottage

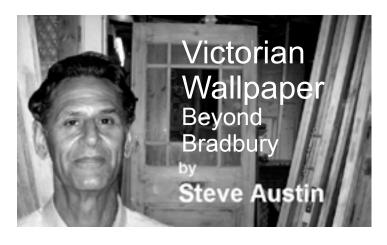
We're coming down the home stretch for another year as we gear up for all our fall activities! Our second annual Fall Garden Tour is almost here, and



Fran Kelly and her committee have been hard at work to build on the success of last year's event. Speaking of green growing things, watch for blasts for park work parties in the next several weeks as we do a seasonal spruce-up of our parks and The Cottage yard before Garden Tour. Our NeighborWoods tree planting program will be preparing for Round Two very shortly as well.

This month we bid a very fond farewell to two longtime East Enders who are moving away. Paul and Barbara Evans will be deeply missed, but we wish them every happiness in their new home up in April Sound. Most everyone knows that Paul has for years dedicated himself to the detailed care of Darragh Park and The Cottage grounds, and we can't thank him enough for bringing his personal touch to every project he's taken on. Barbara has been with us at virtually every activity, rolling up her sleeves for countless projects as well as keeping us all happy with treats from her kitchen. We really owe her a special thank you for all the extra hours she has graciously "loaned" Paul out to the East End when they could have been relaxing at home together. And last of all, farewell to Stinky the cat, the only cat I have ever seen actually attend EEHDA Board meetings, and no doubt sneak in a vote here and there too.

Our new interim VP David Schuler and new interim Board member Fran Kelly were officially voted in at our last meeting, and we welcome them and thank them for stepping up their volunteer efforts yet another notch. Regular membership and FAB 50 donors are both on the rise, we've had some great Block Parties this season, and with so many positives going for us, it's a great time to be an East Ender!



In a previous column, I discussed Bradbury and Bradbury—the leading supplier of Victorian wallpapers. Here we consider a few of Bradbury's competitors.

Wolff House Wallpaper (740 745-4207; www.wolffhousewallpapers.com) is an Ohio company. Corby Wise, the artist/owner, is easy to deal with, and has fair prices. Click on his "On Line Catalog." Then click the sections you're interested in—"1870–90," "1890–1910," "Ceiling Papers," or "Wallpaper Archives." Like most tiny firms, his selection is limited.

We used Corby's "Persian Blossom" designs in our bedroom. When we looked through his "Archives" section, we found papers he had never actually manufactured. With a little prodding, we got him to print enough of his "Benton and Heath" border and his "1870s Aesthetic Movement" fill paper to cover our parlor frieze and walls. We paired this with his Wilkinson-Keele House Ceiling Set. The combination is so screamingly Victorian that it sends people with a modern aesthetic sense running for their sunglasses and an aspirin bottle. For us, it's perfect!

Another small Bradbury competitor is Burt Wallpapers. Burt (that's both his name and the company moniker) previously worked for Bradbury. Like Bradbury, his shop is in Benicia, California. Burt can be reached at (707) 745-4207. His website is www.burtwallpapers.com. We found Burt easy to work with and his prices were in line. We eventually used his "Napoleon" ceiling, wall, and frieze papers in our dining room. As with Wolff House, Burt's website is sorted by dates, making it easy to find something that might really belong in your old house. Also like Wolff House, Burt's options are limited.

For many years, Arthur Sanderson & Son has made a large selection of William Morris English wallpapers. Some are affordable, but they are machine made (which alters the look) and they come in colorways that lack the punch real Morris colors deliver. Sanderson also

sells authentic Morris papers made from hand-carved wooden blocks. These papers do come in original colorways, but only for astronomical amounts of money. In Portland we used Morris's "Chrysanthemum" paper in a small room, but when, over the years, the decimal point *literally* moved, we couldn't consider it for our Galveston home. Unless you've won the lottery this may not be the place to begin.

If you wish to do some homework before buying historic wallpapers, the bible is Catherine Lynn's *Wallpapers in America* available from Amazon.com.



The City of Galveston wants to hear from the East End!

Make our neighborhood a better place to live! Would you like . . . A community park? Safer sidewalks? More places to eat and shop? Better transportation? We won't know unless you tell us! As part of its new neighborhood area planning process, The City of Galveston is scheduling neighborhood meetings all over the Island.

