



# East Montrose

Civic Association Newsletter



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November 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

11/15 – EMCA meeting at Boheme  
307 Fairview St, Houston, TX 77006,  
7PM

12/6– Annual Elections/Holiday Party  
305 Fargo Street  
6:30-8:30PM

Area crime reports can be found at the excellent and current [www.spotcrime.com](http://www.spotcrime.com).  
The City of Houston crime database is almost always out of date.

## East Montrose Security Initiatives

As ever, we strive to make East Montrose a safe and secure neighborhood for us all to enjoy.

Successful meetings were held in October with the Montrose TIRZ and representatives from Abbie Kamin’s office to discuss pedestrian crossings and protected bike lanes. Solutions for high traffic intersections were shared, and the TIRZ board was open to hearing our stories and experiences.

If you are interested in joining the Greater Montrose coalition for increased safety in our neighborhood, please reach out to Pervez Agwan or Hugo Ovalle through [safety.emca@gmail.com](mailto:safety.emca@gmail.com) or [pervezagwan@gmail.com](mailto:pervezagwan@gmail.com).

## Come join us at the November East Montrose Civic Association Meeting

Topics: Holiday Event, EMCA Board Election, Volunteer Opportunities and Security Patrol Updates

### National Night Out Success

On Tuesday, October 4, 2022, neighbors from East Montrose came out in force to enjoy the beautiful weather, share wonderful food and interact with Harris County Constables, S.E.A.L. Security officers, local officials and fellow neighbors. Thank you to everyone who participated. Special thanks to Kirste Reimers who came out early to help with setup and coordination and to Tim Leatherwood & Cindy Shung for opening Anderson Fair for our use and providing tables and chairs for our comfort.

We look forward to seeing everyone again next year if not before at one of EMCA’s other events. You can find out about other EMCA events at [www.eastmontrose.org](http://www.eastmontrose.org).

We are so excited to share this recognition from Representative Jolanda Jones for our NNO participation!



House of Representatives

*This Certificate is presented to*

East Montrose Civic Association

House District 147 thanks you for facilitating this year’s National Night Out event in the community.

*Signed this 4<sup>th</sup> day of October 2022*

*Jolanda “Jo” Jones*  
Member, Texas House of Representatives

# Annual East Montrose Civic Association Holiday Party and Election Night

The Annual East Montrose Holiday Party and White Elephant Gift Exchange will take place Tuesday, December 6, 2022, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the home of Mary Quinn, EMCA President, 305 Fargo Street. The EMCA Board will provide some holiday munchies along with water and soft drinks. We ask everyone to bring their own adult libations, an appetizer, snack or food item to share.

Members will be entered into a drawing for a raffle prize. Non-members are welcome to attend with a \$5.00 donation.

Remember, each person who wants to participate in the gift exchange must bring a wrapped (or at least disguised) white elephant gift for the gift exchange. [Will the voodoo doll show up this year?](#)

At the beginning of the evening, we will be electing a President, Vice President, and an At-Large Director.

If you would like to serve on the nominating committee or if you would like to run for one of these positions, please email the Chair of the Nominating Committee, Mary Quinn, at [president.emca@gmail.com](mailto:president.emca@gmail.com).

The nominating committee recommendations and a short bio for each candidate are as follows and will be posted online at <https://www.eastmontrose.org/holiday-party-2022/>.

## **President – Karen Brohn**

Karen Brohn moved to East Montrose approximately ten years ago with her husband Peter. She is a financial controller with a focus in commercial real estate. She has been on the EMCA Board for several years and has held the position of Vice President for the last four years. She has enjoyed working on keeping our Living Mosaic the unique community it is known as. We are happy to have her move up into the role of President.

## **Vice President – Hugo Ovalle**

Hugo Ovalle moved to East Montrose two years ago with his wife Claudia, his children Lucia and Eric and three dogs Sansa, Red and Rocket. He is a Petroleum Engineer for a consulting company in downtown. He has served the EMCA as part of the security committee and as the at Large I Board member. He enjoys working towards a safer, better neighborhood; in his latest endeavor along with other neighbors of our community and with the full support of our civic association and the Wharton DLA where his daughter goes to school; formed a group that advocates for Safer Walks focusing on crosswalks around our area. His continued focus on improving the neighborhood through various security initiatives makes him an ideal candidate for Vice President of EMCA. We look forward to Hugo's continued involvement on the Board and oversight of the Security Committee.

## **At-Large Director – Lewis Goldstein**

Lewis Goldstein is a native Houston who moved into East Montrose two years ago with his wife Emily and dog Rocket. Lewis works for a maritime supply company and has spent much time outside of work helping improve East Montrose. He has appointed to the At-Large position a year ago when the position was vacated. Both he and Emily have been spent countless time and energy working on a variety of civic projects including but not limited to EMCA's security patrol initiative. We are excited to have his vision and experience continuing in this role.

