

East Montrose

Civic Association Newsletter



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December 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—22 Calendar

December 7—Social—Holiday
Party / Elections

January 18
EMCA meeting—TBA

February 15—TBA

March 15—TBA



Annual East Montrose Civic Association Holiday Party and Election Night

The Annual East Montrose Holiday Party and White Elephant Gift Exchange will take place Tuesday, December 7, 2021, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the home of Mary Quinn, EMCA President, 305 Fargo Street. The EMCA Board will provide some holiday munchies along with water and soft drinks. We ask everyone to bring their own adult libations and an appetizer, snack or food item to share.

Members will be entered into a drawing for a raffle prize. Non-members are welcome to attend with a \$5.00 donation.

Remember each person who wants to participate in the gift exchange must bring a wrapped (or at least disguised) white elephant gift for the gift exchange. Who will end up with the voodoo doll this year? If you have it, please let us know.

At the beginning of the evening, we will be electing a Treasurer, Secretary and an At-Large Director. If you would like to serve on the nominating committee or if you would like to run for one of these positions, please email the Chair of the Nominating Committee, Karen Bohn, at vicepresident.emca@gmail.com.

The nominating committee recommendations and a short bio for each candidate are as follows and are posted online at www.eastmontrose.org.

Treasurer – Malisa Galvan

Bio: Hello, my name is Malisa Galvan and I am running for the Treasurer position on the East Montrose Civic Association. I have lived in the greater Houston area since 2001 and had the pleasure of moving to Montrose in December, 2013. I am a CPA currently on sabbatical and on my off time a huge foodie and enjoy gardening. I am happily married to my husband and have twin adult sons. I love living in our neighborhood and have participated in Neighborhood Night Out, Neighborhood Cleanup, and the Yard of the Season Committee. Additionally I have served on the EMCA board in the At-Large and currently Treasurer positions. I have enjoyed working to help grow our association and give back to this living mosaic which has given me great joy! Thank you for considering me.

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Secretary – Mike McHam

Bio: My name is Mike McHam and I have been involved with the EMCA board in the capacity of Secretary. My partner, Rodney, and I moved into East Montrose four years ago from Charlotte, NC and can't imagine living anywhere else in Houston! We have had the pleasure to meet a lot of neighbors, some of which have become great friends. We love taking a walk around the neighborhood with our Roxy girl (lab mix) or taking our bikes down to the Bayou for a ride. I've always been a believer that to those that much is given, much is expected. I want to continue making East Montrose the beautiful Living Mosaic it has become by continuing my participation on the board!

At-Large – Rachel Tucker

Bio: My name is Rachel Tucker and I am running for an At Large position on the EMCA board. My husband and I have lived in Montrose for 8 years. We love our bungalow and the neighborhood and are looking forward to spending our retirement years here. I've been involved with various EMCA functions, including Peggy Shiffick Park, National Night Out, and the Home Tour. I look forward to becoming more involved in the Association and helping to build our community!

All members in good standing (meaning your dues are up to date) are eligible to vote. You can check your status by reaching out to Malisa Galvan at treasurer.emca@gmail.com.

Also on the ballot will be a vote on EMCA's support of neighbors requesting Minimum Lot Size and/or Minimum Building Line protections which has come before the Board for consideration. EMCA members will be asked to vote on whether to allow the EMCA Board to support these applications following the guidelines presented in the language below.

"EMCA supports the idea of Minimum Lot Size and/or Minimum Building Line on a case-by-case basis depending on the consensus of the non-commercial property owners on each block."

If you are unable to attend the Holiday Party, you can complete an absentee/proxy ballot (see page 3) and drop it off at 503 Welch Street or email it to vicepresident.emca@gmail.com.

From the President

by Mary Quinn



The EMCA Board would like to introduce you to a new board member, Lewis Goldstein. Lewis was appointed by the Board as an At-Large member to replace a position vacated by Dan Ritchel. You might know Lewis from his work on Special Minimum Lot Size applications as well as from National Night Out. His bio is below. Welcome Lewis!

Bio: Hello, my name is Lewis Goldstein and I am a native Houstonian. I moved to East Montrose one year ago with my wife, Emily, and our dog named Rocket. It did not take us a long time to discover that East Montrose is a wonderful neighborhood filled with kind and friendly people: we met all of our surrounding neighbors within one week of moving onto Willard street. Getting involved with the East Montrose Civic Association has allowed me to meet many more great neighbors that are becoming long lasting friends.

