



East Montrose

Civic Association Newsletter



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March 2022

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 2022 Calendar

General Meetings: 3rd Tuesdays at 7pm unless otherwise noted

4/19 – Speaker

5/21 – Summer Kick-Off Ice Cream Social (tentative)

6/21 - No Meeting – Summer Break

7/19 - No Meeting – Summer Break

8/16—No Meeting – Summer Break

9/15 - Home Tour Planning

9/20 - Speaker

10/4 - National Nite Out – HPD & Elected Officials

10/15 - Home Tour Final Planning

10/? - Biennial Home Tour (resched due to CV19)

11/15 – Speaker

12/6 – Annual Elections/Holiday Party (tentative)

To join Zoom Meetings:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88971684440?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88971684440?pwd=MFFQdUdSSjM2aXFncmV1UGZYT1JXUT09)
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From the President... by Mary Quinn



“Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the HEART.” *

Dear EMCA residents: I am pleased to report we are almost 65% towards meeting our goal of the 215 residents needed to procure a contract for a security patrol with S.E.A.L. Security. **We still need your feedback and your participation.** To get involved and learn more about the Security Committee, please contact me at president.emca@gmail.com.

I also want to thank all the volunteers on our security committee who have worked tirelessly to try and reach our goal. These volunteers, many with full time jobs, and/or young kids at home, have been meeting every week, researching the issues, holding open forums, getting questions answered, talking/emailing/texting with residents, block walking and leaving door hangers, and overall have devoted countless hours for our East Montrose neighborhood.

I don't think there is anyone I have spoken to who doesn't think crime has been on the rise or anyone who doesn't think HPD is stretched thin. Here's a not so fun fact: Chicago and Houston are about the same size as far as population, but Chicago has more than twice the number of law enforcement officers as Houston. That “fun” fact ought to make you stop and think.

In my business, I hear a lot of people complain about things going on around them and in their lives. Many times those who complain the loudest do very little to improve their situation. Some expect others to do it for them, some just like to complain, some just procrastinate, some just talk the talk but won't walk the walk. I am therefore so thankful that the security committee has stepped up and done the work for which we will all benefit.

If you are not a member of EMCA, please consider joining by signing up at www.eastmontrose.org/about-us/about-us/get-involved/.

Thanks! Mary Quinn, EMCA President

* This is a quote from Elizabeth Andrews (1882 – 1960), a Welsh feminist active in the UK Labour Party.

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.

Yard of the Season...

by Betsy Anderson

For February 2022 through April 2022, our Yard of the Season winner is the home at 212 Fargo. The home has been owned by Ted Gregory and John Anger for about three years. Many renovations on the bungalow built around 1935 have been done and many more are planned. Ted has owned the landscaping company, Gregory/Henry Landscapes for over 30 years, concentrating their business on Inner Loop residential projects. You can see some of the design enhancements he has added to the home. Both Ted and John feel their home was a diamond in the rough when they purchased it, and its potential was lost on real estate buyers then. Lucky for them!

Ted lived in Idylwood on the East side for 10 years, until he just couldn't stand the I-45 traffic anymore. John at the time lived in downtown, so East Montrose was a perfect place for them. John is a partner at Marion Integrated Marketing, a full-service marketing firm, offering both digital and traditional marketing. They both love our neighborhood and enjoy being close to everything.

Watch for new renovations at 212 Fargo, including a new front porch. And an exciting new addition to their home is a rescue dog they have adopted, a Collie/Great Pyrenees, named "Skipper". Welcome to East Montrose, Skipper!



Art & About...

by Penny Cerling



ART LEAGUE HOUSTON (ALH) will have in person (as well as online) classes Spring semester 2022.

The rule for attending in person classes is that you must have proof of Covid 19 vaccination or a negative PCR test performed prior to each building entry. Registration for ALH classes can be made online or over the phone during office hours.

General registration February 14 - March 20. Late Registration begins March 21. There is a \$35- discount for members of the Art League Houston.

www.artleaguehouston.org

713-523-9530

Class offerings Spring Semester include:

Jewelry

Ceramics (4 classes)

Printmaking (3 classes)

Mixed Media (includes a class on Quilting and one on Oil Pastels)

Ink Methods

Collage

Watercolor (2 classes)

Painting (13 classes)

Drawing (9 classes)



Check the website for additional lectures and workshops - we're lucky to have them in our neighborhood!

