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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.



GOODBYE 2020 & HELLO 2021!

We hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable holiday season. 2020 was an interesting year to say the least. Our East Montrose FB group has been filled with posts of people helping people, showing how East Montrose is a special community. Our annual meeting and holiday celebration had to be adapted. Although we did not have our annual holiday gift exchange, we were delighted with excellent music live streaming from Anderson

Fair. We thank Tim for helping us put this together and to the wonderful musicians who spent their evening entertaining us. Congratulations to the gift card winners. Remember to support your local businesses.

Also welcome to the board members who will be serving EMCA during 2021.

Member At-Large #2 - Dan Ritchel, President - Mary Quinn, Vice President - Karen Brohn, Treasurer - Malisa Galvan, Secretary – Mike McHam, Member At-Large #1 – Julia Schafer.

Join the Board via Zoom on January 19, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. for our first association meeting of the New Year! The meeting will be focused on planning 2021.

Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89282752384?pwd=YWtzM2hYNWJ1Nm5GOGIyN1ByNldCdz09 Meeting ID: 892 8275 2384 Passcode: 224000

Given that we are still social distancing, the 2021 Home Tour will be a major point of discussion. Volunteers are needed for a variety of committees so join us to see where you can help. We will also vote on an amendment to the By-Laws. A recommendation has been made to modify Section 8 as follows:

"Section 8. Should an individual or business (including investment company/group, REIT, etc) occupy or own multiple households or residences such member shall be entitled to a maximum of two votes. Any multi-family housing larger than 4 units where multiple EMCA members reside shall be entitled to a maximum of 2 votes as a group. Such votes shall be decided by the majority of the EMCA members having residence in the group. Multi-family housing is defined as apartment/condominium complexes." Information is also posted on our website at eastmontrose.org.

Happy New Year!

EMCA Board of Directors

Holiday Lights in the Neighborhood...

















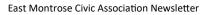
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Art & About ...

Walking & Looking at art in the neighborhood -

Walking west from East Montrose on the way to a cup of coffee (or pick up a package of their coffee to take home during Covid Time) at La Guadalupana are plenty of great murals:





If you would like to get more involved in keeping East Montrose a great place to live—then here is your chance! Volunteers are needed for the following positions:

Block Captains / Clean Up Crew / Home Tour

Please contact EMCA President Mary Quinn at <u>President.emca@gmail.com</u> or EMCA Vice President Karen Brohn at <u>vicepresident.emca@gmail.com</u> to volunteer.

Area crime reports can be found at the excellent and current <u>www.spotcrime.com</u> The City of Houston crime database is almost always out of date.

On the Eve of its 51st Year!

A BRIEF HISTORY OF ANDERSON FAIR

Anderson Fair is one of the oldest folk and acoustic music venues in continuous operation in the United States. It has been called an "incubator" of musical talent for the folk scene, especially during the folk music heyday of the 1960s-1980s. No-table performers who credit Anderson Fair as an important part of their careers include Lyle Lovett, Nanci Griffith, Robert Earl Keen, Lucinda Williams and many more. It was featured in the documentary, **For the Sake of the Song: The Story of Anderson Fair** by Bruce Bryant and Jim Barham.

The Fair began as a restaurant in 1969 by partners Marvin Anderson and Grey Fair. In the early days, patrons would flock to the Fair for a lunchtime meal such as spaghetti or tacos. At the time it was an enclave for artists, free-thinkers, and war protesters. As a result, it was not long before the Fair became a gathering place for musicians and artists to come together and talk politics. By 1973, the crowd that frequented the barn-like building on Grant Street began to turn their focus towards live music.

Anderson Fair puts a premium on original music and lyrics, above all else. In the past, Anderson Fair has hosted annual block parties in order to raise funds for repairs to the building and for rent payments. Club operations depend on a volunteer staff paid only in tips, and the majority of proceeds from ticket sales go straight to the performers. The owner today is Tim Leatherwood.

Anderson Fair is a brick and wood building constructed in segments between the 1880s and 1930s. In the 1920s, Gen. Victor A. Barracco, a veteran of both World Wars and Anderson Fair's longtime landlord, built most of the three-story barnlike

structure as a residence. Originally, founders Anderson and Fair purchased only a narrow room in part of the building, much of which was constructed using salvaged wood from the old Brazos Hotel. Throughout the early 1970s, the site had no stage, and no PA. Over the years the club has gradually expanded to occupy the entire building and now boasts a stage with professional lighting, a distortion-free sound system, and videography equipment for recording every performance. The building itself is currently being restored and re-bricked for the coming years.

