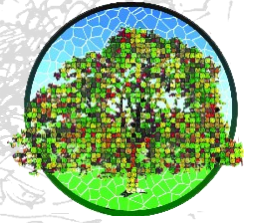


# East Montrose

Civic Association Newsletter



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August 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

August 29—Ice Cream Social

September 21—Reg Meeting  
-tbd

October 5—National Night Out

November 16—Reg Meeting  
—tbd

December 7—Social—Holiday  
Party / Elections

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



### East Montrose Civic Association Back-to-School Ice Cream Social Save-the-Date

Take a break from the hectic back-to-school rush and get to know your neighbors over some ice cream.

When: Sunday, August 29, 2021

3-5pm

Where: TBD

EMCA Members and current residents are welcome!

Note: Only current EMCA Members will be eligible to win raffle prizes.

More details on the event will be posted on our website at [eastmontrose.org](http://eastmontrose.org) and on our [Facebook page](#).

If you are a parent and would like to get involved in planning this event (or other family oriented activities for the community), please reach out to

Malisa Galvan [treasurer.emca@gmail.com](mailto:treasurer.emca@gmail.com) or

Karen Brohn [vicepresident.emca@gmail.com](mailto:vicepresident.emca@gmail.com).



Area crime reports can be found at the excellent and current [www.spotcrime.com](http://www.spotcrime.com)



The East Montrose Facebook page has shown some recent interest in community gardens. We have at least one in Midtown, and another in Montrose off Dunlavy, plus the one in Mandel Park down by the Richmond Post Office. But you might like to know that we had one here, too, right in our own little haven of East Montrose.

This was many years back, on the SE corner of Stanford & Willard, where a large newish brick home stands now (it's been on the EMCA Homes Tour!).

When I moved here in '88, one block south, that lot was vacant. It was fun to walk around there, as it was a speck of nature in the city. After a few years, some gals took it over. They planted a garden. These gals had spent time living on a kibbutz in Israel, and when they came back to the States, they wanted to continue the community / giving feel. So they tilled up the soil, formed rows, and planted vegetables and flowers. They even had running water. Everything thrived. Their kibbutz life must have taught them all about fertilizer and cultivating and tending, because the vegetable yields were huge and flavorful, and the flowers were colorful and fragrant.

The woman who lived next door at the time, in the old home still standing, directly to the east, was named Susan Brown. She was old at this point, having lived in that house for many decades. Ms. Brown loved gardening and plants, and she jumped at this opportunity to get involved. She visited the garden every day. I still remember her walking through the rows of greenery, with her hand trailing behind her, gently feeling the leaves between her fingers. She knew all the plants and would quietly breathe their names. "Sweet olive. Tomato. Bee balm." It was from her that I learned there was such a thing as a "wild ligustrum." The Jewish gals kept their garden up for a couple seasons, but eventually moved on to other pursuits. Then the plot was taken over by a group from a Methodist church (not sure which one). They continued to tend the garden – but made one change ... I noticed that the beds were laid out in the shape of a cross.

The vegetables they grew went to stock a food pantry. Back then, Montrose had a lot more residents who were in need of a helping hand. The location of this was an older home on the north east corner at Stanford on W. Bell or W. Clay (just north of W. Gray). I don't think this lasted too long. Next this building became a part of ... I think it was the YMCA or YWCA??... Not sure I'm remembering correctly. ... But a place that gave away bread and other day-old baked items to people in need. Actually, you didn't have to be "in need" ... all you had to do was show up. I went a couple of times, and was glad to be a recipient ... until I realized that I really am not a bread person... Anyway, this good will offering lasted for a good couple of years. I can still remember the wheelchair ramp, waiting on the brick porch, and the front room inside, which was turned into a delivery / receiving room.

Speaking of good eats, and coincidentally enough, right down one of those streets sprouted the plant-based meal take-away start up, Pat Greer's Kitchen <https://www.patgreerskitchen.com/>, now grown to be stocked in several retail locations in Montrose.

