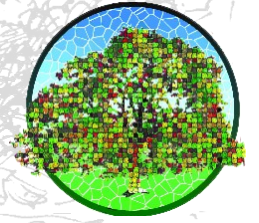


East Montrose

Civic Association Newsletter



Connect: [Facebook.com/groups/EastMontrose](https://www.facebook.com/groups/EastMontrose) and www.eastmontrose.org or Mail: PO Box 131363 Houston, TX 77219

August 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

Jun / Jul / Aug — No Meetings — Summer Break

9/15 - Home Tour Planning

9/20 - EMCA meeting / Home Tour Discussion

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>

Meeting ID: 889 7168 4440

Passcode: 369817

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The City of Houston crime database is almost always out of date.

East Montrose Friends and Neighbors:

The S.E.A.L. security patrol has been live now since the last week of April. I am optimistically cautious that we MAY be able to meet our original goal of 214 households signing up for the patrol. We hit the 80% mark! We have, as I write this, 171 with another three “subscriptions” on the way. Several of you indicated that you would sign up IF the committee was successful in obtaining 75% of our goal and we are there thanks to the help of many hard- working volunteers! We are well on the way to improving the safety of our neighborhood and protecting our property.

And folks....here’s the best part: IT’S WORKING!!! The stats on crime in the hood are down and I believe we can link that directly to the fact that would be criminals and those with ill intent see the patrols and are deterred. If we compare stats from April thru June 2021 to April thru June of 2022 there was a 22% reduction in burglaries of motor vehicles which has been a huge problem in East Montrose!

Now while all that is great news IMHO, we still need those who have not signed up to join us. A dollar a day for some peace of mind is a bargain.

The reality is unfortunately if we do not obtain another 40 households, we will be forced to discontinue the patrol OR add additional neighborhoods to the patrol. Several nearby neighborhoods are interested in joining because they see the benefits of having a patrol. However, the Board has been reluctant to extend the S.E.A.L. patrol coverage because such an extension will dilute the patrols on our streets. S.E.A.L. has confirmed this, because the EMCA footprint is optimized for providing the best results.

Please sign up now. It’s easy. You can find all the info on www.eastmontrose.org or call me...I’ll walk you through it.... Mary Quinn at 281 630 4487.

Until next time,

Mary Quinn

EMCA President

**2022 EAST MONTROSE HOME TOUR and ART WALK
OCTOBER 8, 2022
HOMES AND ARTISTS NEEDED!**

The East Montrose Biennial Home Tour is fast approaching.

The home tour is the main fundraiser for the East Montrose Civic Association.

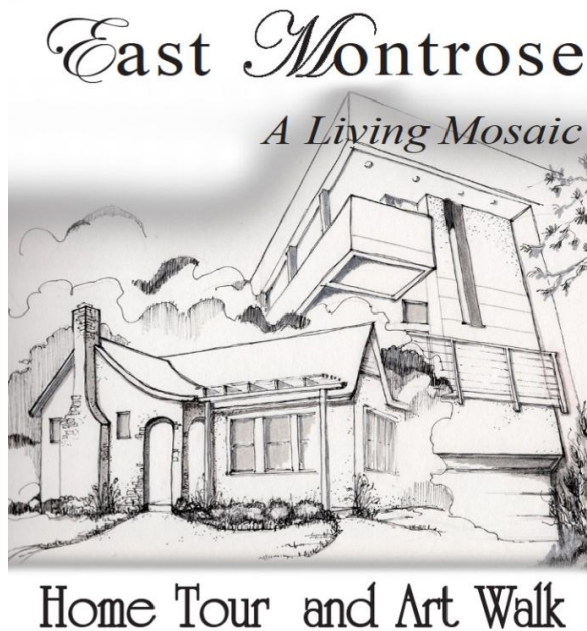
We also need some 40 volunteers to greet the guests, oversee traffic flow and answer questions. The morning shift runs 10-1, afternoon shift 1-4.

We currently have four homes on the tour, but we need ONE MORE!

As a docent, you will be invited to a thank-you reception for volunteers on Saturday evening (location to be announced).

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

This is also a call for the neighborhood artists that want to be on the Art Walk the same day to open your studio and show your ART to the neighbors and others on the Home Tour. There is no charge and you may even sell work and expand your list of interested art collectors. Contact Joan Son for more Art Walk info at joanson23@gmail.com



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From the Editor...

by Sofie Shoab



Hello hello!

