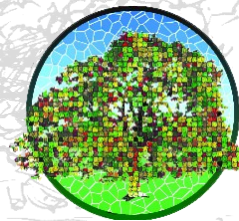


East Montrose

Civic Association Newsletter



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

July 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

No meetings June-August

9/15—Meeting at Midtown Bar & Grill,
7PM

10/6—NNO

10/24—Biennial Home Tour

More dates to follow.

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

Special thank you to our
contributors:

- Penny Cerling
- Karen Bohn

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 neigh-
borhood 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almost always out of date.

EAST MONTROSE CIVIC ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY OUTING

You're Invited to tour The Ismaili Center, 2323 Allen Parkway, Houston, TX
77019

Saturday, August 15, 2026

11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

RSVP Required:

Space is currently limited to 12 participants – EMCA members will get first
preference.

Please reserve your spot by emailing: president.emca@gmail.com.

Please include your name and the names of any guests attending. If you are not
sure if you are an EMCA member, please contact treasurer.emca@gmail.com.

If there is more interest than spots, we will work on additional tours.

About the Tour:

Join members of our civic association for a guided visit to one of Houston's most
distinctive cultural landmarks.

During this 45-minute guided tour, you'll discover the Center's beautiful
architecture, tranquil gardens, and its mission of fostering understanding,
connection, and pluralism.

Comfortable walking shoes are recommended.

We Look Forward to Seeing You!

This is a wonderful opportunity to experience one of Houston's architectural
treasures while enjoying an educational outing with your neighbors.

Reserve Your Spot Today!

Email your RSVP to:

president.emca@gmail.com

We look forward to sharing this special experience with you!

-Karen Bohn, EMCA President

Things to do in Houston this Month

1. Sparks & Stripes over Battleship Texas: Kick off America 250 with Battleship Texas! Drone displays, gun turret salutes, fireworks and more!

July 3 2100 Harborside Dr, Galveston

2. FIFA World Cup: Kicking off the Round of 16 is Morocco vs. Canada! Fan Fest is open every day in EaDo for any game day celebrations, but tickets are going fast for this game, played right here in Houston.

July 4, 12PM NRG Stadium (Houston Stadium)

3. Sunset Bird Walk: Houston Audubon is hosting a guided bird walk—the wooded areas, ponds, and bayou attract over 150 species of birds. This is a unique opportunity to learn about all of Houston's local birds and how to spot them. Bring your binoculars and a camera!

July 10, 7-8PM at Hermann Park, meet at Lot D

4. An Evening with Dr. Jill Biden: In conversation with Randall Morton, Founding Executive Director of the Progressive Forum, Dr. Biden discusses her new memoir, a NYT best seller: View from the East Wing. All tickets include a copy of the book.

July 28, 501 Texas Ave, Wortham Center at 7:30PM

5. Film Screening and Discussion: SNCC, Sit-Ins, and “The Strange Demise of Jim Crow”: The Menil is hosting a screening of the documentary “The Strange Demise of Jim Crow”, followed by a panel with local Civil Rights scholars and activists who will speak on the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee’s influence in Houston’s desegregation strategies.

July 30, Menil Collection, 7PM

From the editor

Summer is officially in full swing, bringing long sunny days, backyard barbecues, and plenty of opportunities to make memories with family and friends.

July reminds us that Houston's summer heat is no joke. While we are caught in this ever growing heat dome, be sure to stay hydrated, check on neighbors who may need a helping hand, and don't forget about your pets during these especially hot afternoons. Early morning walks and evening visits to our local parks and splash pads are a great way to enjoy the outdoors while avoiding the peak heat.

While forecasters expect the current El Niño pattern to contribute to a quieter Atlantic hurricane season than some recent years, it only takes one storm to make an impact. Houston residents know that weather can change quickly, so now is a great time to review your family's emergency plan, check your hurricane supplies, and stay informed throughout the season. A quieter forecast is certainly welcome, but preparedness is always the best approach.

Our community continues to thrive thanks to the kindness and involvement of its residents. Whether you're volunteering for our clean-ups, attending neighborhood outings, or lending a hand to a neighbor, your contributions help make this a welcoming place for everyone.

Happy Independence Day and happy summer!

Warmly,

—Sofie

MONTROSE TIRZ 27 SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS CONNECTION

PROJECTS UPDATE

By Karen Bohn, President East Montrose Civic Association

We have received several inquiries about when the sidewalk work will be done in the East Montrose area. Per information provided by the TIRZ at recent Board meetings, this is anticipated to occur late July through August 2026. As we learn more, we will provide updates via Mailchimp and via the East Montrose Facebook page.

