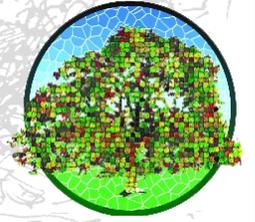


# East Montrose

Civic Association Newsletter



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March 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

March 16—  
Reg meeting—via zoom  
See page 4 for info.

April 20—  
Reg Meeting —via zoom

May 18 -  
Reg Meeting—via zoom

June 15—No meeting  
—summer break

July 20—No meeting  
—summer break

August 17—No meeting  
—summer break

September 21—Reg Meeting  
-tbd

October 5—National Night Out

November 16—Reg Meeting  
—tbd

December 7—Social—Holiday  
Party / Elections

## From the Treasurer...

by Malisa Galvan



One of the things I love about our neighborhood is the sense of community. I have seen it in play several times during the last 7 years we have lived here, and never is it more evident than in times of crisis. Several days of freezing temperature, possibly no power, no water, these were trying times. And once again, we saw it in action in East Montrose this past week. This is to say thank you to all our East Montrose Heroes. We saw you! We saw what you did. From offering canned goods, preparing a warm place for our furry strays and sharing water. We saw neighbors climbing under houses to help fix broken pipes, turning off water for neighbors who were away and sharing plumber's phone numbers. Thank you for advising where to buy gas, or pick up bottled water, or telling us when the power was back on YAY! or off BOO! Thank you East Montrose Heroes, we are so grateful to have you as our neighbors!

Malisa

## From the President...

by Mary Quinn



Frank Williams is a long time EMCA resident and retired airline pilot. And now he works with his first love: Landscaping. Frank's garden on Willard is always a show stopper, but because it is now his business, he always refuses our attempts to hand him the Yard of the Month award.

### FREEZER BURN

If you've lived in Houston long enough this is not your first deep freeze rodeo. Despite our best attempts to protect plants outside, sustained temps in the teens are impossible to defend short of covering them with a styrofoam cooler and putting a candle inside. But don't panic, since our ground typically does not freeze, the roots of many plants will survive and reemerge. Woody plants like camellias may make it too although there will likely be leaf drop before new growth shows and it may be necessary to trim back the dead portions later. I would wait several weeks before calling it quits although I couldn't stand to look at the dark crisp leaves and cut some of my perennials to the ground. or pulled off the dead leaves on shrubs. Like it or not, this is Mother Nature's way of clearing away diseases and pests., perhaps even reducing the mosquito population. We will discover what is hardy in our gardens and maybe plant some more of those. And yet, I will plant again my old favorites and maybe some new ones. Tropical too. Yes, we could have another Northerner next year or next decade but don't deprive yourself of the joy you had in fear of what might come. It will take the nurseries a while to restock and prices may be high for a few months. Goodness knows we have come back from worse things.

Frank Williams

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.





Before Covid I'd walk from our East Montrose home to the YMCA. One day I walked up Smith toward Pierce and noticed that someone was attempting to beautify the space between the street and sidewalk. Curious, I started walking by the area, finally finding the man who was working that small patch of ground. I told him how impressed I was with his work. He said that he'd tell me his "story" for thirty eight cents - but I had no money with me, only my Y card and phone. He agreed to let me take his photo, but said he didn't want people to know what he was doing. In the months that followed, I'd sometimes see his handiwork - or evidence that it had been disturbed, even deliberately vandalized, but I never saw him again. I haven't seen evidence of his work for years and I never did hear his story, but he had the true soul of an artist.

Penny Cerling



## ANDERSON FAIR CONCERTS

Featuring original singer-songwriters from Texas, the US and around the World since 1969. Advance Tickets are available. There will be limited in house seating. The shows will also be live streamed. All information and advance tickets available on the web site. Thank you for supporting live music! 2007 Grant Street, around the corner from Texas Art Supply. [www.andersonfair.net](http://www.andersonfair.net)

Thursday, March 4  
Ken Gaines and Wayne Wilkerson  
with Jordi Baizan

Friday, March 12  
Leslie Waugh with Wayne Wilkerson

Friday, March 19  
Shake Russell

Friday, March 26  
Dana Cooper

Friday, April 9  
Lynn Langham and Doug Gill

Closed the weekend of April 2-3 for Easter



### Lulling Night Sounds

Do you find it odd to hear trains at night? I do. For some reason, I only hear them at night. Maybe the air is thinner and sound carries further. I've always assumed they were the commuter trains from the METRO rail on Main. But they could be the "real" trains running parallel to Washington. Wherever they are, the mildly eerie sound drifting into my bedroom is both soothing and mystical. Trains to me are an urban thing – you know ... transporting pallets of merchandise, depositing people at their workplaces. Yet the mournful wail I hear at night always sounds rural to me, like a steam engine snaking through the piney woods or the American west, delivering the mail and cherished goodies from the Sears catalog. East Montrose – a little bit of country in the city.

