



EASTWOOD VOICE



The Monthly Newsletter of the Eastwood Civic Association

February 2004

EASTWOOD: HOUSTON'S RESPONSE

THIS IS THE SECOND IN A FOUR-PART SERIES ON THE HISTORY OF THE EASTWOOD SUBDIVISION BY BILL ENGLAND.

When people ask about the early development of Eastwood they cannot think of our close-in neighborhood ever being considered a suburban community. I then equate Eastwood to today's Kingwood: young entrepreneurs and their families moving to new homes in a thoughtfully planned environment, away from the congestion and noise of downtown.

While many of Houston's finest mansions still stood in downtown Houston, the move was definitely to the suburban neighborhoods of Eastwood and Montrose/Hyde Park. Since many of these fine old homes downtown were situated on streets named Walker, McKinney, Rusk, Polk, etc., William Wilson continued to use those "silk-stocking street" names on the East/West streets of Eastwood. As one of Eastwood's long-time residents once told me, "anyone who was anyone lived in one of three neighborhoods in the 1920s: River Oaks, Eastwood or Montrose."

Eastwood received many glowing reviews and newspaper articles dating back as far as June 7, 1912, in *The Houston Daily Post*. Young families (many parishioners of Christ Church Cathedral) were among the first to build their homes in Eastwood. The first three homes officially built in the new Eastwood subdivision were located at 4631 Walker (built in 1911 by Ransom

Hollyfield for Walter I Gideon), 4620 McKinney (built in 1913 by Ira Bond) and 4628 McKinney (built in 1913 and served as the model home for the Eastwood subdivision). The 4628 McKinney home was built as a single story and later expanded to its present two story height.

Others built on lots in Eastwood prior to its official opening date: Walter A. Cockrell, owner of Cockrell's Drug Store on Main Street, built his large two-story home at 4629 Rusk in 1911. (His home was recently purchased and will be restored.) A.E. Hoyt, who owned a livery service on Prairie Street, built his 1 1/2 story

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Prairie-styled home built for Houston Bank & Trust Vice President and Trust Officer Oscar Weyrich in 1913.

Eastwood Civic Association Meeting • February 2, 2004 • 7:30 - 8:30 pm • Cape Center

SPEAKER: EASTWOOD HEALTH CLINIC - EL CENTRO DE CORAZON, MARY JO MAY

EASTWOOD HEALTH CLINIC

Our guest speaker for February is Mary Jo May from the Eastwood Health Clinic - El Centro de Corazon.

The Eastwood Clinic is a non-profit, 501(c)(3), primary care family practice medical facility that has serviced the East-End of Houston since 1983. Each year the clinic treats over 6,000 patients, the majority of which are Hispanic. The Eastwood Health Clinic began with an all-volunteer, medical staff open half-day on Sundays. Due to patient utilization and resident needs, social services were added. The Clinic is now open five days a week, Sunday through Thursday. Their services include family medicine, minor surgery, geriatrics, pediatrics and gynecology along with basic lab procedures.

The newly remodeled and upgraded facility, completed in July of 1999, has 6,972 square feet. It includes three exam rooms, a prenatal exam room, a three-

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NEW TRAFFIC LAWS

At our January meeting, Sr. Officer Mike Hill of the Navigation Storefront updated us on some new laws from the last legislative session.

House Bill 3588, the Omnibus Transportation Texas Corridor Bill contains sections including the Driver Responsibility Program. This bill seeks to enhance the public safety of our roads and to hold irresponsible drivers accountable for their actions. It establishes a system requiring drivers to pay a surcharge fee based on driving history. The law took effect September 1, 2003.

The Driver Responsibility Program establishes a point system for moving violations. Each conviction will be assigned two points. If the moving violation conviction resulted in an accident it is assigned three points. If you accumulate six points in three years, a \$100 surcharge is assessed. During the three year period, an additional \$25 is

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Craftsman home at 4513 Rusk in 1910. Oscar Weyrich, Vice President and Trust Officer for Houston Bank & Trust (he eventually become President of the institution) built his large Prairie-styled, two-story home at 4422 Walker in 1913. (Mr. Weyrich's home was obviously built before the neighborhood was completed because when its present owners started excavation to put in a swimming pool, they discovered the home was still connected to a septic tank—not to the city sewer system like other homes in the neighborhood). The classic Craftsman/Prairie-styled home at 4445 McKinney was built in 1913 by March Culmore, President of Sam Houston Trust Company and Vice President and Director of Federal Trust Company. His three sisters, Miss Blanche, Miss Willie and Miss Fannie Culmore taught a private school in the servant's quarters of the property prior to the construction of The Eastwood School. The two-story home at 4426 Walker was built in 1916 by Charles L. Bering, owner of Bering Lumber Company (known today as Bering Hardware and Gifts). The modest home at 4524 Rusk was built by H.S. Cameron, President of Cameron-Davant Company (later to become Cameron Iron Works). Other well-known Houstonians who were first families in Eastwood were Howard Tellepsen, B. W. Shudde and A.J. Shudde (of Shudde Southern Hat Company), and J. L. Worsham (of Worsham Motor Cars).

