

East Montrose

Civic Association Newsletter



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March 2026

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 2026 Calendar

03/24—EMCA Meeting, Midtown Grill

04/19—Spring Fling

10/6—NNO

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The City of Houston crime database is almost always out of date.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 the Safe Routes to School sidewalk project:

The design for the additional sidewalks has been completed and an updated map can be found here: <https://montrosehtx.org/projects/srts/>.

Updates:

- All streets in East Montrose (except the 2300 block of Whitney) will get new 5ft sidewalks.
- The project has been extended across Montrose Blvd into the first block of Hyde Park.
- The new sidewalks at Stanford and Fargo will not be replaced.
- There is a tree preservation plan in place:
 - Only trees blocking the view of oncoming traffic will be removed, such as the crepe myrtles at the southwest corner of Bomar and Stanford.
 - Tree roots will not be buried under concrete, rather, they will be protected by non-slip, water permeable metal cladding.
- New crosswalks marked with double white lines on north/south intersections will be installed (such as at Stanford and W. Gray, Peden and Bomar), with plans by the city to maintain the white striping with wear and tear.
- A protected crosswalk with pedestrian activated lights will be installed at Stanford and West Gray.

The project is still expected to begin in late summer 2026 (estimated for June or July).

Residents will receive notice of the start of the project via door hanger, and when construction will begin on specific streets, those residents will receive an additional 72 hour notice via door hanger.

Things to do in Houston this Month

1. Dragon Brunch: Celebrating the new Mythical Realms exhibit, the Houston Zoo is hosting a special brunch event with an unlimited Medieval Dragon buffet, face painting, live music, and a photographer to capture your families journey through the Mythical Realms.

March 1, Houston Zoo

2. Road to the Cup: With FIFA fast approaching, the Host Committee has announced a youth soccer tournament which kicks off with stage play and knockout rounds. Each team can compete to earn a place in the championship game held during the World Cup.

March 6-8 at various soccer fields around Houston

3. World Baseball Classic: Houston is home to multiple games in the first round of the World Classic, as well as the quarterfinals. Check out your favorite teams, including Mexico, Great Britain, Brazil, the US, and Italy!

March 6-11, Daikin Park

4. St. Patrick's Day Parade: Marking its 64th year, the parade will take place in downtown Houston at 12PM. Get your green on and start your celebrations here! If anyone would like to participate in the parade itself, prices range from \$100-\$125 for parade entries.

March 15th, downtown Houston

5. Buffalo Bayou Partnership Regatta: The largest canoe and kayak race returns to Houston! Cheer on your favorites on this scenic race through the heart of Houston. Buffalo Bayou Partnership works to create and steward parks, trails and unique destinations along the bayou.

March 21, Allen's Landing, Buffalo Bayou.

From the editor

March is when our neighborhood begins to stretch and wake up, and for many of us, that means turning our attention back to our gardens. Whether you're planting your first seeds, refreshing flower beds, or simply enjoying the sight of new growth, this month marks the unofficial start of gardening season. There's something hopeful about working the soil and planning what's to come, even if the weather still keeps us guessing.

Gardening has a way of bringing people together—sharing cuttings over the fence, swapping tips, or admiring a neighbor's blooms on an evening walk. As spring settles in, we hope this season encourages you to dig in, get your hands a little dirty, and enjoy the simple joy of watching things grow. Here's to a month of fresh starts, green thumbs (or hopeful ones), and a neighborhood that continues to flourish.

I'll be trying my hand at flowers (namely sunflowers) this season—

Safie

SAVE THE DATE

You're invited to East Montrose Civic
Association's Annual

Spring Fling

April
19th

SUNDAY

2PM-5PM

FOOD . BOUNCE HOUSE . MUSIC

615 Welch St.

BYOB

Member perks included!

Sponsored by
EMCA & Kari Parsons



In memory of our beloved neighbor and longtime EM resident, Tom Little.

Tom had owned his home here on Bomar near Tx Art Supply since 1976 and was the anchor member of our block. He retired from UHD as the theater director a few years ago & was well known in the community as he would get out and walk every morning. He always walked West & would stop at Christy's donuts for breakfast. Seeing him out everyday & saying hello brought a sense of stability to the world. He would drag all the immediate neighbors' trash cans up into their driveways once trash was emptied as part of his daily routine on trash days. It was one of those little gestures that made a big difference in the life of the neighborhood. A large group of the Bomar neighbors attended the service for him. It was a wonderful celebration of his life attended by 150-200 people.

All of us over here on this end of Bomar miss him greatly but a silver lining is that his departure has brought the neighborhood closer together.. something we are certain Tom would be thrilled by.

ELECTION CALENDER!

