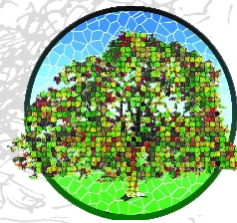


# East Montrose

## Civic Association Newsletter



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July 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.*

### Keep the following dates open on your calendar!

**Newsletter submission** deadline is always the 20th day of the previous month.

**EMCA Member Meeting** scheduled for September 15th, 2020 will be done via Zoom. More info TBA.

**National Nite Out** events which is currently scheduled for Tuesday, October 6th. More info TBA.

**Annual EMCA Holiday Event** is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, December 8th. More info TBA.

Friends and Neighbors!

I suspect all of us are struggling in many ways to cope with the "new normal" of social distancing, working from home, mask wearing, zoom meetings, and TV bingeing. Before Covid, I was generally out and about more weekends and weekday evenings than not. I traveled a great deal. Four fun trips that were planned between March and September were cancelled. My lifestyle has hit a serious speed bump. And I'm doing my best to view the situation as just that: a speed bump; a temporary hitch in my "giddy up". Time to slow down. Time to be careful. Time to put on that darn seatbelt (read mask). Time to shift gears.

I am hopeful that things will once again get up to the speed by which I prefer to live my life. But for now, I am trying to look on the bright side: I see more folks in the neighborhood outside, walking the dogs, walking the kids or just walking. I see more people stopping to talk to neighbors, albeit the appropriate 6 feet apart. I see people out cleaning up the sidewalks and gutters; people helping to water neighbors gardens who are quarantined elsewhere. I see how clever we have become finding new ways to stay in touch and entertain each other.

I am home so much more now. Home in every sense of the word. And it feels good. I am forever grateful for you friends and neighbors and living in East Montrose.

Stay safe. Stay hopeful.

Mary Quinn

EMCA President

## The Harris County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management posted the following announcement on June 19, 2020.

**Face Coverings Required for Businesses Beginning 6/22/20.** Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo signed a new order today mandating that everyone over the age of 10 wear a face covering while in a business or on commercial properties, including employees and all visitors and customers.

This order will be in effect at 12:01am on Monday, June 22, 2020 until 11:59PM on Tuesday, June 30, 2020.

Full text of the order can be viewed at: <https://www.readyharris.org/Stay-Safe>

*Please keep abreast via local news services in case this mandate is extended due to the resurgence of the CV-19 Virus in the Houston area.*

# Monthly Planner

e-blast | June 2020



## Vision Zero Virtual Open House Results

Community Members,

Thank you for your interest and for participating in the June 9, 2020 Open House! We continue to invite your help to eliminate traffic deaths and make streets safe for everyone.

With your input, we are closer to the goal of receiving at least 6,687 comments about street safety for the 6,687 lives lost and seriously injured on Houston streets in the last five years, from 2014-2018.

Here's how you're helping:

You spoke! During the June 9 Vision Zero Open House, and through June 17, we received:

- 100 pledges
- 57 surveys
- 195 map pins of unsafe streets
- 90 comments and questions
- 159 responses to our live poll

Next Steps: Want to help today to end traffic fatalities by 2030? Here's some ways:

Take the VZ pledge at [www.visionzerohouston.com](http://www.visionzerohouston.com).

Give us your feedback! Survey is open!

Where are unsafe streets? Help us by pinning them on the map.

Subscribe to our Vision Zero updates and news!.

Share the message! Post to social media, email your friends and family.

Vision Zero Houston is a commitment to end traffic deaths and serious injuries on Houston streets by 2030 and improve street safety for everyone. Let us hear what safe streets mean to you and help the City of Houston and partners create an equitable approach to ending traffic deaths. Call or email us at [Mobility.planning@houstontx.gov](mailto:Mobility.planning@houstontx.gov) or 832-393-6660.

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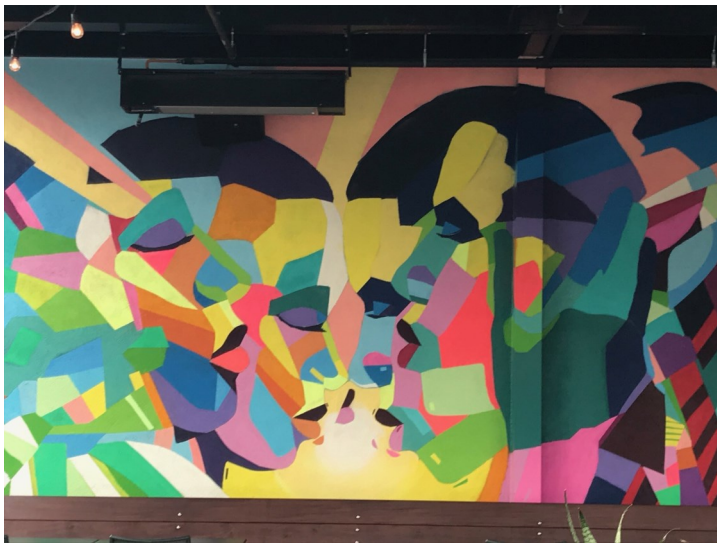
## Murals to the South of East Montrose

Since the Covid Crisis we've all been walking more and enjoying our vibrant neighborhood.