We are grateful to Tim Leatherwood for his continued assistance with our National Night Out gatherings and recently with our on-line neighborhood Christmas Party including live music from Ken Gaines and Wayne Wilkerson. As soon as the pandemic settles down there will be much more great live music in this historic 'listening room.' You can always get the latest news on the website. Send your email address and receive weekly newsletters about coming performances at <u>www.andersonfair.net</u>

Respectfully submitted by Joan Son, volunteer for Anderson Fair Much of the information included here was from Wikipedia



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At the historic bar, Tim Leatherwood and volunteers

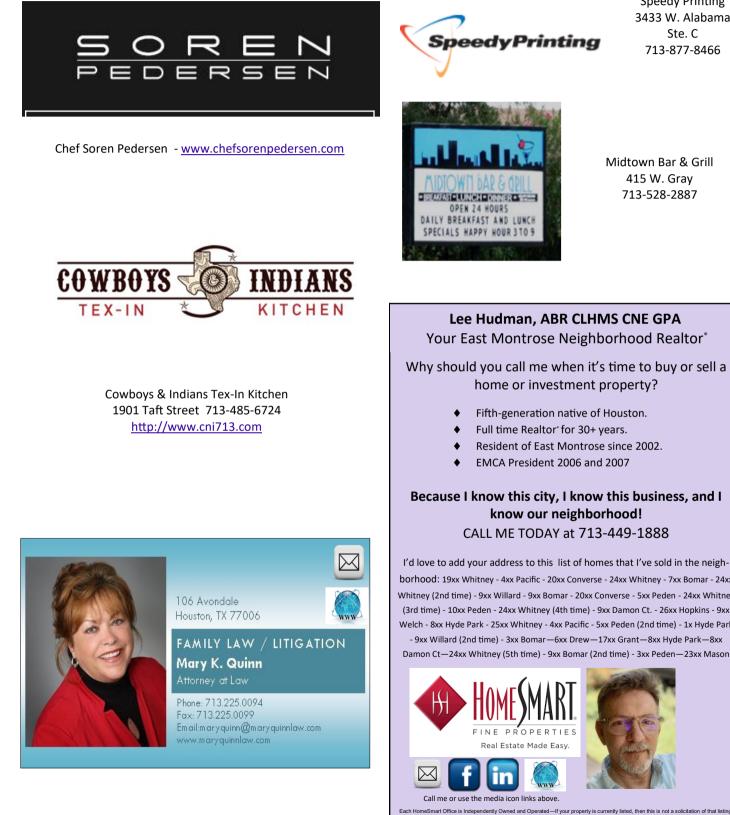






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December Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance			\$9,253.13
Monies In:	Membership \$260.00		
Monies Out:	Storage Unit (\$61.00)		
	Zoom Meeting Subscription	(\$15.98)	
	2020 Holiday Party	(\$800.00)	
	Nell Stewart 100th B-day	(\$21.98)	
	PayPal Fees	(\$5.02)	
Ending Balance:			\$8,609.15

TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

January 4	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn
January 6	Wednesday	Heavy Trash— TREE WASTE
January 11	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn & Recycle
January 18	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn
January 25	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn & Recycle
February 1	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn
February 3	Wednesday	Heavy Trash—JUNK

Join EMCA Today!

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

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

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

Name(s):______

Address:_____

Home Phone:______Alt. Phone:_____

Email:_____

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OR pay via PayPal at <u>www.Eastmontrose.org</u>

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The following volunteer positions are currently open:

Block Captains: **OPEN**—block captains are needed for each street in the boundaries of East Montrose Cleanup Crew: **OPEN** Home Tour: **OPEN**

Please contact the EMCA Pres or VP to volunteer. We need you!

Extra printed newsletter copies can be found in the mailbox at Peggy Shiffick Park. Digital PDF versions are on the "files" tab of the East Montrose Facebook page and on Eastmontrose.org. Newsletters are normally printed only four times per year. Digital issues are available every month. Send your name, address and email to <u>treasurer.emca@gmail.com</u> for a PDF newsletter receipt by email each month including print months. Deadlines for newsletter article submissions is always the 20th 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

____**Volunteer:** Biennial Home Tour

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