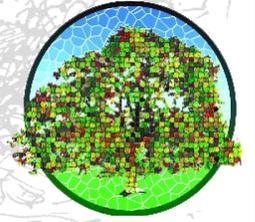


East Montrose

Civic Association Newsletter



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June 2021

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.

EMCA 2021 Calendar

June 15—No meeting
—summer break

July 20—No meeting
—summer break

August 17—No meeting
—summer break

September 21—Reg Meeting
-tbd

October 5—National Night Out

November 16—Reg Meeting
—tbd

December 7—Social—Holiday
Party / Elections

Local Events ...

by Dan Ritchel



Neighbors Get Involved by “Dining Out For Life” (July 24th to July 30th)

AIDS Foundation Houston (AFH), one of the oldest HIV service organizations in Texas (est. 1982), has served the Greater Houston and surrounding communities tirelessly to fulfill the mission to End the HIV Epidemic. Much of their efforts have had a direct impact right here in Montrose, through their focus on testing, prevention, housing, and many other wrap-around supportive services, according to Derrick Brown, Chief Development Officer of AFH.

One of the signature events to support their mission is Dining Out For Life. This is an amazing opportunity for you and your friends/family to dine at partner restaurants that are contributing to the organization. Many of the restaurant partners are right here in our neighborhood offering an amazing variety of delicious food! So not only will you be supporting our local businesses and enjoying a great meal, but you will also be supporting AFH’s mission.

So, hold the dates (July 24-July30) for Dining Out For Life '21. For more information, a list of the partner restaurants or to become a partner restaurant – please contact Derrick Brown at BrownD@AFHouston.org or visit EndingHIVHouston.org.

Click [here](#) for the Dining Out for Life—Houston website.



Area crime reports can be found at the excellent and current www.spotcrime.com



Safety in East Montrose

We had a very informative meeting on Tuesday, May 18th. We had several of our own presenting video of some of the transgressions that we are seeing in the neighborhood, especially closer to the Fairview corridor. Additionally, we had two guests, Sergeant Wall from the Houston Police Department and Jack Valinski from the Mayor’s Office.

Some of the suggestions we were given are to do the following:

- If you are experiencing a large number of incidents, please place an Alert Slip with HPD. This can help increase police “drive-bys” in the area. To place an alert slip, go to: [Houston Police Department - Alert Slip \(houstontx.gov\)](http://Houston Police Department - Alert Slip (houstontx.gov))
- Provide any video’s that you feel might be helpful to the police department
- Obtain Permit Parking for your street with the City of Houston
- Watch out for your neighbors

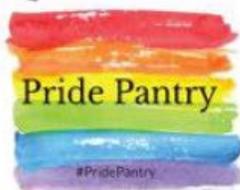
We also discussed putting together a HPD Citizen Patrol Volunteer Program which would mean getting 8 volunteers from EMCA who would drive and patrol the neighborhood at periods of time.

Several years ago, we had tried to get a constable unit in this neighborhood. For everyone’s reference this would mean having a constable who would patrol our neighborhood. The cost for a constable is around \$80,000/annually. We had united with Cherryhurst and WAMM to pay for a constable and we needed 50 homes to contribute around \$400 a year. Unfortunately, we did not have enough participation to support this.

If we want to try again, please feel free to reach out to Mary Quinn, current EMCA president at president.emca@gmail.com.



Community Partner
Donations Accepted
100% of t-shirt sales donated
to the **Pride Pantry**



Pet Friendly on leash

PRIDE MARKET

Saturday, June 12th

11-4 pm

810 Pacific St.

(Parking Lot)

Artists & Makers:



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|--|--------------------------|
| DC Studio | CTK Creations |
| HJ Art & Design | Wickerland |
| El Amor Es Un Diablo
(Guest artisan: Ruth Pickethall) | Crystal Murley Art |
| Holland Vavra | Green Moon Delights |
| BakedBones | Shook 4 Art |
| Jelvins Candy Shoppe | Allen Abstracts |
| Lovely Lailah’s Soap | Joseph Williams Art |
| Sugar & Ice & Everything Nice | Eliot’s Creative Designs |
| Whoa, Dope! | David’s Creations |
| Gheistly Ghoulie | Leona’s Bakeshop |
| Shelby Bird Designs | Mike’s Melds |
| Devoted Beauty Cosmetics | Lone Wolf Creations |
| | Uglee Designs |

Social distancing and masks suggested

Cleanup Crew...

by Mike McHam



Thanks to everyone who showed up on Saturday, May 15th, to help keep our Living Mosaic clean.