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.





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ANDERSON FAIR CONCERTS

Please join us in our 51st year of bringing original singer/song writers to our Montrose stage. Shows will also be live streamed free through the website. Donations are appreciated. Look for the link on the day of the show. In person seating is limited and you can buy your tickets online at the website. Cash only at the door and at the bar. Masks recommended.

Friday, March - 4 Dana Cooper
 Friday, March 11 - closed for a private party
 Friday, March 18 - John Egan
 Friday, March 25 - Drew Kennedy
 Friday, April 1 - Shake Russell
 Thursday, April 7 - Ken and Wayne host Susan Elliott
 Friday, April 8 - Lynn Langham and Doug Gill
 Friday, April 15 - Ryan Culwell and Thomas Csorba
 Friday, April 22 - Ginger Leigh
 Friday, April 29 - Bernice Lewis
 Thursday, May 5 - Ken and Wayne
 Friday, May 6 - Curtis McMurtry
 Friday May 20 - Sara Van Buskirk
 Friday, May 27 - Amanda Pascali



Doors open at 7:30 and shows start around 8:45
 2007 Grant Street, Just off Montrose behind Texas Art Supply.
www.andersonfair.net

Lee Hudman, ABR CLHMS CNE GPA

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- ◆ Fifth-generation native of Houston.
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- ◆ Resident of East Montrose since 2002.
- ◆ EMCA President 2006 and 2007

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I'd love to add your address to this list of homes that I've sold in the neighborhood: 19xx Whitney - 4xx Pacific - 20xx Converse - 24xx Whitney - 7xx Bomar - 24xx Whitney (2nd time) - 9xx Willard - 9xx Bomar - 20xx Converse - 5xx Peden - 24xx Whitney (3rd time) - 10xx Peden - 24xx Whitney (4th time) - 9xx Damon Ct. - 26xx Hopkins - 9xx Welch - 8xx Hyde Park - 25xx Whitney - 4xx Pacific - 5xx Peden (2nd time) - 1x Hyde Park - 9xx Willard (2nd time) - 3xx Bomar—6xx Drew—17xx Grant—8xx Hyde Park—8xx Damon Ct—24xx Whitney (5th time) - 9xx Bomar (2nd time) - 3xx Peden—23xx Mason



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.



Demi's Dog House



239 W. Gray, Houston, TX 77019

713-942-0688

www.demisdoghouse.com

Daycare 🐾 Grooming 🐾 Boarding

NOTE: Deadline for submission of newsletter content is ALWAYS the 20th day of the previous month. Email your content to newsletter.emca@gmail.com.

Mayor's Assistance Office: Jack Valinski
jack.valinski@houstontx.gov, 832-393-5958

Our District C City Council Member: Abbie Kamin
Contact Ngan Nguyen
districtc@houstontx.gov—832-393-3004

City of Houston Community Liaison
Carl Davis—832-393-4063

Harris County Precinct One—Commissioner Rodney Ellis
Contact: Matala Idi
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Council Member At Large #5—Sallie Alcorn
Contact: Mike Watkins
Mike.watkins@houstontx.gov—832-393-3017

January 2022 Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance			\$6,248.93
Monies In:	Membership	\$225.00	
Monies Out:	Storage Unit	\$(69.00)	
	Zoom Meeting	\$(15.98)	
	PayPal Fees	\$(9.28)	
	QuickBooks	\$(26.65)	
Ending Balance			\$6,353.02
Security			
Beginning balance			\$19,086.58
Monies in:	Security Reserve	\$13,974.00	
Monies out:	PayPal Fees	\$(101.88)	
Ending Balance			\$32,958.70
Combined Ending Bal			\$39,311.72

Total EMCA Members: 154

Total Greater EM Security subscriptions 1/31: 106
Total Greater EM Security Subscriptions as of 2/21: 127

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



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

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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!

TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

March 2	Wednesday	Heavy Trash—TREE WASTE ONLY
March 7	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn & Recycle
March 14	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn
March 21	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn & Recycle
March 28	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn
April 4	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn & Recycle
April 6	Wednesday	Heavy Trash—JUNK ONLY

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

Want to submit an article for the newsletter? Please email your article to newsletter@eastmontrose.org. All submissions are welcome, but submission does not guarantee that the submission will be published.

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