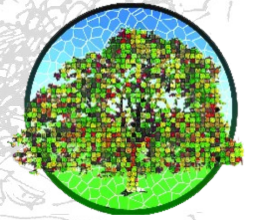


# East Montrose

## Civic Association Newsletter



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December 2019

*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.*



### Mark your Calendars for Tuesday December 3, 2019 for the Annual East Montrose Holiday Party and White Elephant Gift Exchange!

Come and Join your Neighbors from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.  
at the home of the Galvan Family, (Malisa is an EMCA Board Member), at 402 Welch.

The EMCA Board will provide some holiday munchies along with water and soft drinks.  
We ask everyone to bring their own adult libations and an appetizer, snack or food item to share with the group.  
The party is free for members. We are asking each nonmember to contribute \$5.00 towards the cost of the party.

If you are not currently a member but would like to join, you can join EMCA by contacting our Treasurer Julia Schafer at [treasurer.emca@gmail.com](mailto:treasurer.emca@gmail.com), via the membership application on page 6, or at the door.

***Please remember that each person who wishes to participate in the fun and often hilarious White Elephant gift exchange should bring a wrapped (or at least disguised) gift....the value of which we leave to your good judgment, but note that most of the gifts are under a \$25 value.***

**Everyone is welcome! See you there!**

We will also be electing a Treasurer, Secretary and At Large #2 Board member at the party.  
All members in good standing (meaning your dues are up to date) are eligible to vote. You can check your status by emailing the EMCA treasurer Julia Schafer at [treasurer.emca@gmail.com](mailto:treasurer.emca@gmail.com).

The nominating committee is recommending Julia Schafer for Treasurer and Mike McHam for Secretary.  
Candidate bios for Julia and Mike can be found on page 3.  
A recommendation for the at-large position will be placed on our website along with the other recommendations at the beginning of November ([www.eastmontrose.org](http://www.eastmontrose.org)) along with a short bio for each candidate.

You can vote at the party or you can complete the absentee/proxy ballot that is included in the this newsletter (p.5) and return the proxy to our Vice President Karen Brohn at [vicepresident.emca@gmail.com](mailto:vicepresident.emca@gmail.com) or leave in the magazine slot under the mailbox at 503 Welch Street.



Love the new paint job at Welch and Stanford, bringing lightness to the corner, and unifying the look with neighboring properties. I also noticed a handsome metal wire fence going up in the northwest quadrant of East Montrose. Can't wait to see what fun holiday decorations our EM neighbors will share with us.

The Stop and Shop convenience store at West Gray and Stanford has undergone an inspiring update, and is now a good cut above other similar stores. Bright, spacious, clean, well-stocked, and friendly staff. Most notable is the cold-case section. Yeah, plenty of soft drinks, juice, sandwiches and string cheese. But what really stands out is the expanded collection of quality wines. For those of us who like to experiment - or just can't commit to a 6-pack - there is a good selection of single beers. AND a walk-in beer cooler. It's huge. And not just Bud and Coors, but plenty of more diverse options. By the 6-pack or the case.

I thoroughly enjoyed all the little ghouls and goblins who visited my place on Halloween. Well, the kids from East Montrose, that is. There was a group of three from somewhere else, who (along with their mother - yes, it's true) had snatched up half the candy and toys before I could get outside. They DID say thank you, though. All the EM kids were cute in their costumes, polite, appreciative - and refreshingly frank and to the point. "You can choose a toy. Here, would you like this dinosaur?" "No. I don't like it." "How about a car?" "No. No car. I don't want anything. I'm leaving now."

If you want to observe the true definition of Bedlam, try herding the entire 2-dozen strong local group of candy-crazed kids up onto a second-floor, tiny 3'x8' townhome porch, all at the same time!

I escaped the chaos and got to visiting with one of the dads who was down on the sidewalk, juggling plastic pumpkins and strollers and extra coats. "There sure are a lot of children in this neighborhood, but you don't see them." He told me ... let's see if I remember this correctly ... "There are no fewer than TEN little boys in our immediate neighborhood, all of whom are enrolled in the first grade at Wharton Elementary." And that's just the first grade boys!

My, oh my! I wonder what YOU will bring to the EMCA Holiday Party (see front page) for the Wild and Wacky White Elephant Gift Exchange. Let's see ... what has been highly fought-over in past years? Alcohol. Hand-thrown pottery. Candy/tea/cheese. Sports items. And, of course, the ever-resurfacing voodoo doll. See you there!!

If you are on the East Montrose Living Mosaic Facebook page, you are probably familiar with this story. For those who are not ... October 20th, I was on my usual Sunday morning bike ride through the Third Ward to the U of H. I had almost crossed the Tuam bridge over Hwy 288 when a street person who had been holed up on the southeast corner started moving toward me. Then, as I cycled by, swerving to the left, he reached under his layers of loose clothing and pulled out a hammer! He swung the hammer at my head - missing by less than a foot!