### Going Postal

Y'all have heard of "Going Postal?" (If not, check Wikipedia) We had our own version of it right here in East Montrose. Seriously. I moved here in 1989. Back then, we had a lot of house fires – about one every year, in fact. I remember standing outside in my pajamas, watching in horror as a neighbor's home and possessions diminished into cinders. There was an older home on Fargo – I want to say Fargo, but it could have been W. Drew ... but I think Fargo. Around Hopkins or maybe Whitney. It was a nicely enough maintained older home, divided into upstairs and downstairs apartments. I remember an "A" shaped peak over the roof. One night, the structure went up in flames. I don't recall if I was in my PJ's, but I remember standing on the sidewalk watching the fire race through the rooms. The home was reduced to charred studs and floorboards. There was no façade at all – you could look right into the rubble. The unbelievable thing is – a resident continued to live there! I don't know how he managed this... if laws allowed a renter a certain period of time to vacate a property, or if he was the actual property owner. Either way, he holed up on the upper floor, under that peaked roof, now black and sooty, and remained there for several months, at least. He was an unhappy and angry man, spinning in a vortex of hatred and rage. He was vicious and wrathful to begin with, but after the fire, all this catapulted. He had two Doberman Pinschers. If you were walking down the street and he happened to be suspiciously peeping out from the charred ruins of his second floor sanctuary, if he so much as caught you glancing at the property, he would start yelling and screaming and threatening to "sic my dogs on you!" Within seconds, sure enough, those two huge black dogs were slamming against the fence, snarling and snapping. The tie-in? This guy worked for the Post Office.

## Yard of the Season...

by Betsy Anderson

This quarter's Yard of the Season honors go to **Alyssa and Andrew Ketner**, whose home is 615 Welch. The Ketners are relative newcomers to East Montrose, having bought their home in February of 2019. But they are not newcomers to our area. They moved from the Museum District, and Alyssa grew up in inner Houston and has always dreamed of living in Montrose. They fell in love with East Montrose's unique character and charm, and the eclectic community here. And they enjoy being close to all the most exciting cultural, artistic, and culinary hotspots in Houston.

The Ketners adore old houses and this home, their very first home purchase, at the corner of Stanford and Welch, is a beautiful example. It has a fabulous yard to enjoy, not only for Alyssa and Andrew, but also for their Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, Harold (Harry, for short). The house seems special to the Ketners and they are excited and ready to make it their own.



Andrew is a University of Texas graduate, and Alyssa graduated from Louisiana State University. They met in law school here in Houston at South Texas College of Law and are currently both practicing attorneys. They enjoy entertaining family and friends as well as decorating the house for different holidays – you may have noticed their well-done Halloween and Holiday decorations. Both Ketners are happy to be a part of the East Montrose community and are excited to get to know their neighbors. Give them a hello when you stroll past their home.

# HOUSTON ANNOUNCES MORATORIUM ON HEAVY TRASH CODE ENFORCEMENT IN AFTERMATH OF WINTER STORM

**Heavy trash code enforcement suspended February 23 to March 12, 2021  
No citations will be issued during this time**

HOUSTON - Due to widespread damage to many homes during last week's winter storm, the Department of Neighborhoods (DON) Inspections and Public Service (IPS) division will suspend heavy trash code enforcement, effective immediately through Friday, March 12, 2021 to allow residents adequate time to clear debris from their properties. The department will resume heavy trash code enforcement on March 15, 2021.

For information about heavy trash codes and guidelines, visit [www.houstonsolidwaste.org](http://www.houstonsolidwaste.org) and [www.houstontx.gov/ips/avoid\\_common\\_violations](http://www.houstontx.gov/ips/avoid_common_violations).

For questions about notices and citations issued by DON, call the IPS Call Center at 832-394-0600.

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Solid Waste Management Department  
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*From the Vice-President...*

by Karen Brohn



## EMCA Member Meeting

Tuesday, March 16, 2021 7:00PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84141586297?pwd=VXZZVDVta09HT2EwQkRTSXBBbDNRQT09>

Meeting ID: 841 4158 6297

Passcode: 968743

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Join us for a Q&A session with Wet My Plant owner Jessica. Wet My Plant is an indoor plant nursery located at 701 W Gray St (corner of West Gray and Stanford).

If you have an specific topics you would like discussed, please email me at [vicepresident.emca@gmail.com](mailto:vicepresident.emca@gmail.com).

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.

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Call me or use the media icon links above.

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**January Treasurer’s Report**

Beginning Balance			\$8,730.03
Monies In:			
	Membership	\$250.00	
Monies Out:			
	Zoom Subscription	(\$15.98)	
	PayPal Fees	(\$9.27)	
	Storage Unit	(\$61.00)	
	Newsletter Print	(\$382.50)	
Ending Balance:			\$8,511.28

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

**TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE**

March 1	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn
March 3	Wednesday	Heavy Trash— TREE WASTE
March 8	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn & Recycle
March 15	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn
March 22	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn & Recycle
March 29	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn
April 5	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn & Recycle

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



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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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Mail to: PO Box 131363 Houston, TX 77219

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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: 137

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

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