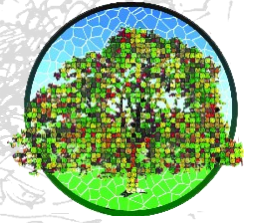


East Montrose

Civic Association Newsletter



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May 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

May 15-
Neighborhood Cleanup

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
-td

October 5—National Night Out

November 16—Reg Meeting
—td

December 7—Social—Holiday
Party / Elections

EAST MONTROSE NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUP

Come help keep our
“Living Mosaic” Beautiful!

Saturday, May 15th

9:00am

Meet at Peggy H Shiffick Park (Bomar
Street)

Supplies Provided

Please email mikemcham@gmail.com

if you plan to help out!



Area crime reports can be found at the excellent and current www.spotcrime.com



For those who could not join us on Tuesday, April 20th for our last member meeting below are some highlights.

Our guest speaker was Trudi Smith, Director of PR and Events for the Buffalo Bayou Partnership. The Buffalo Bayou Partnership (BBP) is the non-profit organization revitalizing and transforming Buffalo Bayou, Houston's most significant natural resource. BBP's geographic focus is the 10-square mile stretch of Buffalo Bayou from Shepherd Drive to the Port of Houston Turning Basin. Buffalo Bayou Partnership protects land for future parks and trails, coordinates other natural and built bayou enhancements and sponsors wide-ranging events to attract thousands to the banks of the bayou.

Trudi discussed some very interesting facts about upcoming projects and events around the bayou. For more information about BBP and upcoming events go to buffalobayou.org.

Congrats to our members who won this meetings prizes donated by BBP.

Rachel Tucker - two entry tickets to the Cistern at Buffalo Bayou Park

Dan Ritcel - Book - From Rendering to Reality The Story of Buffalo Bayou Park by the Buffalo Bayou Partnership

Join EMCA today and become eligible for other great give-away opportunities.

We were also joined by Jack Valinski from the Mayor's Assistance Office. This role is in place to help neighborhood's and their residents with City related issues when other attempts at resolution (such as 3-1-1) fail.

For more information about EMCA and upcoming events, go to eastmontrose.org or join us on Facebook.

ANDERSON FAIR CONCERTS

Please join us as we reopen slowly. Doors will open at 7:30 and seating will be limited.

Music starts around 8:45 on Friday and a little earlier on Thursday.

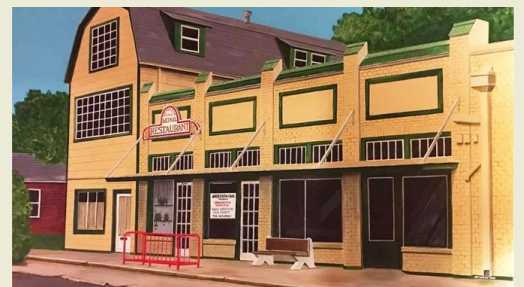
Concerts will also be LIVE STREAMED through the website.

No charge to watch on line but donations are appreciated.

MASKS are required to enter and to order from the bar and be in the lobby.

No masks required at your table.

Advance tickets and streaming information: www.andersonfair.net



- ◆ Thursday, May 6 - Ken Gaines & Wayne Wilkerson with special guest: Tommy C. Lewis
- ◆ Friday, May 7 - Pat Byrne, just completed his kick-starter success
- ◆ Friday, May 14 - Michael Fracasso
- ◆ **Closed Memorial Day Weekend**
- ◆ Thursday, June 3 - Ken Gaines & Wayne Wilkerson in the round
- ◆ Friday, June 4 - Curtis McMurtry
- ◆ Friday, June 18 - Rachel Laven
- ◆ Friday, June 25 - George Ensle Featuring original singer-songwriters from Texas, the US and the world since 1969.

2007 Grant Street around the corner from Texas Art Supply



We've both been vaccinated and hope that you have been as well. We heard that nationwide it is thought that there won't be many Pandemic babies - but our family was left out of that equation since we've had two so far this year!! In mid April we visited our first pandemic grand baby who happens to live not far from Monument Avenue in Richmond, Virginia.

I walked and zoomed down Monument Avenue with some artist friends and took pictures. There is only one monument still standing on the Avenue, which is of Arthur Ashe. I didn't walk all the way to the Robert E. Lee pedestal, so there isn't a photo of that emptiness. I was told that Robert E. Lee said that monuments and statues of himself and others should not be created because it would prolong conflict. He was right and the empty pedestals tell a powerful story.



SPRING SALE!

gifts of art for all occasions

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Friday & Saturday

- April 30 & May 1

904 Welch Street at Joan Son's Studio

- noon to 6pm
- Local Artists
- outside & inside (masks please)
- 23rd Year!

jewelry. ceramics. glass. metal. crochet. fancy aprons. origami. wind chimes. cutting boards. quilts. MORE!



I had an unexpected Sunday afternoon off work. It was sunny and warm, so I hopped on my bike and took a ride down Stanford from East Montrose to Hermann Park.

Observations. a.k.a Things You Encounter Only In Montrose:

Throng of people flocking to George and the Eagle, and patios in full swing with conversation and friendship.

More throngs of people, using their Sunday afternoon to do wash at the Stanford Laundromat. Still without water a month after the freeze, I've been thinking of giving the place a try. So I stepped in and walked around to check the place out. The management eyed me suspiciously, and didn't exactly give me a warm reception, even when I explained that I might be bringing my laundry the next day. "Do you provide change, so we can feed the coin-operated machines?" "Yes, we have change for customers. For CUSTOMERS ONLY." Side note: I had an equally frosty experience when I used the Downtown Washateria on Tuam a few years ago. Maybe listening to those machines whirring all day long breeds a hostile attitude??