I rode another block and flagged down some guys who let me use their phone to call 911. These men were familiar with the vagrant, and told me his name, and that he was a sex offender and mental patient with a long criminal record, and had also attacked one of the men's girlfriend with a crutch. He and his green shopping cart were a fixture on that corner. The 911 operator and I were not getting anywhere. I rode three blocks further, where just happened to be the South Central Police Station. The desk clerk, ensconced behind a thick wall of glass, refused to call an officer.

So I rode home and called HPD, who sent an officer to my home, by this time two hours after the attack. He said he would check on this-and-that-and-this-and-that - but I never heard back from him.

I didn't want this guy to continue standing on his corner attacking passersby. Urinating in public is one thing, but assaulting people with a weapon is a whole 'nother ball of wax!

I remembered that a couple who lives at Fargo & Stanford has had amazing success with a police officer catching car burglars whom they have recorded on their security cameras. They gave me contact info for the officer. Turns out he is as effective at catching dangerous street people as car burglars. To cut a long story short, all because of this Officer Anders, the dangerous street person is in custody, will appear in court in January, and will be off the streets for a long time thereafter.

- Be safe out there
- Report everything
- Don't give up



## December Art • Nearby

A last look at several unique art exhibitions right here in the neighborhood!

### KOELSCH GALLERY

1020 Peden

- New paintings from Melinda Buie through Saturday, December 21, 2019
  - Plus an opening to introduce new artisan, Naomi Barker's handmade accessories.
- 3 to 8 pm on Saturday, December 14

### ART LEAGUE HOUSTON

1953 Montrose

All exhibits through Saturday, January 4, 2020

- *Re-Membering is the Responsibility of the Living* - a multi-media, performance based site-specific installation by Brooklyn based Artist Taja Lindley. As a memory worker, Lindley explores what has been abandoned, erased, silenced or distorted in our individual and collective consciousness - an interdisciplinary project that combines ritual, performance, film and installation.

- *One by One* - an exhibition of recent paintings by Nacogdoches based Artist Arely Morales. This exhibition, featuring five recent paintings by Morales, explores her personal experiences as an immigrant. These monumental paintings visually portray the grace and humanity of immigrant workers with a religious-like aura, inviting viewers to engage with her subjects in a highly personal, emblematic and humanitarian way.

- *Soft Listings* - an exhibition featuring recent works on paper by Houston based Artist Daniela Koontz. In her 20s, Daniela Koontz worked a number of field seasons on an archaeological dig in Central America. It was there she learned to make technical drawings of artifacts in a style that informs her work today.

- *Just After* - a new, site-specific installation by Galveston based Artist Ann Wood. Incorporating aesthetic elements of Rococo and Baroque excess combined with Gothic style funerary monuments, Wood's installation visually recalls Victorian figurative grave markers found throughout Galveston's historical cemeteries.



Melinda Buie at Koelsch Gallery



Arely Morales, One by One, oil on canvas, 95 x 75" at Art League Houston

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### THE PRINTING MUSEUM

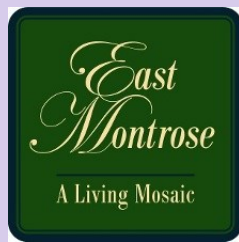
1324 W. Clay  
Through Saturday, December 21,  
2019

• *Paper Couture* is an installation of retro-inspired fashions by origami artist, Joan Son. Based upon her original paper doll dress designs from 1958, Paper Couture traces Son's use of a variety of paper techniques to create full-size dress sculptures which honor the past and open a portal to the present.



Joan Son PAPER COUTURE at The Printing Museum

Several " East Montrose – A Living Mosaic" signs are still available if you want one to display on your property. These sturdy signs are \$75 each. Please contact our treasurer Julia Schafer at 281-221-3250 to make your purchase. Julia also asks to remind you that EMCA dues are now up for renewal.



## JOAN'S HOLIDAY SALE 2019

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Saturday, Dec. 14 • noon to 6pm

Sunday, Dec. 15 • noon to 4pm

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### EMCA 2020 Candidate Slate Bios

I'm Julia Schafer, current Treasurer of East Montrose Civic Association. I'm a native Houstonian who graduated from the University of Texas with a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism. I have lived in our neighborhood for six years with my husband who is a long-time resident of East Montrose. Since my term as Treasurer I have maintained the accounting records and the membership and email database. I have also co-chaired the annual National Night Out and assisted with the Trees for East Montrose program. I am currently Treasurer of Houston Mod and I have served as a board member for the following non-profits: Norhill Neighborhood Association, Voices Breaking Boundaries and the Society of Design Administrators. I also served on the Rice Design Alliance Membership Committee and Norhill Neighborhood Association Home Tour Committee. I have worked consistently in and around the architectural industry managing small architecture firms. My interests include historic preservation, architecture, mid-century modern furniture, textile design and modern culture. I would like to continue my position as Treasurer for the East Montrose Civic Association and would appreciate your vote.

