



## EASTWOOD RESIDENT CELEBRATES 100 YEARS

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Shekrey and Liz Jattar moved into Houston's East End in July 1941. After marrying in Ohio, their journey took them to San Antonio before their move here. They and their children, David and Theresa, were the second residents of their home in the W. A. Kirby subdivision. On May 20th Liz will celebrate not only 63 years in her home, but also her 100th birthday.

Elizabeth Thomas was born in 1904 in Zanesville, Ohio. She was the fourth of seven children born to Joseph and Mary Thomas, but the first to be born in the United States. The Thomas family immigrated from Lebanon in 1901. Their new home was a coal mining town dominated by the coal company, Coal Creek. The Thomas family ran a dry goods store that competed with the company store. Liz worked in the store as a young girl. She married Shekrey Jattar in 1927, and the family moved to Texas in 1939.

Liz's father, uncle and husband owned the Hygeia Ice Plant which was located at 1301 Telephone Road. From that location, they manufactured and sold ice to independent truckers who delivered it to stores and residents throughout the city. At that time, homes had "ice boxes" rather than refrigerators. Customers purchased blocks of ice to fit in one compartment to keep items in the other compartment cold. Often families kept these ice boxes on the back porch and not in the kitchen as refrigerators are

today. Theresa and her brother used to watch their dad "pull" ice and played hopscotch on the square boards that covered the ice tanks in the floor of the plant. Since everyone needed to replace the ice as it melted, it was a thriving business. That is until electric refrigerators became popular. The shopping center next to the ice plant was built by Liz's father and had the first fluorescent lighting in Texas. This proud Lebanese family is but one of the many successful immigrant families that made the Eastwood area their home.

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*Sixty-three year resident, Liz Jattar, turns 100 years old this month.*

Eastwood Civic Association Meeting • May 3, 2004 • 7:30 - 8:30 pm • Cape Center

SPEAKERS: MARISSA SIPOCZ, MASON PARK WETLANDS PROJECT & CHRIS LACHANCE, WATERSMART LANDSCAPING

## CITIZENS ON PATROL

While major crimes in the City of Houston fell 3% last year, they fell by 11% in the Eastwood area. Wouldn't it be nice if there were no crimes committed. Seem impossible? There are neighborhoods in Houston that have gone up to three months with no "calls for service" to HPD. They all have the same thing in common—Citizens On Patrol (COP).

The Community Services Division of HPD coordinates COP. Initiated in 1985 as a state-funded model, it has become an effective, rapidly growing neighborhood watch program. It's not a vigilante program, but one composed of concerned citizens who serve as "eyes and ears" to HPD. HPD provides the patrollers with citizen band radio equipment, cellular telephones, magnetic patrol signs, and training.

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## REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Meetings have been held on the 2025 Regional Transportation Plan that will direct the shape of the eight county region through over 4,000 projects. One project would widen Polk St. from Hughes to Lockwood to become a 4-lane undivided road. Preliminary discussions in the civic association have not identified a need for the project. It appears it would take property from homes in five subdivisions, part of Cullinan Park and Jackson Middle School. Many trees would have to be removed. Blueprint Houston will host a forum on April 27th at 7:00 pm at the H-GAC office at 3555 Timmons, 2nd Floor, Room A. The public comment period ends May 4. To have your voice heard, go to this meeting, or complete an on-line form at [www.2025plan.org](http://www.2025plan.org). Additional information will be posted on [www.eastwood-houston.com](http://www.eastwood-houston.com). ☒

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Pearl Harbor was attacked the year the Jattars moved into the neighborhood. World War II was a time of shortages and rations. To make sure that the US troops had supplies, commercially canned foods were part of the rations. Theresa remembers her father and uncle planting a Victory Garden in the cane field across from their house. That land is now the parking lot behind the HISD Rudy Vara building. Victory Gardens were one of the most well received home-front war efforts. At the peak, nearly 20,000,000 gardens provided 40 percent of all vegetables produced in the US. By the end of the war, over one million tons of vegetables produced were from these home-front producers.

When the Jattar family moved here, Telephone Road was new and was the main artery to downtown Houston. One block from the family's ice plant was Food Town, the biggest grocery store in the area. It was at 1301 Telephone and is currently occupied by Shine Transmission.

W. A. Kirby, for whom the subdivision is named, sold his land to a developer, except for one portion. Their original home was where the Family Dollar store is now. The developer who bought the property moved the home to Mable Street free of charge, where it stands today. Mable, as well as Elliott, Wesley, Monroe, Elliston, Lawson, and Pearson Streets are named for the Kirby children. The developer sold one parcel to J. Weingarten, Inc., in 1947 for one of the first "supermarkets." That building is now the home of HISD's East Superintendent's office and Technical Center at 1100 Telephone.

In September 1941, the Houston Post featured a photo of the Jattar's home. The photo showed an addition to their garage. Actually, the addition was their neighbor's garage deposited on top of their garage thanks to a hurricane. Miraculously, their brand new 1941 Plymouth, parked in the garage, survived without a scratch.

Today, Liz lives with her daughter Theresa, whose car now occupies the replaced garage. Mrs. Jattar also has five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. She has always loved this quaint, quiet, and safe neighborhood and is very glad to see that the Eastwood area is returning to the thriving community of hard-working families and caring neighbors that she moved into so many years ago. ☒



Shekrey Jattar outside his ice store at 1200 Telephone Road in 1945

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The program focuses on neighborhood crime. Patrollers observe and report suspicious or criminal behavior. Besides identifying actual crimes, the reports assist HPD in identifying patterns and trends, and the individuals and vehicles involved in criminal activity.

