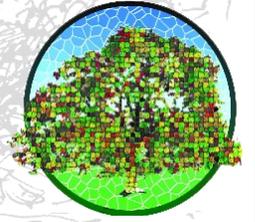


East Montrose

Civic Association Newsletter



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February 2020

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!



February 18th—7:00pm - Pinot's Palette Paint & Sip Studio 2406 Taft Street at Fairview

Join us for an unforgettable evening of friends, fun and painting!
Everything that you need for a fun night is included.

Whether you are a seasoned painter or a newbie, The teachers are awesome and will walk you through the steps to paint your own masterpiece - and wonderful memories!

Come out and meet neighbors, support a local business and have some fun painting. **EMCA is offering a discount to members.** Current members will be charged \$20, Non-members will be charged \$35. You must join EMCA prior to the event by going to eastmontrose.org or by contacting treasurer.emca@gmail.com. EMCA will provide food. BYOB.

Join us for a St. Patty's Day Member Meeting on Tues March 17th 7pm - location and topic TBA
April will be an Earth Day Social / Paper Shredding Event on Sat April 18th 9am - Noon - more TBA

For updated information on all events,
follow us online at <http://www.eastmontrose.org>
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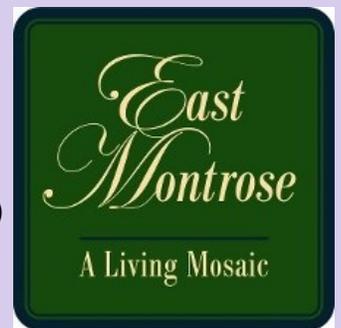
Join the East Montrose Civic Association ("EMCA") before March 17, 2020 and you will be entered in a drawing to win a "East Montrose A Living Mosaic" sign.

You can join EMCA by going to eastmontrose.org.

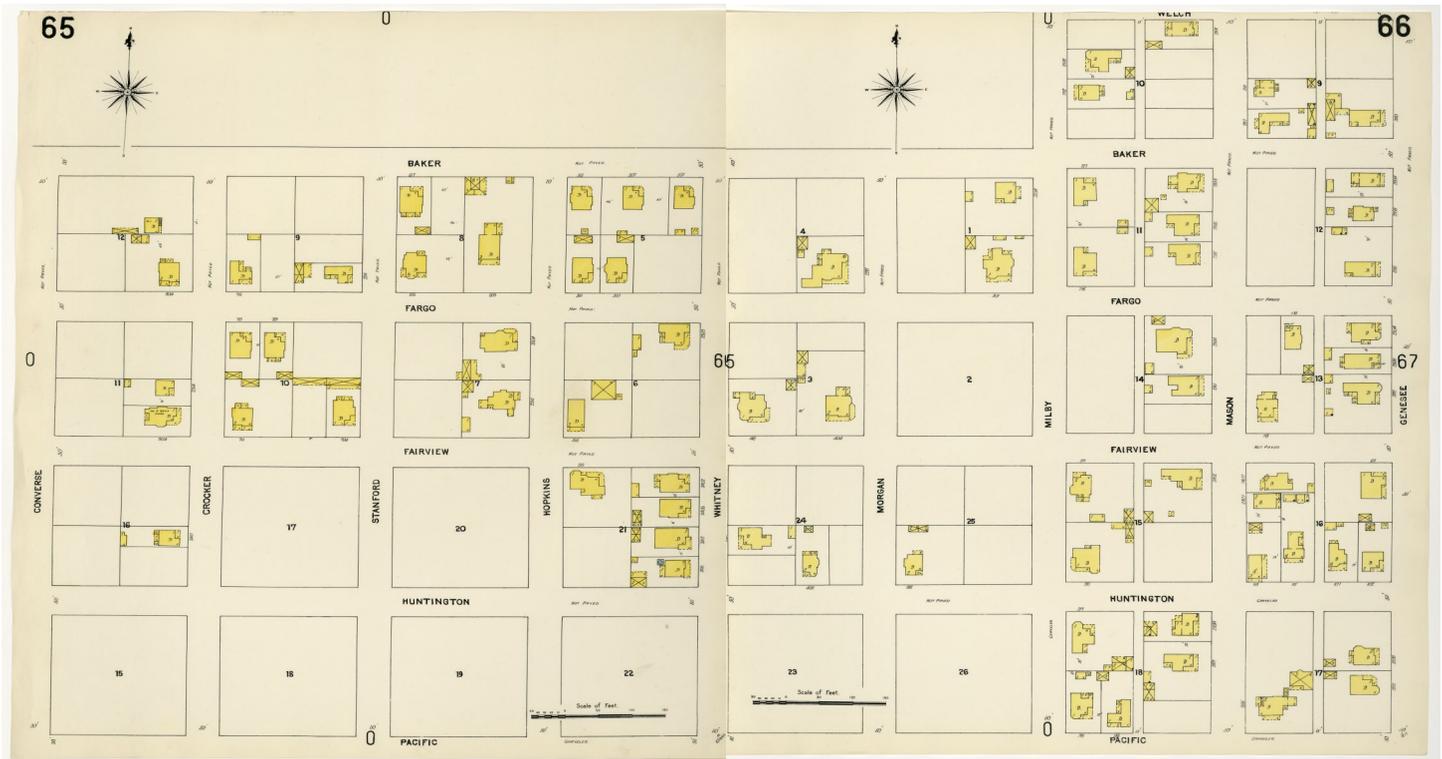
Individuals \$15, Families \$25, Businesses \$30

