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Eastwood Civic Association

March 31, 2010



April ECA Meeting

Please note that the next Eastwood Civic Association (ECA) meeting will be held at 6:30 PM on Monday, April 5th at the Cape Center (4501 Leeland @ Lockwood).

April Meeting Speaker

We are pleased to have Mohd Warrad with the City Public Works and Engineering Department (PWE) as a speaker for the April ECA meeting. Mr. Warrad will update us regarding PWE projects on the Eastside (mainly street and sidewalk projects) and will be available to answer any questions.

ECA Voting Proposals

The Board will present 2 items during April's meeting that will require a vote by the general membership.

1.) Proposal to amend the ECA By-laws regarding the payment of ECA dues - In order to avoid confusion regarding the dues payment period the Board proposes the following amendment to Section III:

III. Membership:

J. Dues - membership dues will be paid on a calendar year basis. Dues will not be prorated for late payment. The Board will have discretion to allot dues payments made during October, November or December to apply to the following calendar year.

The Board shall have the right to annually review the membership dues, and to raise or lower the dues by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Board. Dues should be set within reasonable and prudent limits and should be affordable to the majority of the residents of the community

In accordance with the ECA By-laws this amendment will be presented during the April meeting and voted upon during the May meeting

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Crime Alert:

A home was burglarized on Bell and Eastwood.

Please keep an eye open for any suspicious activity in the neighborhood, and report all such activity to 311 or the HPD non-emergency number 713-222-3131 (or 911 as appropriate).

Reminder:

ECA Dues are due.

The \$25 per household annual membership fee supports your ECA. Checks can be made payable to the ECA and dropped off at the general meeting or mail them to:

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(Section IX).

2.) The Board proposes to set aside a special fund in the amount of \$750 for neighborhood signage and historical preservation activities.

This item will be voted upon during the April meeting.

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Home Tour News

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The 2010 Eastwood Historic Home Tour has been scheduled for October 16th & 17th

The Board has approved the Home Tour Committee's list of house for the tour and co-chair Jody Gillit will give us an update on the event.

A separate home tour website will be coming soon, and you will be able to buy tickets online via PayPal. If you are interested in getting involved, email jlqillit@yahoo.com or call 713-540-9171 and we'll get you plugged in.

METRO Update

Houston City Council voted to confirm mayor Annise Parker's new Metro Board appointments. Mayor Parker selected METRO transition team co-chair and investment banker, Gilbert Garcia, to lead the METRO Board. Three more nominees are engineer Allen Dale Watson, and attorneys Carrin Pittman and Dwight Jefferson. The fifth nominee, Christof Spieler, is a technical advisor to CTC and the Director of Technology and Innovation for Morris Architects.

If you would like to read a summary of the transition team's findings regarding Metro's operations please see Houston Tomorrows's website: <http://www.houstontomorrow.org/livability/story/parker-task-force-announces-metro-findings/>

Greater East End Clean Up Day is April 10th

The Greater East End District will host an East End Clean Up Day on Saturday, April 10, which is also Keep Houston Beautiful Day. If you would like to volunteer please go to the East End District's website at: www.greatereastend.com to fill out a form.

Primary Election Run-off is April 13th

The Republican and Democratic primary run-off election is scheduled for April 13th. Early voting for the run-off will take place from April 5th to April 9th.

Please see the following link for additional information:
http://www.harrisvotes.com/docs/EV/earlyvotinglocations_schedule_ENG.pdf

Fingers Furniture Reopens

Fingers, who had sold his remaining Ashley Furniture HomeStores a year ago, has re-opened the 200,000-square-foot remodeled Finger Furniture showroom on Gulf Freeway at Cullen.

New City of Houston Automated Recycling Program

Many of you may have received the new, large green recycling cans from the city. This is a great new program whereby the city will now have automated trucks to empty the green cans every other week.

Items that you can put in the cans:

Newspapers, Magazines, Catalogs, Phone Books, Aluminum and Tin cans (rinsed), Plastic Containers 1-7 (Rinsed), Flattened Cardboard, Glass Bottles and Jars (Rinsed).

Please refer to the letter that came with your can to determine which day and bi-weekly schedule your house is on for pickup.

Please see the following link for additional information:

<http://www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste/autorecycling/autorecyclingfaq.pdf>

New 4-Way Stop Signs Installed at Leeland and St. Emanuel St.

If you are use to driving quickly down Leeland to get to or from downtown, please be aware that a new 4-way stop has been installed at this intersection.

We are always looking for ways to improve. If you have a suggestion, please email it to eastwoodcivicasociation@gmail.com, or visit on the web at www.eastwoodcivicasociation.org.

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