

East Montrose

Civic Association Newsletter



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June 2019

It is the mission of East Montrose Civic Association to serve the interests of East Montrose, to promote the safety and welfare of its residents, to foster a sense of community, and to celebrate the diversity and uniqueness of the area. These goals are accomplished through the efforts of its volunteers and elected officers.

2019 EMCA Calendar

June TBD:

Summer Social

July:

No meeting—Summer Break

August:

No meeting—Summer Break

September 17:

Meeting—TBD

October 1*:

National Night Out

November:

TBD

December 17*:

Holiday Party / Elections

* tentative dates

The EMCA Biennial Home Tour and Art Walk was fantastic! We were successful thanks to your efforts and contributions. I think almost everyone would agree that the neighborhood pulled together truly as a “Living Mosaic”: homeowners, restaurants, artists, and volunteers.

Part of what makes a house a home is the smell of savory food when one walks through the door. We are thankful to our local restaurants for pairing a sampling at homes: **Chef Soren Pedersen, Cowboys & Indians, Midtown Bar&Grill, and Me’lange.**

Please patronize these restaurants and tell them how much you enjoyed their tastings at our tour!

There is a lot of creativity and talent within our “four walls”: Montrose, West Gray, Genesee, and Fairview.

We are proud to have been able to provide a glimpse of this talent and are grateful to the artists for opening up their studios: **Penny Cerling, Joan Son, Sunny McKinnon, Suzanne Starr, Jim Wilson, Keiko Kinsey, Gerida Brown, Larry Crawford, Cindy Shung, Anderson Fair, Constance Braden, Fantasy Gallery, Josena Arqueta, and Maureen McNamara.**

Each home on the tour is a true representation of our neighborhood: authentic, original with room for individual flair. We appreciate your willingness to open your homes and hospitality: **Lee Hudman, NuNu Chang & Andrew Albers, Bob McLaughlin & Christopher Robbins, Mike Ashmore, and Patricia Bell.**

Last but certainly not least, this event would not have been possible if it weren’t for our many volunteers. A BIG THANK YOU to **Rodney Coon, Jim Tucker, Emily Holdsworth, Lynda Rousseau, Mike McHam, Agelia Marquez, Mark Weesner, Frank Plischke, Ben Sloan, Shelly Ray, Mark Lankford, Maureen Taylor, Anthony Nankivell, Joshua Utay, Netanya Utay, Anne Rice, Ronnie Koehn, Ralph Moorehouse, Courtney Chillis-Cohill, Sharon Ruhly, Violet Kelley, Brooks Brown, Julie Young, Melinda Sturgess, Sherry Weesner, Susan Swails, Peggy Rogers, Rhonda Cook, Kirste Reimers, Beth Knapp, David & Karen Holan, Kay Shepard, Claudia Kolker, Karen Moorehouse, Mary Quinn, Julia Schafer, Melisa Galvan, Heather Lambert and Karen Brohn.**

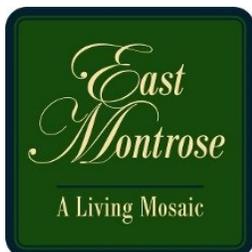
You can view pictures at:

<https://www.facebook.com/2019-East-Montrose-Home-Tour-Art-Walk-1427335710901372/>

and soon we’ll have them up on <http://www.eastmontrose.org/events/home-tour/>

A lot of effort went into making this a success. Rest up, the countdown to 2021 has begun and we have a challenge on our hands as the 2019 Tour and Walk has raised the bar!

Bill Maxey



Several “East Montrose – A Living Mosaic” signs are still available if you want one to display on your property. These sturdy signs are \$75 each. Please contact our treasurer Julia Schafer at 281-221-3250 to make your purchase. Julia also asks to remind you that EMCA dues are now up for renewal. See the back page for more info.



The recent spring rains, along with the finally-it's-warm spring weather, have encouraged growth in gardens and green spaces. All very pretty – but some foliage has grown to block stop signs and the view of on-coming traffic. If you live on a corner with a traffic sign, please go out with a clippers and make sure that tree branches or ground vegetation are not obscuring the sign. And check that low-growing plants are not blocking drivers' views. What you see standing on a sidewalk may not be what a driver sees from his spot in the street.