We had 16 people attend, which was our largest crowd to date! If you missed this cleanup date, then be on the lookout for the fall date!

Thanks again everyone! You rocked it!



From the Vice-President...

by Karen Brohn



Have you been wondering what the Nuro car is doing in the neighborhood....you are not alone. Inquiring minds reached out. Below is information from a flyer they provided.

Beginning of flyer

Hello from NURO

A little bit about us...

We're a Texas registered company of more than 200 people who believe that great technology should benefit everyone. We spend every day designing products that address people's real needs; delivering convenience - safely and affordably.

What did I just see?

We're doing a small pilot of autonomous (self-driving) vehicles that are designed to move goods - not people. For trips to the pharmacy, a grocery run, or a last minute flower delivery, vehicles like this might one day allow you to stay home and let your errands come to you. This pilot is our first step to providing a service to local neighborhoods. You can learn more about our company and team at <http://www.nuro.ai>.

What's the vehicle doing right now?

Any number of things! It might be using our advanced technology to map the roads in minute detail. It may be testing how the technology senses and reacts to a new environment. Or, it might be using those tools to drive autonomously - with specially

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Yet another mid-rise coming, jamming our streets with commuters and overtaxing our sewer and water and electric systems...

After seven years, construction has re-begun on West Dallas at Montrose, next to (on top of) Magnolia Cemetery.

There is plenty of on-line chatter about 'stolen' property, disrespected graves, ghosts, and hauntings.

I'll leave you to ferret that out for yourselves (hint: [Nextdoor](#) has a very long thread about this. But there are plenty of other news and opinion stories on-line).

But here's something that dates back to the first time they tried to build here, in 2014. The construction project burst into flames, a man's life was in immense and imminent peril, and he was saved – literally – within seconds from horrific tragedy.

All caught on video. It's heart-stopping.

I remember this like it was yesterday, I can't stop thinking about the workman, and I watch the video a couple of times a year.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DwOFYzEpoCQ>

If you're reading this on-line, just click and watch.

If you are reading a paper copy, please take the time to type in and watch the video.

This is not made-for-TV. This is a real life skin-of-the-teeth rescue – and it happened mere blocks from your home.



Wondering what this is?

The word from Houston Public Works, via Office of CM Abbie Kamin Chief of Staff Julia Retta, is that the large structure at 520 Westheimer is a Dynamic Message Sign (DMS). The DMS is part of a federal transportation grant the City received to install "intelligent transportation" infrastructure along major thoroughfares citywide. The DMS signs are managed by Houston TranStar and will provide real-time traffic information, in addition to amber alerts, flood and storm warning messages.

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trained operators monitoring the systems to ensure it drives safely at all times.

How does Nuro protect my privacy?

During normal operation Nuro's vehicles see and hear the world around them just like any regular driver. As we map the roads, Nuro takes special efforts to protect the community's privacy, limiting sharing of recordings except for necessary driving and delivery operation tasks as well as protecting potentially sensitive details if they happen to be captured by the onboard equipment.

How can I learn more about the pilot?

We hope to provide more details about how our neighbors in Houston can try out the service soon - stay up to date with our blog at www.nuro.ai/blog.

I noticed something odd about how the vehicle was operating. Who can I talk to?

We take reports from our neighbors very seriously. If you saw something that you have questions about, please email us with the details at feedback@nuro.ai.

Thank you for letting us be your neighbor here in Houston!



For many years Jeff and I have walked to Montrose & Willard to catch a little of the **Art League Houston's** popular **Marty Party**.

This free fundraiser helps support their **Healing Art** classes. This year, due to the pandemic, the party can be viewed on FaceBook or YouTube June 26. Consider supporting this important program which started in 1990.

Healing Art is one of the only programs of its kind for adults in Houston, outside of hospital or clinical settings. **Art League Houston's Healing Art** classes are offered free of charge in a fun and supportive atmosphere. Each Friday, September to May, two **Healing Art** classes are presented in four-hour sessions. The HIV/AIDS and Cancer Related Illnesses Class is taught by **Rebecca Bass**, and **Emily Sloan** instructs the MS and Physical Disabilities Class. Tuition and art supplies are provided at no cost to the students as a majority are living on fixed incomes. If you know anyone who could use one of these classes, contact **Art League Houston** and request to be put on their e-mail list for notification of sign up dates.



