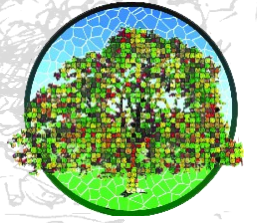


East Montrose

Civic Association Newsletter



Connect: [Facebook.com/groups/East Montrose](https://www.facebook.com/groups/EastMontrose) and www.eastmontrose.org or Mail: PO Box 131363 Houston, TX 77219

April 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

- 4/12—Neighborhood Clean Up, Peggy Schiffick Park 10AM
- 4/19—Spring Fling
- 5/19—EMCA meeting, Midtown Bar and Grill
- 10/6—NNO
- More dates to follow.

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

Special thank you to our contributors:

- Penny Cerling
- Katy Macalla
- George Boos

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 The City of Houston crime database is almost always out of date.

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



We can't wait to see you and your families at the Spring Fling! If you would like to join the EMCA and are not yet a member, we will have sign up opportunities at the event.

Things to do in Houston this Month

1. Fleet Week Houston: As part of America 250, Houston will host the US Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard with public ship tours, demonstrations and community outreach events to honor and celebrate Houston's maritime heritage and it's role as a key hub for global trade and energy.

April 15-22

2. Easter Egg Hunt with baby goats: Self-explanatory title but a wonderful way to celebrate Easter surrounded by adorable baby animals, fresh air, and plenty of fun for families.

April 3-5, 1324 Peach Ridge Rd Brookshire, TX US 77423 10AM-3PM

3. 39th Annual Art Car Parade: A city favorite, these incredible works of art will take over the streets starting at Dallas and Bagby, roll through downtown and end at Waugh on Allen Pkwy. Come early to see the cars before the parade!

April 11, 2-4PM

4. Paper Flower Garden: Learn fun and artistic ways to make paper flowers and plant them in the new community garden at Discovery Green.

April 18, 12-2PM

5. Jazzy Sundays Ft. Susan Carol: Enjoy the music of Susan Carol while you picnic in the park. Bring a blanket, chairs, an umbrella—whatever you like!

April 19, 5-7PM at Water Works Park, Buffalo Bayou

From the editor

April is here, bringing longer days, blooming gardens (or struggling gardens in my case), and a fresh sense of energy to our neighborhood. It's the perfect time to get outside, reconnect with neighbors, and enjoy everything our community has to offer. Whether you're planting flowers, taking evening walks, or simply soaking up the sunshine, there's something special about this time of year that reminds us how lucky we are to call this neighborhood home.

This month also brings plenty of opportunities to come together. From neighborhood clean-ups to family-friendly activities, we encourage everyone to get involved and make the most of the season. Keep an eye out for upcoming events and ways to lend a hand—every small effort helps keep our community vibrant and welcoming.

We've been taking walks in the evenings and it has been really nice running into so many of our neighbors doing the same thing. Can't wait see you all at the Spring Fling!

—Sofie



May Sale

Joan's Montrose Studio • 904 Welch • 77006

28th year!!! Just around the corner from Texas Art

In this **Year of the Horse*** a collection of artist gift works for all celebrations of the season...

• Lost Family Estate treasures • Light House Glass art • Theresa DiMenno photography • Joan Son art & gift works (plus 50% off her

earring collection) • Karen Crum magical crochet works • Libby's potholders, benefiting the Sandwich Ministry at Trinity Episcopal Church

*Free Origami Horses for as long as they last!

Questions? joanson23@gmail.com

• www.joanson.com

Friday

• **MAY 1**

5 to 8pm

and

Saturday

• **MAY 2**

11 to 4pm

ELECTION CALENDER!

City Council District C Special Election

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.

YOUR VOICE YOUR VOTE

2026 ANNUAL #DISTC RAIN BARREL SALE!

150 rainwater harvesting barrels at a subsidized cost of \$10 per barrel for District C residents!

Must be able to pick up on **April 18**.
Limit one per address.
Sold on a first-come first-serve basis.

REGISTER TODAY!

visit bit.ly/DistCRainBarrel2026



Abbie Kamin
Council Member, District C



Council Member Abbie Kamin is proud to bring back our annual Rain Barrel Sale ONE LAST TIME, which will once again provide up to 150 District C residents an opportunity to purchase a rainwater harvesting barrel at a subsidized cost of \$10.

You must be a District C resident to register. If you purchase a rain barrel, you **MUST** be available to pick it up between 9AM and 12PM on Saturday, April 18th. Limit one per household.