Lets send off Lee, our editor of 10 years with a fond farewell and many thanks for his dedication to keeping everyone informed of East Montrose events and news. Lee, come back anytime and let us know how things are faring in your new neighborhood!

A brief introduction to my fellow East Montrosians—

I am a *very* recent Houston transplant, having only moved here from Boston in February with my husband (a native Houstonian) and our two cats. Back in February, I was pretty relieved to be leaving blizzards and single-digit days behind! Nowadays, however, you're unlikely to see me out in the neighborhood as I stay hunkered indoors attempting to survive this triple-digit heatwave with no end in sight. Okay, okay, I'll admit it: if you catch me outside, I'm probably on my way to or returning from Van Leeuwen—that menu is just *so darn good!*

A bit about me: I'm over on Crocker (drop by and say hello if you're out and about!), love to bake (had a brief foray into the world of breadmaking—until I realized someone had to *eat* all that bread), enjoy knitting, running, gardening, and DIY home projects. You may have seen my husband or myself out on the driveway sawing, sanding, or painting when the weather was cooler. I expect we'll be back at it again in just a few months.

I plan on exploring all that Houston, and specifically, Montrose, has to offer and really getting to know the city and our neighborhood better. If you have suggestions or want to join in, come along for the ride! I'll be sharing Houston's hidden gems and not-so-secret staples here in the newsletter.

If there is content you'd like to see published in our newsletter, please feel free to send in ideas and articles at newsletter.emca@gmail.com. We are always taking submissions.

Cheers,
Sofie



Mark your calendar for Tuesday, October 4, 2022

6:30-8:00 p.m.
East Montrose
National Night Out

Organized by the East Montrose Civic Association
Come join your neighbors in enhancing Police/Community Relations
Outside Anderson Fair located at corner of Grant and Welch
Interact with Sheriff deputies, HPD officers and local officials

Potluck – bring a dish to share
Water provided

BYOB or beverages can be purchased at Anderson Fair
Raffle Prizes for Current EMCA Members
Membership table where you can join EMCA

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact **Karen Brohn** at
832.457.0442
or via email at
www.vicepresident.emca@gmail.com.

Come join us at the September East Montrose Civic Association Meeting

Date: September 20, 2022
Location: TBD (will be published in September edition)

Topic: 2022 East Montrose Civic Association Home Tour

Things to do in Houston this Month

1. **Shakespeare in the Park!** The Houston Shakespeare Festival and UH School of Theater will be putting on KING LEAR and CYMBELINE this August at Hermann Park's Miller Outdoor Theatre. Check them out and don't forget your picnic blankets! Bard Talk will begin at 7:45PM with the performances starting at 8:15PM.

King Lear: August 1, 3, 5

Cymbeline: August 2, 4, 6

2. **Candytopia** comes to Houston! A journey that lasts a little over an hour, Candytopia is a travelling, interactive confectionary museum filled with art installations and candy tastings curated from their previous locations and new local delights. Find them on Instagram @thecandytopia for details. Did I mention the giant marshmallow pit?

Located at 822 Town and Country Blvd Ste 102, Houston 77024

3. **CLUE:** Alley Theater will be putting on a 90 minute long, intermission-free production of everyone's favorite comedy-murder mystery set at Boddy Manor. Shows run until August 28th.

Located at 615 Texas Ave, Houston 77002

4. **Jurassic Quest**, a family-friendly interactive scavenger hunt filled with life-like land and sea dinosaurs, interactive science and art activities, fossil digs which include real T-Rex teeth and triceratops horns, bounce houses, and soft-play areas will be in Houston from August 4-August 7 at NRG Center.

5. **Escape Velocity: Dance, Design, A.I.** By NobleMotion Dance is an immersive dance challenge combined with cirque and parkour. Watch the performers interact with a machine learning environment which will dictate how they complete challenges within The Cube. The show will run from August 12-August 14th at Glade Cultural Center.

6. **Banksyland:** 80+ pieces by the worlds most elusive artist will be showcased in a *secret location*(!) only to be revealed to ticket holders two weeks before the opening. All we know is it will be somewhere in Downtown Houston from August 12-August 14 and will include some never-before-seen immersive installations.

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.



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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.

Recipe of the Month

With summer in full swing, let's turn our attention to summer produce—sweeter and more flavorful at this time of year. This month we feature...tomatoes and watermelon in a chilled gazpacho, perfect for these warm days.