Below is information on the project which is available on the TIRZ website. If you have specific questions, you can send them to president.emca@gmail.com.

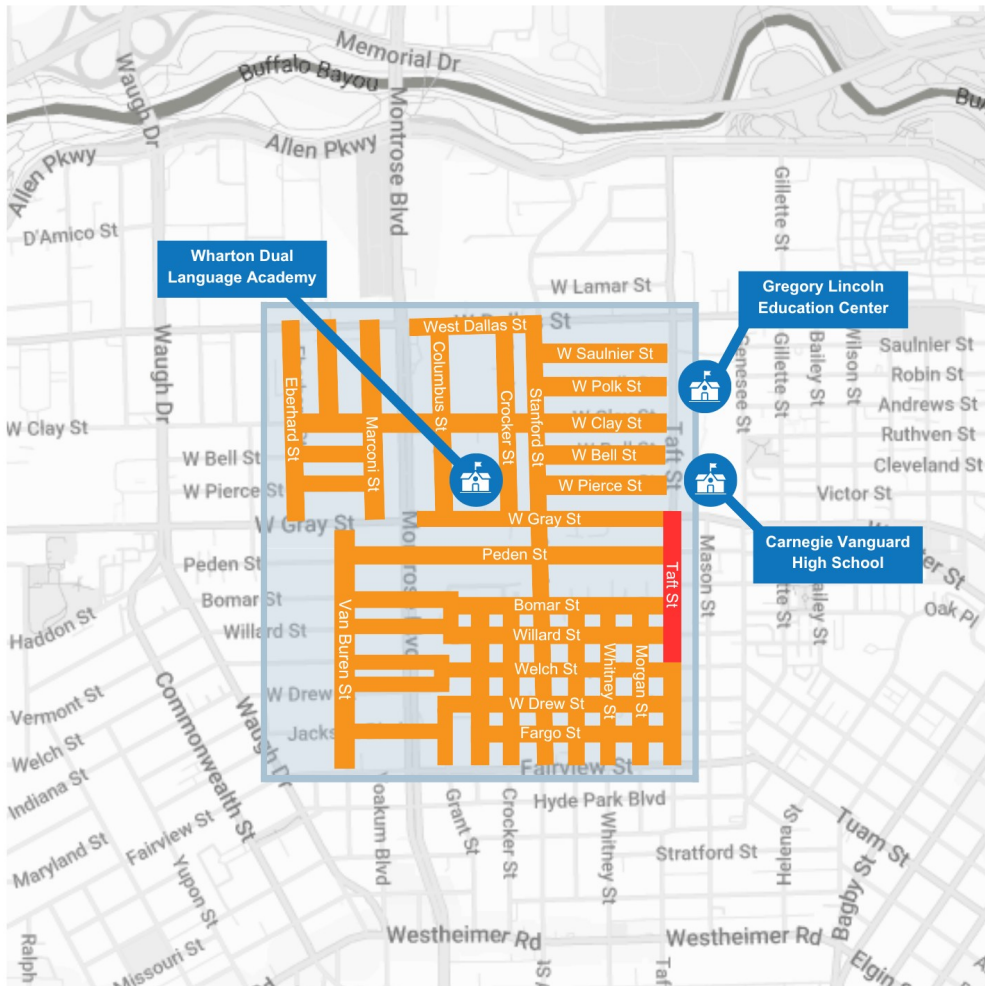
About the Project

The Montrose Safe Routes to School Connections Project aims to enhance safety and accessibility for students and parents as they walk and bike to school. Funding for the project was awarded to the Montrose TIRZ in 2023 through the Houston-Galveston Area Council's (H-GAC) Transportation Policy Council. Project features include:

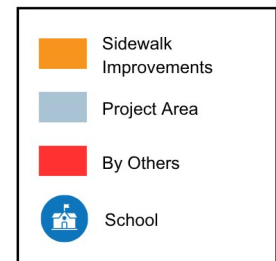
- Sidewalk replacement and widening, driveway replacement, wheelchair ramp replacement
- Intersection asphalt mill and overlay of 5 intersections to eliminate ADA barriers.
- Mid-block crossing by Wharton Dual Language Academy on Columbus St
- High-visibility pavement markings
- Pedestrian crossing signage at W Clay St / Crocker St
- HAWK signals at Stanford St / W Gray St and Stanford St / W Dallas St
- Proposed landscape modifications at Stanford St / Bomar St to improve visibility of pedestrians at high historical crash rate intersection.
- Individualized protection plan for each tree along the project routes

