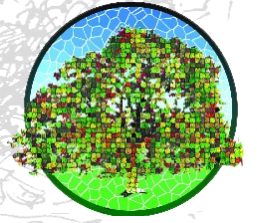


# East Montrose

Civic Association Newsletter



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February 2022

*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 2022 Calendar

**General Meetings: 3rd Tuesdays at 7pm unless otherwise noted**

4/19 – Speaker

5/21 – Summer Kick-Off Ice Cream Social (tentative)

6/21 - No Meeting – Summer Break

7/19 - No Meeting – Summer Break

8/16—No Meeting – Summer Break

9/15 - Home Tour Planning

9/20 - Speaker

10/4 - National Nite Out – HPD & Elected Officials

10/15 - Home Tour Final Planning

10/? - Biennial Home Tour (resched due to CV19)

11/15 – Speaker

12/6 – Annual Elections/Holiday Party (tentative)

To join Zoom Meetings:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88971684440?pwd=MFFQdUdSSjM2aXFncmV1UGZYT1JXUT09>

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## MEET S.E.A.L. - GET YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED!

Please join us next Saturday, Feb 5th, 3pm to 5pm at the home of Hugo Ovalle, 701 Welch St. Meet James Alexander with S.E.A.L. Security for a Q&A session. Bring your choice of libation.

### Security Committee Update

An East Montrose Civic Association zoom meeting was held on Tuesday, January 18th, where we welcomed James Alexander COO from S.E.A.L. Security for the greater Houston area. As many in our neighborhood know, we are seeing an uptick of crime, and would like to pursue getting a constable/security service in the East Montrose area. East Montrose has around 880 homes in our area, which based on comments from James is the optimal size for a constable/security program. Unfortunately, we did not record the meeting, but here are some of the questions asked during the presentation.

### Why are we recommending a private security company like S.E.A.L. instead of the county constable?

It is simply a timing issue. To use the county constable, we would have had to put a request in October, for the following calendar year. Using S.E.A.L. initially will not preclude us from changing to the County Constable next year, if this is what the neighborhood would like. S.E.A.L. can be cancelled at any time once we have given 30 days notice. The cost of using the Constable and the cost of using S.E.A.L. are comparable.

### Will having S.E.A.L. as our constable/security reduce HPD response in East Montrose?

No, it will not. But it will ensure that you get a response from someone should you have a need during the patrol hours. Many neighborhoods in the greater Houston area use S.E.A.L. as their security provider and they work hand in hand with Houston Police to supplement services and deter crime.

### What process does S.E.A.L. use to combat crime? Is S.E.A.L. trained to de-escalate confrontations?

S.E.A.L. officers main activity is to be a presence in the neighborhood. The goal is that having that presence in East Montrose will deter crime. They use the following force continuum, to help monitor and identify safety concerns of the residents. The officers use canine support to help as well as other tools that do not require lethal weapons, but if the officer or a

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resident is being threatened, they will use lethal weapons to prevent loss of life.

- Officer presence
- Verbal Commands
- Empty hand control
- Pepper Spray
- Hard Controls (Baton or Taser) less lethal
- Deadly force

The S.E.A.L. officers do undergo training to handle the homeless and those with mental impairment.

#### **How does this work with businesses in the neighborhood?**

We are asking businesses to participate in the S.E.A.L. program because we see the businesses in our areas as partners with the homeowners. The S.E.A.L. program is not intended to be used as private security for any business, but as a tool to help deter crime. This benefits both businesses and homeowners alike.

#### **Is there a handoff with HPD for prosecution if warranted?**

Yes, there is a handoff, and S.E.A.L. will provide all documentation and details to help support prosecution, if warranted.

#### **Can S.E.A.L. provide ticketing for moving violations like speeding of DUI's?**

No, S.E.A.L. cannot provide tickets for moving violations but they do contact HPD for traffic violations such as speeding or running stop signs.

#### **What other services will S.E.A.L. and the Constable Service provide?**

- Dedicated 24-hour hotline operator will dispatch S.E.A.L.'s officer and call the police, fire or EMS if needed
- S.E.A.L. has an interpreter service that can translate over 200 languages to assist in any type of emergency
- A sign in your yard to help the patrol identify your home
- Vacation Watch
- Home security inspections
- Support if your alarm goes off and you are or not home; you can list S.E.A.L. as your secondary contact with your alarm company
- If your gate or door is open, they can come check that your house is empty and safe to enter.
- If there is an unwanted person in your yard, S.E.A.L. officers are legally allowed to approach if warranted.
- GPS tracking of patrol every 4.5 minutes
- Monthly reporting on the type of calls or activities S.E.A.L. is experiencing in East Montrose
- Monthly meeting with the security committee to discuss security related issues and adjust patrol times as needed

**For payment options, please visit [eastmontrose.org](http://eastmontrose.org) or email [treasurer.emca@gmail.com](mailto:treasurer.emca@gmail.com).**

We are hoping that we will have enough homeowners/business owners subscribed to the constable/security program by 2/15/22 at we can get S.E.A.L. on board.

**For more information about this program, go to <http://www.eastmontrose.org/security>.**

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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## *From the Treasurer...*

by Malisa Galvan



### Businesses in East Montrose

As I have been walking the neighborhood to chat up the constable program, I have gone door to door to many of the businesses in the neighborhood, and I have to say, I have found some hidden gems! Here is a brief synopsis of some of my favorites!

Did you know there is a window and door company in East Montrose? Exclusive Windows and Doors is a really neat operation that makes quality windows and doors. I know next time I need a door or window, I know where I will be going to shop!