The East End meeting will be held on Thursday, September 16th at 6:00pm at the William Temple Episcopal Center, 427 Market Street.

Please mark your calendars as this is a meeting you won't want to miss!

For more information, go to: www.cityofgalvestonrecovers.org Or call: 409-797-3773, ext. 540.





Fall Carden Fall Cour Tour

Saturday, Oct. 9th 10am - 5pm

Sunday, Oct. 10th 10am - 4pm

Rain date following weekend

Tickets available September 1st

Tom's Thumb Nursery Jay Bangle Galleries (2014 45th St.) (1124 25th St.) (13708 San Luis Pass Rd.)

> Tickets sold at the "Tour" homes on the days of the event

For more information, please visit our website: eastendhistoricaldistrict.org



EEHDA Membership

Special thanks to our New Regular, Sponsor and SAFEE members:

Jack & Eileen Hill

Marilyn & Malcolm Brodwick

Peter & Susan Brink

Selena Stair & Chris?

Penny McBride

David & Dianne Johnson

Pris Files & Dave Baca

Cecily Storm

Carole Merritt

Alan Monshausen

Sarah Gardescu & Gregory Andrew

Special thanks to our Business members:

Mosquito Cafe

Special thanks to our Sponsor members:

Tom Thayer & Daniel Danford

Gerald Campbell

Pamela & Billy Burge

Larry & Diane Woodcox

John C. Crossman, Jr.

Carlos L. Guerguin

William Salario & Donald Tomek

Jody Phelps & James Heyland

Sally Robinson

Elisabeth Darst

Ellen Morrison & Christian Robbian

Paula & Louis Reeg

Karl Lewis & Sandy Hardin

Jerry & Irma Hite

Mike & Pam Gilbert

Herbert & Rosalind Mitchell

James Tucker & Renee Magee

Dixie Posert

Carl Tapia & John Wilmore

Ken Bartz, via an ExxonMobil Matching Gift

Carol Bartz, via an ExxonMobil Matching Gift

Donna & Ken Goode

Denny & Charlotte Kelley





Larry Stanley Owner



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Important Contact Information

Galveston Police - Non Emergency 409-797-3702

SAFEE – <u>safee@swbell.net</u> (also leave comments in Cottage black mailbox)

Galveston Police - Officer Tommy Maffei

281-734-0931 (day)

281-755-1969 (night)

TMaffei@cityofgalveston.org

Sgt. Chapman

409-765-3616 (ofc)

409-750-0243 (cell)

AChapman@cityofgalveston.org

City Council District 3 – Elizabeth Beeton 409-692-0698 elizabethbeeton@comcast.net

Code Enforcement – need address & short description of complaint

City planningcounter@cityofgalveston.org

GHF mattfarragher@galvestonhistory.org

GAIN Ralph@LtBlender.com

Storm Drain Problems – <u>publicworks@</u> cityofgalveston.org

Report Streetlights Out (8am-5pm M-F) 409-765-4165 (Must get number off pole and an address or street corner location)

Report Abandoned Cars on City Streets 409-797-3702 (Must get exact location plus car make, color, & license #)



Emmy Morrison New Membership Chair

EEHDA Membership duties passed to Emmy Morrison in July. Our thanks for Sheryl Rozier who has been managing that task for the last several years. Sheryl will continue as coordinator for the SAFEE program.

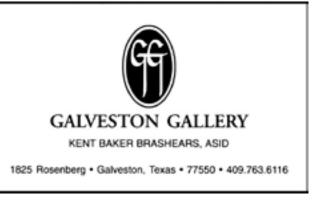
Recycling 101 by Pam Gilbert

"It's Not Easy Being Green" - Kermit the Frog

Now that we all know where the Galveston recycling center is and what they will accept, let's see how we are doing with our efforts to "be green".

It can be a challenge to find the space and time to create a recycling storage area, and make the commitment to start small with the long term goal of recycling everything possible. We assume we all know not to trash plastic containers, aluminum cans, glass, and newspapers (including inserts) and magazines. Those items are the easiest to identify and separate. So hopefully they never make it to the trash can.