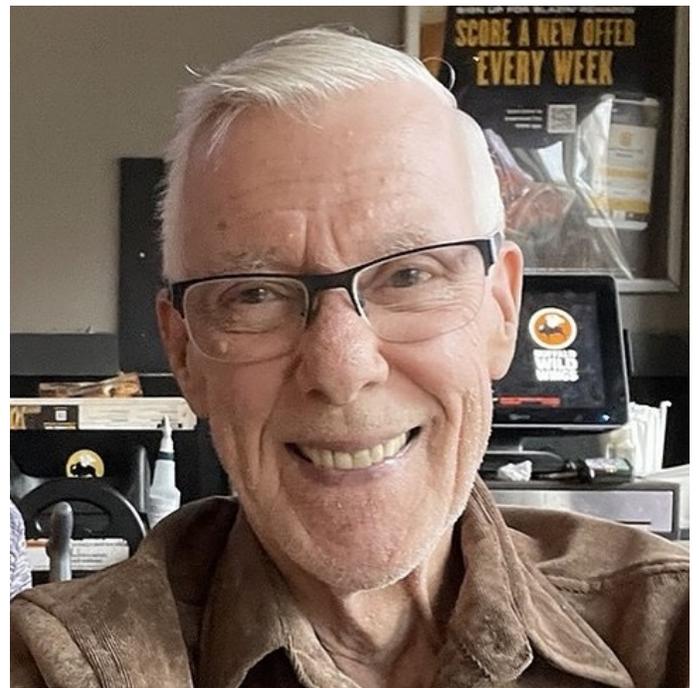
Democratic and Republican Primaries

- Election Day: March 3

City Council District C Special Election

- Early voting: TBD
- Election Day: April 4

To view your primary ballot visit this [link](#).
The closest polling center to EM is the Metropolitan Multi Service Center on West Grey.



Tom Little

YOUR VOICE

YOUR VOTE

City Heavy Trash Schedule Change!

Traditional monthly heavy trash pick up services are ending after this month, February.

Residents will need to request pick up through 311, and Solid Waste will assign a pick up appointment (estimated to be completed within 5 working days).

Each address will be allocated 4 heavy trash collections per calendar year, with the new system launching March 2.

Paper Butterflies on the Front Porch

Have you ever wondered what's inside that house on Welch?

I've lived here for 30 years. It sounds like a long time, but still feels new. When I first moved to East Montrose I was pleased to find an active community of folks who cared about each other. They welcomed me right away. As a working artist, just moving around the corner from Texas Art was fantastic! I've devoted my work to the geometry of paper folding... Origami. Hence, paper butterflies on my front porch.

Most of the year I'm exploring my art and developing a way to deconstruct and reconstruct my photography. Over the years, I've worked with many clients including Tiffany & Co., Smithsonian Museum shops, National Gallery of Art, The Menil Collection, Houston Grand Opera, Jung Center Gallery and numerous museums including The Pearl Fincher, The Printing Museum, Houston Center for Contemporary Craft, and recently, The Dishman Art Museum in Beaumont, Texas for a retrospective of my work.

Years before I moved to East Montrose I had a dream about a butterfly trying to get into my head. It was very persistent! So I learned to create one in origami and sold them to the Houston Museum of Natural Science. It's amazing to see how my work has expanded and how grateful I am to have grown it right here in East Montrose.

For 27 years I've opened my working studio for an annual HOLIDAY SALE in December with a small group of artist friends. This year... the Year of the Horse... I'm opening up for a MAY SALE. May 1 & 2. Good vibes, artist gift works, Estate sale treasures, and more as the time approaches.

Way back in 1996, when I first looked at this house my realtor, Lee Hudman (whom many of you know) said, "this is a party house!" So out of curiosity I invite you to come see what's inside the house with the paper butterflies in May.

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Photo captions:

Origami Horses... free to everyone, until I run out!



Recipe of the Month

We've loved Sweetgreen's avocado ranch chicken salad, so here is a pasta variation perfect for spring. Let us know if you try it out! Recipe by Tieghan Gerard.

For the Dressing

- 1/2 cup plain Greek yogurt or sour cream
- 1/3 cup mayo
- 1 tablespoon dried parsley
- 1 tablespoon dried chives
- 2 teaspoons dried dill
- 2 teaspoons garlic powder
- 2 teaspoons onion powder
- salt and black pepper
- 2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
- 2 tablespoons buttermilk, plus more as needed

