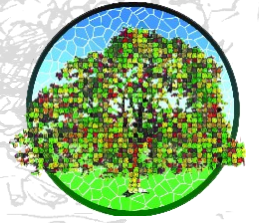


East Montrose

Civic Association Newsletter



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September 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

9/15 - Home Tour Planning—Boheme Restaurant

9/20 - EMCA meeting / Home Tour Discussion

10/4 - National Nite Out – HPD & Elected Officials - Anderson Fair 6:30P-8P

10/8 - Biennial Home Tour (rescheduled due to CV19)

11/15 – EMCA meeting / Speaker TBD

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

2022 EAST MONTROSE HOME TOUR and ART WALK OCTOBER 8, 2022

The East Montrose Civic Association will host its 13th Biennial Home Tour and Art Walk on Saturday, October 8, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. East Montrose, referred to as “the Heart of Houston,” was platted in the early 1900s - back in the days when Houston's population numbered fewer than 300,000 and the GH&SA Railway ran down Montrose Blvd.

During the 1960s, East Montrose became a center for the counterculture and hippie communes, and in 1970, Anderson Fair, one of the oldest music venues in continuous operation in the United States, opened its doors.

Today a diverse mix of people and architecture, this pedestrian-friendly area exhibits a variety of architectural styles. These houses have original build dates ranging from the early 1900s to 2014. Tourgoers can get a glimpse of how the architecture has been transformed over the years, with results of unique renovations that are characteristic of this distinctive, eclectic neighborhood.

Also visit the working studios of nine local artists, all within comfortable strolling distance. You'll be invited in to the space where artists get their inspiration, and you'll see where and how their crafts come to life. The art walk is free of charge.

Home tour tickets can be bought in advance at <https://www.eastmontrose.org/news-events/home-tour/>

- ◇ Joan Son & Keiko Kinsey - paper art, origami & fine art beading - 904 Welch
- ◇ Cindy Shung – artist in residence at Anderson Fair – 2007 Grant St
- ◇ Constance Braden - charcoal drawings, portraits on paper - 920 Damon Ct.
- ◇ Photographer Valerie Owhadi hosted by Luc & Vero -- 315 Willard
- ◇ Penny Cerling - print making, pen & ink on paper & wood - 419 Willard
- ◇ Gerida Brown at Historic Welch Corner - paintings & sculpture - 915 Welch
 - ◇ Mike McHam - fused glass - 713 Bomar
 - ◇ JoAnn Gage - Front Porch Selfies with mural - 2006 Stanford
 - ◇ Bryan Haworth - watercolor - 2107 Morgan

Details of the home tour can be found on the next page. This is one home tour and art walk you won't want to miss!



A glimpse at one of the homes which will be featured on the tour.

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.

2022 EAST MONTROSE HOME TOUR and ART WALK

OCTOBER 8, 2022

www.eastmontrose.org

◇ **908 Welch:** Start the tour at this turn-of-the century, four-square house which has been renovated with a modern flair by the current owner. A wide front porch, typical of the era, extends the full front width of the clapboard exterior. This gorgeous home retains its turn-of-the-century grandeur and the walls seem to whisper tales of carriages pulling up for evening rides, while art from local and international modern artists adorn the walls.

See work by Joan Son, Claire Richards, Isabelle Dupuy and Idalia Candelas.

◇ **2020 Crocker:** former home to Nell Stewart, who spent her first hundred years growing up in the home before recently selling to a young couple who are restoring it to its former glory. This is very much a work-in-progress, appealing to anyone who wants to see what goes into renovating an old home! Stewart was the local historian for years and regaled neighbors with stories as the neighborhood transitioned from the early 1900s, to the counterculture 70s, to present day. One tale regarding the First Pagan Church of Houston down the street “The children who lived there told fellow students they would turn them into black cats for lunch money”.