Do you love flowers? I walked into In Bloom and they had peonies (my favorite flower!), hydrangeas and gorgeous orchids. I know next time I am in the market for flowers for myself or a gift for a friend, where I plan to go.

Paint anyone? Southwestern paint offers quality Benjamin Moore paint to refresh your homes both inside and outside. They are quick and the product is just fabulous. I know I made many trips to restock on painting tape during my last project.

Reupholstery? Hien Lam is the upholstery shop affiliated with Lam Bespoke. I have a few pieces that need to be redone what a fun project!

Koelsch Gallery, what a beautiful space. Artwork, jewelry and other gorgeous things can be found there.

Boheme is one of the most underrated bars in the neighborhood. Their frozen concoctions and the people are just fabulous. If you have a thirsty Thursday, check it out.

I have been going to Baby Barnaby's and Barnaby's for over a decade, and I have to say, I just love having them in the neighborhood. Their pesto chicken salad or that crunchy salad makes me so happy, and don't forget about those amazing breakfasts!

We have quite a few spots to take our fur babies, like Feather and Fur, and Montrose Veterinary Clinic.

I haven't made my rounds to all the businesses, but I know I want to go to The Canary Montrose for a cup of coffee, or peruse the Art League Houston.

But for now, I will just run to Green Apple and pick up some Aveda products... What are some of your favorite spots?

## *From the Editor...*

by Lee Hudman



Hello Fellow East Montrosians! Its hard to believe that I've been the editor of the East Montrose newsletter for a decade now! I can hardly believe that it has been that long. The time has really flown by!

Since it has been so long, and our neighborhood's population and demographics have changed so much, I think that it might be time to pass the torch on to someone new. A background in graphic design might be especially nice (I don't have that).

I use Microsoft Publisher to create the newsletter, but if do you not have a subscription, or prefer another software, then you may use whatever software you prefer.

I have copies of almost all of the last decades editions (in PDF format and PUB format), plus a folder of photos and artwork and such that might be needed.

If you are interested in becoming the new editor, please drop me an email at [newsletter.emca@gmail.com](mailto:newsletter.emca@gmail.com) and I will give you the specifics on what I do each month.

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.



Art League Houston opens February 18 for exhibits by **Brian Ellison, Kathy Drago, Bradley Keri** and **Ronald Llewellyn Jones**. Contemporary Arts Museum Houston and Radom Capital have announced a curatorial and programming partnership (CAMHLAB) to support an artist-in-residence program at the new partially opened Montrose Collective. The Freed-Montrose Neighborhood Library hasn't moved in yet and we're anxious to see exactly where it will be located and how well the new location will work with the neighborhood. For more information about the Artist in Residence Program, check the Contemporary Arts Museum's press release.

The schedule for the CAMHLAB Artist in Residence Program at Montrose Collective:

**Eepi Chad** - December 15, 2021 - January 30, 2022

**Two Star Symphony** - February 2 - March 27, 2022

**Frame Dance** - March 30 - May 25, 2022

**Dana Caldera** - June 1-30, 2022

Photos of new "Green Wall" at Montrose Collective at 888 Westheimer Road.



## IN MEMORIAM

**Leslie Silkwood**, long time resident of East Montrose passed away after a 2 year battle with Parkinson's and Lewy Body Dementia. She is survived by her wife of 44 years, **Laurel Powers**. You can find Leslie's full obituary and information on her remembrance service here: <https://tinyurl.com/yckcsh7c>

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](http://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!

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# ANDERSON FAIR CONCERTS

## ANDERSON FAIR CONCERTS FOR FEBRUARY

Please join us in 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.

Thursday, February 3 - Ken and Wayne host Jordi Baizan  
(Music starts around 8:15pm on Thursday)

Friday, February 4 - Lynn Langham and Doug Gill

Friday, February 11 - Legendary Bob Livingston

Friday, February 18 - Traveler

Friday, March 4 - Dana Cooper!



Doors open at 7:30 and shows start around 8:45

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

[www.andersonfair.net](http://www.andersonfair.net)

### Lee Hudman, ABR CLHMS CNE GPA

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Why should you call me when it's time to buy or sell a home or investment property?

- ◆ 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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**December 2021 Treasurer's Report**

Beginning Balance			\$6,963.94
Monies In:	Membership	\$290.00	
	East Montrose Signs	\$75.00	
	Donation	\$5.00	
Monies Out:	Storage Unit	\$(69.00)	
	Zoom Meeting	\$(15.98)	
	PayPal Fees	\$(10.52)	
	Quickbooks	\$(26.65)	
	Newsletter Printing	\$(382.50)	
	Webpage Development	\$(450)	
	Holiday Party	\$(130.36)	
Ending Balance			\$6,248.92
<b>Constable</b>			
Beginning balance			\$3,285.00
Monies in:	Constable Reserve	\$15,886.00	
Monies out:	PayPal Fees	\$(84.42)	
Ending Balance			\$19,086.58
Combined Ending Bal			\$25,335.51

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



**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): \_\_\_\_\_  
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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: 140 / Security Patrol (Paid): 98**  
 Membership numbers have dropped significantly!  
 Please remember to renew!

**TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE**

February 2	Wednesday	Heavy Trash—JUNK ONLY
February 7	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn & Recycle
February 14	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn
February 21	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn & Recycle
February 28	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn
March 2	Wednesday	Heavy Trash—TREE WASTE ONLY

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

Want to submit an article for the newsletter? Please email your article to [newsletter@eastmontrose.org](mailto:newsletter@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