Map of Sidewalk Improvements in the Montrose Safe Routes to School Project

For more information, and to stay connected, please contact info@montrosehtx.org



Montrose Safe Routes to School Connections



**Map is not to scale*



East Montrose Civic Association

HOME TOUR

& Art Walk

Saturday • October 24
10am to 4pm

Attention East Montrose Artists:

If you want to open your studio for the ArtWalk please contact Joan Son ...
joanson23@gmail.com

Recipe of the Month

For those of us at staycationing at home this summer, we can bring tropical summer vibes to Houston with this Pineapple Chicken with Coconut Rice by Tieghan Gerard.

- 1 1/2 pounds boneless skinless chicken breasts, cut into bite size pieces
- 1/3 cup low-sodium soy sauce
- 1/3 cup pineapple juice
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons ketchup
- 1 shallot, chopped
- 4 cloves garlic, chopped
- 1 tablespoon grated ginger
- 1 pinch red pepper flakes
- 2 tablespoons sesame oil, or extra virgin olive oil
- 1/4 cup chopped cilantro
- Pineapple Salsa
- 2 cups fresh pineapple chunks
- 1/2 small shallot, finely chopped
- 1 jalapeño, seeded (if desired) and chopped
- juice of 1 lime
- 2 tablespoons fresh thyme leaves
- 1 avocado, diced

1. In a glass jar, whisk together the soy sauce, pineapple juice, brown sugar, ketchup, shallots, garlic, ginger, and a pinch of chili flakes. Pour 1/3 of the sauce over the chicken and let sit 15 minutes or up to overnight in the fridge.
2. Meanwhile, make the salsa: combine all ingredients in bowl.
3. Heat the oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add the chicken, cook 5 minutes until cooked through on both sides. Reduce the heat to medium and pour in the remaining soy sauce mix. Cook until the sauce glazes the chicken and begins to caramelize, about 5 minutes. Remove from the heat and stir in the cilantro.
4. Serve the chicken over rice and spoon the salsa over the chicken. Sprinkle on the diced avocado and a squeeze of lime.



Art and About... by Penny Cerling

Art League Houston, started in 1948, is located on Montrose Blvd. between Willard & Bomar and is a big part of our neighborhood. The building features the *Little Dreamer Coffee* shop, 3 gallery spaces, classrooms and offices.

The Art League's Summer classes run from July 13-August 24. Registration ends July 5 with late registration beginning July 6. Fall registration starts August 24.

Besides year round classes Art League Houston hosts the Summer Intensive For Teens (SIFT) for Houston area high school students ages 14-17. The program includes 4 and a half weeks of intensive studio art, mentoring, critiques, site visits and one on one meetings with local artists and curators. The SIFT class accepts only 16 students who are all awarded scholarships to ensure equitable access to arts education for talented young people.

This year's SIFT class meets June 9-July 8. When the SIFT class is over our neighborhood will see a new mural on the wall of the Art League. During August the Art League's gallery spaces will showcase the SIFT program's artwork with an opening reception July 31 from 6-8pm. The student SIFT talks will be Saturday August 29 from 2-4pm.

The Art League also sponsors community events - such as the Marty Party, a fund raiser held each spring with free admission - and Block Parties.

Block Parties are a lot of fun. Booths are set up in the parking lot for artists to sell work and everyone has a good time. Be sure to walk there for the Summer Block Party Saturday August 29 from 6-9pm. The Winter Block Party is scheduled for December 5.



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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

July 6	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn & Recycle
July 13	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn
July 20	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn & Recycle
July 27	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn
August 3	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn & Recycle

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.

2026 Treasurer's Report				
For the period January 1, 2026 - May 30, 2026				
EMCA				
Beginning Balance				\$ 5,210.74
Monies In	Membership		\$ 2,065.00	
	Advertising Revenue		80.00	
	Donations		40.00	
			\$ 2,185.00	\$ 2,185.00
Monies Out				
	Paypal Fees		\$ 63.75	
	Insurance		2,162.00	
	Newsletter		424.40	
	Spring Fling		520.00	
	Storage Fees		325.00	
	PO Box		230.00	
	Zoom		159.90	
	Go Daddy		46.38	
	Neartown Fees		100.00	
	Billsby		(145.00)	
			\$ 3,886.43	\$ 3,886.43
Ending Balance				\$ 3,509.31
Reserve in Security Account				2,938.02
Combined Ending Balance				\$ 6,447.33

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