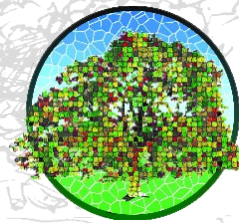


East Montrose

Civic Association Newsletter



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October 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

10/07/2025—National Night Out Anderson Fair

12/11—Holiday party
More dates to follow.

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

Security Survey Update:

Thank you to all who participated in the survey. We are analyzing your responses and will share an update on the direction of the SEAL patrol program in the weeks to come.

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 The City of Houston crime database is almost always out of date.



Tuesday, October 7, 2025
6:30 p.m.

East Montrose National Night Out

Organized by the East Montrose Civic Association

Come join your neighbors in enhancing Police/Community Relations Outside Anderson Fair located at corner of Grant and Welch
2007 Grant Street, Houston, TX 77006
ALL AGES WELCOME

Interact with attendees from the Houston Police Department and local officials

Joint event with the North Montrose Civic Association

Potluck – bring a dish to share if you are able – please try to mark your item so folks know what they are trying

Water provided - BYOB or beverages can be purchased at Anderson Fair

Raffle Prizes for Current EMCA Members

Special thanks go out to Tim Leatherwood & Cindy Shung of Anderson Fair for Logistical Support

Membership table where you can join EMCA

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Karen Brohn via email at president.emca@gmail.com.

Things to do in Houston this Month

1. Korean Festival Houston: Celebrating their 16th anniversary with a two-day showcase of the beautiful cultures, traditions, and modern influences of Korea. Come enjoy the k-pop headliners HOHYUN and WITHUS, traditional performances, a pavilion loaded with Korean food options including snack tastings and ramyeon, some of the best matcha you could have, traditional mask and fan making, learn Korean writing, and origami amongst tons of other events.

October 11-12, free entry both days at Discovery Green

2. TEXAS RENFAIRE: A favorite every fall, RenFaire is back and as good as ever. Enjoy the chivalry, merriment, and enchantment as you step into Renaissance era festivities. Come dressed to step through time, or shop your heart out to create the perfect outfit, there is something for everyone. Check out the themed weekends before you go! Some themes include Oktoberfest, All Hallows Eve, a barbarian invasion, a Highland Fling, and a Celtic Christmas.

Every weekend from October 11 through November 30.

3. Original Greek Festival: The 59th annual Houston Greek Festival will take place at the Annunciation Greek Orthodox cathedral. Check out authentic foods, dancing, and vendors!

October 2-4

4. An Evening with Samin Nosrat: Star of Netflix's Salt, Fat, Acid, Heat and author of book by the same name, Samin Nosrat will be discussing her new book, Good Things, along with the stories and inspirations that go into her cooking. Her tips are revolutionary in the kitchen.

October 8 at the Cullen Theater at the Wortham Center

5. International Quilt Festival: More than 1,200 antique and contemporary quilts will be on display! Not only can visitors observe, they can take part in beginner to expert level quilting classes, shop supplies, and of course, quilts from hundreds of vendors.

October 9-12 at the George R Brown Convention Center

Celebrating their one year anniversary here in Montrose, is the contemporary West African restaurant, ChopnBlok, which opened last October on Westheimer and Whitney. 2025 James Beard semi-finalist, owner and chef, Ope Amosu, a Londoner who grew up here in Houston, first opened ChopnBlok as a food stall at POST, the downtown food hall, and after incredible success there, opened the brick and mortar location we see just outside our neighborhood borders. Amosu aims to make West African cuisine more accessible to the community. The restaurant, which features beautiful textiles and art, African products and cook-books (available for sale, ethically sourced and supplied by Kindred Stories), features Nigerian, Liberian, and Ghanaian cuisines, in mouthwatering fusion meals. Even their drinks feature South African and Nigerian wines and beers which are such a cool addition to the menu.

Amosu is an enthusiastic chef-owner who takes the time to meet patrons and build community. If you have not been in yet, you are certainly missing out. The smoked jollof rice, the motherland curry, steaks, mini pies, stewed plantains, short ribs, and grilled veg will have you coming back again and again. We could not be more thrilled to have this delicious West African restaurant just a few steps outside our doors and hope this first year here in Montrose is just the start!

