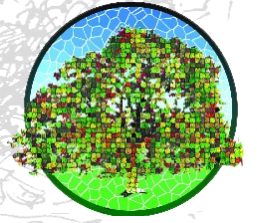


East Montrose

Civic Association Newsletter



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May 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

**4/30—Chamber Music in Peggy Shiffick Park
5:30-6:30pm FREE! See pg. 2**

**5/14—Remembrance Celebration for
Cheryl Wilgus Hastings. 2:30pm to 7:00pm at
303 Fargo. See pg. 5**

5/14— Art League Marty Party. 609pm See pg. 3

**5/21 – 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:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88971684440?
pwd=MFFQdUdSSjM2aXFncmV1UGZYT1JXUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88971684440?pwd=MFFQdUdSSjM2aXFncmV1UGZYT1JXUT09)

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East Montrose Security Patrol Notice

Residents of East Montrose,

The East Montrose Civic Association ("EMCA") has recently contracted with S.E.A.L. Security Services to provide security services within the East Montrose community. Commencing April 27, 2022, patrols will occur throughout the neighborhood at various times. EMCA's boundaries are Genesee Street to the east, W. Gray Street to the north, Montrose Street to the west and Fairview Street to the south. The patrol area is defined in the contract post orders and will focus on the areas around those who have subscribed and may include coverage for subscribers immediately outside the boundaries of EMCA.

Those who have subscribed will receive the following benefits...

1. 24 Hour Hotline Number (a card will be delivered to each subscriber at their designated address)
2. Vacation Watch
3. Welfare Checks
4. Addition to Home Alarm System notifications
5. Yard Sign indicating support for the program
6. Other benefits are available and will be communicated to subscribers

If you have not yet subscribed and are interested, information can be found online at <https://www.eastmontrose.org/news-events/security/> or by contacting safety.emca@gmail.com.

Zelle payments can be made to treasurer.emca@gmail.com. Please include your name, address and phone number when subscribing.

Sincerely,

EMCA Board of Directors

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.

MONARCH CHAMBER PLAYERS AND WINDSYNC

**SATURDAY
30 APRIL
5:30-6:30PM**

ANTONÍN
DVOŘÁK'S
SERENADE
FOR WINDS
AND STRINGS



**PEGGY
SHIFFICK PARK**

700 BOMAR ST
BRING A CHAIR OR
BLANKET

**FREE TO
ATTEND**



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Our neighbors in Freedman's Town are making great progress on restoring historic structures as they prepare for participation in the worldwide UNICEF Slave Route Trail. The section from Galveston to Freedman's Town to Emancipation Park will be the Emancipation Trail section. We hope that someday the Yates Museum will have regular hours because it is an excellent mini museum.

I want to give a decent walking tour of Freedman's Town when we have out of town guests, so we were fortunate to be included on another tour of Freedman's Town. This time we looked more closely brick streets remaining intact (less than a mile). The construction of the remaining intersection includes a center brick which extends out equally on four sides. If pulled up in the imagination, a perfect four sided pyramid would result. While we searched for the central brick that held the design together cars lined up on the street, waiting patiently, even reverently, for the volunteer to find the center brick and make the explanation.

Also, there is a small Freedman's Farmer's Market at Cleveland & Cushing from 10a-2p on Saturdays which our neighborhood should know about.

Photos:

- 1- sidewalk in front of the African American Library
- 2 - centerpiece for intersection
- 3 - intersection fanning out in four directions from center brick



Healing Art is accepting applications for 2022-23!

The Art League's unique program Healing Art is now accepting applications through August 15, 2022. The program was started years ago for persons with HIV/AIDS and is now for adults with chronic illness or disabilities. We are fortunate to have Art League Houston in our neighborhood.

We are heading into our summer break and looking forward to a great semester next fall. Healing Art serves adults living with chronic physical illnesses and physical disabilities with arts instruction and provides a supportive creative community at no cost to participants. If you or someone you know might benefit, please consider applying. ALH will accept applications for the 2022-23 year through August 15, 2022.

For more information about the Healing Art program contact Art League Houston.



Marty Party

(Montrose Art Party)
celebrating the Art League's Healing Arts Program

It's Free and the Art League would love to welcome the EMCA neighborhood to join in -
Art League Houston
Montrose & Willard Streets
Saturday May 14
6-9pm



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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Property Tax Deadlines

It is that time of year again. The Harris County Appraisal District (“HCAD”) has set values for the 2022 property tax year. In previous years, EMCA has had the ability to have a resident familiar with the process speak to us at a member meeting.

This year we are providing the information below to help you navigate the process. The information below is a small amount of information located on HCAD’s website at <https://hcad.org/hcad-help/hcad-understanding-the-property-tax-process/guide-to-understanding-the-property-tax-process>.

There are three main parts to the property tax system in Texas:

1. An appraisal district in each county sets the value of taxable property each year. The chief appraiser is the appraisal district's chief administrator and is responsible to a board of directors for its operation.
2. An appraisal review board (ARB) settles any disagreements between you and the appraisal district about the value of your property.
3. Local taxing units, including the county, cities, school districts, and special districts, decide how much money they will spend each year. This in turn determines the tax rate they need to set and the total amount of taxes that you and your neighbors will pay.