And, of course, there is the elusive question of "where did Howard Hughes live?" According to the son of "the Eastwood doctor in the 1920s", Howard Hughes lived with an aunt on McKinney near Fashion Street, and he was in the process of building an airplane in a garage on Eastwood Street (which he would let the neighborhood boys come in and watch and ask questions). We know he lived here only until his extended family moved to the big, red brick mansion on what is now the campus of The University of St. Thomas.

Next month we'll talk about Eastwood School and The Eastwood Community Church and the roles they played in the development of our special neighborhood. ☒



The home shown on page 1 as it appears today.

EASTWOOD HEALTH CLINIC

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chair Dental Clinic, an Optometry Clinic, a children's play room, a large waiting area, a multipurpose room for social services and education, a pantry, a laboratory and a triage area, an on site Class-A Pharmacy, a Medical Records and Reception Office. Administrative offices are housed on the second floor.

The clinic charges \$20 for an office visit plus lab and medication cost. If the patient is unable to pay, a work program is available at minimum wage per hour for the doctor's visit only, and prescriptions will be given for medicines. Medicine is dispensed at wholesale prices, greatly reducing the cost to patients. Although they primarily service the underserved and working poor, everyone in the community is welcome. To schedule an appointment, call 713/926-6229 or log on to their website at <http://www.methodisthealth.com/eastwoodhealthclinic/index.htm>. ☒

NEW TRAFFIC LAWS

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assessed for every point over six. The surcharge is required every year that the three-year history reflects six points. The surcharge is required for multiple years, but may be limited to one year if driving habits improve.

Some convictions are not assessed points but do result in an automatic surcharge. Those convictions include:

- 1st DWI—\$1,000/year for 3 years;
- 2nd or subsequent DWI—\$1,500/year for 3 years;
- Any DWI with over 0.15 alcohol concentration—\$2,000/year for 3 years
- Driving While License Invalid/Suspended—\$250/year for 3 years
- No Liability Insurance—\$250/year for 3 years
- Driving Without Valid License—\$100/year for 3 years.

Money from the Program goes to fund Trauma centers and the Texas Mobility Fund (Trans-Corridor Project), each receiving 49.5% of the revenue.

House Bill 3588 also deals with the operation of "motor assisted scooters." These self-propelled devices have at least two wheels in contact with the ground, a braking system, a gas or electric motor not exceeding 40cc, a deck designed for standing or sitting while operating the scooter, and can also be propelled by human power alone. The law states that these scooters may only be operated on a street or highway with a 35 mph or less speed limit. They can be operated on paths set aside for bicycles or on a sidewalk. Counties and municipalities can prohibit their operation for safety reasons. Anyone operating a scooter should follow the same traffic laws that apply to bicycles. ☒

The Eastwood Voice is a monthly publication of the Eastwood Civic Association. If you have story ideas or comments, or would like to help pass out copies to your neighbors, please contact us at PO Box 9542, Houston, TX 77023 or at eastwood.voice@eastwood-houston.com.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

WWW.EASTWOOD-HOUSTON.COM WEBSITE 🌸

Last month the association's newsletter incorrectly identified the URL as www.eastwood.com. Our January speaker, Ann Grigsby of Editorial Resources, volunteered to provide free proofing services for the Eastwood Voice for 2004.

PREVAILING LOT UPDATE 🌸

The next step involves making detailed maps for each block, calculating lot sizes to determine which blocks to turn in together and putting together the packets for the Planning Department.

We will also hold a training session for anyone wanting to gather the information needed to start the process for their block. If interested in representing your block or area, please contact us at eastwood@eastwood-houston.com or leave a message at 713.923.3983.

SUPERNEIGHBORHOOD MEETING 🌸

Perry Homes representatives attended the meeting. They are currently looking at a price range of \$130,000 and \$170,000 for Lawndale Place. The townhome and single family or duplex home mix is undetermined. A similar project at I-45 and Cavalcade sold more quickly and at a higher price point than originally planned. The duplexes planned here could be built out as single-family homes depending on sales. Council Member Carol Alvarado encouraged them to match the style and pricing of the homes to those in the area. January 20 was the end of Perry Homes's option on the property. If additional information is available, it will be presented at our meeting.

Lynn Hinson from the Planning Department said their website lists permits that can be searched by ZIP code. Several members brought up the need for better coordination between departments regarding deed restrictions.