Councilmember Kamin / District C Update

Councilmember Kamin encouraged everyone to come to Families with Pride at Discovery Green on October 18th from 8:30-11:30am. The event is dedicated to LGBTQIA+ children, families, and allies as part of LGBTQIA+ History Month (<https://www.discoverygreen.com/event/families-with-pride/>).

The City continues to work on immediate improvements to the Metropolitan Multi-Service Center on West Gray while planning a significant long-term upgrade. The facility is the largest polling location in Harris County, the City of Houston's 2nd largest warming/cooling center in the event of significant power disruptions and is the regional center for services for the disability community. The current facility has significant deferred maintenance needs, and the lack of capacity leads to frequent user scheduling conflicts. An extensive community engagement effort has been conducted to include stakeholders' needs and concerns in the planning process. A report on this engagement will be published on the Houston Parks and Recreation Department website soon.

Councilmember Kamin noted that due to concerns about the City's ability to mobilize assistance quickly in the event of an emergency due to general fund limitations and ongoing budget challenges she has proposed an ordinance to replenish the budget stabilization fund more quickly after use and raise it from \$20-\$25 million.

The City has passed a short-term rental ordinance. Registration will go live in October and the ordinance goes into effect in January 2026.

There is a drainage project planned for West Gray and Taft streets in 2027 (Spring to Fall). Expect engagement with the community on that soon.

Montrose Boulevard construction (phase I near Allen Parkway) is painful, note that the work is on a tight schedule to complete improvements prior to the opening of the Ismaili Center at W. Dallas. Councilmember Kamin noted that the facility will be open to the community, and she plans to hold District C events there in the future. Note that the work on Montrose further south is an unrelated mill and overlay project providing short-term maintenance improvements. Additionally, Westheimer construction is under way and a local drainage project at 2415 Taft is in pre-construction.

To address delays in getting replacement trash and recycling bins, the City has launched a can blitz where residents can pick up replacement bins themselves at 3 locations around the city: North Service Center (Near 610 & 59), Southeast Service Center (in Magnolia Park), and South Service Center (SW, near Westbury-ish). They are open Monday – Friday 8am- 4pm and the 2nd and 4th Saturdays from 9am-1pm.

The City finally has new waste management trucks in service and is continuing to work to address collection challenges. Note that heavy trash cannot be picked up if it is left under a power line. If there are issues with trash that is not picked up please take a picture, file a report using the online 311 system to get a case number and then tell your councilmember and Kamin's office will help follow up for resolution.

Note that safe storage of firearms is a priority in District C and free gun locks and safes are available at the local HPD station or through Councilmember Kamin.

Public Safety & Crime Trends

At the EMCA meeting, Sgt. Wall reported on crime trends affecting our neighborhood. While overall crime is down, there have been 6 robberies in the neighborhood this year, all targeted individuals leaving bars late at night and HPD believes 3 are related. Residents should remain alert to car break-ins and package theft, which continue to be the most common issues citywide. HPD recommends avoiding leaving anything visible in your car, motion-sensor floodlights, video cameras, and reporting suspicious activity promptly. Residents are also encouraged to attend the Central PIP meeting, held the first Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. at 1217 Morin Place.

Survey responses about SEAL security services showed mixed satisfaction. Many neighbors noted quick response times when SEAL was present, but concerns about visibility and cost remain. Residents expressed strong interest in alternatives such as more HPD patrols, improved lighting, and community-led programs like neighborhood watch groups. Creative ideas mentioned included license plate reading (Flock) cameras, speed bumps, and closer collaboration with local bars and restaurants.

Public Comments Timings!

Houston City Council has passed a 15-1 vote to host public comment sessions in the evenings on the last Tuesday of every month. This test run will take place August-December of this year, with adjustments to be made thereafter. If you would like to attend or provide comments, please attend at the council chambers at Downtown Houston at 6PM. Alternatively, daytime public comment sessions are held every Tuesday at 2PM.