Photographed are murals traveling South from Fairview & Taft:

1 - Taft & Hyde Park: Black and White can be striking (or boring) but the mural on the side of the building at Taft & Hyde Park is amazing and feels like one might be able to see through the building if one isn't paying attention.

2 - Grant & Pacific: Mural at the new Postino restaurant - bright, bold, beautiful and a great addition to the neighborhood



3 - The Surprise on Crocker @ the north end of the construction site for the new library: a faded mural which had been hidden behind a house. It's a wonderful abstract and must've been even better a few years ago - but gorgeous in faded glory. Hopefully it will still be there when the parking garage is complete.

4 - Crossing Westheimer: along Whitney @ Lovett: a long set of murals by various artists on a fence at the Morty Rich Hostel, which has a great reputation and is in a gorgeous historical building. The Hostel is a fantastic place for your out of town, overflow, guests who will have to show proof they don't live in the Houston area. Hopefully the hostel will re-open soon (one of our EMCA members works there and can give more information.)



**DON'T FORGET**

**The income tax filing deadline is July 15th.**



## THE LIGHTS ARE BACK ON!

Anderson Fair began opening on Friday nights starting in June. This historic venue has weathered many difficult times over its 50 years and is reinventing itself again. For the love of the song, this living museum has begun streaming performances LIVE from the stage. The Fair has always featured original singer-songwriters and all the staff are volunteers. First up was Lynn Langham & Doug Gill on June 12. Friday, June 19 found Shake Russell on stage with master guitarist, Wayne Wilkerson... a fantastic show! I watched through the live stream and it looked and sounded great! On June 26 Matt Harlan and John Egan graced the stage. As of this writing the July shows are still being worked out. You can always find the latest information on the website... [AndersonFair.net](http://AndersonFair.net)



Proprietor, Tim Leatherwood and volunteers getting prepared for the evening. 2019

## How to Stream the Show

On the day of the show the LINK to streaming will be posted on the website. Click on it and you will get to the video player. There is NO charge to access the stream right now but we appreciate any donations towards the support of Anderson Fair and the musicians.

## The Live Performance

If you are coming for the live performance get your tickets through the website and please bring your MASK. Seats are very limited to keep everyone safe. There will be popcorn but no regular food service. Beer and wine will be at the bar with physical distancing.

## 2007 Grant Street, right behind Texas Art Supply

Anderson Fair generously opens its building for our neighborhood National Night Out and provides chairs, tables and a sound system on the street. They are also sponsors of our Peggy Shiffick Park.

Respectfully submitted

by Joan Son, Anderson Fair Volunteer

## Cleanup Crew...

by Mike McHam



Thanks for the volunteers that came out to help cleanup the neighborhood. It was a great success!

I know that at least 4 bags full were picked up on Fairview alone. In addition to that there were at least 10 more bags throughout the rest of the neighborhood.

Thanks to the following: Andrew Bishop, Karen & Peter Brohn, Eran Butts-Gehring, Rodney Coon, David Fox, Mike McHam, Patrick McShay, Mary Quinn, Julia Schafer and apologies to the two gentlemen whose names I can't remember.

Be on the lookout for another cleanup when the weather gets cooler again!



# **June 1st Marks Official Start of 2020 Hurricane Season**

## **Harris County Urges Residents to Be Informed, Be Prepared and Be Safe**

### **By the Houston County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management**

(Harris County, Texas) - June 1st marks the official start of the 2020 Atlantic hurricane season, but it's already gotten off to a fast start. There were two named storms before the official start of the season –Tropical Storm Arthur and Tropical Storm Bertha.

The COVID-19 pandemic has altered our typical hurricane season preparedness and public education efforts for this year. In the event of a major hurricane, the pandemic does not change the life-safety actions required of either the region's governments or its residents.

Therefore, the Harris County Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management (HCOHSEM) collaborated with the National Weather Service and our area's on-air meteorological talent. Below are the subject matter experts that participated and topics covered during the event.

- Bill Read, Former NHC Director — Event Moderator
- Jeffry Evans, Meteorologist -in-charge, National Weather Service —Overall Season Forecast
- Chita Craft, Meteorologist, KHOU CBS 11 — Watch vs Warning
- Travis Herzog, Chief Meteorologist, KTRK ABC 13 — Understanding Hurricane Winds
- Frank Billingsley, Chief Meteorologist, KPRC NBC 2 — Understanding Storm Surge
- Jim Siebert, Chief Meteorologist, KRIV FOX 26 —Weather Models
- Gaston Heredia, Chief Meteorologist, KXLN Univision 45 — Rainfall and Flooding
- Anthony Ortiz, Meteorologist KXLN Univision 45 — Lluvias e Inundación
- Carlos Robles, Chief Meteorologist, KTMD Telemundo 47 —Tornado Threat
- Jeff Lindner, Director Hydrologic Operations/Meteorologist, Harris County Flood Control District — Flood Warnings

Any hurricane evacuations will be based on storm surge threat and staggered to allow residents closer to the coast leave first. Francisco Sánchez, Deputy Emergency Management, Harris County said, “and with social distancing guidelines, it is crucial we account for that timeline.”