As an alternative, you can contact 311 to report obscured traffic signs. I am a little disgruntled that none of the locations I've reported have been cleared of obstructions, even though the city sent notices saying that the cases had been investigated and closed.

HOW I MET MY NEIGHBORS. A LATE NIGHT STORY

It was a Sunday evening, and I had come back from dinner and margaritas at el Tiempo Cantina Annex. 'El Tiempo margaritas' pretty much tells much of the story right there. I was in PJs, with my usual mess of unruly hair, and stepped outside to put trash in the bin. A girl in a white summer dress was on the sidewalk, all in a dither, babbling something about flickering lights. She was concerned because she had seen lights flickering on and off in the windows of a house across the street. She worried that there might be an electrical problem, and that a fire might start. Her boyfriend was a few paces away, rolling his eyes, as if to say, "Here she goes again."

I didn't know the people across the street; they had just recently moved in. I told her, "Surely it's nothing. Just let it alone." But she was REALLY concerned that something was dangerously wrong across the street.

Turns out this gal lives a few blocks away, right up my street. I had never met her before. But we formed an alliance.

"Well," I said, "It's not 10:00 yet, and the lights are on... let's go knock on the door." And so we did.

The door was opened quickly by a man and a woman. The girl in the white dress apologized for the late night interruption, and then burst out about the flickering lights and her fears of an electrical threat. I was standing behind, stammering a little in a light alcohol haze about living right across the street.

Now, anyone who has lived in this neighborhood for any length of time knows that this is the point where you slam the door. But our new neighbors said, "Come in, won't you please?"

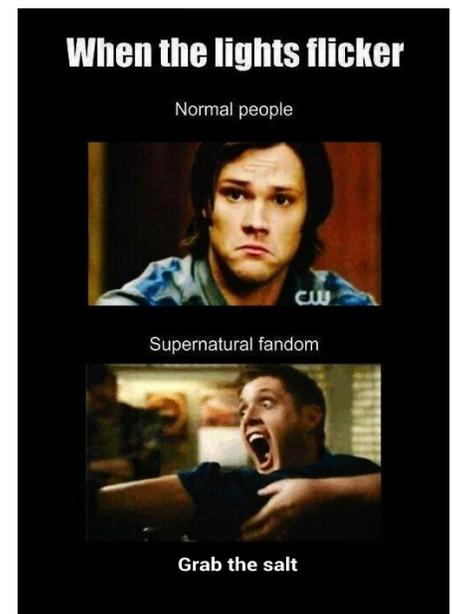
And so we did. We were greeted by a very gracious and kind couple, who obviously had no fears of wild women on their doorstep. Turns out the husband HAD been playing with lights. As it was a new home, he was flipping them on and off to see which switch worked which lights.

Relief – no fire danger here!

We had a quick but very pleasant visit. They are quite friendly and open, and had already taken steps to get in touch with the civic club. In fact, they already knew something of me, through having read this newsletter column. They expressed a desire to meet people in the neighborhood. Well, my new friend and I had just helped them check off that box! :)



I'm not making fun of the neighbor, but I had this extra space to fill so I couldn't resist finding something funny (ish) related to this event. Editor.



Office of New Americans and Immigrant Communities (ONAIIC)

ONAIIC reaches out to the city's diverse immigrant and refugee communities to facilitate their successful civic, economic and cultural integration into Houston. Outreach initiatives include language access assistance to connect residents to city and community services and inform them about their rights under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act. The office promotes civic engagement and enlists community experts to serve on city advisory committees. ONAIIC also partners with local entities to address community issues and promote cultural sharing and understanding.

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DON Initiatives

•**Volunteer Initiatives** engages Houstonians in citywide public service activities sponsored by city departments, nonprofit organizations and civic groups.

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•**The Mayor's Youth Council** engages high school students in civic leadership and community service activities.

Patricia Harrington
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Department of Neighborhoods (DON)

DON is dedicated to improving the quality of life in Houston neighborhoods through the delivery of services, innovative programs and strong community partnerships. The department delivers a wide range of services and serves as a centralized source for citizen assistance to resolve neighborhood concerns.

