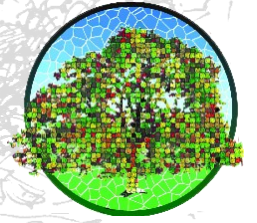


East Montrose

Civic Association Newsletter



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September 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.

Montrose TIRZ meeting. Sep 10. See pg. 5

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

FREE SHRED DAY Rescheduled due to CV19 to September 19 in Peggy Shiffick Park. See pg. 4 for more details.

National Night Out—Tuesday, October 6, More info TBA

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

All dates are subject to change due to CV19.

East Montrose Civic Association September Member Meeting September 15, 2020 at 7:00pm

The next EMCA Member Meeting scheduled for September 15th, 2020 will be done via Zoom. 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.”



Click on this link to join the Zoom Meeting:

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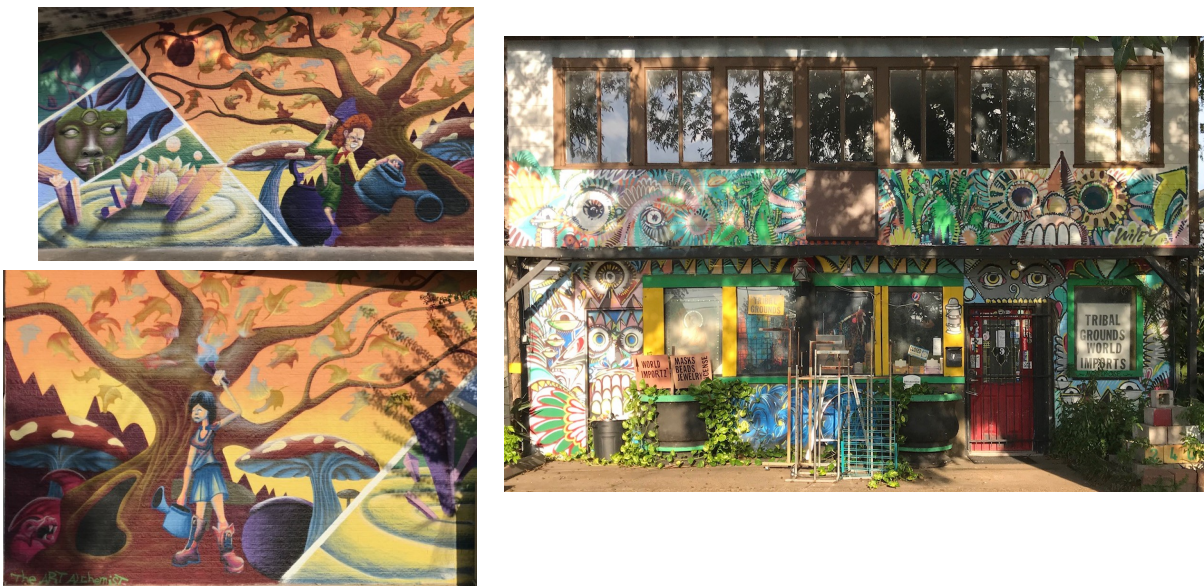
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There are now more murals than ever along Montrose Boulevard! The murals below can be seen walking north from Hyde Park toward Bomar starting with the Magic Cauldron, noticing the fantastic dragon at Drew and continuing toward Hollywood Food & Cigars at Bomar.

Oddly enough, below are two photos of the mural on the Hollywood Food & Cigar Store. The first has a girl's face included on the mural, the second has the girl's face painted over. Shortly after noticing that the girl's face had been painted over I happened on a house on Stanford which looks like the girl fled the Hollywood store mural to arrive, tongue hanging out, on someone's porch.

1 - New murals at the Magic Cauldron & the store next to the Cauldron



2 - Fabulous Dragon painted over a faded mural at W. K. Hill Awning & Tent Company



3 - Hollywood Food store mural with girl.....and without

4 - Did the girl leave the Hollywood Food store to find a better place?



Economic Relief to Help Local Small Businesses Survive Challenges Created by the COVID-19 Public Health Crisis

As a response to the decline in consumer activity and its impact on small businesses, the City of Houston Office of Business Opportunity has created the Small Business Economic Relief Program (SBERP), a \$15 million grant program, to help small businesses. While many local businesses have reopened in some capacity, over the past few months since the onset of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, these businesses continue to need support to weather the effects of COVID-19 especially with the uncertainty about how long the pandemic will last. SBERP creates a mechanism to alleviate the economic distress of small businesses, promote economic development, and retain jobs in Houston. The City has engaged a local community development financial institution, Houston Business Development, Inc., to administer SBERP, ensuring that businesses that are most in need and exhibit a moderate to high likelihood of surviving the pandemic receive the grants.

Program Details

Total Funds Allocated to the Small Business Economic Relief Program: \$15,000,000

Maximum Grant Amount Per Business: \$50,000

Online Application Portal Open: August 19

Program Eligibility Requirements

- Must be a business whose principal place of business is located within city limits of the City of Houston;
- Must have been in business for at least one (1) year for the last year;
- Must provide evidence of how business revenue has significantly decreased because of government restrictions or other challenges due to COVID-19;
- Must have generated \$2 million or less in gross annual revenue pre-COVID-19;
- Must be in good standing regarding City requirements (property taxes, personal property, grounds for debarment, etc.); and
- Must commit to completing the Recovery and Resiliency (technical assistance) component of the Program.