Hey y'all. My name is Mike McHam and I'm interested in getting involved with the EMCA board in the capacity of Secretary. My partner, Rodney, and I moved into East Montrose two years ago from Charlotte, NC and can't imagine living anywhere else in Houston! We have had the pleasure to meet a lot of neighbors, some of which have become great friends. We love taking a walk around the neighborhood with our Roxy girl (lab mix) or taking our bikes down to the Bayou for a ride. I've always been a believer that to those that much is given, much is expected. I want to continue making East Montrose the beautiful Living Mosaic it has become by participating on the board!



CHANNEL 13 HIGHLIGHTS MONTROSE

ABC -13 is spotlighting the uniqueness and positive aspects of our neighborhoods in various communities in the Houston area. Currently the segments about Montrose are scheduled to begin airing on TV the week of December 16. The Channel 13 project director for this series contacted me as President of EMCA to attend a meeting with the station’s producers and various community leaders.

We talked about EMCA’s slogan “A Living Mosaic” and how our neighborhood of approximately 650 homes bordered by Genesee and Montrose, Fairview and W.Gray is a hidden gem: A mixture of cultures, singles and families, kids and dogs, gays and straights, artists and engineers, bungalows and townhomes, businesses, great bars and restaurants.

The folks at Channel 13 would like to know who/what we think exemplifies our ‘hood, who are our “special characters” (I can think of a few---just not sure if they are willing to go on camera!)

If anyone would like to share your ideas, please contact me and I will pass the information along to the producers. Please email me at [EMCA.president@gmail.com](mailto:EMCA.president@gmail.com).

Thanks.

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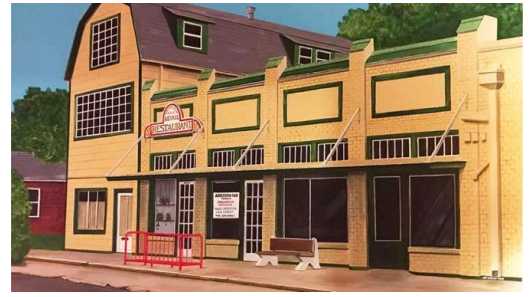


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Our doors open at 7:30...we generally get the music started by 8:45 on weekends. With great food from the kitchen and a vintage bar, you will have everything you need for a wonderful evening. Music starts at 8:00 on Songwriter Thursdays.

Here's the line up for December 2019 at our historic music venue in East Montrose.

You can buy tickets at the door or online through the website at [www.andersonfair.net](http://www.andersonfair.net)

Thursday, December 5  
- Ken Gaines and Wayne Wilkerson

Friday, December 6  
- Dana Cooper

Saturday, December 7  
- Albert and Gate

Thursday, December 12  
- John Egan

Friday, December 13  
- Lynn Langham and Doug Gill

Saturday, December 14  
- Traveler

Thursday, December 19  
- Pat Byrne

**Anderson Fair be closed on the 20th and 21st for private parties.**

## NEW YEARS EVE 2019!

**Tuesday, December 31 - with Shake Russell, Matt Harlan, and Ken Gaines & Wayne Wilkerson**

### Proxy Ballot for Election to be December 3, 2019

#### East Montrose Civic Association

Election of Officers in Accordance with By-Laws

I, \_\_\_\_\_ being a member in good standing of the East Montrose Civic Association, hereby vote for the following named persons to serve as officers of the Association from January 2020 – December 2020.

Sign/Date \_\_\_\_\_

Roster of Candidates:

Treasurer: Julia Schafer

Secretary: Mike McHam

At Large: Pending (check website after November 1 for committee recommendation)

Please accept this as my absentee vote for the above-named candidates. Good only for the election meeting to be held on December 3, 2019.

Note: Please complete and email to [vicepresident.emca@gmail.com](mailto:vicepresident.emca@gmail.com) or compete and mail or drop off at 503 Welch Street by 5 PM November 30, 2018.

One vote per membership except those enrolled as a "household" may have two votes.

You may write-in a candidate for any of the above positions.

**Our District C City Council Member: Ellen Cohen**

Contact Ja'nae Williams

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Area crime reports can be found at the excellent and current [www.spotcrime.com](http://www.spotcrime.com)  
The city of Houston crime database is almost always out of date.

**September Treasurer's Report**

Beginning Balance			\$11,617.65
Monies In:	Memberships	\$500.00	
	Living Mosaic Sign	\$75.00	
Monies Out	Website Hosting (annual)	(\$160.00)	
	Storage Unit	(\$61.00)	
	NNO Expenses (supplies)	(\$78.54)	
	Square Transaction Fees	(\$5.52)	
Ending Balance:			\$11,987.57

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**TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE**

December 2	Monday	Reguar Trash & Lawn & Recycle
December 4	Wednesday	Heavy Trash _ - JUNK
December 9	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn
December 16	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn & Recycle
December 23	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn
December 30	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn & Recycle

This trash schedule comes from the Rollout app and is subject to change.  
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\_\_\_ **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

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