



# EASTWOOD VOICE



The Newsletter of the Eastwood Civic Association

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## NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

### PREVAILING LOT SIZE & SET-BACK UPDATE

Ordinance 2006-1224 was recently approved by Houston City Council. This new ordinance establishes a prevailing building line of 19 feet (i.e. a 19 foot setback) for the north and south sides of the 4600 through the 4800 blocks of Walker Street.

We have been very successful in protecting the historic character and integrity of the neighborhood with the prevailing building line (setback) and prevailing lot provisions throughout much of the neighborhood.

Changes to the lot size and setback portions of Chapter 42 of the City of Houston Code of Ordinances are before the Planning Commission and City Council. Basically, the changes improve the calculation to determine the number of lots needed to establish a prevailing lot size or setback. Another change would allow residents on a block to request a minimum lot size or setback. This is particularly important for older neighborhoods, on streets that curve, and in cul-de-sacs.

### R & R (RESCUE AND REMODEL) IN EASTWOOD

Congratulations to the Stephen Steiner and Keith Wallace for being one of winners of The Good Brick award, for their renovation of their home on McKinney. The story of their home may be found in Houston House & Home (January 2007 edition). This marks the second time recently that an Eastwood home has won an award.

### MORE EASTWOOD RESCUE AND REMODELS

Please witness the transformation of 4733 Bell Street, which will have an open house from 1:00 - 6:00 on Sunday January 28th. The new owners are in the process of completing the transformation of that house and will offer the house for sale when it is completed.

Additionally, a 1914 home at 4441 Rusk St. recently renovated by the Garland Co. will soon be for lease. There are also a few other properties for lease or sale. If you know anyone who might be interested in these, have them contact us at [eastwood@eastwood-houston.com](mailto:eastwood@eastwood-houston.com)

Eastwood Civic Association Meeting • February 5, 2007 • 6:30 - 7:30 pm • Cape Center

SUSAN ROGERSON - EAST END STRATEGIC VISION PROJECT

### OUR FIRST HISTORIC LANDMARK

Late last year, Houston added the status of Protected Landmark. Prior to that, structures receiving the Landmark status could be torn down after a waiting period of 90 days. The city lost many historic buildings, some were even on the National Register. The new Protected Landmark status truly protects our historic treasures from demolition.

The Tom and Ingeborg Tellepsen House at 4518 Park Drive was recently granted Protected Landmark Status. It was one of the first six homes in the city and the first structure of any kind in the East End to receive the new status. If you are interested in applying for landmark status, contact us at [eastwood@eastwood-houston.com](mailto:eastwood@eastwood-houston.com), PO Box 9542, Houston, TX 77261 or leave us a note at the next civic club meeting.

### SHOW THAT YOU CARE

Did you know: It is against the law for pets to roam loose. Pets with access to public sidewalks, streets or a neighbor's property may be impounded. If an animal is impounded the following fees apply: 1st impoundment for spayed/neutered animal is \$25; and 1st impoundment for an animal not spayed/neutered is \$50. An additional \$25 for each subsequent impoundment. Report stray/

loose animals by calling Bureau Animal Regulation and Care (BARC) at 713-238-9600.

A pet owner must promptly remove and dispose of, in a sanitary manner, feces left by their dog or cat, when walking outside of their own yard with their pet. Dog or cat owners must also have materials (most people use a plastic shopping bag) to remove feces left by their dog or cat on another person's property. The fine for failing to clean up after your pet is a minimum of \$75 and a maximum of \$500, with each violation treated as a separate offense. *- content courtesy of City of Houston website*

### SUPER NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATE

The Super Neighborhood is holding a special meeting on February 6th from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. at the Villa de Matel, 6100 Lawndale for a presentation on the proposed conversion of the old HouTexInn on I-45 into a transitional apartment for the homeless.

The regular meeting at the Villa de Matel on February 13th will be a Town Hall Meeting on The Visual Environment and Aesthetics of the Gulf Freeway/Hobby Airport Corridor.

We will have an update from METRO on the Harrisburg transit corridor in March. The KIPP School, which bought the property on Lawndale across from the Post Office will visit with us in April.

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# CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
JANUARY 28	29	30	31	FEBRUARY 1	2 Heavy Trash Area B	3
4	5 6:30 Civic Club Mtg. Cape Center	6 6:30 Mtg on Homeless Transitional Apt.	7	8 Recycling Collection	9 Area A Trash set out	10
11 Heavy Trash Area A	12	13 6:30 SuperNeighborhd	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 7:00 South Central PIP Meeting	21	22 Recycling Collection	23	24
25	26	27	28	MARCH 1	2 Area B Trash set out	3
4 6:30 Civic Club Mtg. Cape Center	5	6	7	8 Recycling Collection	9 Heavy Trash Area B Area A Trash set out	10

Heavy Trash Area A: Second Monday, West of Lockwood (toward Cullen) and South of Telephone (toward I-45)

Heavy Trash Area B: First Friday, East of Lockwood (toward Lawndale) and North of Telephone (toward Harrisburg)

**Deed Restriction Renewal is in progress for the Eastwood Subdivision.  
Petitions will be available at the ECA meetings, block walks, and special events.**



## EASTWOOD CIVIC ASSOCIATION



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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 on which you would like to participate:

- Block Captain   
  Membership   
  Graffiti Abatement   
  Park Improvements   
  Animal Control  
 Deed Restrictions   
  Lot Size/Set-Back Ordinances   
  Historical Commission

OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

- Annual Membership Dues \$25.00   
  I'm not a member, but please add me to your contact list.

Circle your subdivision

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