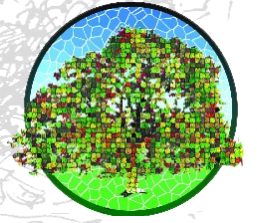


# East Montrose

Civic Association Newsletter



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October 2021

*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.*

## EMCA 2021 Calendar

October 5—Community Event  
See front page!

October 30—EM Cleanup  
See page 3

November 16—Reg Meeting  
-TBA

December 7—Social—Holiday  
Party / Elections

April 9, 2022  
EM Biennial Home Tour

**NOTE:** Deadline for submission of newsletter content is ALWAYS the 20th day of the previous month.



POLICE-COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

**Tuesday, October 5, 2021 6:30-7:30pm**  
**Whitney Street —Between Welch and Drew Steet**

Due to the recent resurgence of COVID-19, the East Montrose Civic Association has decided not to host this year's NNO event. Instead, this year's National Nite Out is a scaled down event that is being resident hosted. Residents comfortable with an outside event and wanting an opportunity to meet and catch up with their neighbors are welcome. No RSVP needed. Masks are not required but do not hesitate to wear one if you are more comfortable doing so. Tables will be available if you want to bring a snack to share. BYOB. Water will be available."

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. It provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances. There will be police officers, supervisors and chiefs making the rounds to as many events possible.

More info will be on the EMCA Facebook page and website as they become available.

If you are interested in participating, feel free to contact

Mary Quinn [president.emca@gmail.com](mailto:president.emca@gmail.com) or Karen Bohn [vicepresident.emca@gmail.com](mailto:vicepresident.emca@gmail.com)



### 300-1000 Block of PEDEN STREET RESIDENTS

You should have received a letter from the COH stating that the 21 foot minimum setback rule for these blocks will expire in November. Residents have to band together to request this rule not be abandoned. Without this setback, new construction can be built up to the sidewalk. The effort to submit a renewal request is being coordinated by Sherry Weesner.

You may contact Sherry at [sleefw@gmail.com](mailto:sleefw@gmail.com).

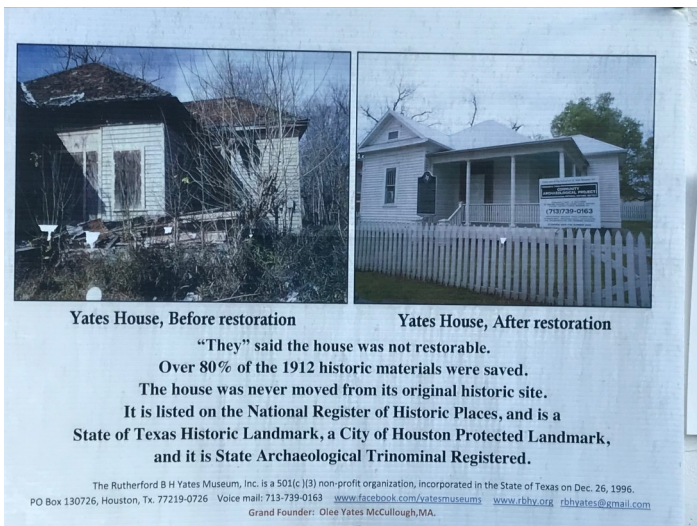
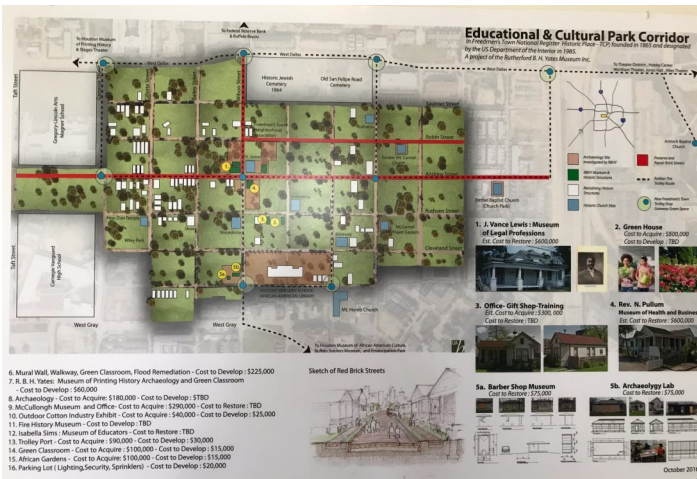


We're glad to see that Freedman's Town's restoration is finally coming along at a good clip and were lucky to be included on a tour of the Yates Museum. The Yates museum doesn't have regular hours and is used for archaeology students and school tours. One room is packed with information about African American inventors receiving patents not long after Emancipation. We learned more about the famous brick streets - some portions (which the city hasn't mangled) are amazingly straight - the former slaves had been the ones doing all the work before Emancipation, so they had the skills to do superb work.

Last year a docudrama was released, *The 24th*, which is set in 1917 in Freedman's Town and Camp Logan (now Memorial Park). It's curious to see how the film makers depicted life so close to our neighborhood since many of the houses in East Montrose were already standing in 1917.

Photos:

- 1 - Diagram of Educational & Cultural Park Corridor
- 2 - Before & After: Yates House/Museum
- 3 - Restoration in progress - late September 2021
- 4 - Victor Street Historic Shotgun Row House Rehab
- 5 - Brick street - Andrews





Here's something I never knew about before ... a Walgreens "outpost" on Montrose Blvd.