Ingredients

For the gazpacho:

- 4 1/4 pounds whole peeled tomatoes (from 4 28-ounce cans)
- 2 2/3 cups seeded and diced watermelon
- 6 celery stalks, trimmed and finely chopped
- 1 small onion, peeled and finely chopped
- 5 garlic cloves, chopped
- 2 1/2 slices (3 1/2 ounces) french bread, cubed
- 2/3 cup canned tomato puree
- 1/2 cup basil leaves
- 2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
- Scant 1 cup olive oil
- Kosher salt
- Freshly ground black pepper

For the croutons:

- 4 slices 5 ounces french bread, torn into bite-sized pieces
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- Kosher salt

Instructions

1. Start by preparing the soup. Working in batches if needed*, place tomatoes, watermelon, celery, onion, garlic, bread, tomato puree, basil, 1 teaspoon salt and several turns of black pepper in a blender, and blend just until smooth. With the blender going, stream in the vinegar and olive oil. Transfer to a large bowl, and store covered in the fridge until ready to serve.
2. To make the croutons, preheat an oven to 400°F. Add bread to a medium bowl, and toss with olive oil and a few pinches of salt. Transfer to a baking sheet, and cook, tossing occasionally, until crispy and golden (about 15 minutes). Let cool completely.
3. Just before serving, season gazpacho to taste with additional salt and pepper. To serve, ladle soup into bowls, then top with croutons, basil leaves, a drizzle of extra virgin olive oil and a sprinkling of flaky sea salt.

To finish: small basil leaves, extra virgin olive oil, flaky sea salt

Recipe by Brandon Matzek, writer/creator of Kitchen Confidence

ANDERSON FAIR SUMMER & FALL SCHEDULE

Anderson Fair has been presenting singers and songwriters since 1970. Every summer we take a break from the regular schedule of live music to clean up around the place and prepare for the fall lineup. In this 51st year of business all of July, August and part of September will be devoted to that. Mark your calendars for these coming concerts.

FALL 2022

- Friday, September 16 - Amanda Pascali
- Friday, September 23 - Albert and Gage
- Friday, September 30 - Shake Russell
- Friday, October 7 - Pat Byrne
- Friday, October 14 - Buddy Mondlock
- Friday, October 28 - Lynn Langham & Doug Gill

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

www.andersonfair.net



All shows are live streamed at no charge, though donations are appreciated. The link is posted the evening of the concert on our website. More info will be announced on the website as more concerts are booked. 2007 Grant Street.

www.andersonfair.net

In the mean time you can learn some history of this iconic venue (right here in East Montrose!) through a wonderful film... For the Sake of the Song: The story of Anderson Fair from Ghost Ranch Films. It is easy to find the trailer online!



It's hot out, but sometimes we have to go out of the house and there are curious things going on in the garden right now.

Below are the host flowers for the Pipevine Swallowtail and Gulf Coast Fritillary along with their caterpillars. The caterpillars sometimes eat the plant down to the stem, but it will grow back quickly so be careful not to disturb.

- 1- Native Pipevine flower (ground cover)
- 2- Pipevine Swallowtail laying eggs
- 3- Caterpillar of Pipevine Swallowtail
- 4- Passionflower (vine)
- 5- Gulf Coast Fritillary
- 6- Caterpillar of Gulf Coast Fritillary



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 [Presi-
dent.emca@gmail.com](mailto:President.emca@gmail.com) or
EMCA Vice President Karen Brohn at
vicepresident.emca@gmail.com to volunteer.





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June, 2022 Treasurer's Report			
For the period June 1, 2022 - June 30, 2022			
EMCA			
Beginning Balance			\$ 4,959.95
Monies In	Membership	\$ 285.00	
	EMCA Sign	\$ 75.00	
	Donation	\$ 30.00	
Monies Out	Storage Unit		\$ 53.00
	Newsletter		\$ 315.00
	Quickbooks		\$ 26.65
	Paypal Fees		\$ 15.08
Ending Balance			\$ 4,940.22
Security			
Beginning Balance			\$58,780.71
Monies In	Security Reserve	\$ 1,095.00	
Monies Out			
	S.E.A.L.		\$ 6,728.82
Ending Balance			\$53,146.89
Combined Ending Balance			\$58,087.11

Total EMCA Members: 157
Total Greater EM Security subscriptions 6/30/22: 171

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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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

August 1	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn
August 3	Wednesday	Heavy Trash—JUNK ONLY
August 8	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn & Recycle
August 15	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn
August 22	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn & Recycle
August 29	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn
September 7	Wednesday	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.emca@gmail.com. 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