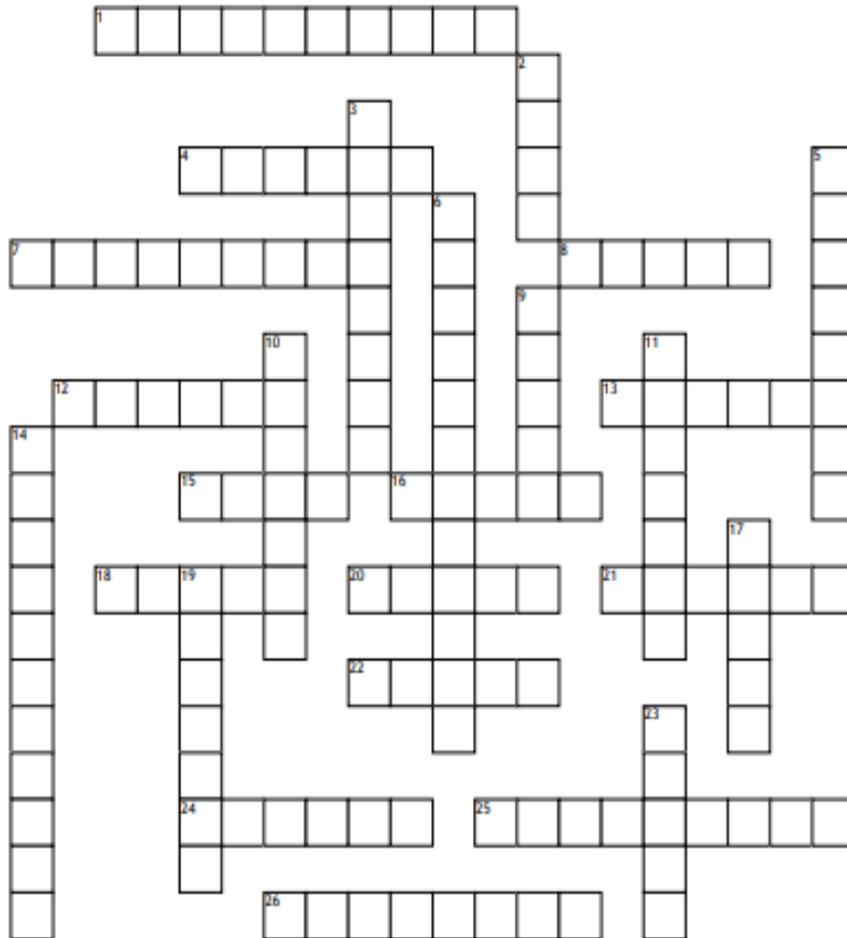
For the Salad

- 1 pound short cut pasta
- 1/2 cup salsa verde
- 2 cups cooked shredded chicken
- 1 cup cubed cheddar cheese
- 1/2 cup cubed spicy cheddar cheese (optional)
- 1 head romaine lettuce, shredded
- 2 cups cherry tomatoes, halved
- 1/2 cup fresh chopped cilantro
- 8 slices cooked bacon, crumbled
- 1 avocado, diced

1. To make the dressing. Combine all ingredients in a glass jar and whisk until smooth. Season with salt and pepper. Thin as desired with buttermilk.
2. Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Boil the pasta to al dente, according to package directions. Drain.
3. In a large bowl, toss together the hot pasta, salsa verde, and chicken. Pour over the dressing and toss well to combine. Add the cheese, lettuce, tomatoes, cilantro, and bacon. Toss, then top with avocado.
4. Serve warm or cold. Enjoy!



St. Patrick's Day



Across

- 1. A mischievous elf in Irish Folklore
- 4. A branch of the Indo-European languages that was spread widely over Europe in the pre-Christian era.
- 7. To publicly party
- 8. The Celtic language of Ireland
- 12. A plant of the genus Trifolium
- 13. March in a procession
- 15. Something likened to the metal in brightness or preciousness
- 16. A month of a year
- 18. Resembling the color of growing grass

- 20. An occasion on which people can assemble for social interaction and entertainment
- 21. A staple food of Ireland
- 22. Occurring by chance
- 24. A story about mythical or supernatural beings or events
- 25. An inherited pattern of thought or action
- 26. Another word for 3-leaf clover

Down

- 2. Invoke upon
- 3. A humorous verse form of 5 anapestic lines with a rhyme scheme aabba.
- 5. A special kind of clover
- 6. Christian missionary and bishop in Ireland

- 9. Any art that invokes supernatural powers
- 10. Achieved independence from the UK in 1921
- 11. An arc of colored light in the sky caused by refraction of the sun's rays by rain
- 14. The day of the month of St Patrick's day
- 17. A small being, human in form, playful and having magical powers
- 19. Highly valued as a gemstone
- 23. A form of money

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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

March 2	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn & Recycle
March 9	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn
March 16	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn & Recycle
March 23	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn
March 30	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn & Recycle

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

2026 Treasurer Repo EMCA			
For the Period January 1, 2026 - January 31, 2026			
Beginning of Month Balance			\$ 5,210.74
Monies In			
Membership	105.00		
Total In			\$ 105.00
Monies Out			
PayPal Fees	1.24		
Storage Unit	125.00		
Misc Remibursement	(145.00)		
Total Out			\$ (18.76)
End of Month Balance			\$ 5,334.50
Reserve in Security Account			\$ 2,938.02
Combined Ending Balance			\$ 8,272.52

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.

Total EMCA Households: 99
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