

East Montrose

Civic Association Newsletter



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April 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

- 4/8 – Monarch Chamber Players
Peggy Shiffick Park—6-7pm / see pg. 3
- 4/19 – EMCA meeting / IN PERSON
7:00pm at Boheme—307 Fairview
10% of sales to EMCA Security Fund
Gen. Biz + Security Patrol , Speaker TBD
- 5/14—Blk party to Celebrate life of Cheryl Hastings
- 5/14 – Summer Kick-Off Ice Cream Social
2:00—3:30 pm
Peggy Shiffick Park
- Jun / Jul / Aug —No Meetings – Summer Break
- 9/15 - Home Tour Planning
- 9/20 - EMCA meeting / Speaker TBD
- 10/4 - National Nite Out – HPD & Elected Officials
- 10/? - Home Tour Final Planning
- 10/8 - Biennial Home Tour (resched due to CV19)
- 11/15 – EMCA meeting / Speaker TBD
- 12/6 – Annual Elections/Holiday Party (tentative)

To join Zoom Meetings:

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From the Security Committee ... by Hugo Ovalle

Are you, like me, the proud dog parent of a pandemic puppy who loves to take a walk before bedtime? Or someone who likes to stroll the neighborhood in late afternoon, enjoying the beautiful sunshine (before the August sun sets in!)? Do you mainly shop from places like Amazon, and eagerly await coming home to find packages on your porch? Then you, like me, must have noticed the increase in vandalism and crime in our neighborhood – the broken glass in the streets and the empty Amazon packages lying on the sidewalk. Many of us think that there is nothing we can do to combat this trend in our neighborhood, but a group of East Montrose neighbors would disagree. At this time, we have raised enough funds for 8-9 months of patrols. As more individuals sign up we will be able to extend the contract period. A few weeks ago, the EMCA security committee, which is made up of folks like you and me, hosted a get together so we could meet security officers from SEAL, which is the security company we have selected to patrol our neighborhood. Those of us who attended asked questions and were able to see for ourselves the quality of the company that will be providing security for us. The security committee is in the process of vetting the contract with SEAL, finalizing the details of their service to our community. After the contract has been approved and signed, we will have a firm start date.

The security committee will continue to meet regularly after SEAL begins patrolling the neighborhood. Members of the committee will review data submitted by SEAL, which will detail hours the security officer was in the neighborhood, the contacts the security officer has with people in the neighborhood, and any other pertinent information. EMCA will update our website to host statistics from the patrols as well as any comments from our neighbors.

It is not too late to join many of your neighbors who have come together to protect our wonderful neighborhood from vandalism and other crimes.

Please contact Hugo Ovalle hugo.a.ovalle@gmail.com for more information or to sign up.

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.



Cowboys & Indians (serving Texas & Indian foods) moved from our neighborhood and a new restaurant & bar, Parlay Bar & Grill, is being set up. The owners of Parlay have done an outstanding job of showing off the architecture of the old service station. Meanwhile: when will it open? and what about the old brick building next to it? will it be incorporated with the old service station? We're glad that Parlay is keeping Cowboys & Indians' sport mural on the west wall. Cowboys & Indians moved to Shepherd, between Memorial and Washington and have some great murals at their new place.

Photos:

- 1 -Parlay Bar & Grill - great new paint job accentuating the historic building
- 2 -Parlay Bar & Grill - sports mural remaining from Cowboys & Indians
- 3 -Cowboys & Indians - mural of cowboy & horse, also decorated cow & dancer
- 4 -Cowboys & Indians - close up of Astronaut
- 5 -Cowboys & Indians - mural seen from Shepherd



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.



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Music in the Park...

by Jordan Brokken

Monarch Chamber Players will be playing a selection of classical and popular music arranged for the Woodwind Quintet.

Admission is free, though we suggest a donation if you attend. Bring a lawn chair, your favorite beverage, and snack, and come enjoy a classical music concert right in your neighborhood!

April 8th, 6 pm - 7 pm at Shiffick (Peggy H.) Park
700 Bomar St, Houston, TX 77006



Art Walk ...

by Joan Son



TO THE ARTISTS OF EAST MONTROSE

Our Biennial East Montrose Home Tour is being planned for October 8. Along with the Home Tour is the FREE ART WALK. It's a wonderful opportunity to open your studio. Exhibit your art. Talk to folks.

If you are not an artist and want to sponsor one you can open your home to an artist you know. Montrose is famous for artists of all kinds. We want you on the tour with us! The more the merrier!

Please contact Joan Son if you are interested to be part of this event. No charge at all. You will receive a sign and balloons for your yard and advertising as it evolves.