Ed Robinson from Neighborhood Protection updated the group on department priorities. First is dangerous buildings. Court cases that held up the demolition process have been resolved. They are working on the backlog, starting with the worst cases. The second priority is junk cars and third is weeded lots.

SNAP 2004 item #5, a fence around Cullinan Park, will have no matching funds through the city. Eastwood Historic Society President, Bill England said there may be funds available from the Cullinan Trust.

SOUTH CENTRAL HPD PIP MEETING 🌸

The January Positive Interaction Program (PIP) updated us on the Request for Action Forms status. In our area, an illegal gambling establishment was already being investigated by Vice. Several heavy trash complaints were also submitted. Heavy trash can be set out after 6:00 pm the Friday before the collection date (see calendar on back). Some residents are putting their trash out the week after the last pickup. This is not only unsightly, it can be dangerous. Please report these occurrences to the Navigation Storefront.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Houston Police Dispatch (non-emergency)	713.884.3131
HPD South Central Substation	713.651.8100
HPD Navigation Storefront	713.238.2282
Harris Co. Constable, Prec. 6	713.923.9156
Constable Polk St. Storefront	713.921.0236
US Congressman Gene Green	713.330.0761
Texas State Senator Mario Gallegos	713.928.7575
Texas State Representative Rick Noriega	713.649.6563
City Councilwoman Carol Alvarado	713.247.2011
Graffiti Abatement	713.928.9916
Union Pacific RR National Police to report parked trains blocking streets	888.877.7267
City of Houston Service Helpline	311

HOMES FOR SALE

Have friends or relatives you want to join you in a great neighborhood setting? Here is a partial list of homes, by subdivision, listed for sale at press time. (*new on list)

Bell Place East

5026 Rusk *

Broadmoor

1407 Elliott
1565 Godwin
1462 Lawson
1510 Lawson *
1518 Lawson *
1561 Lombardy
1433 Munger *
1522 Munger
1449 Pearson
1458 Scharpe
1524 Telephone

Dissen Heights

5344 Clay
5251 Jefferson

Dixie

4920 Curtin
1029 Dumble *

Dor Ruth

5008 Park

Eastlawn

1216 Gustav
5030 Lindsay
5022 Lindsay *

Eastview

5124 Polk

Eastwood

4416 Bell *
4321 Jefferson
4506 Park
4505 Rusk
4415 Walker

Houston City St RR

3917 Rusk *
4320 Walker

Lawndale

5202 Claremont
5310 Claremont *

S. M. Williams

5001 Park

Woodleigh

4018 Dallas



HAPPY
40TH
BIRTHDAY TO
SUSAN HONN
FROM A VERY PROUD
BIG BROTHER

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CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
JANUARY 25	26	27	28	29	30	31
FEBRUARY 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
SUPER BOWL XXXVIII	7:00 ECA Board Mtg. 7:30 Civic Club Mtg. Cape Center				Area B Trash set out Heavy Trash Area B	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	Heavy Trash Area A	6:30 SuperNeighborhd				VALENTINE'S DAY
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
		7:00 PIP Meeting				
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
					Area B Trash set out	
29	MARCH 1	2	3	4	5	6
	7:00 ECA Board Mtg. 7:30 Civic Club Mtg. Cape Center				Heavy Trash Area B	

Heavy Trash Area A: Second Monday, West of Lockwood (towards Cullen) and South of Telephone (towards I-45)
 Heavy Trash Area B: First Friday, East of Lockwood (towards Wayside) and North of Telephone (towards Polk)



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(Please complete and mail to the address above or hand in at the meeting.)

Name: _____

(Please list each household member on this membership, including children.)

Address: _____

Telephone(s): _____

Email: _____

Please indicate up to three committees in which you would like to participate:

- Block Captain
 Membership
 Graffiti Abatement
 Park Improvements
 Animal Control
 Deed Restrictions
 Historical Commission
 OTHER _____
 Annual Membership Dues \$25.00
 I'm not a member, but please add me to your contact list.

Our monthly newsletter, the Eastwood Voice is available at the monthly meetings and door-to-door in areas with active block captains. If you would like to have a copy mailed to you please include \$3.70 for postage. (You don't have to be a member to receive the newsletter by mail.)

Circle your subdivision

EASTWOOD ■ BROADMOOR ■ LAWNDALE ■ W. A. KIRBY ■ JACKSON COURT ■ WOODLEIGH ■ EASTLAWN ■
 DISSSEN HEIGHTS ■ HOUSTON CITY RAILROAD ■ SUBURBAN ■ L.B. MOODY ■ BEVERLY PARK ■ EASTVIEW ■
 HAYSER ■ DOR RUTH ■ MIVELLER ■ DIXIE ■ GEORGIA