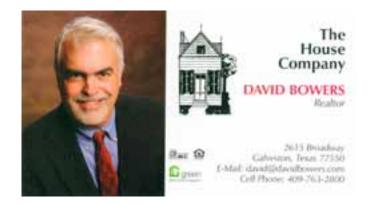
Historically, the easy and time efficient route was just to toss everything in the trash cans (kitchen, bathroom, office, patio, etc). Let's take a look at what typically ends up in trash cans (assuming we will find no plastic, glass, aluminum and newspapers). In the kitchen pull out all food packaging materials (card board and plastic), cans of all types that are not aluminum, and those paper towel rolls, used aluminum foil baking containers, plastic grocery bags and produce bags. In the bathroom the toilet paper rolls, plastic soap and shampoo containers. In the office all the paper and junk mail that you are not shredding (you then can recycle the shredded paper), card board delivery material of any size,



those plastic sleeves the newspaper comes in. <u>In the garden and patio</u> area where we often work, picnic or BBQ recycle the bird seed bags, garden product containers and plastic plant pots.

If we pull out all these recyclables there should be very little in our trash can on Thursdays. So what should there be in the trash? kitchen food debris, used paper products such as paper towels, items that are not recyclable such as Styrofoam, and plastics that are not labeled 1-5 (ie those colored cups and plates), and other items clearly labeled not recyclable. Here is the challenge next Thursday check your trash before you put it out; are you getting "greener"??

Future topics include responsible shopping techniques, and landscaping/lawn debris, and composting.



Darragh Park Brick Request

Bricks for Darragh Park in honor or in memory of friends or family are still available. The cost is \$50.00 per brick. We only a few bricks remaining - so its first come first served. You will find the order form on the back page of this newsletter. Please fill it out and mail with your check to Mike Gilbert. The absolute deadline is October 1st. Thanks, and if you have any questions, please contact Mike.

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.

3 months \$60; 6 months \$120; full year \$240

Community Oriented Policing Update

by Lynette Haaga

Officer Tommy Maffei has been attending our meetings with valuable updates on current happenings. We also welcome Sgt. Chapman and Officer Attaway to the East End.

There has been a brief rash of burglaries islandwide, and there are some basic steps we can take to help fight back. Most of these are crimes of opportunity, often by juveniles, so our East Isle Officers remind us to make sure your car is locked and no valuables are left in your car, especially in plain sight. Check to see that your garage door is down and there are no tempting items like tools or ladders left unattended in your yard.

Don't hesitate to report any suspicious activity, however trivial you may think it seems. These reports tell our officers where to concentrate their patrol efforts.

Make a point of turning your porch lights on every night, and encourage everyone on your block to turn theirs on too. The bad guys will likely go on to easier targets, the dark houses!

When installing outdoor lights, remember that the light should shine directly down on the area you want to secure instead of flooding your whole yard or blinding passing cars and pedestrians. Motion detector lights can also be a good idea.

You can email any law enforcement questions or concerns to <u>Tmaffei@cityofgalveston.org</u>. Of course, in any true emergency always dial 911.

If you haven't already, we invite you to consider joining EEHDA's own SAFEE crime prevention program, open to all East End members.



Galveston Police Department Offers Burglary Prevention Checklist for Homes

This checklist was designed to help you make a security survey of your own home. The first purpose of a home security inspection is to identify features in your home or daily routines of your family which might make your home an easy target for a burglar.

The security inspection should begin at your front door, include an inspection of all your doors and windows, locks, lights and landscaping. Each question on the checklist to which you answer no indicates a security weakness or hazard which requires your attention.

Doors

- 1. Are all outside doors made of metal or solid core wood?
- 2. Are door frames strong enough to prevent forcing or spreading?
- 3. Are door hinges protected from removal from the outside?
- 4. Are there windows in any door or within 40 inches of the locks?
- 5. Are all door locks adequate and in good repair (min. 1-in throw bolt)?
- 6. Are strikes and strike plates adequate and properly installed?
- 7. Can the locking mechanism be reached through a mail slot, delivery port or entrance at the door?
- 8. Is there a screen or storm door with an adequate lock?
- 9. Are all entrances lighted with at least a 40 watt bulb?
- 10.Can front entrances be observed from the street or public area?
- 11.Does the porch or landscaping offer concealment from view from the street or public area?
- 12.If there is a sliding glass door, is the sliding panel secured from being lifted out of its track?
- 13.Is the "Charley-Bar" or a key operated auxiliary lock used on sliding glass doors?