Moving back to coincidences, and our friend Susan Brown ... I have a wallpaper customer in the Woodland Heights who was thrilled to learn that I live in East Montrose. Turns out that she used to live here, too ... back in her way-younger just-starting-out days, renting a space in the yellow bungalow at the north west corner of Crocker and Willard ... a charming historic structure ... which sadly now has been recently demolished.

Well, turns out, my client knew Susan Brown, way before the kibbutz garden, and she knew other folks who used to live in that home. Not all of those stories / characters will be related here (we're talking about college days, after all! ) ,,, But it was cool to learn of that tie-in, and hear the tales of days in the past.



## Demi's Dog House

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Now that life is easing back to normal we're venturing further from the neighborhood and the proliferation of murals in our city is amazing!

The huge mural regarding hunger can be seen downtown near Walker and LaBranch. There are countless murals east of downtown, including a mechanical finger pointing toward a human finger, reminding us of Michelangelo's Sistine ceiling (near Delano & Dallas). After wandering outside our neighborhood to find murals, imagine my surprise only a block or so east of Taft: a painting in a doorway of a woman holding a child's hand. It isn't an easy one to see - but quite a gem!



- 1 - Anti-hunger mural
- 2 - Fingers
- 3 - Woman & child in doorway

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.



# Abbie Kamin

## Council Member, District C

## District C Updates

As I continue to bring attention to development and flooding issues in the District, I want to thank every resident who has reported drainage concerns to my office or via 311. These issues range from getting construction debris cleared from ditches and culverts to longer-term needs for infrastructure fixes and new projects.

I also invited our new City Engineer and dedicated members of Houston Public Works on a tour to get a first-hand look at some of the drainage issues that residents are facing during storms. Thank you to the department for working with my office and with district residents and neighborhood leaders to come up with creative solutions to this serious issue.

Another big win when it comes to flood mitigation and preventing erosion: The Descendants of Olivewood Cemetery, along with the Freedmen's Town Conservancy, were two of only 40 national sites selected by the National Trust for Historic Preservation for grant funding to preserve and protect Black history in our nation. Olivewood Cemetery will be using the funding for a master drainage plan to mitigate further damage from flooding and erosion. I encourage residents to go out and visit what is the first incorporated African American Cemetery in Houston.

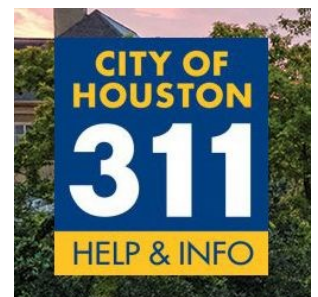


## City Updates

Last year I passed a budget amendment and funded a tax disparity study to look at what we, as Houstonians, pay in taxes to the County, compared to dollars invested back into our city. Kinder Institute presented their initial findings of this study to the Budget and Fiscal Affairs Committee. I appreciate not only Kinder Institute, but also the County's partnership in working with us on this project that I hope will bring greater transparency and accountability when it comes to how your dollars are used. [Learn more!](#)

Houston, like the rest of the country, continues to see a rise in violent crime, including road rage shootings in our district. This week I chaired a Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee meeting discussing HPD's new Safe Roadways Initiative and response to road rage trends. Summer heat brings an increase in road rage incidents. Please be safe and "take the high road" if you encounter an aggressive driver. More officers will have a presence on our roads as well. The presentation is available [here](#).

We have a NEW 311 system! The 311 Smart Phone app is available on the Apple Store for iPhone, and the Google Play app will be ready soon. And don't worry, if you're not as phone savvy, you can still call 311 to speak to a live agent 24/7 or use the new [web portal](#) to submit service requests. As always, if you need any assistance communicating with departments regarding your 311 report, please email [districtc@houstontx.gov](mailto:districtc@houstontx.gov).