◇ **2102 Stanford:** Built in 2014 by a longtime resident of the neighborhood, this townhome was custom-designed to maximize views of the downtown Houston skyline while preserving a native pecan tree on the tight site. The resulting interiors are tall, airy and somewhat quirky spaces with spectacular daylight. Exterior is stucco and hardy board, interiors include ‘gneiss’ countertops, custom cabinetry, Viking appliances, and hardwood floors throughout. Unique floorplan includes a separate entry library/office/guestroom, expansive bonus room, and a fifth-floor deck with 300-degree views of the city.

◇ **301 Welch:** Comprised of two shotgun shacks, built in 1915 and 1925, that were bolted together. Friends of the family bought the house for \$400 sometime around the 1930s. The house had an escape hatch in the floor of a linen cabinet – possibly for bootleggers. The cabinet was discovered in 1991, when the house was moved to its current, location here in East Montrose from Jackson Street (next to St. Joseph’s Hospital). In 2005, a three--story addition was added, which includes an apartment (designed to make the most of a small space) and an artist’s studio.

◇ **802 Peden:** Craftsman bungalow built in 1919 for a family of five. The place was a mess when the current owner purchased the home in 1997. A great deal of effort was made to update the look, yet restoring many original items and retaining its original brick walls, woodwork, flooring (oak in Living and pine in Bedrooms) and wavy glass windows--the foundation is an unusual combination of pier and beam with a chain wall perimeter. You will be surprised to find only one bathroom--and lots of red everywhere--different from the floral wallpaper of yesteryear!

Plan to spend the day, browse neighborhood shops, and stay for lunch or dinner at many local restaurants. Also, Anderson Fair, 2007 Grant at Welch, will be open with the opportunity to see inside this iconic music venue.

East Montrose is in the 77006 Zip Code and lies within the boundaries of Montrose, West Gray, Genesee, and Fairview. Drive or bicycle over, and look for the Home Tour signs.

Advance tickets cost \$15 at <https://www.eastmontrose.org/news-events/home-tour/>

Day-of-Tour tickets are \$20 and available at 908 Welch

Contact: Bill Maxey at 713-545-2909; bmaxey@mediadesigninc.com

East Montrose Security Initiatives

As ever, we strive to make East Montrose a safe and secure neighborhood for us all to enjoy. Here are some crime updates from the EMCA Security Committee over the last quarter, as well as new initiatives which are underway.

After three months of S.E.A.L. Security being in our neighborhood, the Security Committee is pleased to share that it has been **successful** at reducing crime! We have gathered statistics from May through July, comparing 2021 to 2022, that shows a 46% reduction year over year in all crime committed within the Greater East Montrose (GEM) boundaries. As we anticipated, employing an active security patrol deterred crime from occurring.

Since vehicular burglaries declined by 57%, we have noticed a reduction of broken glass in our streets and hope that this trend continues. While the security patrol will not be able to completely eliminate crime in our neighborhood, we are happy to report concrete statistics showing the large reduction of crime. As of now, the GEM has enough funds to cover S.E.A.L.'s contract for 80% of the year. If you have not yet joined, you can still subscribe at <https://www.eastmontrose.org/news-events/security/>. Please help in the efforts to continue to prevent our neighborhood from being a soft target for crimes of opportunity.

We also wanted to let our residents know that your very own EMCA members Hugo Ovalle and Pervez Agwan have been lobbying the city council and Councilwoman Kamin's office for increased pedestrian/bike safety, and newly engineered walkways throughout the neighborhood. They've been working closely with other concerned parents and residents of the NMCA (North Montrose), including Mehdi Rais, Allison Eskenov, and Kelly Turner. Together, they've formed a small coalition of Montrose residents petitioning for child and family friendly pedestrian cross-walks and walkways at:

- West Gray and Stanford Street
- West Dallas and Stanford Street
- Other key intersections along Columbus, Taft, and West Clay Streets

Given that there are dozens of children and families that walk over to the Wharton school, and that it is nearly impossible to cross over some of these intersections in a safe and effective manner, Pervez, Hugo and the NMCA residents are asking you to help them make some noise and present a united front to the city council. These projects can be expensive, and these projects require a coalition of multiple community members to come together and push for the funds to be allocated to our neighborhood.