I work east of downtown as a logistics coordinator for Gulf Coast Maritime Supply. The company supplies large commercial vessels that come into the port of Houston and all other ports in the Texas gulf coast. When not working, I volunteer on the Houston Rodeo Wine Events committee, aim to donate blood at MD Anderson every 6 weeks, enjoy cycling on the bayous, and gardening.

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.

NOTE: Deadline for submission of newsletter content is ALWAYS the 20th day of the previous month. Email your content to newsletter.emca@gmail.com. All submissions of content are welcome, but submission does not guarantee inclusion in the newsletter.

Proxy Ballot for Election to be December 7, 2021

East Montrose Civic Association

Election of Officers in Accordance with By-Laws

I, _____ being a member in good standing of the East Montrose Civic Association, hereby vote for the following named persons to serve as officers of the Association from January 2022 – December 2023 as well as my vote for the motion to support neighbors who apply for Special Minimum Lot Size and Block Line.

Sign/Date _____

Roster of Candidates:

Treasurer: Malisa Galvan

Secretary: Mike McHam

At Large: Rachel Tucker

Write-In Candidates: _____

In support of motion _____ Against motion _____ Abstain _____

Please accept this as my absentee vote for the above-named candidates and motion. Good only for the election meeting to be held on December 7, 2021.

Note: Please complete and email to vicepresident.emca@gmail.com or compete and mail or drop off at 503 Welch Street by 5 PM December 5, 2021.

One vote per membership except those enrolled as a "household" may have two votes.

Security Committee Security Patrol Proposal

As a result of the pandemic and related social issues, there has been an uptick of crime. Our neighborhood is no different. As a result, neighbors got together and put together a proposal for security patrols in East Montrose. The East Montrose boundaries are Fairview – Montrose – West Gray – Genesee.

Patrol Option Recommendation

SEAL Patrol (private security company)

40 hours/week (tentatively Wednesday – Sunday evenings from 10pm – 6am)

Cost = \$37/hour x 40 hours/week x 52 weeks = \$76,960

East Montrose Civic Association is a 501 c4 non-profit, meaning we don't have to pay sales tax.

Commencing January 1, 2022 **or as soon as we get enough members to cover a contract period.**

Note - Another option is the Harris County Constable patrol. It is a bit more costly and less flexible but worthy of discussion before the October 2022 application deadline.

Membership Costs

Membership would be ~\$365/year if we can get 211 members (less if we can get more).

This is only \$1/day (less than a cup of coffee).

Members receive a hotline number to call as well as a yard sign indicating your participation. We can also list members on the EMCA website.

Ways to join:

Drop a check for \$365 payable to EMCA in the (locked) mailbox at 503 Welch.

Pay via Zelle starting December 1st at treasurer.emca@gmail.com

If you want to pay online at www.eastmontrose.org via PayPal or via credit card there will be an additional service fee charged.

Joint Patrol Potential

Our neighbors in WAMM Civic Association also want to join; their boundaries are Westheimer/Alabama/Mulberry/Montrose. Other neighborhoods are also interested including Audubon and Avondale. While we want subscribers to keep the cost per member down, at the same time we're hoping to keep the patrol area small so we don't dilute services.

Please pass this along to others in the neighborhood who may not get the newsletter. This information will also be posted online at www.eastmontrose.org and on the EMCA Facebook page.

If you have questions, please contact Hugo Ovalle at hugo.a.ovalle@gmail.com.



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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.

ANDERSON FAIR CONCERTS

December 2021



Please join us in this our 51st year of bringing original singer/song writers to the Montrose stage.

Thursday, December 2 - **Ken Gaines & Wayne Wilkerson** host **Mitch Jacobs** for "Songwriters in the Round".
Music starts around 8:00 on Thursday

Friday, December 3 - **Amanda Pascali**

Friday, December 10 - **Angie Goeke**

Friday, December 17 - Closed for a private party

NEW YEARS EVE!

Friday, December 31 - **Shake Russell, Matt Harlan, and Ken Gaines & Wayne Wilkerson**

Purchase tickets on line through the website or at the door. Seating will be limited and masks are recommended.
Doors open at 7:30 and music starts around 8:45. www.andersonfair.net

Concerts will continue to be streamed online through the website. Check for the link the day of the concert.
Streaming is at no charge, though donations are appreciated.

2007 Grant Street, Just off Montrose behind Texas Art Supply.

Lee Hudman, ABR CLHMS CNE GPA

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- ◆ Resident of East Montrose since 2002.
- ◆ 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.

