

East Montrose

Civic Association Newsletter



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Oct/Nov 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.

Mark your Calendars for Tuesday December 3, 2019 for the Annual East Montrose Holiday Party and White Elephant Gift Exchange!

Come and Join your Neighbors from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.
at the home of the Galvan Family, (Malisa is an EMCA Board Member), 402 Welch.

The EMCA Board will provide some holiday munchies along with water and soft drinks.

We ask everyone to bring their own adult libations and an appetizer, snack or food item to share with the group. The party is free for members. We are asking each nonmember to contribute \$5.00 towards the cost of the party.

If you are not currently a member but would like to join,
you can join EMCA by contacting our Treasurer Julia Schafer at treasurer.emca@gmail.com or at the door.

Please remember that each person who wishes to participate in the fun and often hilarious White Elephant gift exchange should bring a wrapped (or at least disguised) gift....the value of which we leave to your good judgment, but note that most of the gifts are under a \$25 value.

Everyone is welcome! See you there!

We will also be electing a Treasurer, Secretary and At Large #2 Board member at the party.

All members in good standing (meaning your dues are up to date) are eligible to vote.

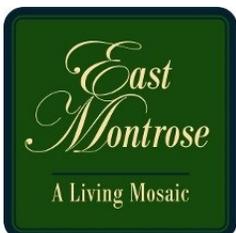
You can check your status by emailing the EMCA treasurer Julia Schafer at treasurer.emca@gmail.com.

The nominating committee is recommending Julia Schafer for Treasurer and Mike McHam for Secretary.

Candidate bios for Julia and Mike can be found on page 3.

A recommendation for the at-large position will be placed on our website along with the other recommendations at the beginning of November (www.eastmontrose.org) along with a short bio for each candidate.

You can vote at the party or you can complete the absentee/proxy ballot that is included in the this newsletter (p.5) and return the proxy to our Vice President Karen Brohn at vicepresident.emca@gmail.com or leave in the magazine slot under the mailbox at 503 Welch Street.



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.

2019 National Night Out



Art and About...

by Penny Cerling



The **Museum of Natural Science Houston** puts on one of the most fun parties in Houston the Saturday before Halloween. There are bands, food trucks and adult beverage stations throughout the museum - and plenty of opportunities for selfies.

Last year we got there when it opened at 8pm and were able to find a parking spot in the garage. We left around 9pm - by then the line was way out the door with more people piling in by way of Uber & Lyft and no parking spaces anywhere nearby. Adults only. Don't forget to see this before it closes:

Former EMCA resident, **Pete Gershon**, recently wrote a book, ***Collision: The Contemporary Art Scene in Houston 1972-1985***.

Pete continues his exploration of the Houston's past Art Scene to curate this show:

Prints & Ceramics from Little Egypt Enterprises & Related Studios
September 6 - November 17, 2019
Panel discussion: Sunday October 6 from 1-3pm
The Glassell School of Art, Museum of Fine Arts Houston

October: the month when goblins appear in windows around our neighborhood.



Photo: creature from Independence Day, painted by Robert Bowen

Your Thoughts are Needed...

by Julian Gill—Houston Chronicle Reporter

Recently I've been reporting a story about the concentration of homeless shelters and other social services in Montrose.

The story is going to talk more broadly about the balance between gentrifying communities in Montrose and long-established social service organizations in the area. Does the presence of homeless shelters, soup kitchens, and other ministry groups detract from the overall environment, or is that just an accepted part of living in Montrose?

I'd like to hear from nearby residents/neighborhood groups about what they think of the organizations as neighbors.

Comments from all residents are welcome, and everything will be on the record. Please feel free to give me a call at 210-412-2321 (preferably after 10 a.m.) or email at Julian.Gill@chron.com.

Thank you!

EMCA 2020 Candidate Slate Bios

I'm Julia Schafer, current Treasurer of East Montrose Civic Association. I'm a native Houstonian who graduated from the University of Texas with a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism. I have lived in our neighborhood for six years with my husband who is a long-time resident of East Montrose. Since my term as Treasurer I have maintained the accounting records and the membership and email database. I have also co-chaired the annual National Night Out and assisted with the Trees for East Montrose program. I am currently Treasurer of Houston Mod and I have served as a board member for the following non-profits: Norhill Neighborhood Association, Voices Breaking Boundaries and the Society of Design Administrators. I also served on the Rice Design Alliance Membership Committee and Norhill Neighborhood Association Home Tour Committee. I have worked consistently in and around the architectural industry managing small architecture firms. My interests include historic preservation, architecture, mid-century modern furniture, textile design and modern culture. I would like to continue my position as Treasurer for the East Montrose Civic Association and would appreciate your vote.

Hey y'all. My name is Mike McHam and I'm interested in getting involved with the EMCA board in the capacity of Secretary. My partner, Rodney, and I moved into East Montrose two years ago from Charlotte, NC and can't imagine living anywhere else in Houston! We have had the pleasure to meet a lot of neighbors, some of which have become great friends. We love taking a walk around the neighborhood with our Roxy girl (lab mix) or taking our bikes down to the Bayou for a ride. I've always been a believer that to those that much is given, much is expected. I want to continue making East Montrose the beautiful Living Mosaic it has become by participating on the board!

I chose to not order anything to be delivered for years out of fear of having things stolen off my front porch!

