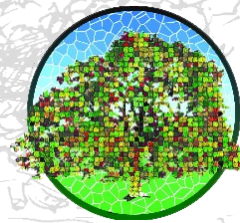


East Montrose

Civic Association Newsletter



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June 2025

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 2025 Calendar

06/16/2025—No meeting, summer break
07/15/2025—No meeting, summer break
08/19/2025—No meeting, summer break
09/16/2025—TBD
10/07/2025—National Night Out
More dates to follow.

All EMCA meetings take place on the 3rd Tuesday of every month unless noted otherwise.

To learn how YOU can help make trash pick-up more efficient, please read the guidelines linked below:

[COH Curbside Collection Guidelines](#)



EMCA has an Instagram account! Give us a follow @eastmontrose for neighborhood updates, photos, and more!

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 The City of Houston crime database is almost always out of date.

Update on Safe Routes To School

Info from the May 19 TIRZ meeting:

- **Montrose Safe Routes to School** is the project that aims to enhance safety and accessibility for students and parents walking and biking to schools in East and North Montrose. It includes new sidewalks and stop signs in East Montrose.
- There is discussion between Montrose TIRZ and Fourth Ward TIRZ about potentially **expanding the project to the Fourth Ward**, to include the area near Gregory Lincoln Elementary and Carnegie Vanguard High School. Details TBD.
- Funding previously allocated to extending the Waugh Drive bike lanes has been diverted to Safe Routes to **replace sidewalks on more streets**, this time mostly in East Montrose. From the map presented at the meeting, this looks like some north/south blocks between Bomar and Willard, and some east/west blocks between Willard and Fargo.
- More studies to determine exactly which streets get these additional sidewalks will delay the project. The new projected start time is **January 2026** and will take one year.
- This project also includes a crosswalk with a pedestrian-activated blinking light at Stanford and W. Gray, to help students cross over to Wharton Elementary safely.
- A 90% plan is projected to be presented to the city at the end of June.
- While the TIRZ Board previously committed to holding a **public meeting** late last year, this is now planned for late July—unfortunately a time when key stakeholders like families with school-aged kids may be traveling. We will share public meeting details when available.

Things to do in Houston this Month

1. **Humble Bacon Festival:** Not *quite* in Houston, but still worth the shout out! This event is a bacon lovers dream—everything from classic bacon to bacon candy and snacks and even *drinks*, vendors selling all kinds of bacon merch, bacon themed activities, games and contests, a bacon cook-off and did we mention the Piglet Pen for kids?

June 21, 11AM-5PM at Humble Civic Center

2. **Dukes and Boot Mimosa Festival:** Soulful tunes, good vibes, and mimosas welcome you to a day of fun and dancing. Bring lawn chairs and enjoy the afternoon/evening!

June 14, 12PM-10PM at Water Works Park

3. **Houston Pride:** The 47th annual Pride parade and festival will take place in downtown Houston, organized by Pride Houston 365. Get ready for live entertainment, food, vendors of all kinds, concerts, DJs, Family Fun Zones, exhibitions, and the highlight of it all—the parade! The festivities will run all day 11AM-10PM with the parade starting at 7PM.

June 28th at Houston City Hall, tickets required for the festival, free entry for the parade

4. **Juneteenth Freedom Fest:** A free, family friendly event bringing together seven historic Black communities of Houston to celebrate the 160th anniversary of Juneteenth by featuring the rich culture and honoring the pioneers of Juneteenth.

June 1 at Emancipation Park, 1pm-7PM

5. **Tokyo X Festival:** Over 400 vendors will arrive to showcase Japanese culture, with incredible displays including car shows, concerts, arcade games, samurai culture, martial arts, voice actors, food, drinks, workshops of all kinds, and more! After parties and cosplay events after hours.

June 14-15 at NRG Stadium.

From the Editor...

by Sofie Shoaib

It's officially summer this month, though those of us here may argue it's been summer for a few weeks already. June means Pride, Juneteenth, the summer solstice, and Father's Day. A packed month to kick off the summer!

For anyone looking to celebrate a dad in their life, a few cool events to consider: the Houston Center for Contemporary Crafts collage card event at Asher: Off the Wall, an easy half-marathon (or 5/10K) starting at Memorial Park, or a celebratory brunch! Places serving up Father's Day brunches include Flemings, Puttery, The Pit Room (right here in Montrose!), Brennan's, J-Bar-M, or the Dandelion Café. If you're looking for something more creative, check out the cribbage board making event at Rockler Woodworking and Hardware! And of course, there are plenty of events going on (see above) all weekend long. You could always end the weekend with Shakira, who is performing that weekend here in Houston.

Let us know what you're doing with the dads in your life!

Cheers,

Sofie

SECURITY PATROL UPDATE

It's that time of year again when we need to renew our commitment to SEAL security patrols of our neighborhood. **WE CANNOT DO THIS WITHOUT YOUR SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATION.** That means talking to your friends and neighbors and helping them understand the importance of maintaining SEAL and working to grow participation to fund increased hours of patrol. That means digging in your pocket and paying the subscriber costs. That means setting aside apathy, taking action and doing your part to help our community.