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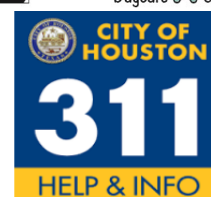
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239 W. Gray, Houston, TX 77019

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Opening soon! the new library/office building on Westheimer between Grant and Crocker. Everything looks very good and some tenants appear to be moving in. The Neighborhood Police Post that had been in that location is sorely missed and many residents wish for a return of the friendly police presence in our neighborhood.



Neighborhood artist, **Joan Son** is having a retrospective of her art at the Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Art which opens Friday, December 17 and runs through Saturday, January 8, 2022. She hopes you will all come to her artist talk on Saturday the 18th at 3:00!

Joan is a child of the 1960's. Her fascination with paper began with folded fortune tellers, tissue paper carnations, and paper doll dresses. When her best girlfriend introduced her to origami she said it felt like magic! As a grown up, her graphic career evolved into design and production of catalogs for Foley's Department stores.

After 20 years of commercial art, she debuted her origami work in the windows of Tiffany & Co., Houston, Galleria, in the spring of 1993. Since 2017, she has been exploring her inspiration to paint images with an emphasis on clouds. In a deconstruction/reconstruction process, she cuts the painting into pieces, folds each one, then unfolds and reassembles the painting.

Joan continues to be crazy about paper and is guided by the directive from beloved artist, Agnes Martin, to have "obedience to inspiration."

Joan Son

crazy about paper

1958 to 2021

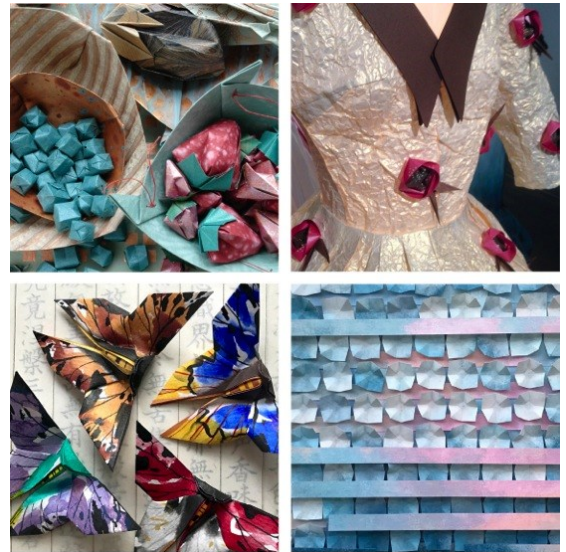
Looking back, moving forward,
just getting started.

Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Art
6815 Cypresswood Dr. • Spring, Tx 77379
www.pearlhfma.org

Dec. 17, 2021 to Jan. 8, 2022

Artist Talk • Saturday, Dec. 18 at 3 p.m.

Open: Tuesday to Saturday
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Yard of the Season...

by Betsy Anderson

For November 2021 through January 2022, our Yard of the Season winner is the home at 315 Peden. The owners of the home are **Shana Skoronski and Bien Tran**. They have lived in the East Montrose area for over 21 years. For their first 17 years in the neighborhood, they lived in a townhome on West Drew, and found they loved the neighborhood so much that they decided to move just four blocks over to their brick bungalow on Peden. Both owners work for boutique law firms in Houston, with Bien being an attorney and Shana a CPA. Bien enjoys watching horror movies and playing tennis with friends at Memorial Park. Shana loves gardening and running on the trails along Buffalo Bayou. They both love the fall season in Houston, most especially Halloween.

Their household includes two cats, Salem and Stowie, both of whom are named after a couple of their favorite New England towns. Salem, after Salem, Massachusetts, and Stowie, after Stowe, Vermont. And their most exciting news is that the household is expecting a new resident in March 2022, when their first baby will be arriving!

Shana and Bien have loved watching our neighborhood grow and mature and cannot imagine living anywhere else in Houston. They feel it certainly lives up to its name, "A Living Mosaic."



Mayor's Assistance Office: Jack Valinski
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October Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance			\$6,716.06
Monies In:	Membership	\$140.00	
Monies Out:	Storage Unit	\$(64.00)	
	Zoom Meeting	\$(15.98)	
	PayPal Fees	\$(6.09)	
Ending Balance:			\$6,769.99

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

TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

December 1	Wednesday	Heavy Trash—JUNK ONLY
December 6	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn
December 13	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn & Recycle
December 20	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn
December 27	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn & Recycle
January 3	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn
January 5	Wednesday	Heavy Trash—TREE WASTE ONLY

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:

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: 109

Membership numbers have dropped significantly!
Please remember to renew!

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!

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.