Benefits to members include discounts on social gatherings (see February social on the front page) including the annual holiday party. Companies who join can post on Facebook and get special perks for member businesses.

Get to know your neighbors and help East Montrose continue to be a Living Mosaic.



East Montrose in 1907



Original located at the Dolph Briscoe Center for American History, University of Texas at Austin

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Thanks to East Montrose resident (and overall bon vivant) **Bill Maxey** for sending this very interesting map!

A lot has changed since 1907! Streets have changed names, the boundaries of East Montrose have been expanded, and a lot more structures have been built.

This leads to a question —do you need something to do?

If yes, then here is a suggestion that should be very interesting to East Montrose residents, provide some exercise for you, and maybe even be fun!

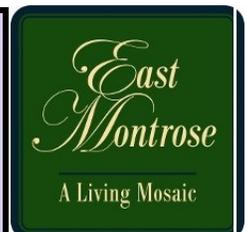
The project? Take a survey of how many original bungalows still exist in East Montrose.

The project would involve marking a map of East Montrose to show where the original bungalows are located, and calculating the percentage of newer vs. original. The percentage would have to be a best guess since some townhome projects cover multiple original lots that were merged together.

There is no deadline (the sooner the better, of course) and results will be printed in this newsletter.

Email the newsletter editor, Lee Hudman, if you are interested in taking on this project at newsletter.emca@gmail.com

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.



Out and About...

by Julie Young



Changing faces in the 'hood...

Goodbye to **Mark Lankford**, 2200 Stanford, resident since the '90's and former EMCA treasure and newsletter editor, who moved to Galveston – but somehow keeps popping up at the Stanford house and, most notably, at his favorite haunt at El Tiempo Mexican Restaurant.

So long to **Richard & Perry**, 500 Fargo, residents since the '90's and former EMCA co-presidents, who have moved closer to Shepherd, while awaiting a permanent retirement move to Puerto Vallarta. (**Marshall & Mickey**, 300 Fargo, are already enjoying the sunny beach.) Welcome to the new neighbors who have moved in to their gorgeous 4-square Victorian.

A warm welcome to **Alissa and Andrew** in 600 Welch. And sad farewell to their home's former residents of over two decades, **Juan & Doyle**, both to small towns in East Texas. Juan, a.k.a. the Montrose Skater (if you're not familiar, Youtube him – it's worth the look, seriously!), promises to still be a fixture performing on the corner of Montrose & Allen Parkway, as well as various engagements throughout Houston.

Also gone by the time you read this is El Paraiso Mexican Restaurant, retiring after 40+ years on Fairview at Crocker. Man, will I miss those tortas and bean soup – but NOTHING beats that salsa – can you say GARLIC?!

Driving down 900 Willard not long ago, I gasped and slammed on the brakes. I could not believe what I saw.... A construction site where the workmen had actually kept ALL trash and debris OFF the sidewalk! No unsightly mess, no mud, no danger to pedestrians. Kudos, gentlemen – this is an East Montrose first!

Longtime readers will be glad to know that I am not going to do a rant about Crepe Murder this spring. Those of you who are guilty know who you are, and we know you're going to go ahead and commit the crime anyway.

I DO have a rant about sun, though. I am really getting tired of the low winter sun angling into my eyes and windshield. When, oh WHEN is the equinox?! Bring on those longer days and higher sun!