Did you know that you can choose to have your packages delivered to a business free of charge? You sign up for that through Amazon and UPS and FedEx. They all have a place where you put in your address, there's a box to check alternate delivery address and they give pickup locations. For example, FedEx will list all the Walgreens in the area and you can pick the one closest to you. For pickup, they have to scan your ID, you have to sign for the package, and you have to know the delivery number. It's genius due to all this theft of packages off porches! Also, your local FedEx store front can receive packages in your name. They hold them in the back and it is much the same - you show your ID and need to know the delivery number for your package. Happy ordering!

Editor's note: you might also consider have packages delivered to your work place.

A young boy knocked on my door on Halloween night and said,
"Trick or treat?"

I looked at him and asked, "What have you come as?"

He said, "A werewolf."

I said, "But you're not wearing a costume. You've just got your normal clothes on."

He said, "Yeah well, it's not a full moon yet, is it?"

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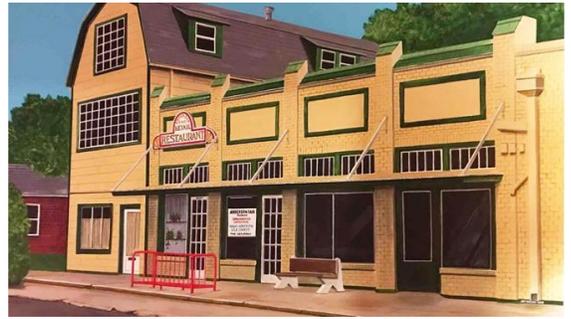
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Our doors open at 7:30...we generally get the music started by 8:45 on weekends. With great food from the kitchen and a vintage bar, you will have everything you need for a wonderful evening.

Music starts at 8:00 on Songwriter Thursday's

Thursday, October 31

- The Mighty Orq

Friday, November 1

- Shake Russell

Saturday, November 2

- Bernice Lewis

Thursday, November 7

- Ken Gaines and Wayne Wilkerson

Friday, November 8

- The Blue Grass Solution

Saturday, November 9

- Ginger Leigh

Proxy Ballot for Election to be December 3, 2019

East Montrose Civic Association

Election of Officers in Accordance with By-Laws

I, _____ being a member in good standing of the East Montrose Civic Association, hereby vote for the following named persons to serve as officers of the Association from January 2020 – December 2020.

Sign/Date _____

Roster of Candidates:

Treasurer: Julia Schafer

Secretary: Mike McHam

At Large: Pending (check website after November 1 for committee recommendation)

Please accept this as my absentee vote for the above-named candidates. Good only for the election meeting to be held on December 3, 2019.

Note: Please complete and email to vicepresident.emca@gmail.com or complete and mail or drop off at 503 Welch Street by 5 PM November 30, 2018.

One vote per membership except those enrolled as a "household" may have two votes.

You may write-in a candidate for any of the above positions.

Our District C City Council Member: Ellen Cohen

Contact Ja'nae Williams

Janae.williams@houston.tx.gov - 832-393-3004

or districtc@houston.tx.gov

Stephanie Ace: Cohen Ambassador Program - Neighborhood Rep
917-443-6927 or Stephanie.ace7@gmail.com

City of Houston Community Liaison

Jack Valinski—832-393-5962 - jack.valinski@houston.tx.gov.

Harris County Precinct One—Commissioner Rodney Ellis

Contact Johannah Thompkins

Johannah.thompkins@cp1.hctx.net

Council Member At Large #5—Jack Christie

Matt Brollier - Chief of Staff

832-393-3017 or matthew.brollier@houston.tx.gov

East Montrose C/A Contacts

President: Mary Quinn — president.emca@gmail.com

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Treasurer: Julia Schafer - treasurer.emca@gmail.com

Secretary: Jennifer Ridgway—secretary.emca@gmail.com

Past President: Sherry Weesner—pastpresident.emca@gmail.com

At Large 1: Danielle Andrasek—rep1.emca@gmail.com

At Large 2: Malisa Galvan — rep2.emca@gmail.com

Home Tour: Bill Maxey— bmaxey@mediadesigninc.com

Neartown Liaison: Julie Young—wallpaperlady@att.net

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Newsletter Coordinator: Natalie Holder—nnavellier@gmail.com

HPD's PIP: Julie Young—wallpaperlady@att.net

Security: Mark Weesner mdwpsbn@gmail.com

Trees for EM: Josh & Helen Dubach - jsdubach@gmail.com

Peggy Shiffick Park: Ellen Yarrell - ellen@eayatty.com

FB Admin: Lee Hudman - [EastMontrose@groups.facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com/EastMontrose/)

Webmaster: **OPEN**

Yard of the Season: Betsy Anderson — bsatexas@sbcglobal.net

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			\$12,454.19
Monies In:		0.0	
Monies Out:			
	Newsletter Print	(\$630.00)	
	Storage Unit	(\$61.00)	
	NNO Expenses (kids' door prizes)	(\$45.54)	
Ending Balance:			\$11,617.65

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TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

October 28	Monday	Reguar Trash & Lawn
November 4	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn & Recycle
November 11	Wednesday	Heavy Trash—TREE WASTE
November 18	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn & Recycle
November 25	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn
December 2	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn & Recycle

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

***holiday schedule / not confirmed

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!



Join EMCA Today!

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

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.