This is a tiny facility a block to the north of the full-sized store on Hawthorne. I haven't been there myself, but am relaying information from a friend who visited. So check it out for yourself. But the skinny is that it's like a mini space for fast, simple pharmacy transactions. It's basically a service window, with enough indoor waiting area for 2-3 customers (depending on social distancing). It's like a drive-through, but without the car. Call ahead, and your prescription will be ready when you arrive. You might be able to call a prescription in to your regular location, and then have them dispense it at this little outlet. By appointment, you can get shots here, too, and COVID vaccines (but only one – I forget which is available here). No long lines, no waiting – because no one knows about it! Shhh!

I was driving home from Spec's about 4:00 one afternoon, approaching Taft, and noticed a HUGE traffic backup on W. Gray. In fact, the entire outside lane was packed with stationary cars, reducing the traffic flow to just one lane westbound. This went on for blocks. Whaaatha?? Turns out Carnegie Vanguard High School lets out about that time, and the moms and nannies drive over and line up to pick up their kids. Gee, I always thought that high-schoolers got to class on their own. But, with Carnegie's Gifted and Talented program, the kids are drawn from all over the city. So buses, bicycles, and foot-power make way for the good old fashioned car pool. CVG High School, BTW, along with Wharton, also on W. Gray, are unique gems of education that offer special programs ... We're blessed to have both these schools right here in East Montrose.

### Many thanks to our September Meeting speaker!

For questions and/or assistance related to applying for a Special Minimum Lot Size or Minimum Building Line please contact

Abraham Zorrilla, Planner III  
City of Houston Planning & Development Department,  
Community and Regional Planning Division  
611 Walker, 6th Floor, Houston, Texas 77002  
Tel: (832)393-6634 Fax: (832)393-6661



## East Montrose Neighborhood Cleanup

Come help keep our "Living Mosaic" beautiful!

Saturday, October 30th

9:00am

Meet at Peggy H Shiffick Park (Bomar Street)

Supplies Provided

Please email [secretary.emca@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.emca@gmail.com) if you plan to help out!

# ANDERSON FAIR CONCERTS

October 2021

Please join us in this our 51st year of bringing original singer/song writers to our Montrose stage. Shows will also be live streamed free through the website. Donations are appreciated. Look for the link on the day of the show. In person seating is limited and you can buy your tickets online at the website.



Cash only at the door and at the bar. Masks recommended.

**Friday, October 1 - Brian Pounds and John Napier (Song Swap)**

**Friday, October 8 - Matt Harlan**

**Friday, October 15 - James Steinle**

**Friday, October 22 - Buddy Mondlock**

**Friday, October 29 - Shake Russell**

**Friday, November 5 - Curtis McMurty**

Please check our website for the latest updates and for advance tickets—[www.andersonfair.net](http://www.andersonfair.net)

2007 Grant Street, just around the corner from Texas Art Supply, Since 1970.

Doors open at 7:30 and music starts around 8:45.

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](mailto:President.emca@gmail.com) or EMCA Vice President Karen Brohn at [vicepresident.emca@gmail.com](mailto:vicepresident.emca@gmail.com) to volunteer.



## Demi's Dog House

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- ◆ EMCA President 2006 and 2007

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I'd love to add your address to this list of homes that I've sold in the neighborhood: 19xx Whitney - 4xx Pacific - 20xx Converse - 24xx Whitney - 7xx Bomar - 24xx Whitney (2nd time) - 9xx Willard - 9xx Bomar - 20xx Converse - 5xx Peden - 24xx Whitney (3rd time) - 10xx Peden - 24xx Whitney (4th time) - 9xx Damon Ct. - 26xx Hopkins - 9xx Welch - 8xx Hyde Park - 25xx Whitney - 4xx Pacific - 5xx Peden (2nd time) - 1x Hyde Park - 9xx Willard (2nd time) - 3xx Bomar—6xx Drew—17xx Grant—8xx Hyde Park—8xx Damon Ct—24xx Whitney (5th time) - 9xx Bomar (2nd time) - 3xx Peden—23xx Mason



Call me or use the media icon links above.

Each HomeSmart Office is Independently Owned and Operated—If your property is currently listed, then this is not a solicitation of that listing.



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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.

Mayor's Assistance Office: Jack Valinski  
[jack.valinski@houstontx.gov](mailto:jack.valinski@houstontx.gov), 832-393-5958

Our District C City Council Member: Abbie Kamin  
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[districtc@houstontx.gov](mailto:districtc@houstontx.gov)—832-393-3004

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 Carl Davis—832-393-4063

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 Contact: Matala Idi  
[Matala.idi@cp1.hctx.net](mailto:Matala.idi@cp1.hctx.net)—346-286-1900

Council Member At Large #5—Sallie Alcorn  
 Contact: Mike Watkins

### August Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance			\$6,083.60
Monies In:	COH Street Sign	\$1,000.00	
Monies Out:	Storage Unit	\$(64.00)	
	Zoom Meeting	\$(15.98)	
	Quickbooks	\$(26.65)	
Ending Balance:			\$6,976.97

*The treasurer's reporting month is being changed to coincide with the newsletter being created prior to month end.*

### TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

September 27	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn
October 4	Monday	Regular trash & Lawn & Recycle
October 6	Wednesday	Heavy Trash—JUNK ONLY
October 11	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn
October 18	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn & Recycle
October 25	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn
November 1	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn & Recycle
November 3	Wednesday	Heavy Trash—TREE WASTE ONLY
November 8	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn

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](http://www.Eastmontrose.org)

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 Yard of the Season: Betsy Anderson — [bsatexas@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bsatexas@sbcglobal.net)

### 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!**

**Total EMCA Members: 144**

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](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

\_\_\_ **Volunteer:** Biennial Home Tour

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