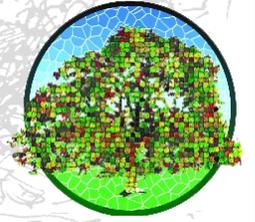


East Montrose

Civic Association Newsletter



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August 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.

FREE SHRED DAY Rescheduled due to CV19 to September 19 in Peggy Shiffick Park.

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

All dates are subject to change due to CV19.



The EMCA Board would like to invite you to a special event!

What: EMCA Shred Event 2020

When: Saturday, September 19

Time: 9am - 12pm

Where: Peggy Shiffick Park 700 Bomar

EMCA Members are free!

Non-members are \$5.

Come on out, bring your paper shredding, have a donut and meet your neighbors.

Only paper will be shredded. Please plan on taking any cardboard boxes or other containers home with you. Masks will also likely be required.

From the President

by Mary Quinn



My phone was hacked and some of my phone records showed up on my EMCA President email. Please be on the lookout for anything suspicious that appears to come from me. What a mess!



Murals East of our Neighborhood -

1 - Should you order out from Cowboys & Indians you'll have to walk around to the side to pick up your food - and you'll see a mural painted on the east wall of the building of various Houston sports heroes with Indian patterning. I love the surprise of the patterns - what a great mix! (just like the food!)



2 - As you wander east from Cowboys & Indians you find a mural someone has had painted on the side of their home. Black & white can be tricky, but it sings when it works well.

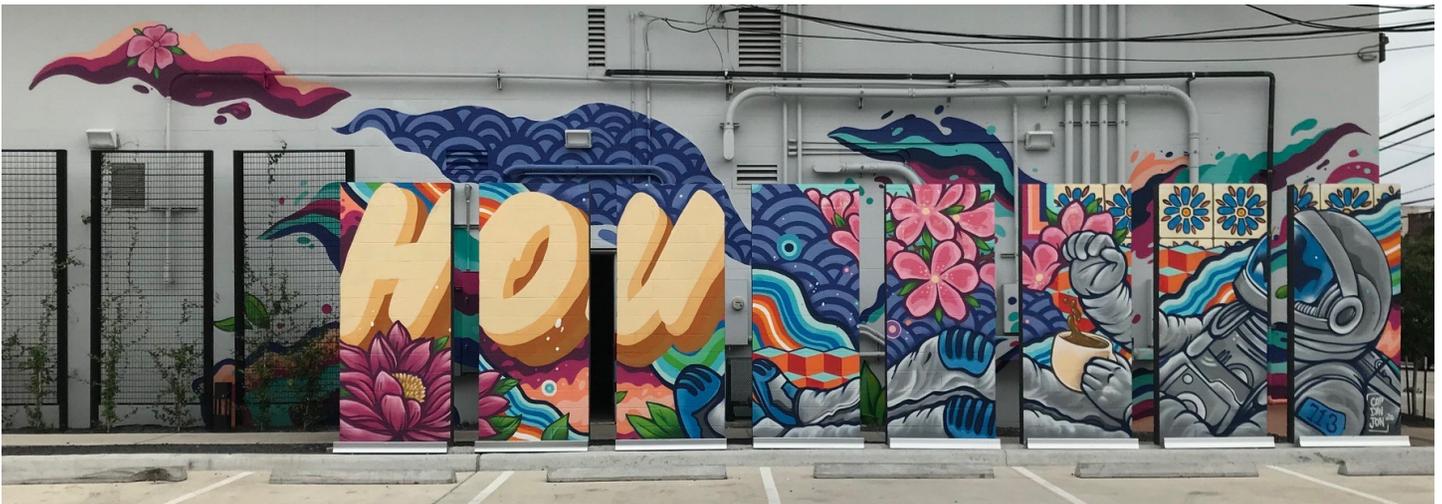


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3 - A dreamy mural of colors, sun and a feather- it's glorious- you'll notice it when you pull out of the back of Spec's onto Brazos Street. Rather wonderful to be devoid of advertising or obvious meaning.



4 - This brand new mural popped up at Louisiana and W Gray. It looks like a great place for a photo op and I like the way they incorporated the business side of the building with the fence, covering, yet making it whole.



And on a different note...what is wrong with this picture?

FREE CONCERT STREAMING AT ANDERSON FAIR



Anderson Fair continues to offer live concert streaming and very limited in-house seating available for the shows. Advance tickets only. If the Virus threat level increases, we may opt to make this an online only program. Stay tuned for changes. You can always find the latest information on the website... AndersonFair.net

On Thursday, July 2 **Ken Gaines** and **Wayne Wilkerson** hosted **Amanda Pascali**. It was a brilliant show and the camera work was engaging and beautifully done with several different angles. I took this photo from my computer... look closely and you will see a double image. I happened to capture it just at the camera angle was changing. A lucky moment!

How to Stream the Show

On the day of the show the LINK to streaming will be posted on the web site. 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 for now 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



Abbie Kamin

Council Member, District C

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

As we continue to adjust to our new normal and work collectively to slow the spread of COVID-19 in our city, I encourage you to carve out time in your day for yourself and your wellbeing. Attempt a new recipe, exercise, or just try to relax more.