Documentation Required

- Business tax return for 2019 and/or Profit and Loss Statement for 2019
- Profit and Loss Statement for Second Quarter 2020 (April through June)
- Recovery/Resiliency Proposal
- Any other documentation requested

For additional details about SBERP and other COVID-related resources, visit the Office of Business Opportunity's website at www.houstontx.gov/obo or contact Director of the Office of Business Opportunity, Marsha E. Murray, at marsha.murray@houstontx.gov or (832) 393-0615. In addition to SBERP, the Office of Business Opportunity offers a variety of free business development services for local small businesses, many targeted to Women and Minority owned businesses. The specific website for the program above is <http://cityofhouston-sberp.org>.



The Office of Business Opportunity is committed to cultivating a competitive and diverse economic environment in the City of Houston by promoting the success of small businesses and developing Houston's workforce, with special emphasis on historically underutilized businesses and disenfranchised individuals.

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.

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 / 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.



REMEMBER!!

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 at 700 Bomar

EMCA Members are **free!**

Neighbors can check with the treasurer Julia Schafer -treasurer.emca@gmail.com regarding their membership status before the shredding event. A members list will be checked at the event. Non-members are \$5. You can join EMCA or renew your membership onsite or online at Eastmontrose.org or mail in the new member form on page 7.

Come on out, bring your paper for shredding and meet your neighbors.

Only paper will be shredded.

Please plan on taking any cardboard boxes or other containers home with you.

Masks will be required.

Let's show our pride and identity for East Montrose!

The EMCA board is excited to be working on implementing a street sign topper community beautification project. The sign toppers will be installed on 29 street signs along the boundaries of our neighborhood (Montrose, Fairview, Genessee, W. Gray and along Stanford). Our neighbor, **Perry Jackson** has designed the sign topper which complements our East Montrose Living Mosaic Signs. We will be applying for a City of Houston Department of Neighborhood Matching Grant to offset 50% of the cost. We'd love to hear your input or if you'd be interested in purchasing a sign topper for your corner, please let us know. Stay tuned for more updates on this exciting community beautification project for East Montrose.

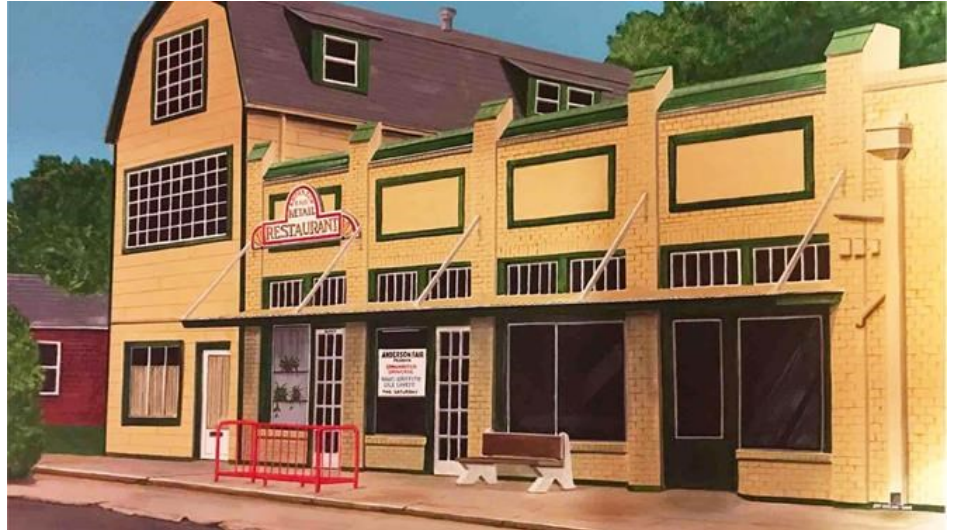
Anderson Fair has a show planned

Thursday, September 3 @ 8:30pm.

Ken Gaines & Wayne Wilkerson will host
Sara Van Buskirk

To our great customers...

We have decided to lay low for a while. The virus threat level has come down a little but not enough. We will start back streaming a few shows each month, beginning in September, just to see how it goes. We will run video of a few of our past live shows in the next few weeks. We trust you are all staying safe and being careful.



Our internet connection has been upgraded and we plan to get into a slow but steady progression of presenting more concerts. Our first one is scheduled for Thursday, September 3. Please stay in touch and let us know how the higher bandwidth uplink is working.

In house seating is very limited. Please watch on-line for FREE. The link for the live video will be posted on the website the day of the show.

Andersonfair.net

YARD SALES!

Saturday, September 26

904 and 905 Welch

from 9 am till....

The neighbors are downsizing and will have lots of groovy stuff in their yards for sale...

- vintage dresses
- art supplies
- jewelry
- housewares
- art books
- furniture stuff
- more stuff
- free stuff!

Wear your mask and we'll see you then.

Montrose TIRZ Livable Centers Study Virtual Public Meeting

September 10 from 6:30-8:30

Check the Montrose TIRZ www.montrosehtx.org website for details.

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August Treasurer’s Report

Beginning Balance			\$10,410.63
Monies In:			
	Membership	\$25.00	
Monies Out:			
	Storage Unit	(\$61.00)	
	Zoom Meeting Subscription	(\$15.98)	
Ending Balance:			\$10,358.65

TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

September 2	Wednesday	Heavy Trash—TREE WASTE ONLY
September 7	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn & Recycle
September 14	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn
September 21	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn & Recycle
September 28	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn
October 5	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn & Recycle
October 7	Wednesday	Heavy Trash—JUNK ONLY

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

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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
 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. Digital PDF versions are on the “files” tab of the East Montrose Facebook page and on Eastmontrose.org. Newsletters are normally printed only four times per year. Digital issues are available every month. 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!



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

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**

Want to submit an article for the newsletter? Please email your article to newsletter@eastmontrose.org.