TaKasha L. Francis
Director

DON Divisions

- Inspections and Public Service
- Mayor's Citizens Assistance Office
- Mayor's Anti-Gang Office
- Office of New Americans and Immigrant Communities

DON Initiatives

- Volunteer Initiatives
- Mayor's Youth Council

Inspections & Public Service (IPS)

IPS works to improve the quality of life in Houston neighborhoods by reducing blight and substandard living conditions. IPS responds to the following issues:

- Overgrown lots
- Dangerous vacant buildings
- Nuisances on private property

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- Trash & junk accumulation
- Materials & appliances stored in public view
- Illegal dumping inspections
- Junk motor vehicles & graffiti
- Early placement & improper storage of garbage collection containers
- Illegal signs on city property & right of way
- Congregate facilities sanitary equipment

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Other Code Violations

Code enforcement pertaining to illegal dumping, garbage collection, yard waste and/or junk waste collection, dead animal collection and curbside recycling are handled by the **Solid Waste Management Department**.

Code enforcement pertaining to apartment complexes and commercial buildings, sidewalk repair and permitting for construction are handled by the **Public Works and Engineering Department**.

Please report code violations to 311.

Your complaint will be referred to the appropriate departments.



Call 311, email 311@houstontx.gov or report online at www.houston311.org

Mayor's Citizens Assistance Office (MCAO)

MCAO coordinates city responses to neighborhood issues and citizen service requests. Its staff of community liaisons reaches out to civic groups and conducts door-to-door canvassing to educate residents about city codes and services. Residents are encouraged to take an active role in maintaining clean, safe neighborhoods by reporting code violations to 311. The office partners with Super Neighborhoods, nonprofits, service agencies, schools and community groups to carry out cleanup and beautification projects and other neighborhood improvement activities.

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Mayor's Anti-Gang Office (MAGO)

MAGO provides comprehensive responses to juvenile delinquency and gang activity through direct services, collaboration, community outreach and policy development. Youth services include case management, resistance and skill-building workshops, summer and out-of-school time programs, mentoring and education.

Patricia Harrington
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- Report card
- Class schedule

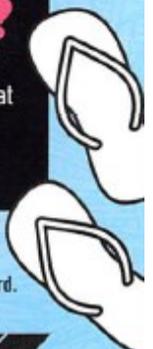
COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

- Current class schedule and fee receipt
- Letter from the college verifying you're a current student
- Student METRO Q[®] Fare Card registration form signed and stamped by the school registrar.

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Houston, Texas 77208-1429

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Last	First	Middle Initial
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Area code and telephone #:

Student's date of birth:

(Required for card registration)

Government-issued I.D. or passport number:

(Required for registration of college and university applicants only)

Student's home address:

Street
Apt. #
City
State
ZIP Code

Email address:

School name:

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Student's Signature (Parent/Guardian for students under 18)

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After being closed for a couple of years from fire damage, The Printing Museum has been beautifully renovated and has opened two exhibitions that will run through December 21.

Where I Come From: The Works and Influences of Charles Criner
May 17, 2019 - December 21, 2019

This retrospective exhibition documents 55 years of the professional and personal life and his influences of Master Printer, Charles Criner. The exhibition spans from his student years at Texas Southern University, under renowned artist, educator, and mentor **John T. Biggers**, through his career as an instructor, illustrator, advertising artist, Artist-in-Residence and now Master Printer at The Printing Museum. It features original works of art, drawings, cartoons, video interviews, and prints. The extensive exhibition commanding seven galleries includes works curated from private collections, The *Charles Criner Papers and Art Collection* of the Cushing Library at Texas A&M University, Texas Southern University, and The Printing Museum's permanent collection.

Joan Son: Paper Couture
June 7 - December 21, 2019

Paper Couture is an installation of retro-inspired fashions by origami artist, **Joan Son**. Based upon her original paper doll dress designs from 1958, Paper Couture traces Son's use of a variety of paper techniques to create full-size dress sculptures which honor the past and open a portal to the present.