If you're looking for family-friendly activities, you can now take a tour of Houston's public art virtually or in-person. This week the Houston Mural Map launched, showing over 500 murals with information about the murals and artists. You can filter by neighborhood and discover the beautiful murals and mini murals across our city. Visit www.houstonmuralmap.com for information



Additionally, Houston Public Library has announced more participating locations in their curbside "HPL To-Go" program. Customers can place materials on hold at www.houstonlibrary.org or call 832-393-1313. When your order is ready and you arrive at the curbside library, call the number provided and a staff member will deliver the materials in the trunk of your car or passenger window. Pedestrians and cyclists can also participate in the curbside pick-up.

While I understand these options don't erase the desire to attend a museum in person or stroll through your neighborhood library, these alternatives help us social distance and protect our community. Please continue to wear a mask, avoid touching your face, and stay six-feet apart from others when you are outside the home.

For the past few months, our office has been sending out weekly updates because of the rapidly changing environment around COVID-19. Given the ongoing nature of the pandemic, we want to be sensitive to your inbox. Although we will continue to share critical and timely information about COVID-19, we will now be sending out a newsletter biweekly instead of weekly. You can also view our Facebook and Twitter for more immediate updates.

As a reminder, the District C Office is here and available for you. To get in touch, email districtc@houstontx.gov or call 832-393-3004.

City Updates

Houston Independent School District announced their reopening plan for the upcoming school year. Students will begin the year virtually when classes begin on September 8 for the first six weeks, and then be phased back into in-person instruction, with surveys for parents every few weeks to see if they prefer in-person or remote learning for their families. You can find more updates at <https://www.houstonisd.org/reopening>.

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As children and their families continue to learn remotely, access to WIFI is more critical than ever before. If you or someone you know is in need of a hotspot for child education purposes, please let our office know.

We have been receiving an up-tick in calls to our office related to trash pick-up. Like other cities affected by COVID-19, Houston's solid waste services have been impacted and disrupted. Junk waste collection has been 1 to 1.5 weeks behind schedule due to increased placement because more Houstonians are working from home. Mayor Turner has authorized private contractor crews to work with city crews to deal with the increased in demand. Please continue to report missed pick-up to 311 and share the service request number with our office at districtc@houstontx.gov so we can follow up.

The City of Houston is conducting a public hearing regarding Walkable Places and Transit Oriented Development to encourage pedestrian friendly, mixed-use development with an enhanced walkable public realm along certain urban corridors, light rails, and rapid bus transit routes. Tune in on July 22 at 9:00 am on HTV at www.houstontx.gov/htv/ (editors note: this has already passed as of press time) **Reliant** and the City of Houston have partnered to launch the annual *Beat the Heat* program to help residents stay cool in their homes and avoid summer heat while social distancing. Portable air conditioning units will be provided to seniors and other vulnerable residents, and, as needed, Reliant and the City of Houston will open emergency cooling centers with social distancing guidelines in place. Residents can sign up for Alert Houston notifications to be informed when emergency cooling centers are opened at <https://houstonemergency.org/alerts>. More details about the program are available at <https://www.reliant.com/en/about/community/beat-the-heat.jsp>

If you are or know someone who is without air conditioning, please let our office know immediately, especially seniors and other vulnerable residents.

District C Updates

At the Quality of Life Committee meeting on July 22, of which Council Member Kamin is Vice-Chair, the Parks Department will be presenting the Memorial Park Golf Course & Tournament Facilities Agreement. Information: www.houstontx.gov/council/committees/qualityoflife.html. Exciting news not only for District C, but the entire City: The first major project of the Memorial Park Master Plan, Eastern Glades, has been completed. This project reclaims 100 acres of previously inaccessible parkland, including a picnic pavilion, five-acre lake and wetlands, new trails and boardwalks, and a pedestrian entrance from Blossom Street. Construction fences around a southern pocket of the 1,500-acre green space will be removed by the month's end. While much of Memorial Park is used for exercise and sports, the Glades is designed for more relaxed and passive recreation. More information: <https://www.memorialparkconservancy.org/discover/master-plan/eastern-glades/>.

This week we want to spotlight *Houston Heights Association*. In response to the ongoing demand for blood during COVID, they have hosted seven blood drives thus far and have seven more scheduled. Over 280 people have donated blood thanks to the hard work of the Association and Executive Director, **Emily Guyre**. All donors receive a free COVID-19 antibody test when they donate and a free pint of Blue Bell ice cream in the month of August. If you are interested in donating, they still have open slots at these dates:

[Blood Drive 8/06](#)

[Blood Drive 8/13](#)

[Blood Drive 8/19](#)

[Blood Drive 8/27](#)

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 and Web Master—Home Tour

Please contact EMCA President Mary Quinn at President.emca@gmail.com
or EMCA Vice President Karen Brohn at vicepresident.emca@gmail.com to volunteer.

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.

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July Treasurer’s Report

Beginning Balance			\$10,446.63
Monies In:			
	Membership	\$25.00	
Monies Out:			
	Storage Unit	(\$61.00)	
Ending Balance:			\$10,410.63

TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

August 3	Monday	Regular Trash
August 5	Wednesday	Heavy Trash—JUNK
August 10	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn & Recycle
August 17	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn
August 24	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn & Recycle
August 31	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn
September 2	Wednesday	Heavy trash—TREE WASTE ONLY
September 7	Wednesday	Regular Trash & Lawn & Recycle

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

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Alt. Phone: _____

Email: _____

Mail to: PO Box 131363 Houston, TX 77219

OR pay via PayPal at 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 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.