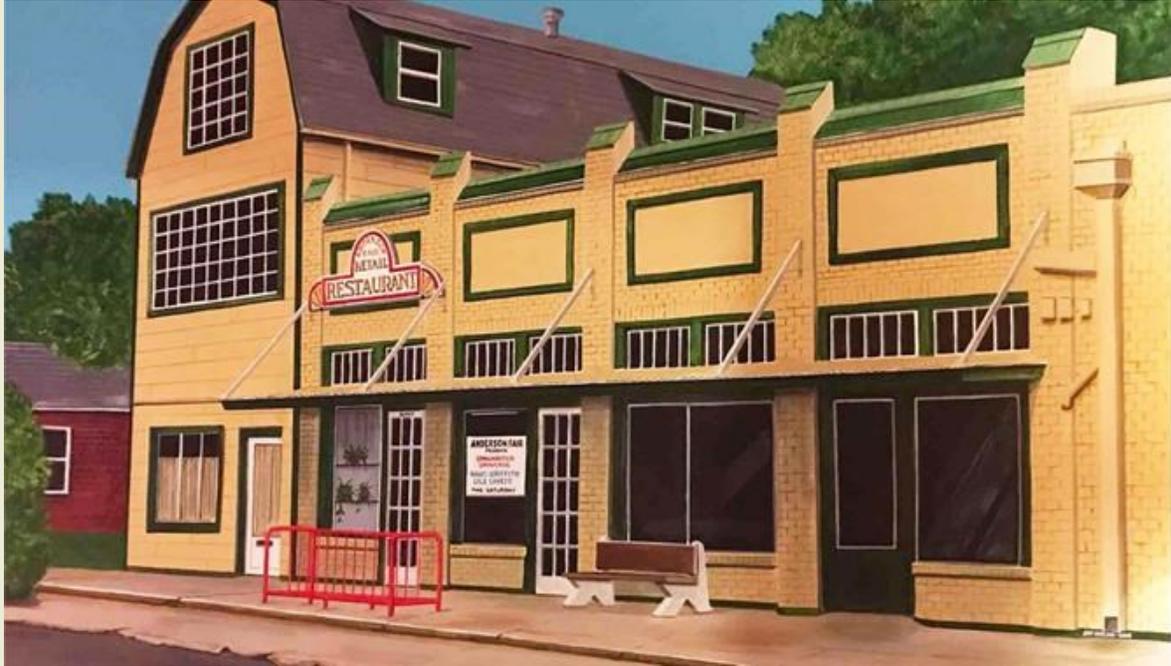
If you would like to get more involved in keeping East Montrose a great place to live—then here is your chance!

Volunteers are needed for the following positions:

Block Captains / Clean Up Crew / Home Tour

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

ANDERSON FAIR CONCERTS



2007 Grant Street around the corner from Texas Art Supply

June and July 2021

Our 51st year featuring singer/songwriters from Texas and around the world.

We continue to reopen slowly. Seating will be limited and all concerts will be LIVE STREAMED through the website. Advance tickets and streaming information at www.andersonfair.net. Masks will be required when entering the building as well as when approaching the bar. No mask required when seated at your table. Thanks for your understanding and helping everyone stay safe during this transition period.

Thursday, June 3

Ken Gaines hosts the duo
Angie Boeke & Alfred Williford

Friday, June 4

Curtis McMurtry

Friday, June 11

Amanda Pascali

Friday, June 18

Rachel Laven

Friday, June 25

George Enslie

Closed over July 4th weekend

Thursday, July 8

Ken Gaines and **Wayne Wilkerson**
host **Alex Coba**

Friday, July 9

Shake Russell!