If you are interested in joining the coalition and submitting comments as well as taking direct action in front of city council, please reach out to Pervez Agwan at pervezagwan@gmail.com. Let's make our neighborhood more walkable and safer for street crossings – together!

From the Editor...

by Sofie Shoab



Hello hello!

Houston explorations continue—last month, I had a chance to check out the MC Escher exhibit at the MFA which was mind-boggling. Escher certainly had a unique way of looking at the world, and the exhibit did not disappoint! It's in town for a few more days so check it out if you haven't already. Candytopia was a family-friendly, Instagrammers delight! Very reminiscent of the Museum of Ice Cream. Hope all of you sweet-tooths had a chance to visit, and if you haven't yet, it is definitely worth a visit! If only to eat unlimited amounts of candy. Check out this month's featured events and let us know your opinions!

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
at 2002 Grant Street Houston TX
77006



Interact with Sheriff deputies, HPD officers and local officials

Potluck – bring a dish to share
See what others are bringing and share what you might bring at the link below
<https://bit.ly/3cn3VqI>
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
vicepresident.emca@gmail.com.

Come join us at the September East Montrose Civic Association Meeting

Date: September 20, 2022
Location: Boheme, 307 Fairview St, Houston, TX 77006

Topic: 2022 East Montrose Civic Association Home Tour, National Night Out,
Holiday Event and

Security Patrol Update

Things to do in Houston this Month

1. Houston Home + Garden Show Come check out hundreds of booths on everything from home remodeling, interior design, landscaping, gardening, pet needs and more! Get inspired to pick up DIY projects for your home. Lots of sweepstakes and giveaways so be sure to enter for prizes and deals!

September 16-18 at NRG Park

2. Block party at St. Stephens! St. Stephens Episcopal Church and School is hosting a block party in our very own Montrose neighborhood. There will be food trucks, a drum circle, live dancers, games for children and adults alike, along with voter registration opportunities.

Find the party at their W. Alabama parking lot, Sunday September 11 from 12-2PM

3. Nature Connects by the Houston Botanic Garden: Sean Kenny's award-winning exhibition creates whimsical works of art using simple Legos to explore the balance of ecosystems and mankind's relationship with nature. The exhibit aims to invoke discussions regarding conservation efforts and inspire others to create something for themselves.

Located at the Houston Botanic Garden starting September 24th

4. Everybody's Favorite Barbeque and Hot Sauce Festival highlights some of America's best BBQ vendors. This festival shares some of the BEST music, food, seasonings and sauces to be created. Find your new favorite BBQ food or sauce here! More information can be found at everybodysfavoritefestival.com

Coming to Houston September 30-October 2 at Discovery Green

5. Over the Edge Would you like to rappel down the side of the Moran at CITYCENTRE? Supporting Impact a Hero, an organization striving to make a positive change in the lives of veterans and active service members, you can sign up to rappel solo, as part of a team, or just watch the rappellers free of charge!

Check it out on September 3rd at the Moran at CITYCENTRE

6. Flea by Night: The open-air night market returns with everything from vintage, handmade, repurposed, or brand spanking new goods just waiting to be discovered. Enjoy treats from food trucks and live music while you explore.

Come to Discovery Green at 6PM on September 17th

Restaurant Features... by Malisa Galvan



Cuchara is one of my favorite spots in the neighborhood, and I was so excited to find out that Cuchara will have a new little sister, **Cucharita**, that will focus on the most important meal of the day...breakfast!

They will have a full coffee bar with tacos, egg dishes, quesadillas, pan dulce, and fun boozy (and non-boozy) breakfast beverages. This will be just the spot to meet friends for an intimate breakfast/brunch experience or to come and grab a quick bite in the morning.