Entrances From Garage and Basement

14.Are all entrances to the living quarters from a garage or basement of metal or solid wood core construction?

15. Does the door from the garage to the living quarters have locks adequate for exterior entrances?

16.Does the door from the basement to the living quarters have an adequate lock operated from the living quarters side?

Windows

17.Do all the windows have adequate locks in operating condition?

18.Do windows have screens or storm windows that lock from the inside?

19.Do any windows open into areas that may be hazardous or offer special risk to burglary?

20.Do windows that open into hazardous areas have security screens or grills?

21.Are exterior areas of windows free from concealing structures or landscaping?

22.Is the exterior adequately lighted at all window areas?

23. Are trees and shrubbery kept trimmed back from upper floor windows?

24. Are ladders kept inside the home or other locked structure where they are not accessible to burglars?

Basement Doors and Windows

25.Is there a door from the outside to the basement?

26.If so, is that door adequately secure for an exterior door?

27. Is the outside basement entrance lighted by an exterior light of at least 40 watts?

28.Is the outside basement door visible from the street or neighbors?

29. Are all basement windows adequately secured against entrance?

Garage Doors and Windows

30.Is the automobile entrance door to the garage equipped with an adequate locking device?

31.Is the garage door kept closed an locked at all times?

32. Are the garage windows secured adequately for ground floor windows?

33.Is the outside utility entrance to the garage as secure as required for any ground floor entrance?

34. Are tools and ladders kept in the garage?

35. Are all garage doord lighted on the outside by at least a 40 watt light?

Photos and Articles Needed for Newsletter

EEHDA Newsletter editor Margaret Hand reminds everyone that if you have an item or event of interest to the neighborhood, please forward it to her at gildedage@hotmail.com. We especially need more photos, she says. There are cameras out there at almost every block party and East End get-together. Feel free to pass those over. (Don't forget to identify the people in your pics) If you feel up to playing EEHDA newshound, why not take your camera along where other neighborhood events are taking place, like the Garden Tour or Christmas Tour. Everybody likes seeing their picture in the paper. (well, almost everybody)



Mike Malloy Appointed to Distinguished Professorship

East Ender Dr. Mike Malloy, UTMB professor in the Department of Pediatrics, Division of Neonatology has been named as the inaugural holder of the John P. McGovern Distinguished Professorship in Oslerian Education at UTMB.

Mike and his wife Carol also happen to live next door to the EEHDA cottage. Mike is a graduate of A&M, and is an active gardener. Says Paul Evans, EEHDA's man on the scene at Darragh Park, "Every time we've had a work party at the Park since it opened, Mike has always been there to help out." He is also the one who built the nice picket fence surrounding the cottage.

We're told Mike also enjoys fishing, sailing, major league baseball and college football.

Congratulations to Dr. Mike Malloy on this prestigious award.

CONTACT US

Telephone - 409-763-5928 Membership info - sheryleehda@swbell.net SAFEE Program - safee@swbell.net

DARRAGH PARK BRICK ORDER

\$50.00 each (tax deductible)

Please print the name very legibly on the form.

Name:	Phone:	Address	
Name to go on brick(s)	(limit of 32 letters including s	paces)	
Brick #1			
Brick#2	· ·		
Brick#3			
	Check amount	Date ordered:	

If you have questions you can reach me at 409-763-2597 or email me at MGGCHORAL@aol.com

Make checks payable to EEHDA and mail this form and your check to:

Mike Gilbert – 1601 Ball, Galveston, TX 77550

Application for Membership - East End Historical District Association

Name				
Address				
City	State			
Zip Code	Phone			
Email				
Names of persons c	overed by this membership:			
Type of membership:				
Individual \$15	Cornorate Rusiness \$125			
Family \$20	Life Member \$300			
Senior \$10 Senior Fam. \$15	sponsor \$75			
Senior Fam. \$15	SAFEE (see enrollment)			
Mail to: East End Historical District Association				
P.O. Box 2424				
Galveston,	TX 77553			

Memberships are for one year. 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 but only residents of the district are entitled to hold office or vote on questions. 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 5:30 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 manor and to the extent provided by section 170 of the code.

SAFEE ENROLLMENT

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3 months - \$60.00 6 months - \$120.00 12 months - \$240.00 Mail check to:

EEHDA; Attn: SAFEE; PO Box 2424; Galveston, Texas 77553