So I leave negativity behind and get back into the sunshine, riding south. On the right, about 15' of sidewalk blocked by tables covered with white cloths, and scores of people. A rummage sale? I approached hopefully. Turns out it was a party. Maybe someone's birthday. Most everything was light colored – white or cream, and most of the attendees were women. There were plates and glasses on the tables. This was outside one of those long, low apartment complexes from the '70's, and there probably were no patios or common areas. So the sunny sidewalk served the purpose!

Cruising to the 4000 block of Stanford, I heard screeching and blaring. Some jerk forcing his idea of music on his neighbors, I groused. But as I got closer, the notes rearranged themselves, and suddenly I was hearing music – symphonic music! In the parking lot across from the HSPVA was a group of teenagers. Seven kids fanned out in a socially-distanced semi-circle, with an eighth, a gal, the conductor, in the center facing them. The musicians all were playing flutes. Everyone seemed to be playing a different part, and the music floating from the parking lot was lovely. I don't know if they minded the audience, but I stood there a while listening.

Where Stanford dead-ends into Hwy 59, my route jogs right to Montrose. On an empty lot before the bridge were three gals. One was holding a large disk - one of those gizmos that reflects and diffuses light. They must have been taking photographs. Graduation pictures, I imagined. With all the foliage dead and brown from the freeze, there really wasn't any attractive backdrop. Oh, well – they're young. That means they know how to Photoshop in something pretty.

Pedaling on down to Hermann Park. Here there IS beautiful green scenery, and plenty of it, along with the Mecom Fountain, the rotunda, and Sam Houston on his horse. Wonderful backdrops for photographs. On any given weekend day, you will see one of my favorite sights – the special event portrait sessions. Bride and groom. Graduates. Babies and children. And always the pretty teen girls decked out for their quinceaneras. So young to be the center of so much attention! And the dresses are exquisite! On this ride, I saw two girls. One had nabbed the prime spot inside the white columns of the rotunda. One in purple and one in charcoal. Both had formal bodices, and long flouncing skirts. The purple dress sported light flowers down the side and bottom, and the darker one had black decorations. Both girls were radiant - and seemed quite comfortable there in the spotlight.

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.

Curbside Recycling

Residents who receive SWMD Collection Services are provided with a large, 96-gallon green recycling bin. Recycling is collected every other week on the same day as your garbage is collected. Check your collection schedule [here](#).



Recycling right is just as important as recycling more. Contamination harms the program by making it hard to recover clean recyclables at the sorting center. To help protect the curbside recycling program, remember to keep it clean and when in doubt, throw it out.

See the images and list below for what to and what not to put in your recycling cart. Remember most recyclables are packaging items from products found in the kitchen, bath and laundry of your home. All recycling items must be empty and clean before placing in the recycling bin. Place items loose into the cart - do not bag recycling.

[Contamination Flyer](#)

[Contamination Flyer - SPANISH](#)

[Recycling Calendar](#)

[Know your service collection days](#)

YES! Put these in your recycling cart.




- Metal and Cans: Aluminum and Tin Cans. Examples include soup cans, vegetable cans, fruit cans, coffee cans (emptied and rinsed)
- Cartons: Both gable top and shelf-stable food and beverage cartons. Examples include milk cartons, juice cartons, soup cartons, soy milk/alternative milk cartons (emptied and rinsed)
- Glass: Bottles, jugs and jars only (emptied and rinsed)
- Paper: Newspaper, magazines, catalogs, junk mail, office paper
- Cardboard: Cardboard and cereal boxes (emptied of packing materials and flattened)
- Plastic: Bottles, tubs and jugs #1 - 5 and 7. Examples include water and soda bottles, milk jugs, yogurt cups, margarine tubs, detergent bottles, shampoo bottles. (emptied and rinsed)

NO! DO NOT put these in your recycling cart.



Do NOT put the following in your GREEN RECYCLING container: Batteries/Electronics; Shredded Paper; Tangles (cords, hoses, wires, clothing); Food/Liquids; Trash and Bagged Recycling; Furniture and Household Goods; Scrap Wood and Scrap Metal (NO Helium Tanks); Yard Waste.

 Chemicals and hot ashes cause truck fires.

Placing Your Bin

HOW TO POSITION YOUR CARTS CORRECTLY

- 1 Allow 3 feet between carts and structures such as mail boxes, lamp posts and 5 feet from cars
- 2 Face the metal bar toward the street
- 3 Make sure the lid is closed

Do not place cart underneath low, overhanging tree limbs or utility lines

Curb Street

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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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March Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance			\$8,275.94
Monies In:	Membership	\$100.00	
Monies Out:	Storage Unit	\$(64.00)	
	Zoom Meeting	\$(15.98)	
	Quickbooks	\$(13.33)	
	Paypal fees	\$(4.12)	
	Newsletter Printing	\$(315.00)	
	Quickbooks(2)	\$(13.33)	
Ending Balance:			\$7,950.18

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

TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

May 3	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn & Recycle
May 5	Wednesday	Heavy Trash—TREE WASTE
May 10	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn
May 17	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn & Recycle
May 24	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn
May 31	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn & Recycle
June 2	Wednesday	Heavy Trash—JUNK

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: _____

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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: 142

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.