Abbie Kamin

Council Member, District C

Storm Preparedness

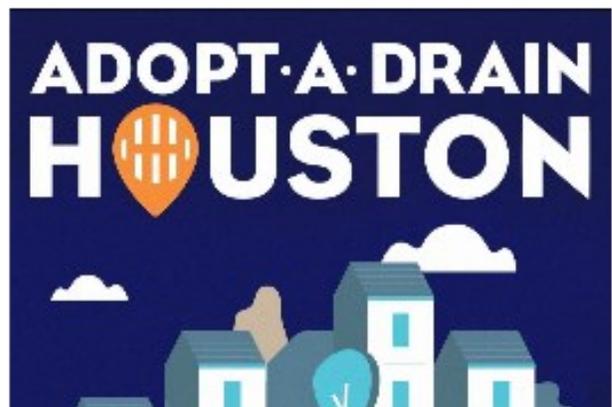
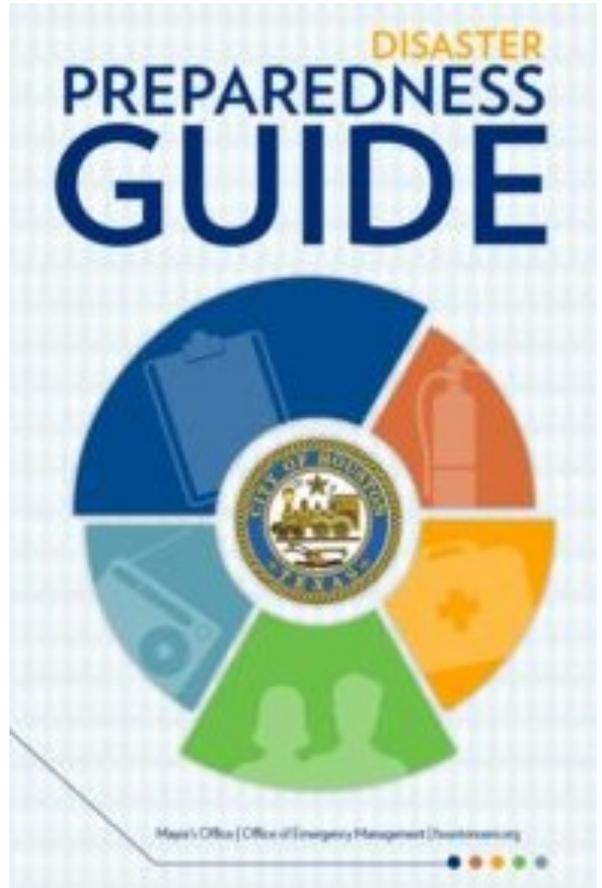
The rain and storms we experienced this week reminded us that it's never too soon to prepare yourself and your family for weather events. June 1 marks the start of Hurricane Season. We encourage everyone to finalize your emergency plan, restock your supply kit, and stay informed in case of an emergency.

For preparedness resources, click [here](#).

The City continues to invest heavily in flood mitigation and storm infrastructure. Council Member Kamin [spoke with FOX26 this week](#) to highlight several ongoing and recently completed projects in the Southwest part of District C, and to spotlight new action by City Council this week as they approved the engineering and design contract for the North Canal project. This project will reduce the risk of flooding where Buffalo and White Oak bayous meet near downtown. It will also benefit upstream areas in District C along the two bayous, including bridge and channel improvements at the Yale and Heights bridges over White Oak Bayou.

While Council Member Kamin is advocating for even more investments in flooding infrastructure for the District and our City, it's important for all of us to do our part in our own neighborhoods. Before a storm, there are steps you and your family can take to help with draining in your neighborhood. Please help clear drains before storms and call 311 if you see debris blocking ditches or roadways.

It's also critically important to make sure your flood insurance is current, even if your home is not located in the floodplain. Remember: just one inch of floodwater can cause up to \$25,000 in damage. If you are a renter, you can still get flood insurance to cover things like furniture, clothes, television, computers, etc. If you need help finding flood insurance, you can go to www.FloodSmart.gov/find. The City also participates in the National Flood Insurance Program, which means you receive a 25% discount on flood insurance premiums if you are in the 100-year floodplain. If you purchase a new flood insurance policy, there is a mandatory 30-day waiting period before your policy takes effect – so do it now!



District C Updates

There's a lot happening in District C, from park openings and rescuing pets to free COVID vaccine clinics throughout the district (more on that in the last section below)!

There's a brand-new park in District C! On Saturday, Council Member Kamin joined city officials and neighborhood leaders to celebrate the transformation of a former parking lot at the Arabic Immersion Magnet School into a beautiful green space for students and community members to enjoy. Council Member Kamin contributed district council funds to purchase 6 oak trees that will provide shade for the children for years to come. The SPARK Park will open for public access starting this Saturday, May 22. For more information, visit www.firstmontrosecommons.org.