The restaurant will be at Morgan and Fairview and hopes to be ready to open in time to celebrate Cuchara's 10 year anniversary! A soft opening is expected by September 16th!

Please support our local businesses, and maybe I will see you there having a cafecito or Bloody Maria and pan dulce! Buen provecho!



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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

September brings some of our favorite fall produce, including APPLES! This month, we are featuring apple cheddar scones. Let us know how your scones turned out, or write in with your favorite fall recipes!

Ingredients

- 7 tbsp. Butter, Divided
- 1/2 Large Granny Smith Apple, Peeled, Cored And Chopped Fine
- 1 c. All-purpose Flour
- 1/2 c. Soft White Wheat Flour (Whole Wheat Pastry Flour)
- 1 tbsp. Baking Powder
- 1/4 tsp. Baking Soda
- 1/2 tsp. Salt
- 1/2 c. Shredded Extra Sharp Cheddar Cheese, Plus More For Sprinkling
- 1 Egg White
- 2 tbsp. Maple Syrup
- 6 tbsp. Applesauce
- 2 tbsp. Buttermilk

Recipe adapted from Naturally Ella and inspired by Joy the Baker.

Instructions—yields 8 servings

Preheat oven to 425°F. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.

Melt 1 tablespoon butter in a skillet over medium-low heat. Add apple and sauté until tender, about 8 minutes. Remove from heat to cool.

In a medium bowl, whisk together flours, baking powder, baking soda and salt. Cut remaining butter into small pieces and scatter pieces over the flour mixture. Cut into the flour with a pastry cutter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Stir in the cheddar cheese.

In a small bowl, whisk together egg white, maple syrup, applesauce, and buttermilk. Pour over the flour/butter mixture and stir just until combined.

Transfer dough to a generously floured work surface. Pat out to an 11x7-inch rectangle. Spread the cooled apples on top of the dough, leaving a bit of the dough exposed along one long edge. Roll up the dough lengthwise, like cinnamon rolls. Slice into triangles or rectangles. Place on prepared baking sheet, 2 inches apart, and sprinkle with extra shredded cheese.

Bake in preheated oven for about 12 minutes, or until the bottoms of the scones are deep golden brown. Remove to rack to cool. Store scones wrapped in wax paper in an airtight container at room temperature for a few days.

ANDERSON FAIR SUMMER & FALL SCHEDULE

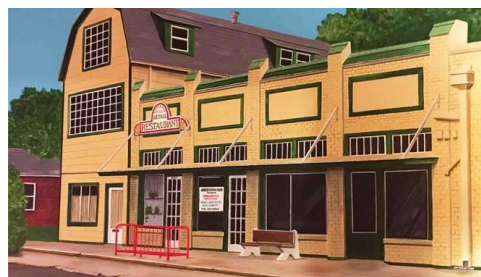
Anderson Fair has been presenting singers and songwriters since 1970. Every summer we take a break from the regular schedule of live music to clean up around the place and prepare for the fall lineup. In this 51st year of business all of July, August and part of September will be devoted to that. Mark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

FALL 2022

Friday, September 16 - Amanda Pascali
Friday, September 23 - Albert and Gage
Friday, September 30 - Shake Russell
Thursday, October 6—Mary Bragg
Friday, October 7 - Buddy Mondlock
Thursday, October 20—Ken Gaines and Wayne Wilderson
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!

Yard of the Season!

by Betsy Anderson



Our Yard of the Season winner for the months of August through October 2022 is the field-stone charmer at **502 Peden**. The home has been in Yolanda Garza's family since 1933, and she has lived in the home for the last year and a half, having moved from Southampton. When her mother, Paula Garza, lived in the home Paula started making the garden special.