EAST MONTROSE NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN UP!

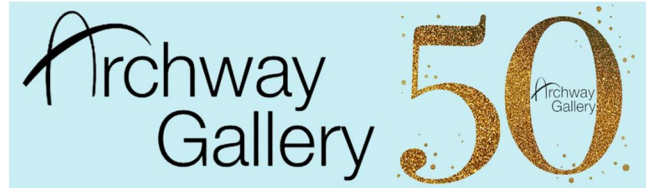
“Garbage today,
gorgeous tomorrow!”

Sunday, April 12th
10AM

Meet @ Peggy Shiffick Park
Supplies will be provided.



Please send any questions regarding the neighborhood clean-up to George Boos at George.boos@att.net



Archway Gallery, Texas' longest-running artist-owned and operated gallery, proudly marks its 50th anniversary with a landmark exhibition

Fifty Forward

This milestone year celebrates half a century of artistic innovation, community connection, and unwavering commitment to elevating Houston's creative spirit.

Join us for our Celebration - April 11, 5 - 8 p.m., 2305 Dunlavy

Or Visit Anytime - Tue -Sat 10 - 6, Sunday 1 - 5

Learn more about Archway's music, literary, and art events at www.archwaygallery.com

Watch a 4 minute video on our history - www.youtube.com/watch?v=ailiLGATXxk&t=14s

Learn more about Archway Gallery [here](#) or watch a short video on their history [here](#).

Neighborhood News

On Friday 3/20 there was a Porch Concert with Opus I Chamber Music School. It was free & open to all who passed by Bob McLaughlin's house at the corner of Willard & Whitney.

The contribution basket at the gate and online contributions generated enough to support one guest artist residency and a student scholarship for one year!!

Thanks East Montrose! Additional contributions can be made to OpusIcms.com

A new neighborhood bodega held their soft opening on Taft and Dallas, just north of us here in EM, featuring Indo-Pak (Indian and Pakistani) ingredients, as well as every day grocery staples. Diwaan 8's ownership is still expanding their inventory and listening to what the community wants to see stocked on their shelves. We will be sitting down with the owner and sharing more on their plans in an upcoming edition.

Recipe of the Month

Spring veg is incredible and this recipe is fresh and full of flavor. Try out this cheesy asparagus and leek orzotto by Theodora Kaloudis.

2 Tbsp. plus 1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil, divided
1 bunch of asparagus (about 1 lb.), trimmed, or tough ends cut off and peeled

1 large leek, halved, white and pale green parts thinly sliced

Kosher salt

1 1/2 cups orzo

2 garlic cloves, finely chopped

1/2 cup dry white wine

3 cups low-sodium chicken or vegetable broth

Freshly ground black pepper

1 cup frozen petite peas

1 oz. Parmesan, finely grated (about 1/2 cup)

1/4 cup heavy cream

2 Tbsp. unsalted butter

1/4 cup thinly sliced fresh basil leaves, plus more for serving



Step 1: In a large Dutch oven or heavy pot over medium-high heat, heat 2 Tbsp. oil until very hot. Arrange asparagus in pot in an even layer, cover, and cook, turning halfway through, until crisp-tender and charred in spots, about 4 minutes. Transfer asparagus to a cutting board; season with salt.

Step 2: Wipe out pot. In same pot over medium-high heat, heat remaining 1/4 cup oil. Add leeks; season with a pinch of salt. Cook, stirring, until just softened, about 3 minutes. Stir in orzo and garlic. Cook, stirring frequently, until orzo is toasted and garlic is fragrant, about 2 minutes. Add wine and cook, scraping up any browned bits, until wine is absorbed, 2 to 3 minutes.

Step 3: Stir in broth, 1/2 tsp. salt, and a few grinds of pepper and bring to a simmer. Reduce heat to low, cover, and cook until orzo is tender, 12 to 15 minutes.

Step 4: Meanwhile, cut asparagus crosswise into 1" pieces.

Step 5: Add peas to orzo mixture, cover, and cook until peas are warmed through, about 2 minutes. Remove from heat. Add Parmesan, cream, and butter and stir until butter is melted. Stir in asparagus and basil; season with salt and pepper. Top with more basil.

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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

April 1	Wednesday	Junk
April 6	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn
April 13	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn & Recycle
April 20	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn
April 27	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 \$25.00 ___ Household \$50.00 ___ Business \$75.00

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