The District C Pet Pantry on May 8 provided food for 150 pets in partnership with the Montrose Center and the Houston Humane Society. Thanks to the wonderful volunteers and households who participated – Council Member Kamin is committed to ensuring families and pets can stay together.

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City Council approved the construction contract for the Garden Oaks and Shepherd Park (West) Drainage and Paving Project. This project brings much-needed flood mitigation and storm drainage improvements. Council Member Kamin worked to expand the project to include the 900 block of Wakefield, which experienced severe flooding during Tropical Storm Imelda. Public Works and the District C office will coordinate a public meeting about the project prior to construction beginning this fall.

We always want to hear about the issues impacting your neighborhood, whether it's drainage concerns or trash pick-up, you can always reach out to our office at districtc@houstontx.gov and we'll be glad to follow up!

Curbside Recycling

Residents who receive SWMD Collection Services are provided with a large, 96-gallon green recycling bin. Recycling is collected every other week on the same day as your garbage is collected. Check your collection schedule [here](#).



Recycling right is just as important as recycling more. Contamination harms the program by making it hard to recover clean recyclables at the sorting center. To help protect the curbside recycling program, remember to keep it clean and when in doubt, throw it out.

See the images and list below for what to and what not to put in your recycling cart. Remember most recyclables are packaging items from products found in the kitchen, bath and laundry of your home. All recycling items must be empty and clean before placing in the recycling bin. Place items loose into the cart - do not bag recycling.

[Contamination Flyer](#)

[Contamination Flyer - SPANISH](#)

[Recycling Calendar](#)

[Know your service collection days](#)

YES! Put these in your recycling cart.

Cans



Cartons



Glass



Paper



Plastic



- Metal and Cans: Aluminum and Tin Cans. Examples include soup cans, vegetable cans, fruit cans, coffee cans (emptied and rinsed)
- Cartons: Both gable top and shelf-stable food and beverage cartons. Examples include milk cartons, juice cartons, soup cartons, soy milk/alternative milk cartons (emptied and rinsed)
- Glass: Bottles, jugs and jars only (emptied and rinsed)
- Paper: Newspaper, magazines, catalogs, junk mail, office paper
- Cardboard: Cardboard and cereal boxes (emptied of packing materials and flattened)
- Plastic: Bottles, tubs and jugs #1 - 5 and 7. Examples include water and soda bottles, milk jugs, yogurt cups, margarine tubs, detergent bottles, shampoo bottles. (emptied and rinsed)

NO! DO NOT put these in your recycling cart.



Do NOT put the following in your GREEN RECYCLING container: Batteries/Electronics; Shredded Paper; Tangles (cords, hoses, wires, clothing); Food/Liquids; Trash and Bagged Recycling; Furniture and Household Goods; Scrap Wood and Scrap Metal (NO Helium Tanks); Yard Waste.

 Chemicals and hot ashes cause truck fires.

Placing Your Bin

HOW TO POSITION YOUR CARTS CORRECTLY

1 Allow 3 feet between carts and structures such as mail boxes, lamp posts and 5 feet from cars

2 Face the metal bar toward the street

3 Make sure the lid is closed

Curb Street

Do not place cart underneath low, overhanging tree limbs or utility lines

Our trucks are automated with an electronic arm that opens the bin

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- ◆ Full time Realtor® for 30+ years.
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- ◆ EMCA President 2006 and 2007

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Call me or use the media icon links above.

Each HomeSmart Office is Independently Owned and Operated—If your property is currently listed, then this is not a solicitation of that listing.



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April Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance			7,950.18
Monies In:	Membership		-0-
Monies Out:	Storage Unit	(-\$64.00)	
	Nearatown Assoc.	(-\$100)	
	Zoom Meeting	(-\$15.00)	
	Quickbooks	(-\$26.65)	
Ending Balance:			\$7,743.55

The treasurer's reporting month is being changed to coincide with the newsletter being created prior to month end.

TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

June 1	Tuesday	Regular Trash & Lawn & Recycle
June 2	Wednesday	Heavy Trash—JUNK
June 7	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn
June 14	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn & Recycle
June 21	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn
June 28	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn & Recycle
July 5	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn
July 7	Wednesday	Heavy Trash—TREE WASTE

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



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: _____

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Mail to: PO Box 131363 Houston, TX 77219

OR pay via PayPal at www.Eastmontrose.org

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

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!

Total EMCA Members: 142

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 treasurer.emca@gmail.com 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.