Residents who live in an evacuation zone need to learn their evacuation routes and follow instructions from local authorities. To determine if your home is located in an evacuation zone, check the [Zip Zone Evacuation Map](#).

The virtual event provided a platform for trusted sources to reiterate the dangers posed by tropical weather as well as the actions the public needs to take to ensure their safety and that of their family.

The event was live streamed and answered questions from the public made via social media. Among the recommendations made, area residents were encouraged to buy flood insurance through their home insurance agent, even if they have never experienced flooding.

“If we are impacted by a tropical storm or hurricane, it's crucial that we all have a plan, the resources we need to take care of ourselves our family and our pets for seven days. Most importantly, stay informed. You've heard from your favorite meteorologists today, your local emergency management agency...stay informed,” Harris County Emergency Management Coordinator Mark Sloan told the audience.

So far, the virtual event has had over **12K views, 35 shares and 47,935 people reached on Facebook and 2.1 K views and 12,000+ impressions on Twitter** [https://youtu.be/gz\\_aN52VXX4](https://youtu.be/gz_aN52VXX4)

Remember, it is important to stay informed before, during and after a hurricane. Sign up to receive ReadyHarris Alerts at [www.readyharris.org](http://www.readyharris.org) and closely monitor the local media. HCOHSEM will provide information about forecasts, current conditions, evacuations, and re-entry. Residents can also follow HCOHSEM on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).





## Upcoming Events in East Montrose

The next EMCA Member Meeting scheduled for September 15th, 2020 will be done via Zoom. Keep your eyes open for the details to join us to hear from Evan Peterson of Radom Capital LLC about the Montrose Collective.

"Montrose Collective is a thoughtfully threaded canvas of new and repurposed structures in the heart of Houston's most desirable neighborhood. It embraces the kinetic and eclectic energy of Montrose. The project was designed to be socially and environmentally responsive, with emphasis placed on wellness and community. The building undulates at its base to lighten the massing, and the design at the ground floor opens up the prime corner of Grant and Westheimer to human-scale connectivity and create an active urban plaza. The facade is inspired by the area's rich history in masonry detailing and juxtaposes these honest materials with the modernity of exposed steel and casement-style windows. Warm hardscape, draping plants and rich glazed tile stair details welcome visitors up to explore the second-floor terrace. The design embraces biophilia and includes a large number of lush planters and green walls. Large balconies and terraces at each level connect the building's occupants to the outside with green verandas connecting the building to sweeping downtown views."

In October, keep on the lookout for information about National Nite Out events which is currently scheduled for Tuesday, October 6th.

November/December - Our Annual Holiday Event is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, December 8th. More information to follow.

Stay well,  
Karen Bohn



If you would like to get more involved in keeping East Montrose a great place to live—then here is your chance!

Volunteers are needed for the following positions:

**Block Captains—Clean Up Crew**  
**Web Master—Home Tour**

Please contact EMCA President Mary Quinn at [President.emca@gmail.com](mailto:President.emca@gmail.com)  
or EMCA Vice President Karen Bohn at [vicepresident.emca@gmail.com](mailto:vicepresident.emca@gmail.com) to volunteer.

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.

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**June Treasurer's Report**

Beginning Balance			\$10,779.94
Monies In:	EMCA Living Mosaic Signs	\$75.00	
	Membership	\$50.00	
Monies Out:	Storage Unit	(\$61.00)	
	Newsletter Printing	(\$395.25)	
	PayPal Fees	(\$2.06)	
Ending Balance:			\$10,446.63

**TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE**

June 29	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn & Recycle
July 1	Wednesday	Heavy Trash—TREE WASTE
July 6	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn
July 13	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn & Recycle
July 20	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn
July 27	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn & Recycle
August 3	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn
August 5	Wednesday	Heavy Trash—JUNK

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



**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

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**OR pay via PayPal at [www.Eastmontrose.org](http://www.Eastmontrose.org)**

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**The following volunteer positions are currently open:**

Webmaster: **OPEN**

Block Captains: **OPEN**—block captains are needed for each street in the boundaries of East Montrose

Cleanup Crew: **OPEN**

Home Tour: **OPEN**

**Please contact the EMCA Pres or VP to volunteer. We need you!**

Extra printed newsletter copies can be found in the mailbox at Peggy Shiffick Park and on the "files" tab of the East Montrose Facebook page in digital PDF format.

Newsletters are normally only printed in March, June, September and December. Send your name, address and email to [treasurer.emca@gmail.com](mailto:treasurer.emca@gmail.com) for a PDF newsletter receipt by email each month including print months. Deadlines for newsletter article submissions is always the 20th day of the previous month. Article submissions are always welcome. No self promotion please!

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

Want to submit an article for the newsletter? Please email your article to [newsletter@eastmontrose.org](mailto:newsletter@eastmontrose.org).