While crime in Houston, according to the police stats, is down overall, East Montrose continues to experience porch pirate package thefts, car thefts and car break-ins. The presence of SEAL patrols on our streets has proven to be a deterrent to crime and they respond quickly to our calls when they are on patrol. It is certainly not 100% foolproof (what in this life is?) but we believe security would be worse if we **DID NOT** have SEAL.

If you have questions or concerns, please reach out to a board member. Otherwise please go to <https://www.eastmontrose.org/security/> and renew so that we can continue to provide this service to our neighborhood. Note that we now have convenient flexible subscription options to make subscribing easier than ever.

EMCA Security Committee

Neighborhood shoutout!

Cecil's, a beloved neighborhood mainstay which was operational for 40 years (opened in 1985!) closed down six months ago. Not due to a lack in popularity—the landlords sold the property and Cecil's owner Jonas Herd had to come up with a new plan. Cecil's is coming back and (hopefully) better than ever! Taking up residence at the Elro location (2405 Genesee) this newly dubbed Cecil's 2.0 will feature a full kitchen so we can expect a new menu, including bar bites and pizzas. There is also a cocktail menu in development, though no news on what will be served. The draft list will drop from 16 beers to just a few due to a lack of walk-in cooler space, but the food and cocktail menus will surely make up for that. Check out the Cecil's Pub Instagram page for details on soft and hard openings, but we are happy to welcome Herd and his team back to the neighborhood!

Yard of the Season...

Our Yard of the Season home from April through June 2025 is the contemporary- looking home at 613 Welch. The occupants of the home actually represent three generations! Jacqueline, Allison, and Irene share their home with their two cats – Domino and Boots. The family has lived in East Montrose for two years, having moved from Corpus Christi. They are not new to our area though. Jaqueline and Allison lived here for 20 years back in the seventies and eighties.

They restored and redesigned the entire front of the home, even changing the entrance from north-facing to east-facing. The front yard is a small, nicely landscaped charmer with Japanese yews, seating, garden pottery, and new landscape lighting to add interest. Even the easement on Welch received a makeover with black rock, small crepe myrtles, (added to the huge ones already there) and low-growing juniper ground cover. The backyard has also been completely redone.

If you see a woman walking in the neighborhood in very fashionable attire and a different hat every day, that is probably Jacqueline!



Recipe of the Month

There were too many recipes to choose from for summer seasonals but we finally settled on **Jalapeno Cheddar Popovers with Honey Butter!** Pop these out for your next summer brunch and wow your guests. Recipe by Tieghan Gerard

Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons + 3 teaspoons salted butter
- 1 1/2 cups whole milk, at room temperature
- 3 large eggs, at room temperature
- 1 1/2 cups all purpose flour
- 1/4 cup grated cheddar cheese
- 1 jalapeño, seeded and finely chopped
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon onion powder
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 4 tablespoons salted butter, at room temperature
- 3 tablespoons honey

Instructions:

1. Heat 2 tablespoons butter in a small skillet over medium heat and cook the butter until it begins to bubble, then brown, 3-4 minutes.
2. Position a rack in the lower third of the oven. Preheat the oven to 450 degrees. Place 1/2 teaspoon of butter in each cup of a 6 cup standard popover pan. Alternately, you can use a 12-cup muffin pan and make 10 mini popovers. Place the pan on a baking sheet and then into the oven to melt the butter, 3-5 minutes.
3. In medium bowl, vigorously whisk together the milk and eggs until frothy, about 1 minute. Add the browned butter, flour, salt, onion powder and garlic powder. Whisk in the cheddar and jalapeño. It's OK if there are small lumps.
4. Remove the popover pan from the oven and swirl the butter around the cups to grease the pan. Evenly divide the batter between the popover cups, filling them about 3/4 of the way full. Bake for 20 minutes. Lower the oven temperature to 350 degrees. Bake another 10-20 minutes, until deeply golden.
5. Meanwhile, make the honey butter. In a small bowl, combine the butter, honey, and a pinch of flaky sea salt. Serve the popovers warm with honey butter and flaky salt.

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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

Please contact the EMCA President or VP to volunteer.

We need you!

TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

June 2	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn
June 4	Wednesday	Junk
June 9	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn& Recycle
June 16	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn
June 23	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn& Recycle
June 30	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn

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.emca@gmail.com. All submissions are welcome, but submission does not guarantee that the submission will be published.

April, 2025 Treasurer's Report			
For the period April 1, 2025 - April 30, 2025			
EMCA			
Beginning Balance			\$ 4,611.34
Monies In	Membership	\$ 430.00	
	Transfer from Security - D&O Ins	\$ 1,442.00	
Monies Out			
	Paypal Fees		\$ 18.08
	Storage (Apr & May)		\$ 100.00
	Billsby		\$ 45.00
	Spring Fling - Music		\$ 300.00
Ending Balance			\$ 6,020.26
Security			
Beginning Balance			\$ 19,381.95
Monies In	Security Reserve	\$ 775.00	
Monies Out	Paypal Fees		
	Stripe Fees		\$ 21.69
	Transfer to EMCA Account - D&O Ins		\$ 1,442.00
	SEAL Payments		\$ 3,705.00
Ending Balance Subscription			\$ 14,988.26
Combined Ending Balance			\$ 21,008.52

Total EMCA Members: 248

Total Greater EM Security subscriptions : 199

2024 Greater EM Security Subscribers: 91

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 or via Zelle to treasurer.emca@gmail.com

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