

East Montrose

Civic Association Newsletter



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June 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

Jun / Jul / Aug — No Meetings — Summer Break

9/15 - Home Tour Planning

9/20 - EMCA meeting / Speaker TBD

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

10/? - Home Tour Final Planning

10/8 - Biennial Home Tour (resched due to CV19)

11/15 — EMCA meeting / Speaker TBD

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

To join Zoom Meetings:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88971684440?pwd=MFFQdUdSSjM2aXFncmV1UGZYT1JXUT09>

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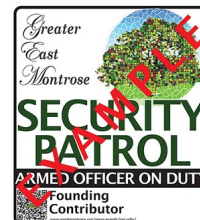
Area crime reports can be found at the excellent and current www.spotcrime.com.

The City of Houston crime database is almost always out of date.

East Montrose Security Patrol Notice

Residents of East Montrose,

The East Montrose Civic Association ("EMCA") has recently contracted with S.E.A.L. Security Services to provide security services within the East Montrose community. Commencing April 27, 2022, patrols will occur throughout the neighborhood at various times. EMCA's boundaries are Genesee Street to the east, W. Gray Street to the north, Montrose Street to the west and Fairview Street to the south. The patrol area is defined in the contract post orders and will focus on the areas around those who have subscribed and may include coverage for subscribers immediately outside the boundaries of EMCA.



Those who have subscribed will receive the following benefits...

1. 24 Hour Hotline Number (a card will be delivered to each subscriber at their designated address)
2. Vacation Watch
3. Welfare Checks
4. Addition to Home Alarm System notifications
5. Yard Sign indicating support for the program
6. Other benefits are available and will be communicated to subscribers

If you have not yet subscribed and are interested, information can be found online at <https://www.eastmontrose.org/news-events/security/> or by contacting safety.emca@gmail.com.

Zelle payments can be made to treasurer.emca@gmail.com. Please include your name, address and phone number when subscribing.

Great news, the resident-funded security patrol has begun!

You may have seen the SEAL patrol car driving around. If you have not yet contributed, please join more than 160 of your neighbors and area businesses who have already signed up. Do your part to help us fund the rest of this year. If we get enough contributors, we can add more hours each week. The annual fee is \$365 per household for all the services listed above.

Sincerely,
EMCA Board of Directors



Hello Fellow East Montrosians!

Its hard to believe that I've been the editor of the East Montrose newsletter for a decade now! I can hardly believe that it has been that long. The time has really flown by! Since it has been so long, and our neighborhood's population and demographics have changed so much, I think that it might be time to pass the torch on to someone new. A background in graphic design might be especially nice (I don't have that). I use Microsoft Publisher to create the newsletter, but if do you not have a subscription, or prefer another software, then you may use whatever software you prefer. I have copies of almost all of the last decades editions (in PDF format and PUB format), plus a folder of photos and artwork and such that might be needed. If you are interested in becoming the new editor, please drop me an email at newsletter.emca@gmail.com and I will give you the specifics on what I do each month.

2022 EAST MONTROSE HOME TOUR and ART WALK OCTOBER 8, 2022 HOMES AND ARTISTS NEEDED!

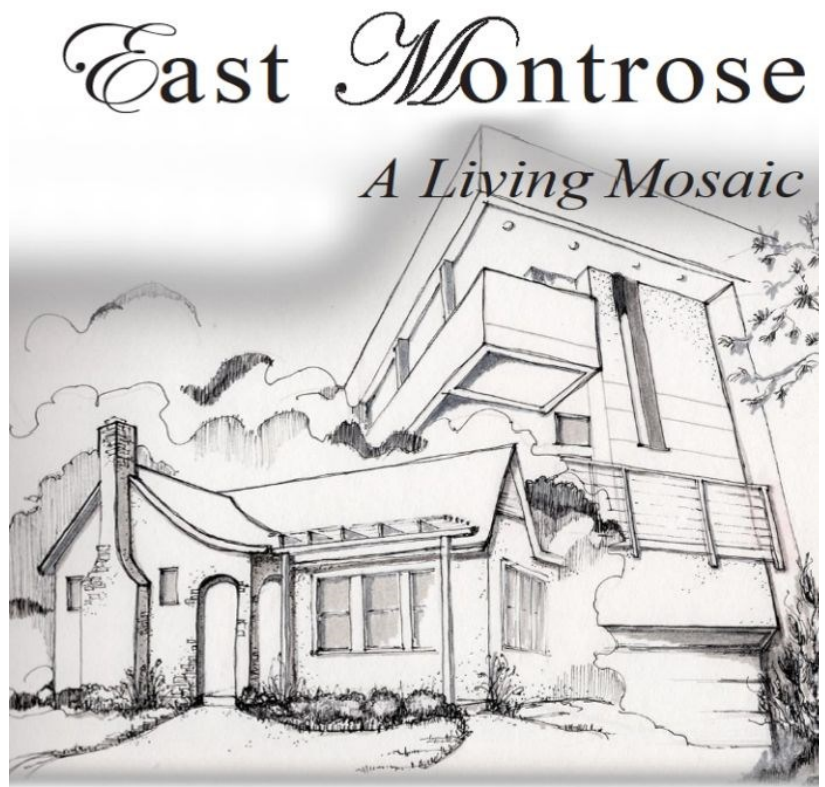
The East Montrose Biennial Home Tour is fast approaching.