All members in good standing (meaning your dues are up to date) are eligible to vote. You can check your status by reaching out to Malisa Galvan at [treasurer.emca@gmail.com](mailto:treasurer.emca@gmail.com)

# Biennial Home Tour and Art Walk Was a Huge Success!

With 322 tickets sold and talk still reverberating around the neighborhood, we were successful thanks to the efforts of so many people. I think everyone would agree that the neighborhood pulled together truly as “a Living Mosaic”: homeowners, sponsors, artists, and volunteers.

There is a lot of creativity and talent within our “four walls”: Montrose, West Gray, Genesee, and Fairview. We are proud to provide a glimpse of this talent and are grateful to the artists for opening up their studios: Anderson Fair and Cindy Hsin Shung, Joan Son & Keiko Kinsey, Gerida Brown, Constance Braden, Jose-na Arquieta, Valerie Owhadi with Veronique & Luc Schlumberger, Penny Cerling, Robert Bowen, & Jeff Skarda, Mike McHam, JoAnn Gage, and Bryan Haworth.

Each home on the tour is a true representation of our neighborhood: original and creative with room for individual flair. We appreciate your graciousness and hospitality: Annette Zinn, Jane Arnold, Josh Mirabdolbaghi & Alana Mueller, Jamie Flatt & Joey Zamora, and Maureen McNamara & John Haba.

(If you see Josh & Alana around the neighborhood, please congratulate the newlyweds!)

Thank you tireless volunteer board Mary Quinn, Karen Brohn, Malisa Galvan, Lewis Goldstein, Rachel Tucker and Hugo Ovalle. Oh! Mustn't forget the bountiful feast cooked up by Malisa & Rene for our cast party, magnifique!

Last but certainly not least, yesterday's event would not have been possible if it weren't for our many volunteer docents and ticket takers, A huge THANK YOU to Julia Schafer, Betsy Anderson, Peter Brohn, Julie Young, Mark Lankford, David Shapiro, Fredi Franks, Kirste Reimers, Ben Suscavage, Katy Dunbar, Alyssa Ketner, Malisa Galvan, Rene Galvan, Sofie Shoab, Pervez Agwan, Kevin O'Sullivan, Linda Licarione, Lisa Lewis, Lynda Rosseau, Kimberley Lawrence, Susan Gallivan, Stephanie Reeves, Melinda Sturgeon, Peggy Rogers, Bob Mclaughlin, Shelly Ray, Dana Wardell, George Boos, Agelia Pérez Márquez and Heather Lambert.

A lot of effort went into making this a success. Rest up, the countdown to 2024 has begun and we will have a challenge on our hands as the 2022 Tour and Art Walk has raised the bar.

—Bill Maxey

*From the Editor...*

by Sofie Shoab



Welcome to East Montrose, November! Let cooler weather prevail!

We had a spectacularly busy October here in the EMCA—starting with National Night Out, a potluck event for everyone to meet their neighbors, elected representatives, and members of the constables office. Then of course, the wildly successful Art Walk and Home Tour (see above!). I had a great time exploring the many cool homes that I have admired from a distance, checking out the galleries and visiting with artists I didn't even know were in the neighborhood, and meeting with the amazing people who live all around us. East Montrose truly lives up to its name, “A Living Mosaic”. I am already looking forward to 2024's tour!

There are tons of festivals and events taking place in Houston over the coming weeks, so I'll be out exploring the Ren Faire, Dia de los Muertos parade, and prepping for Thanksgiving (my favorite eating holiday, ha). If you get a chance to attend any cool festivals and events, write in with your thoughts! And speaking of writing in, with the winter holidays just around the corner, let me know where you go to see the holiday lights displays!

Along with the upcoming EMCA elections, the polls have opened for the midterms for local and national elections. Please exercise your right to vote, and make your voice heard. As we continue to work on improving our neighborhood, we must do the same for our state and our country. Early voting ends on November 4, and Election Day is November 8!

Cheers,

*Sofie*

# Change

Blink and life changes. I know that's how it is. I get it. And I understand the adage "when one door closes, another opens." But sometimes change is hard.

There have been changes on or near my East Montrose block in the last year:

My next door neighbor and good friend Susan moved last month back to her native country of England. Her job transferred her home. She lived next door to me for gee, at least 8- 9 years; first with her lovely black poodle Alfie, who we mourned together when he died; then with her dignified white poodle Ellie, who has now flown with Susan across the pond. I shall miss them greatly, as will many of their other friends in East Montrose. But new neighbors are coming who purchased Susan's home: I am told they are a young couple who "adores" the house and are very excited about living in the 'hood. I am hopeful. I shall invite the new owners over for a glass of wine on my porch.