Key Takeaways from the September EMCA meeting:

Safety remains the top concern, particularly break-ins and theft. Neighbors want stronger collaboration with HPD, improved lighting, and more community-driven initiatives. Growth in families and more active street life are positive signs of change in East Montrose. Thank you to everyone who attended the meeting and contributed your thoughts. It's your participation and engagement that make East Montrose such a strong and connected community. We look forward to seeing you at National Night Out in October and at our Annual Meeting and Holiday Party in December!

Recipe of the Month

Maple Glazed Pumpkin Bread will get you in an autumnal mood like no other food. Grab your mulled cider and this loaf and sit by a cozy fire. Recipe by Ambitious Kitchen

Ingredients

- For the wet ingredients:
 - ⅓ cup (75g) butter
 - 1 (15 ounce) (425g) can pumpkin puree
 - ½ cup (156g) pure maple syrup
 - 2 eggs
 - 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- For the dry ingredients:
 - 1 ¾ cup (198g) whole wheat pastry flour (or white whole wheat flour)
 - 1 teaspoon baking soda
 - ¼ teaspoon salt
 - 1 ½ teaspoons cinnamon*
 - ½ teaspoon nutmeg
 - ½ teaspoon ground ginger
 - ½ teaspoon allspice
- For the glaze:
 - ½ cup (57g) powdered sugar
 - 1 tablespoon pure maple syrup
 - 1 tablespoon unsweetened almond milk (any milk will work), if necessary to thin glaze

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees Line an 8 ½ x 4 ½ inch loaf pan with parchment paper and spray with nonstick cooking spray. Set aside.

2. Add butter to a saucepan and place over medium heat. The butter will begin to crackle and then foam. Make sure you whisk constantly during this process. After a couple of minutes, the butter will begin to brown and turn a nice golden amber color on the bottom of the saucepan. Continue to whisk and remove from heat as soon as the butter begins to brown and give off a nutty aroma. Immediately transfer the butter to a medium bowl to prevent burning. Set aside to cool for 5-10 minutes or until cool enough to touch.

3. Add pumpkin puree, pure maple syrup, eggs and vanilla to a large bowl. Whisk together until smooth. Whisk in browned butter.

4. In a separate large bowl, stir together whole wheat pastry flour, baking soda, salt, cinnamon, nutmeg, ginger and allspice until well combined. Add dry ingredients to wet ingredients and mix until just combined. Pour batter into prepared pan and smooth top with a spatula. Bake for 50-65 minutes until a tester comes out clean or with just a few crumbs attached. Allow bread to cool in pan for 10 minutes, then remove bread from pan and place on a wire rack to cool completely.

5. Once bread is completely cool, make the maple glaze: In a small bowl, mix together the powdered sugar, pure maple syrup and almond milk (only if necessary to thin the glaze). Pour over the pumpkin bread, then cut into slices and serve!
into 6 slices. Allow pie to completely cool before covering and storing in the fridge.

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2025 Treasurer's Report				
For the period January 1, 2025 - July 31, 2025				
EMCA				
Beginning Balance				\$7,411.00
Monies In	Membership	\$1,155.00		
	Advertising Revenue	-		
		\$1,155.00		\$1,155.00
Monies Out				
	Paypal Fees	\$42.95		
	Insurance	720		
	Newsletter	671.2		
	Spring Fling	520		
	Storage Fees	300		
	PO Box	226		
	Zoom	159.9		
	Neartown Association Dues	100		
	Quickbooks	-2.31		
	Billsby	111.24		
		\$2,848.98		\$2,848.98
Ending Balance				\$5,717.02
Security				
Beginning Balance				\$28,219.64
Monies In	Security Reserve less Fees	\$16,337.68		\$16,337.68
Monies Out				
	SEAL Payments	\$23,173.00		
	Insurance	1,442.00		
	Billsby	472.58		
		\$25,087.58		\$25,087.58
Ending Balance Subscription				\$19,469.74
Combined Ending Balance				\$25,186.76

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.

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

October 1	Wednesday	Junk
October 6	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn
October 13	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn& Recycle
October20	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn
October27	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn& Recycle
November 3	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.



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