Thanks so much!

joanson23@gmail.com

2022 HOME TOUR—HOMES NEEDED!

The East Montrose Biennial Home Tour is fast approaching. **The home tour is the main fundraiser for the East Montrose Civic Association.** The Home Tour needs YOU to volunteer for one of the many voluntary positions - ticket takers, docents, etc., but right now we most importantly need HOMES to feature on the tour.

If you would like to volunteer to have your home on the tour, please contact Bill Maxey at bmaxey@mediadesigninc.com

IN MEMORIAM

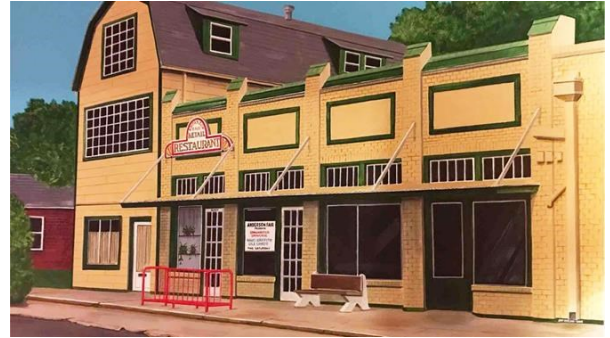
Cheryl Hastings, long time resident who loved to bring neighbors together, died of Alzheimer's Disease in February. Her family is planning a neighborhood block party the weekend of May 14. More information will be released as it becomes available.

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!

ANDERSON FAIR CONCERTS

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.

Friday, April 1 - Shake Russell
Thursday, April 7 - Ken and Wayne host Susan Elliott
Friday, April 8 - Lynn Langham and Doug Gill
Friday, April 15 - Ryan Culwell and Thomas Csorba
Friday, April 22 - Ginger Leigh
Friday, April 29 - Bernice Lewis
Thursday, May 5 - Ken and Wayne
Friday, May 6 - Curtis McMurtry
Friday May 20 - Sara Van Buskirk
Friday, May 27 - Amanda Pascali



Doors open at 7:30 and shows start around 8:45
2007 Grant Street, Just off Montrose behind Texas Art Supply.

www.andersonfair.net

SPECIAL NOTE!

Need some background on Anderson Fair? You can watch this extraordinary movie on YouTube. It's a weird, magical success story of grassroots American music. Featuring many greats... Nanci Griffith, Guy Clark, Robert Earl Keen, Lyle Lovett... many more. <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=ulWgcY35hQ>

Lee Hudman, ABR CLHMS CNE GPA

Your East Montrose Neighborhood Realtor®

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.



Demi's Dog House



239 W. Gray, Houston, TX 77019

713-942-0688

www.demisdoghhouse.com

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NOTE: Deadline for submission of newsletter content is ALWAYS the 20th day of the previous month. Email your content to newsletter.emca@gmail.com.

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

Our District C City Council Member: Abbie Kamin
Contact Ngan Nguyen
districtc@houstontx.gov—832-393-3004

City of Houston Community Liaison
Carl Davis—832-393-4063

Harris County Precinct One—Commissioner Rodney Ellis
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Council Member At Large #5—Sallie Alcorn
Contact: Mike Watkins
Mike.watkins@houstontx.gov—832-393-3017

February 2022 Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance			\$6,353.02
Monies In:	Membership	\$285.00	
	EMCA sign	\$75.00	
Monies Out:	Storage Unit	\$(21.00)	
	Zoom meeting	\$(103.61)	
	Paypal Fees	\$(17.79)	
	PO Box	\$(198.00)	
	Web Upgrade	\$(450.00)	
	Website Name Renewal	\$(21.17)	
Ending Balance			\$5,901.45
Security			
Beginning Balance			\$32,958.70
Monies In	Security Reserve	\$13,005.50	
Monies Out	PayPal Fees	\$(160.75)	
Ending Balance			\$45,803.45

Total EMCA Members: 158

Total Greater EM Security subscriptions 1/31: 138
Total Greater EM Security Subscriptions as of 3/22: 148

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): _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Alt. Phone: _____

Email: _____

Mail to: PO Box 131363 Houston, TX 77219

OR pay via PayPal at www.Eastmontrose.org

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Yard of the Season: Betsy Anderson — bsatexas@sbcglobal.net

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!

TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

April 4	Monday	Regular Trash & Recycle
April 6	Wednesday	Heavy Trash—JUNK ONLY
April 11	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn
April 18	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn & Recycle
April 25	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn
May 2	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn & Recycle
May 4	Wednesday	Heavy Trash—TREE WASTE

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. All submissions are welcome, but submission does not guarantee that the submission will be published.

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