Then there's MJ, a delightful, young entrepreneur, who has purchased the houses on both ends of my street: first he bought the old duplex and now also Cheryl Hastings' home. As many will remember, Cheryl, a woman of wit and substance, died this past year after spending several years in a nursing facility. I am delighted (and Cheryl would be too) that MJ intends to renovate both properties. MJ has been known to have a glass of wine on my porch. I am hopeful. I feel bookended by progress.

I only learned recently that a lovely young lady, Heather, whom I worked with as an expert in one of my family law cases, lives just around the corner! We saw each other walking most mornings but didn't connect the dots until a couple of weeks ago. Life has a funny way of putting down the paths for us to cross. I am hopeful. I intend to have she and her husband over for porch wine as well. It was Cheryl who, many years ago, with some other members of the 'hood, started a group called the Porch Potatoes, a "take off" on people who were called "couch potatoes". The Porch Pots, as they became known, could often be seen on Cheryl's porch, drinks in hand, laughing and chatting and solving the world's problems. Cheryl was one of the people I first met before I purchased my home on Fargo and quite honestly was one of the reasons I decided to move here. She was so welcoming, so much fun, and so quirky! I was hopeful and was proud to become a Porch Pot.

Some change is very difficult indeed. My dear friend, Richard Hudson, husband of Perry Jackson, died last month following a brief illness. Richard and Perry lived on Fargo for years, but then sold their home about 3 years ago and moved to Puerto Vallarta. I was lucky to visit them there. Perry and Richard are two of the original Porch Pots and two of the funniest, the most irreverent and kindest people I have ever known. The stories about Richard are numerous and legendary. While he may be gone from this neighborhood, gone from this world, he will never be forgotten. The people who cross our paths and touch are lives and hearts do so for a reason. I am hopeful once again.

—Mary Quinn, EMCA President

# Things to do in Houston this Month

- 1. Texas Renaissance Festival** Who doesn't love a good Ren Faire filled with kings, queens, knights, fairies, elves and more? Take in the performances, eat amazing foods, and shop unique goods and crafts. Costumes are encouraged!  
The fair opens October 8 in Todd Mission.
- 2. International Quilt Festival** Four days of quilting events including classes, exhibits, shopping, and guest speakers! Come join your fellow quilting enthusiasts at the George R Brown Convention Center.  
November 3—November 6
- 3. 2nd Annual Dia de los Muertos Parade** This festival returns to Houston for the second year, offering live music, a parade from 7-8PM, plenty of delicious foods, arts, crafts and more. Traditional attire is recommended!  
November 5, from 2PM-10PM
- 4. Tokyo Night Festival** A festival celebrating modern and traditional Japanese culture, with tons of performances, cosplays, sumo wrestling tournaments, car exhibits, Japanese foods, and plenty of goods for shopping. Who doesn't want the chance to see Sumo live?  
November 11-12 from 3PM-10PM. Tickets start at \$25
- 5. 32nd Annual Native American Championship Pow Wow** Native and Indigenous people will be showcasing tribal dance, crafts, and foods!  
November 12-13 from 10AM to 5PM. Entry is free, parking is \$5
- 6. 73rd Annual Thanksgiving Day Parade** HEB presents their annual Thanksgiving Parade! Check out this amazing display of floats, high-flying balloons, marching bands, art, and live entertainment.  
Thanksgiving morning, November 24, from 9AM to 11AM

## Stories from Nell Stewart, EM Historian

In the early years of the twentieth century, many of the customs of earlier times still prevailed. So Houston had a City Market located near the City Hall, in the northern section of town. Many things were available there that could not be found in the smaller neighborhood grocery stores. Around Thanksgiving, one of the offerings was live turkeys. A neighbor was determined that he would have a turkey. He prepared a coop in his back yard to keep the bird until the time came for the slaughter. He did not own a car, so his only means of transportation was the street car. Undaunted, he went to the market, purchased his bird, and carrying his victim, boarded the streetcar which traveled along Fairview, several blocks from his house. He placed the bird in the coop he had prepared. Obviously, his efforts fell short, because the turkey found a way of escape and with its newfound freedom enjoyed roaming the neighborhood. The word went out that Mr. K's bird was loose. What a great excuse for a little excitement as neighbors turned out to capture the hapless creature.. It was caught and returned to captivity until it met its fate at the appropriate time..



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# Recipe of the Month

It's November, and we are starting to think about holiday parties. This month we bring you **two** recipes from our very own Malisa Galvan—let us know if you try them! They are always a hit at any event!