The Houston Police Department is enhancing and expanding the program in several ways, including annual workshops to improve each neighborhood patrol, publishing a quarterly newsletter to promote innovation and neighborhood cohesiveness, and setting up an advisory panel of police officers and citizen patrol coordinators.

The specific goal of the program is to reduce crime. COP has a proven track record of helping to stop the feeling of being afraid and helpless. The patrollers have not only never been assaulted on or off patrol, they have helped their neighbors take back their homes, cars, parks, and communities. The accomplishments are a result of HPD's commitment to COP and the dedication of the many trained volunteers.

It is easy to have a huge impact on crime in our neighborhood. To start we only need a coordinator and as few as 16 volunteers. Ray Garcia (*Eastwood*) will be the coordinator and liaison between our COP and HPD. To get involved send Ray an email at [eastwood.patrol@eastwood-houston.com](mailto:eastwood.patrol@eastwood-houston.com) or leave a message at 713.923.3983 with your full name, address, and telephone number.

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## NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

## LANTRIP ELEMENTARY UPDATE 🌿

Principal Jon Gundry and East District Superintendent Thelma Garza held a meeting for parents, teachers, and community leaders. Architect Abram Sustaita and HISD representatives presented preliminary plans for the construction project. The current office and the two bungalows to the right of it will stay. The new facility will total 86,000 square feet complementing the 1915 facades. The classrooms will be larger, there will be a new multipurpose room, the garden and mature oak trees will be saved, and the Sparks park will be relocated. The 1926 building's decorative doorways and the Ima Hogg fireplace in the old kindergarten classroom will be preserved and relocated. In the first phase, the bungalows to the left of the office and the classrooms to the east of the cafeteria will be removed and several temporary buildings will be added on the McKinney side of the campus. The new cafeteria and two wings of the new school would be built over the site of the old classrooms. Phase two will remove the existing cafeteria and classrooms behind the office. Two additional wings will be built in that space. The design will continue to be refined over the next few months. Bidding begins in December with the construction expected to be completed by

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January 2006. Lantrip will have some of the best technology available in the district.

NEW HOUSTON POLICE CHIEF HAROLD HURTT

Council Member Carol Alvarado held a meeting at the Latino Learning Center to introduce the new chief to District I. At the well-attended meeting, Chief Hurtt discussed his background and plan to continue neighborhood policing. Eastwood was represented by several residents. Among the comments and concerns raised, were high praise for the work and community involvement of our officers at South Central and the Navigation Storefront.

SUPERNEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

ECA's John Peeler (*Jackson Court*) reported that Perry Homes presented plans for The Enclave at Lawndale. The project will have 14 units per acre. It will be fenced, but not gated. Base models will range from \$120,000-145,000 and will be 1,300 to 1,800 square feet. Construction is expected to begin in November.

EASTWOOD PARKS COMMITTEE

The Parks Committee met on April 14th. Luci Correa from the Parks Department Planning and Development met with the group. The skateboard park being considered for Eastwood Park was discussed. The committee expressed its opinion that the tennis courts and pool should not be removed or used for part of the skateboard

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)

<b>Bell Place East</b>	1528 Telephone	<b>Eastwood</b>
5026 Rusk	<b>Dissen Heights</b>	4416 Bell
<b>Broadmoor</b>	5344 Clay	4422 Dallas *
1407 Elliott	<b>Dixie</b>	4321 Jefferson
1455 Godwin *	4920 Curtin	4610 McKinney*
1565 Godwin	519 Dumble *	4415 Walker
1510 Lawson *	1029 Dumble	4809 Walker *
1453 Lombardy*	<b>Eastlawn</b>	<b>Jackson Court</b>
1561 Lombardy	1216 Gustav	1119 Altic
1443 Munger	<b>Eastview</b>	<b>Lawndale</b>
1416 Sharpe *	5134 Bell *	5310 Claremont
1510 Sharpe *	1511 Stimson *	<b>Woodleigh</b>
1524 Telephone		4018 Dallas

park. It should be located in a space that retains as much green space as possible. Support was given for locating it behind the baseball field and possibly acquiring some abandoned land adjacent to the park for its use. Swati Modi (*Eastwood*) was selected as the committee chairperson.

OTHER NEWS

For decades, the pipe fabricating yard on Polk has been testing pipes by dropping them at all times of the day and night. The noise could be heard for more than 10 blocks. New resident Spencer Howard (*Jackson Court*) has worked with the HPD Navigation Storefront and the company to halt the noise overnight. Thank you, Spencer.

Several street repair requests were made by Paul O'Sullivan (*Eastwood*). Two large potholes on Scott were repaired. Temporary repairs on Sidney and Cullen, both near McKinney were part of utility work. The gravel will be replaced when the project is finished.

The cleanup of the lot behind the Eastwood Academy went on through a constant rain on the morning of Saturday, April 24. What a difference was made in three hours! Thanks to all the volunteers.

At our April meeting the Eastwood Civic Association presented our 2003 Volunteer of the Year awards to Bob & Suzette Priutt and Rita Hlavacek.

# CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
APRIL 25	26	27	28	29	30	MAY 1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	7:00 ECA Board Mtg. 7:30 Civic Club Mtg. Cape Center	2025 Regional Transportation Plan Public Comment Period Ends			Area B Trash set out Heavy Trash Area B	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
MOTHER'S DAY	Heavy Trash Area A	6:30 SuperNeighborhd				ARMED FORCES DAY Houston Pension Plan Referendum Vote
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
		7:00 PIP Meeting				
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
					Area B Trash set out	
30	31	JUNE 1	2	3	4	5
	MEMORIAL DAY				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)



## 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 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.)

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