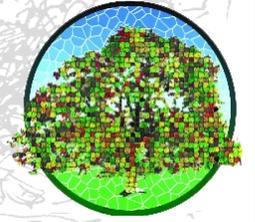


East Montrose

Civic Association Newsletter



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November 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

November 16—Reg Meeting
- see below

December 7—Social—Holiday
Party / Elections
See page 2

April 9, 2022
EM Biennial Home Tour

Join us on Tuesday,
November 16, 2021 at
7:00pm for the EMCA No-
vember Virtual Member
Meeting

Topic - Security Patrols

Speaker - Resident Bill Maxey

*Members will be eligible for a
raffle drawing.*

Join Zoom Meeting
[https://us02web.zoom.us/
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From the President...

by Mary Quinn



How Can Residents of East Montrose help control the uptick in crime in our neighborhood? There is no one good answer. But some suggestions are: Make sure you turn on your porch lights/outside lights at night. Make sure your inside lights and porch lights are on timers so that it appears you are home even if you aren't. Do not leave ANYTHING of value in sight from the street. Make sure you keep your gates/doors locked. Install a Ring security camera or system or some similar device. Be mindful of who/what you see in the neighborhood. If you notice something amiss do not hesitate to contact the constable's office (713 755 7628) or HPD (713 884 3131) or 911 if an emergency.

Another way to help ensure the safety of our residents and our properties would be to engage a security patrol for our EM boundaries. This is an idea that works for many in our area. The big issue is that it is costly. The cost of hiring a constable is almost \$85,000 per year. The county might pay 20% of that cost IF our neighborhood is preapproved in each year's upcoming budget. The budgets are set by March 1 every year. So in order to get preapproved, the process must be started in the fall of the previous year. Even then our residents would be on the hook for around \$68K each year. So y'all can do the math: If all our approximate 750 households participate that's about \$115/year if we don't get the county 20%. That's likely affordable for most of our residents. But it is highly unlikely we will get full participation. If only 200 households pay the fee, then it's \$425/year.

Several years back EMCA attempted to partner with a neighboring civic association to "share" their constable. We even collected \$400 from many of our residents. Unfortunately, the other civic association pulled out at the last minute and we had to provide refunds.

I recently spent several hours of time dealing with Captain Nancy Hennessy, Precinct 1 Constable's office. She is the liaison with the hired constable patrols. She explained to me that constables will not do part time contract work (so we are looking at the full \$85K/year). The contract can be cancelled with 30 days' notice. Hennessy reached out to several other civic associations to see if they would allow us to "partner" with them. She received a resounding "No" citing that no other association wanted to "dilute" their services.

I asked about private security. I am told they run about \$30 - \$40/hr and will do part time work. However, they cannot do traffic stops or make arrests unless a felony is committed in their presence.

Ladies and gentlemen our EMCA board is small. We are all volunteers. We need your assistance. It would be beneficial if some of our residents would agree to form a committee to look further into our options and to perhaps canvas our residents to determine who and how many are willing to pay some sort of yearly security patrol fee and/or determine some other avenue to help keep our residents safe.

If you are interested, please contact one of the EMCA board members listed in the newsletter and/or **IF YOU WANT TO LEARN MORE, PLEASE ATTEND THE NEXT EMCA ZOOM MEETING ON NOVEMBER 16!!**



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 Brohn, at vicepresident.emca@gmail.com.

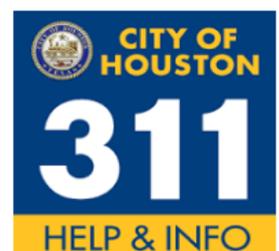
The nominating committee recommendations and a short bio for each candidate will be posted at eastmontrose.org (at least 72 hours) prior to the elections. All members in good standing (meaning your dues are up to date) are eligible to vote. You can check your status by reaching out to Malisa Galvan at 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 and drop it off at 503 Welch Street or email it to vicepresident.emca@gmail.com. The absentee/proxy ballots will be posted on our website (eastmontrose.org) with the nominating committee recommendations and candidate bios.

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.



National Night Out Success

National Night Out is a great event focused on enhancing the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. It provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances.

An informal gathering hosted by several neighbors had an amazing turnout of approximately 50 residents along with members of the Houston Police Department and Council Member Abbie Kamin's office. HPD Lieutenant Yadira Estrada and Kate Dentler, Communication Director for CM Kamin both shared a few words with the group. They also circulated among the neighbors and answered individual questions along with two other HPD officers. Officer Chavez works the day shift in our neighborhood and made it clear he is here to help us with specific needs. He can be reached at juan.chavez-resendiz@houstonpolice.org.

Thank you to everyone who participated and to those who brought items to share. Getting to know your neighbors is a great way to build community and in turn a strong community can help reduce crime.

While National Night Out is a formal event one time a year, you can host small gatherings of neighbors throughout the year to build on the East Montrose sense of community. You can also have informal meet ups by making an effort to say hi to your neighbors and getting to know the neighbors you don't already know.

If you would like to get involved in organized neighborhood activities (i.e., Home Tour, Yard of Season, New Resident Committee, etc.), please reach out to any of the directors of the East Montrose Civic Association (contact information located at eastmontrose.org). We would love to talk to you.





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.

ANDERSON FAIR CONCERTS

November 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, November 5 - Curtis McMurtry
Friday, November 12 - Pat Byrne
Friday, November 19 - Nathan Hamilton
Closed over Thanksgiving weekend
Friday, December 3 - Amanda Pascali
Friday, December 10 - Angie Goeke
(Friday, December 17 - Private Party)

Please check our website for the latest updates and for advance tickets—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 or EMCA Vice President Karen Brohn at vicepresident.emca@gmail.com to volunteer.



Demi's Dog House

239 W. Gray, Houston, TX 77019

713-942-0688

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October was the season for decorating in East Montrose! and included a special year round shout out to the Astros!



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Your East Montrose Neighborhood Realtor®

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- ◆ Fifth-generation native of Houston.
- ◆ Full time Realtor® for 30+ years.
- ◆ Resident of East Montrose since 2002.
- ◆ EMCA President 2006 and 2007

Because I know this city, I know this business, and I know our neighborhood!

CALL ME TODAY at 713-449-1888

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

The City of Houston crime database is almost always out of date.

Mayor's Assistance Office: Jack Valinski
jack.valinski@houstontx.gov, 832-393-5958

Our District C City Council Member: Abbie Kamin
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September Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance			\$6,976.97
Monies In:	Membership	\$270.00	
Monies Out:	Storage Unit	\$(64.00)	
	Zoom Meeting	\$(15.98)	
	Quickbooks	\$(26.65)	
	Newsletter printing	\$(416.25)	
	PayPal Fees	\$(8.03)	
Ending Balance:			\$6716.05

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

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: 126
Membership numbers have dropped significantly!
Please remember to renew!

TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

November 1	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn & Recycle
November 3	Wednesday	Heavy Trash—TREE WASTE ONLY
November 8	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn
November 15	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn & Recycle
November 22	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn
November 29	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn & Recycle
December 1	Wednesday	Heavy Trash—JUNK
December 6	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn

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

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!



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

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.