The home tour is the main fundraiser for the East Montrose Civic Association.

The Home Tour needs YOU to volunteer for one of the many voluntary positions - ticket takers, docents, etc., but right now we most importantly need HOMES to feature on the tour.

If you would like to volunteer to have your home on the tour, please contact Bill Maxey at bmaxey@mediadesigninc.com

This is also a call for the neighborhood artists that want to be on the Art Walk the same day to open your studio and show your ART to the neighbors and others on the Home Tour. There is no charge and you may even sell work and expand your list of interested art collectors. Contact Joan Son for more Art Walk info at joanson23@gmail.com



Home Tour and Art Walk

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!

From the President...

by Mary Quinn



East Montrose Neighbors! The EMCA Board is undergoing some changes: Our outstanding secretary Mike McHam is stepping down after an almost 3 year time commitment to East Montrose. Mike agreed to stay on as secretary last year (after serious arm twisting by yours truly) but only until such time as a replacement could be found. I am happy to announce that our at large member Rachel Tucker has stepped forward and agreed to take over the secretary role beginning June 1, 2022.

I am also very happy to announce that Hugo Ovalle will take over the at large position vacated by Rachel. As most of you know, Hugo is chair of the EMCA security committee and has worked tirelessly to bring the SEAL patrol to fruition.

Mike and his partner Rodney Coon will still be very active with EMCA and will continue to head up the "clean up" committee which plans and oversees our quarterly gathering of volunteers to clean up our streets.

EMCA depends on volunteers. Volunteers are the folks who use their time and talents to try and help us keep East Montrose a great place to live.

My sincere thanks and appreciation go out to Mike, Rachel and Hugo!

Yard of the Month

by Betsy Anderson

The winners of the yard of the season for the months May through July are **Sheri and Rich Merz** at the town-home "three plex" at 401 Welch. They are 401 A, closest to Welch. Sheri and Rich moved to East Montrose in September 2004, and have resided at 401 A Welch for nearly 18 years. They lived in the Houston area prior to their move to East Montrose. They say there was no particular reason as to why they chose East Montrose. It was just purely by chance that they stumbled



upon 401 A Welch. They were house hunting in the area and looked at 401 D, when they heard that 401 A was for sale. That owner was home, and in no time a deal was reached. Serendipity!

The Merz's reside here - Sheri and Rich, along with their dog Max, whom many of you may know because Rich and Max walk all over East Montrose, at all times. Rich has been retired for 4+ years, but Sheri is still employed. They like to travel, enjoy concerts/sporting events, and good wine ☺. And they feel truly blessed to have great neighbors. They are proud of being the "Yard of the Season". And Rich looks forward to his summer of keeping the yard in tip-top shape. Not easy to do in a Houston summer!"



There is an engineering genius, apparently homeless, whom many of us have seen in or near our neighborhood - or, at least, we've seen the results of this person's skill rolling around town. I've never met this person, but if anyone else has I'd love to know more. The contraption has become more elaborate over the years and one wonders what it's like inside - perhaps like Dr. Who's Tardis?

Photos below:

- 1 - Tuam @ Bagby
- 2 - near Whole Foods on Waugh
- 3 - in front of Multi-Service Center on W. Gray



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, June 3 - Matt Harlan

Friday, June 10 - Pat Byrne

Thursday, June 16 - Ken Gaines & Wayne Wilkerson host Jay Williams

Friday, June 17 - Wrex and Janet Bell with John Egan

Friday, June 24 - Nathan Hamilton

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

www.andersonfair.net



The iconic Anderson Fair stage ready for the show to begin.

SPECIAL NOTE!

Need some background on Anderson Fair? You can watch this extraordinary movie on YouTube. It's a weird, magical success story of grassroots American music.

Featuring many greats... Nanci Griffith, Guy Clark, Robert Earl Keen, Lyle Lovett... many more.

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=ulWgcnY35hQ>

Lee Hudman, ABR CLHMS CNE GPA

Your East Montrose Neighborhood Realtor®

Why should you call me when it's time to buy or sell a home or investment property?

- ◆ Fifth-generation native of Houston.
- ◆ Full time Realtor® for 30+ years.
- ◆ Resident of East Montrose since 2002.
- ◆ EMCA President 2006 and 2007

Because I know this city, I know this business, and I know our neighborhood!

CALL ME TODAY at 713-449-1888

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

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Council Member At Large #5—Sallie Alcorn
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Mike.watkins@houstontx.gov—832-393-3017

March 2022 Treasurer's Report

For the period April 1, 2022—April 30, 2022

Beginning Balance			\$4,825.00
Monies In:	Membership	\$75.00	
Monies Out:	Storage Unit	\$(53.00)	
	PayPal Fees	\$(1.96)	
Ending Balance			\$3,846.33
SECURITY			
Beginning Balance			\$53,490.12
Monies In	Security Reserve	\$4,419.00	
Monies Out	PayPal Fees	\$(35.37)	
Ending Balance			\$57,873.75
Combined Ending Bal			\$62,720.08

Total EMCA Members: 153

Total Greater EM Security subscriptions 4/30/22: 163

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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 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!

TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

May 30	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn & Recycle
June 1	Wednesday	Heavy Trash—JUNK ONLY
June 6	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn
June 13	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn & Recycle
June 20	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn
June 27	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn & Recycle
July 5	Tuesday	Regular Trash & Lawn (holiday sched)

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