The system has four stages: valuing the taxable property, protesting the values, adopting the tax rates, and collecting the taxes.

January 1 marks the beginning of property appraisal. What a property is used for on January 1, market conditions at that time, and who owns the property on that date determine whether the property is taxed, its value, qualifications for exemptions, and who is responsible for paying the tax.

Between January 1 and April 30, the appraisal district processes applications for tax exemptions, agricultural and timber appraisals, and other tax relief. Around May 15, the appraisal review board begins hearing protests from property owners who believe their property values are incorrect, or who feel they were improperly denied an exemption or agricultural/timber appraisal. The ARB is an independent panel of citizens responsible for handling protests about the appraisal district's work. When the ARB finishes its work, the chief appraiser gives each taxing unit a list of taxable property known as the appraisal roll.

Usually in September or October, the elected officials of each taxing unit adopt tax rates for their operations and debt payments. Typically, each property is taxed by several taxing units. For example, every property in Harris County is taxed by both the county and a school district. Taxes may also be payable to a city or special district, including such entities as municipal utility districts, rural fire protection districts, junior college districts, and others.

Tax collection starts in October and November as tax bills go out. Taxpayers have until January 31 of the following year to pay their taxes. On February 1, penalty and interest charges begin accumulating on most unpaid tax bills. Taxing units may start legal action to collect unpaid property taxes once they become delinquent.

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 and I will give you the specifics on what I do each month.

From Abbie Kamin, COH District C...

As you may know the city is hosting community meetings regarding the upcoming redistricting process for City of Houston Council Districts. The public input process is important to the overall map drawing process, and will take place before maps are drawn.

There will be multiple opportunities to share your voice throughout this process, and I'm reaching on behalf of Council Member Kamin to invite you and neighbors to the District C Redistricting meeting: Tuesday, May 3, 6:00 p.m. at Congregation Emanu El (1500 Sunset Blvd, Houston, TX 77005). We hope you can attend this Town Hall meeting as the City of Houston explains the redistricting process and shares Capital Improvement Project/infrastructure updates specific to District C.

For some background on location choices in C: West Gray MSC was the location of the last CIP meeting and a recent public safety town hall was in the northern part of the district. The Council Member is moving meetings around to different neighborhoods in an effort to spotlight all the great neighborhoods that make up District C. Rather than having annual meetings at the same location, the hope is to move the meeting around to other locations each year.

All town hall meetings throughout the city are open to the public from any district, and a complete list is available at <https://www.letstalkhouston.org/redistricting>

Residents who cannot attend the meeting can also attend a virtual meeting on Wednesday, May 25 at 6:00 p.m. This option will only cover Redistricting; District specific CIP updates will not be on this meeting's agenda.

The link reference above also includes a Public Engagement Timeline and Calendar. Please know the public is also encouraged to submit a redistricting plan, and these details/instructions are also included via Let's Talk Houston.

If you have any questions or need any assistance, please let me know.

Kate Dentler
Communications Director
Office of Council Member Abbie Kamin, District C

To receive updates from our office, [click here](#) to sign up for our newsletter or follow us on [Facebook](#).

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

REMEMBRANCE CELEBRATION —Cheryl Wilgus Hastings

Cheryl, a long time resident who loved to bring neighbors together, died of Alzheimer's Disease in February. Her family is holding a neighborhood party on May 14 from 2:30 pm to 7:00 pm on the front porch at 303 Fargo..
Tentative schedule: 2:30—Gather, 3:00—Service and Remembrance, 4:00-7:00pm—Socialize

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.

Thursday, May 5 - Ken Gaines & Wayne Wilkerson

Friday, May 6 - Curtis McMurtry

Friday, May 13 - info soon!

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



The iconic Anderson Fair stage ready for the show to begin.

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=ulWgcnY35hQ>

Lee Hudman, ABR CLHMS CNE GPA

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

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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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February 2022 Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance			\$5,901.45
Monies In:	Membership	\$75.00	
Monies Out:	Storage Unit	\$(53.00)	
	PayPal Fees	\$(3.96)	
	QuickBooks	\$(53.30)	
	Newsletter	\$(172.50)	
	Director & Officer Insurance	\$(868.00)	
Ending Balance			\$4,825.69
Security			
Beginning Balance			\$45,803.45
Monies In	Security Reserve	\$7,899.50	
Monies Out	PayPal Fees	\$(212.83)	
Ending Balance			\$53,490.12

Total EMCA Members: 152

Total Greater EM Security subscriptions 3/31/22: 150

Total Greater EM Security Subscriptions as of 4/21/22: 161

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

May 2	Monday	Regular Trash Lawn & Recycle
May 4	Wednesday	Heavy Trash—TREE WASTE ONLY
May 9	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn
May 16	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn & Recycle
May 23	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn
May 30	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn & Recycle
June 1	Wednesday	Heavy Trash—JUNK 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. 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