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September 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

September 17 @ 7:00pm

Meeting: Speaker from COH Department of Public Works and NNO planning

Location: Alta Apartments at 299 W. Gray @ Taft in the event room.

October 1:

National Night Out

See page 1

November:

TBD

December 17*:

Holiday Party / Elections

* tentative dates

Please come join us at our September 17 Meeting.

Location: Event Room at Alta Apartments at 299 West Grey Street

Come hear about topics related to the City of Houston Department of Public Works and our upcoming National Night Out activities.

Street parking is available behind the building.

Mark your calendar for Tuesday, October 1, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. for our HUGE annual National Night Out

anti-crime street party outside Anderson Fair at Grant and Welch.

Approximately 150 people attend each year and enjoy food, door prizes, games for the kids, and visits from our local HPD officers and local officials

Food from local restaurants Food from pot-luck neighbors Music Door prizes from local businesses Kids' play area, costumes encouraged Leashed pets welcome; costumes encouraged Meet your neighbors Membership table where you can join EMCA

- all FREE and open to everyone -

We are currently looking for donors for food and door prizes, as well as people to help coordinate the event in various capacities (pick up food, set up and break down, etc.).



Please contact Julia Schafer at 281.221.3250 or email at <u>nationalnightout.emca@gmail.com</u> to volunteer or for more info.



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.

From the President

by Mary Quinn

Friends and Neighbors:

We will be holding elections for three EMCA Board positions at our December Holiday Party. The date of the party/elections shall be announced soon. The positions on the Board are for Secretary, Treasurer and At Large 1. Each position serves for a two- year period. We must also form a Nominating Committee to make recommendations to the membership for candidates for the positions.

The Board is asking for any EMCA members who may wish to be on the nominating committee to contact me, Mary Quinn, current EMCA President, at 281 630 4487 (cell) or 713 225 0094 (office) on or before September 16.

In addition, any EMCA member who is willing to serve on the Board in the above slated positions should contact me as well and your name will be submitted to the nominating committee upon formation.

To have a thriving neighborhood and community, membership participation is vital. Decisions are made at each Board meeting that can affect our neighborhood. If you want a voice, if you have ideas and talents that can keep our "living mosaic" the totally awesome place it is, please come and join us. The requirements are minimal and the rewards are great.

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by Betsy Anderson

Yard of the Season ...

How would you like to be the next East Montrose "Yard of the Season"?

Every three months, the EMCA "Yard of the Season" Committee drives around East Montrose to determine a home or townhome in our neighborhood that has curb appeal. It is often a difficult process, since so many of our neighbors seem interested in keeping their property neat and attractive. And if you are the "summer" season winner, like our current winner, the Whitakers on the corner of Hopkins and West Drew, trying to keep your landscape thriving in this heat can be a real challenge.

The Committee uses the following criteria to choose a winner:

Yard Maintenance Healthy lawn, neatly mowed and edged. Healthy, living plants. Yard that is free of debris and clutter. Home, fences, porches, and patios in good repair

Design

Use of color and texture in plantings and home. Balance appropriate to the home and lot size. Pruned and trimmed shrubs and trees. Minimum weeds in the flowerbeds. Driveway that is free of oil and other stains. House numbers displayed attractively

Creative, unique curb appeal. Overall aesthetic appeal, making the property a community asset.

Seasonal holiday decorations can add to the home's appeal. And having color in your yard definitely attracts the Committee's attention. The next season begins October 1, so start preparing your property now. You just might have the winner's sign in your yard, and a picture of your home in the EMCA Newsletter, including a writeup about your entire household.

If you are interested in serving on this committee or would like your home considered for this season or any upcoming season, please email Betsy Anderson at <u>bsatexas@sbcglobal.net</u>.

Out and About...

by Julie Young



Several EMCA members attended the Houston Astros vs Detroit Tigers baseball game on Monday, August 19th for a great evening of baseball and neighborhood camaraderie.

Our next EMCA member meeting is Tuesday, September 17, 7pm at Alta on West Gray in the meeting room. Come join us and hear from a representative from the Department of Public Works.

See you there.



Art and About

ANDERSON FAIR

Featuring original singer-songwriters from Texas, the US, and the World since 1969 Fall Concert Schedule

Friday and Saturday. September 27 & 28 Terri Hendrix with Lloyd Maines

Thursday, October 3 Ken Gaines and Wayne Wilkerson Songwriters Circle

Friday, October 4 Susan Gibson • CD release event

Saturday, October 5 Mark Stuart

Thursday, October 10 Dana Cooper

Friday, October 11 Caroline Spence

Saturday, October 12 Susan Elliott



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We are not set up to accept credit or debit cards at our brick and mortar business location, but we can take credit or debit cards for advance tickets on line at <u>andersonfair.net</u>

If you are planning to attend one of our shows, please remember to bring cash. Thanks! Our doors open at 7:30...we generally get the music started by 8:45 on weekends, (Music starts at 8:00 on Songwriter Thursday's)



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2019 EMCA Home Tour Sponsors

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Our District C City Council Member: Ellen Cohen Contact Ja'nae Williams Janae.williams@houstontx.gov - 832-393-3004 or dis-

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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.

September Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance			\$13,054.51
Monies In:	Membership Dues	25.00	
	Astros Game Tickets	\$252.00	
Monies Out:	Storage Unit Rent	(\$61.00)	
	EMCA Banner	(\$58.55)	
	Astros Game Tickets	(\$252.00)	
	Wharton K-8 Contribution	(\$500.00)	
	PayPal Fees	(\$5.77)	
Ending Balance:			\$12,454.19

TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

September 4	Wed (??)	Heavy Trash– TREE WASTE ***
September 9	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn & Recycle
September 16	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn
September 23	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn & Recycle
September 30	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn
October 2	Wednesday	Heavy Trash—JUNK

This trash schedule comes from the Rollout app and is subject to change. ***holiday schedule / not confirmed

Join EMCA Today!

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

_ Single or Guest \$15.00 ____Household \$25.00 ____Business \$30.00

Name(s):______

Address:

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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Extra printed newsletter copies can be found in the mailbox at Peggy Shiffick Park and on the "files" tab of the East Montrose Facebook page in digital PDF format.

Newsletters are normally only printed in March, June, September and December. Send your name, address and email to treasurer.emca@gmail.com for a PDF newsletter receipt by email each month including print months. Deadlines for newsletter article submissions is always the last day of the previous month. Article submissions are always welcome. No self promotion please!

I would like to help in the following way:

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

Want to submit an article for the newsletter? Please email your article to newsletter@eastmontrose.org.