## Cowboy Caviar

- 2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
- 2 teaspoons hot sauce
- 1 1/2 teaspoons salad oil
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- 1 firm ripe avocado (I always double this)
- 1 can drained and rinsed black eyed peas (15 oz)
- 1 can drained and rinsed corn kernels (11 oz)
- 2/3 cup thinly sliced green onions
- 2/3 cup chopped cilantro
- 1/2 lb. roma tomatoes, chopped
- Salt
- Lime Juice from a half a lime

In a large bowl, mix vinegar, hot sauce, oil, garlic, and pepper. Peel, pit and cut avocado into cubes, and add to vinegar mixture and stir gently to coat. Add drained and rinsed peas and corn, and remaining ingredients. Stir gently to coat. Finally, add in salt to taste and juice of a half lime squeezed into the bowl. Adjust seasonings to taste. Enjoy!

## Sparkling Sangria

- 1 cup brandy
- 1/2 cup orange liqueur
- 1/4 cup sugar, super fine
- 1 orange, thinly sliced
- 1 pint raspberries
- 1 lime, thinly sliced
- 1 lemon, thinly sliced
- 2 bottles of sparkling wine, chilled

In a large pitcher, combine the brandy and orange liqueur. Pour in the sugar, stir until the sugar dissolves. Add the fruit all at once, and top off with sparkling wine. Enjoy!

# ANDERSON FAIR FALL SCHEDULE

Since 1970 this iconic music venue, right here in our East Montrose neighborhood, has been presenting original singer/ songwriters LIVE in our vintage listening room. If you've never been, make it your first time this year. All shows are live streamed as well... at no charge, though donations are appreciated. The link is posted the evening of the concert on the website. [www.andersonfair.net](http://www.andersonfair.net) But the very best way to experience the music is live in the listening room. You'll be glad you came! You can also watch the documentary about Anderson Fair at <https://www.imdb.com/title/tt1537279/>

## FALL 2022

Friday, November 4 - Matt Harlan & Brian Blake

Friday, November 11 - Michael Fracasso

Friday, November 18 - Matt the Electrician

Friday, December 2 - Traveler

Friday, December 9 - Shake Russell with Anthony Klonaris

Doors open at 7:30 and shows start around 8:45

2007 Grant Street, Just off Montrose behind Texas Art Supply.



All shows are live streamed at no charge, though donations are appreciated. The link is posted the evening of the concert on our website. More info will be announced on the website as more concerts are booked. 2007 Grant Street.

[www.andersonfair.net](http://www.andersonfair.net)



Halloween decorations have been out in full swing! We saw some spectacular and spooky pieces in the neighborhood. Can you guess where these photos are from?

Hint: All in East Montrose!



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**

Please contact EMCA President Mary Quinn at [President.emca@gmail.com](mailto:President.emca@gmail.com) or EMCA Vice President Karen Brohn at [vicepresident.emca@gmail.com](mailto:vicepresident.emca@gmail.com) to volunteer.



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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**

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

### TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

November 2	Wednesday	Tree Waste
November 7	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn
November 14	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn & Recycle
November 21	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn
November 28	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn & Recycle
December 5	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn
December 7	Wednesday	Junk

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

For the period September 1, 2022 - September 30, 2022

EMCA			
Beginning Balance			\$ 4,957.40
Monies In	Membership	\$ 80.00	
	Home Tour	\$ 415.00	
	Donation	\$ 5.00	
Monies Out	Storage Unit		\$ 53.00
	Quickbooks		\$ 31.98
	Paypal & Square Fees		\$ 12.70
	Newsletter		\$ 460.00
	Ending Balance		\$ 4,899.72
Security			
Beginning Balance			\$ 40,696.82
Monies In	Security Reserve	\$ 378.00	
Monies Out	S.E.A.L.		\$ 7,098.48
	Paypal Fees		\$ 11.79
	Ending Balance		\$ 33,964.55
Combined Ending Balance			\$ 38,864.27

**Total EMCA Members: 167**

**Total Greater EM Security subscriptions as of 8/31/22: 172**

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

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OR pay via PayPal at [www.Eastmontrose.org](http://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

\_\_\_ **Volunteer:** Biennial Home Tour

# East Montrose Civic Association

## Proxy Ballot

December 6, 2022

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 2023 – December 2025.

Please accept this as my absentee vote for the below-named candidates being considered on December 6, 2022.

Sign/Date \_\_\_\_\_

Roster of Candidates:

President: Karen Brohn

Write-In Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

Vice President: Hugo Ovalle

Write-In Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

At Large: Lewis Goldstein

Write-In Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Please complete and email to [president.emca@gmail.com](mailto:president.emca@gmail.com) or complete and mail or drop off at 305 Fargo Street by 5 PM on Sunday, December 4, 2022.