"Petty crime" continues to plague the 'hood. Porch pirates / package thieves top the list, with car burglaries always close behind. There are also reports of muggings in grocery store parking lots and garages. Fiesta, with the huge homeless encampment across the street, has put up a 6' fence all the way around their lot that can be closed at night. I don't carry a purse anymore, but instead put cash and card on my person. Shop owners in Midtown talk about homeless people "shaking them down" for "protection money" – If the business owners will give them regular pay-offs, the street people will not walk into their establishment and harass their customers. Sheesh – It's like the days of Al Capone!

Lesson: Stay alert, keep your head up and eyes off the phone, and be aware of what's going on around you.

Art and About...

by Penny Cerling



Alice Leora Briggs will have an installation at the Art League, opening March 13.

Her work can be pretty tough - google her - but you can find images of her work that are quite acceptable. Alice stays at our house when she's in Houston and loves our little neighborhood.

www.aliceleorabriggs.com

Piñatathetic, open through the end of February, at the Art League Houston, is an installation selected by the Art League's Artist Advisory Board during the Open Call process.

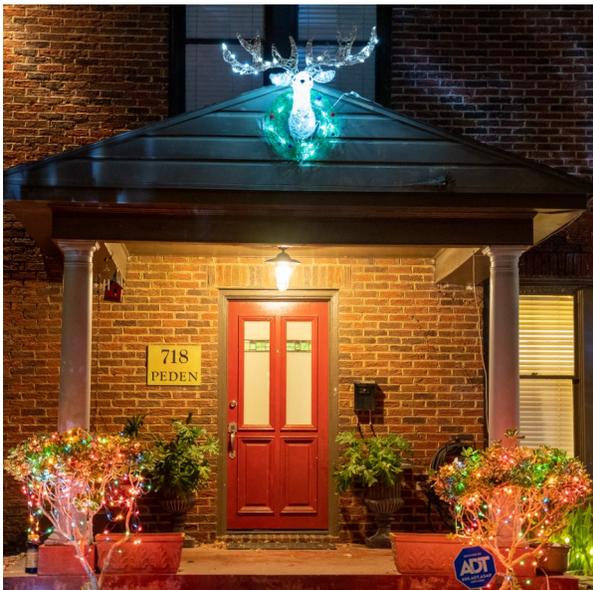
Artists **Justin Favela**, Las Vegas, NV; and **Josue Ramirez**, Brownsville, TX and **Giovanni Valderas**, Dallas, TX explore the use of piñata technique and process as a symbol and cultural staple of Latinx identity.



More Holiday Lights in East Montrose!

There was not enough room in the January issue to publish all of the holiday light photos taken by Bill Maxey.

Here are some more to enjoy!



50 Years!

ANDERSON FAIR celebrates a long time love affair with singer songwriters.



You may not recognize the names of the musicians who grace the stage at Anderson Fair, but each one has a unique story and stories to tell in song. Some, like Lyle Lovett, Townes Van Zandt and Guy Clark got their start here. You know how they say that we often discount the treasures in our own neighborhood ... you will be glad you visited this historic venue (now in its 50th year) and experienced the devotion that goes into every detail.

Anderson Fair is located at 2007 Grant Street, just behind Texas Art Supply.

Doors open at 7:30 Music starts around 8:45 on weekends and 8:00 on Thursdays.

www.andersonfair.net

February 2020 schedule:

Saturday, Feb. 1 - Michael Fracasso

Thursday, Feb. 6 - Ken Gaines and Wayne Wilkerson

Friday, Feb. 7 - Kimberly M'Carver

Saturday, Feb. 8 - Rebecca Folsom

Thursday, Feb. 13 - Mare Wakefield & Nomad

Friday, Feb. 14 - James Steinle

Saturday, Feb. 15 - Mike and Annie Blakely

Thursday, Feb. 20 - Amelia Earhart Returns

Friday, Feb. 21 - Jeff Black

Saturday, Feb. 22 - Jamie Lin Wilson

Thursday, Feb. 27 - Anna Larson

Friday, Feb. 28 - Emily Burns and Aaron Markovitz

Saturday, Feb. 29 - The Home Fires

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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.

December Treasurer’s Report

Beginning Balance			\$12,338.81
Monies In:	Memberships	\$25.00	
	Living Mosaic Sign	\$75.00	
Monies Out	Storage unit	(\$61.00)	
	GoDaddy Domain Renew (2yrs)	(\$42.34)	
	PayPal Fees	(\$1.03)	
	Square Fees	(\$2.05)	
Ending Balance:			\$12,332.39

TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

February 3	Monday	Regular Trash and Lawn
February 5	Wednesday	Heavy Trash—JUNK
February 10	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn & Recycle
February 17	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn
February 24	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn & Recycle
March 3	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn

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

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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

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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

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