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The Eastwood Civic Association Announces Its 15th Annual Historic Home Tour

HOUSTON, TX – August 16, 2010 – The [Eastwood Civic Association](http://EastwoodCivicAssociation.org) will hold its 15th Annual Historic Home Tour on Saturday, October 16, and Sunday, October 17, 2010 from noon to 5:00 p.m.

Eastwood is one of Houston's first master-planned subdivisions, designed and developed in 1913 by William A. Wilson, developer of Woodland Heights. The first residents were young entrepreneurs in the city, business owners and management. The community of custom-built homes reflected the early 20th century fondness for Craftsman, Arts & Crafts, Foursquare and Mission architecture. Today, Eastwood has one of Houston's largest intact collections of these architectural styles.



This year's Historic Home Tour includes seven homes, most built between 1910 and 1930, and one home-in-progress currently being renovated by [Minnette Boesel](#), who was honored as a Greater Houston Preservation Alliance's Good Brick Award winner in 2005 for another Eastwood property. Included on the tour showcase is Lantrip Elementary, recognized as a National Blue Ribbon School (2009-10) and a Texas Education Association Exemplary School (2008-20010). Lantrip Elementary welcomed students to its classrooms in 1916 and is the oldest in-use school in the Houston Independent School District. Church of the Redeemer, built in 1920, is featured on the Home Tour as well.

The first lots in Eastwood went on sale in June 1912. The development was planned with paved streets, cement curbs and sidewalks, city water, gas, electricity, telephones and sanitary sewerage as well as terraced lots designed for natural drainage and planned placement of trees.

By October 1913, Eastwood was hailed by [The Houston Daily Post](#) as a "model suburb, one of the most convenient, attractive and beautiful homesite additions in the city of Houston."

Currently, the neighborhood of Eastwood is experiencing a renaissance. The East End is booming with an influx of new residents drawn by the near-downtown location; great schools and neighborhood charm. Also the addition of new retail, the upcoming enhancements of the [METRO Light Rail expansion](#) (three of the five new lines will service the Eastwood area), and the development of the new [Houston Dynamo Stadium](#) are exciting new additions to this resurgent neighborhood.

Discounted tickets of \$12.00 are available online at: <http://eastwoodcivicasociation.org/hometour.html>, and will be available the day of the Home Tour for \$15.00 at Lantrip Elementary (100 Telephone, Houston, TX, 77023).