Long-time residents will remember Paula's beautiful garden including the huge Meyer lemon tree that flourished in the yard until the freeze of February 2021 and the still thriving amaryllis bed, which are spectacular when they bloom each year en masse. In addition to all the yard work and gardening hours, Yolanda loves to travel, do needlepoint, and read. She enjoys spending time with her extensive family and friends. And instead of owning her own pets, she gets pleasure from watching the neighborhood pets on parade, along with their owners. The home was renovated in 2020 and includes a garage apartment.

Our hats go off to her for the lovely pink and white vinca lining her sidewalk and porch. In our summer heat, she has managed to keep the garden green and the colors beautiful.

Congratulations, Yolanda, on Yard of the Season!



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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S.E.A.L Security Incident Summary Report (YTD since inception)

To be updated monthly

2022 SUMMARY PAGE

Category	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr*	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
24-Hr. Hotline	-	-	-	3	18	19	14						54
Alarm	-	-	-	0	0	0	0						0
Animal	-	-	-	0	0	0	0						0
Assistance	-	-	-	0	2	2	0						4
Burglary/Habitation	-	-	-	0	0	0	0						0
Burglary of Vehicle	-	-	-	0	0	0	0						0
CTW	-	-	-	0	0	0	0						0
Damage/Defacement	-	-	-	0	1	0	0						1
Dispute	-	-	-	0	0	3	0						3
Disturbance/Noise	-	-	-	0	5	2	0						7
EMS/FD/PD	-	-	-	0	1	0	0						1
Information	-	-	-	7	4	3	0						14
Solicitor	-	-	-	0	0	0	0						0
Suspicious Activity	-	-	-	0	1	1	1						3
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Suspicious Vehicle	-	-	-	0	0	3	0						3
Theft	-	-	-	0	0	0	1						1
Vacation Watch	-	-	-	0	0	8	11						19
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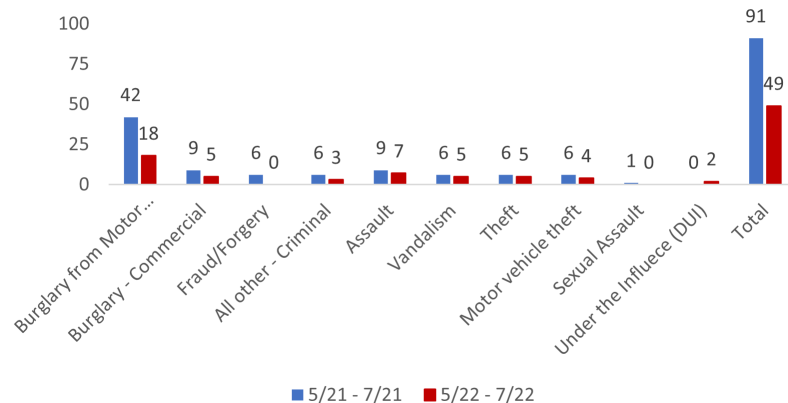


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EMCA May-July Crime 2021 vs 2022



A comparison of 2021 to 2022 summer crime statistics in the East Montrose neighborhood, indicating the effectiveness of increased security patrols.

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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

September 5	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn & Recycle
September 7	Wednesday	Tree Waste
September 12	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn
September 19	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn & Recycle
September 26	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn
October 3	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn & Recycle
October 5	Wednesday	Junk Pick-up

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.

July, 2022 Treasurer's Report			
For the period July 1, 2022 - July 31, 2022			
EMCA			
Beginning Balance			\$ 4,940.22
Monies In	Membership	\$ 80.00	
Monies Out	Storage Unit		\$ 53.00
	Paypal Fees		\$ 4.02
Ending Balance			\$ 4,963.20
Security			
Beginning Balance			\$ 53,146.89
Monies In	Security Reserve	\$ 756.00	
Monies Out	S.E.A.L.		\$ 7,049.24
	Paypal Fees		\$ 27.36
Ending Balance			\$ 46,826.29
Combined Ending Balance			\$ 51,789.49

Total EMCA Members: 161

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

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