# ANDERSON FAIR CONCERTS

2007 Grant Street around the corner from Texas Art Supply

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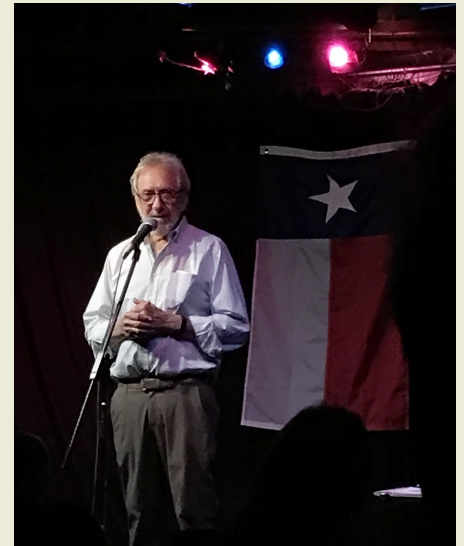
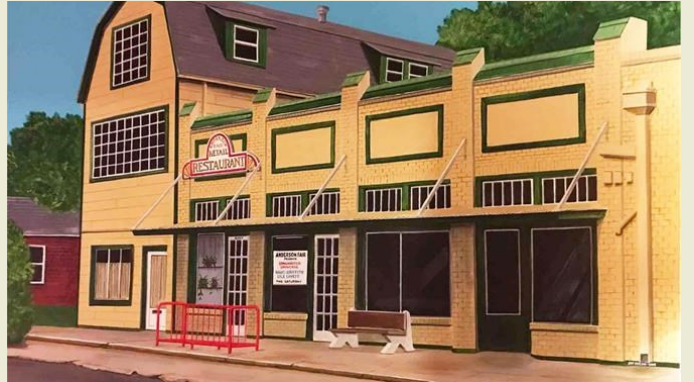
After the August 6th concert with Angie Goeke, Anderson Fair will close for summer break. Repairs that have been waiting will be attended to and upcoming concerts organized for the fall.

Doors will reopen on Friday, September 24th.

Please join us for the coming season in this historic music venue celebrating 51 years of original singer-songwriters from Texas, the US and around the world. An East Montrose treasure.

All news, concerts and live streaming information will be posted on the website. [www.andersonfair.net](http://www.andersonfair.net)

photo: Tim Leatherwood, the proprietor of Anderson Fair, making announcements about the summer break.



## Updates on the Montrose Collective and the New Montrose-Freed Library Home

Construction of the mixed-used Montrose Collective development is on track for retail tenants to move in this fall. To date, committed tenants include a yet-to-be-named menswear retailer and a restaurant together with Amano, the first retail store by Houston-based ceramicist Myrna Hagsieb. For details, read more [here](#) and [here](#).



Plans for the relocation of the Montrose-Freed library to the Montrose Collective are moving forward with the approval by City Council of 4.6 million dollars for the design and construction of the new space for the library. For more details, see [here](#).

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### June Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance			\$5,819.16
Monies In:	Membership	\$170.00	
	EMCA Sign	\$75.00	
	Advertising Revenue	\$390;00	
Monies Out:	Storage Unit	\$(64.00)	
	Zoom Meeting	\$(15.98)	
	Quickbooks	\$(53.30)	
	Paypal Fees	\$(17.93)	
	Advertising Expenses	\$(112.72)	
Ending Balance:			\$6,190.23

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

### TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

August 2	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn
August 4	Wednesday	Heavy Trash— JUNK
August 9	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn & Recycle
August 16	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn
August 23	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn & Recycle
August 30	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn
September 1	Wednesday	Heavy Trash—TREE

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

### 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!



## Join EMCA Today!

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\_\_\_ **Safety and Security:** Promote safety and security in East Montrose through HPD's Positive Interface Program (PIP), Crime-Out activities, and Citizens Crime Patrol.

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\_\_\_ **Volunteer:** Database Administrator

\_\_\_ **Volunteer:** Newsletter Team

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

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