Joan is an American artist and resident of East Montrose who has devoted her career to the exploration of contemporary origami as fine art. Since 1964, when she first learned to fold the traditional crane, Son has been intrigued with the art, math and magic of paper folding. Her professional origami career debuted in the windows of Tiffany & Co. in the spring of 1993.

Museum Hours:
Friday & Saturday, 10am – 4pm with guided tours at 11am & 2pm
Tuesday to Thursday, Group Tours by appointment only.

GENERAL ADMISSION: \$5

[The Printing Museum](#)
1324 W. Clay Street
Houston, Texas 77019
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Joan Son: Paper couture, 2014. Paper dresses, Kimono and butterfly installation



CHARLES CRINER, MR. ALVIN WHITE, 2008. SILKSCREEN ON WOVE PAPER EDITION 28 OF 50.



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Anderson Fair News....

Thursday, June 13 - Ken and Wayne host: Rubert Wates & Steve Brooks

Friday, June 14 - Matt the Electrician

Saturday, June 15 - Lynn Langham and Doug Gill

Thursday, June 20 - Ken and Wayne host: Clint Alphin & Lizi Bailey

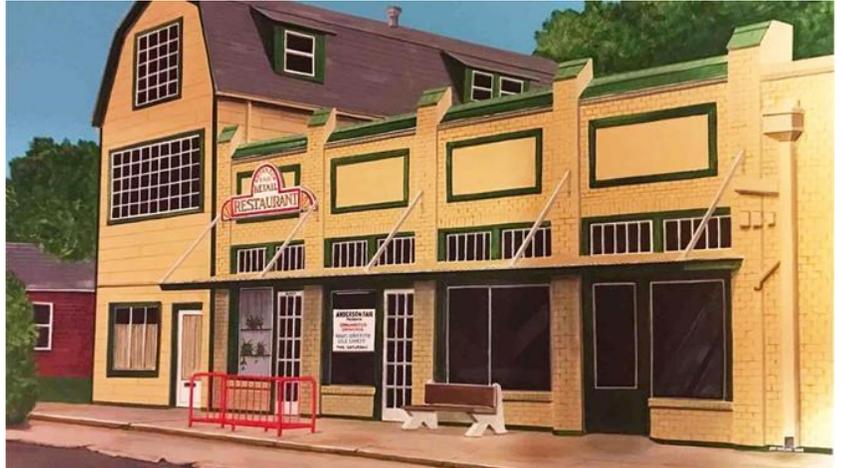
Friday, June 21 - Matt Harlan CD release

Saturday, June 22 - Ginger Leigh

Thursday, June 27 - Claudia Nygaard

Friday, June 28 - Albert and Gage

Saturday, June 29 - Wrecks Bell CD Release Event



Anderson Fair will close for the summer during July and August and will reopen late in September.

Thanks for supporting local music and this historic music venue right here in East Montrose!

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Area crime reports can be found at the excellent and current

www.spotcrime.com

The city of Houston crime database is almost always out of date.

April/May Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance			9,576.21
Monies In:	Home Tour	\$5,330	
	Membership Dues	\$235.00	
	Living Mosaic Signs	\$570.00	
Monies Out:	Home Tour Expenses	(\$1048.40)	
	Newsletter Printing	(\$697.50)	
	PayPal Fees	(88.73)	
	Square Fees	(\$26.24)	
Ending Balance:			\$13,850.34

TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

June 10	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn
June 17	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn & Recycle
June 24	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn
July 1	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn & Recycle
July 3	Wednesday	Heavy Trash—TREE WASTE
July 7	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn

This trash schedule comes from the Rollout app and is subject to change.



Join EMCA Today!

Membership is open to neighborhood residents or business owners/operators. Payment of dues will apply to current year.

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Home Phone: _____ Alt. Phone: _____

Email: _____

Mail to: PO Box 131363 Houston, TX 77219

OR pay via PayPal at www.Eastmontrose.org

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___ **Safety and Security:** Promote safety and security in East Montrose through HPD's Positive Interface Program (PIP), Crime-Out activities, and Citizens Crime Patrol.

___ **Membership:** Encourage membership enrollment, maintain records.

___ **Volunteer:** Database Administrator

___ **Volunteer:** Newsletter Team

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