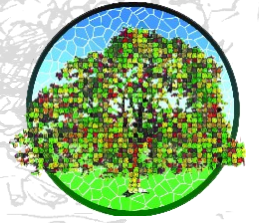


East Montrose

Civic Association Newsletter



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

June 2023

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 2023 Calendar

- 6/20—Summer break, no meeting
 - 7/18—Summer break, no meeting
 - 8/15—Summer break, no meeting
 - 9/19—EMCA meeting, location to be confirmed
 - 10/3—National Night Out with HPD and elected officials, family event
 - 11/21—EMCA meeting, location to be confirmed
 - 12/5—Annual elections and holiday party
- All EMCA meetings take place on the 3rd Tuesday of every month unless noted otherwise.

To learn how YOU can help make trash pick-up more efficient, please read the guidelines linked below:

[COH Curbside Collection Guidelines](#)



EMCA has a new Instagram account! Give us a follow @eastmontrose on Instagram for neighborhood updates, photos, and more!

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 The City of Houston crime database is almost always out of date.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 Neighborhood - Help Keep Our "Living Mosaic" Beautiful! Please put all trash, especially doggie poop bags in garbage bags before putting them in your trash bins. The garbage collection service is spilling trash on our streets when picking up the bins because not all trash is being put in garbage bags. Doing this will help keep our Living Mosaic cleaner. Thanks for your help on this!

Update from EMCA President

On Tuesday, May 23rd, the Neartown Association had a member meeting with two guest speakers: City of Houston Planning Department Director Margaret Wallace Brown and Montrose TIRZ Chair Joe Webb.

Chair Webb gave an update on the ongoing and upcoming projects of the Montrose TIRZ and Redevelopment Authority which include work on the Montrose Redevelopment project, and the West Grey Sidewalk Improvement Project, along with other community initiatives.

Director Wallace Brown discussed the proposed amendments to Chapter 42 relating to Houston that have come out of the work of the Planning Department with the Livable Places Action Committee. The Livable Places Action Committee started meeting approximately three (3) years ago and is stated as being a continuation of the Planning Department's efforts to update parts of Houston's development code to create more walkability, affordability and equity. These initiatives include residential buffering codes, changes to sidewalk regulations, as and four (4) main housing recommendations: 2nd dwelling units, 4-plexes, courtyard community spaces and narrow lot developments. Information on these projects can be found online at <https://www.letstalkhouston.org/livable-places>.

EMCA will continue to attend our super neighborhood meetings and provide our residents with key updates.



Summer is in session! The air smells warm and sweet with the scent of jasmine and magnolia. Montrose comes alive with events, all of which are excellent fun.

Did you have a chance to stop by the Cinco de Mayo-Grand Opening of the Montrose Collective? We took our baby (who was unimpressed) and had a blast. Great food, music, events in all of the shops, and giveaways! What a great way to explore the new shops and eateries AND there are more still to come. The Montrose branch of the Houston Public Library will be moving from the Freed-Montrose Neighborhood Library over on Montrose Blvd to the Collective. Moving date is TBD but they recently had a call for artists to send in designs for the mural space they have allocated, so plans are definitely coming along. What a great addition to the neighborhood that will be!

Cheers,

Sofie

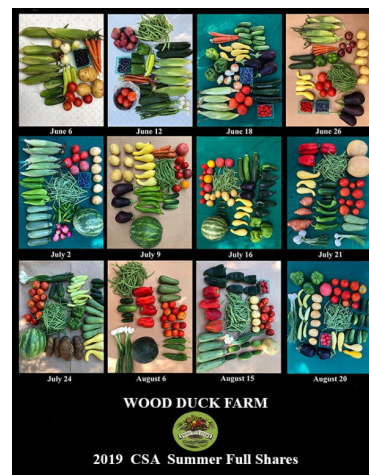
Community Supported Agriculture

by Malisa Galvan

Who doesn't need more veggies in their life? About 10 years ago, I discovered a CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) program offered by a vendor from the Farmer's Market. I quickly signed up and it has been a journey! My farmer, Van from Wood Duck Farm and his team are amazing! Fresh veggies from a local farmer delivered to a location near my house every Wednesday. Imagine my joy when I discovered he has added a Montrose pick-up location! And lo and behold I noticed there are several EMCA folks getting their veggies delivered and thought it would be fun to share.

A bit about the program, they offer different share sizes based on your household (i.e. full share, half share and an itty bitty share). I am currently doing the Spring CSA, and have had fresh and delicious spinach, cucumbers, zucchini, onions, peppers, grape tomatoes, lettuces, beets (which I promptly regifted!), fresh parsley, dill and cilantro. The spring program is almost done but summer is just about to start! You can sign up at woodduckfarm.com.

If you are interested, the summer CSA has officially opened!



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

Please contact EMCA President Karen Brohn at President.emca@gmail.com or EMCA Vice President Hugo O'Valle at vicepresident.emca@gmail.com to volunteer.

Things to do in Houston this Month

- 1. Kemah Boardwalk Summer Kick-Off** Kick-off the summer season at the boardwalk with an evening of live music, rides and fireworks. 6-10P
Friday June 2
- 2. Juneteenth Family Fun Day** Join in a celebration of culture and community with live performances, music, games, activities and a market.
June 10 at Emancipation Park
- 3. Beats on the Beach** Weekly celebrations on the beach consisting of live music, fireworks, the Lazy River and more! 6-10P each Saturday
June 17 and 24, Palm Beach Galveston
- 4. Pride Parade Houston 2023** Come out to Houston's biggest Pride celebration, themed "All We Need is Love". Following the parade, there will be an all day festival with live music, DJs and RuPaul Drag Race alum!
June 24, starting at City Hall
- 5. Go Bananas!** Welcome the annual celebration of the return of the BANANA to the Botanical Gardens, with a series of educational events, cooking demos, a farmers market, kids events and more!
June 2-3 with special Friday dinner, Saturday brunch, and all day festival at the Houston Botanical Gardens

Pet of the Month!



Hi, I am Jelly!

I am a 4 year old female Himalayan-tabby mix, with mackerel patterns. Fun fact, only 20% of orange cats are female!

I have very particular taste buds—chicken kibble, croissants, Greek yogurt and parmesan cheese only. Anything else and I will turn up my nose. If you have it and refuse to share, my day will be absolutely ruined.

I LOVE to roll in the grass and play fetch. The harder you play, the harder I'll play. I'll provide the mice and yarn balls. We'll see who gives up first! My hops are legendary.

Shine that laser pointer up your wall, I bet I catch it before it comes down. My personal best is jumping higher than the light switch. What's yours? Winner gets treats!

Catch me sleeping above my bed, obviously. Why would I be in it?



Demi's Dog House

239 W. Gray, Houston, TX 77019

713-942-0688

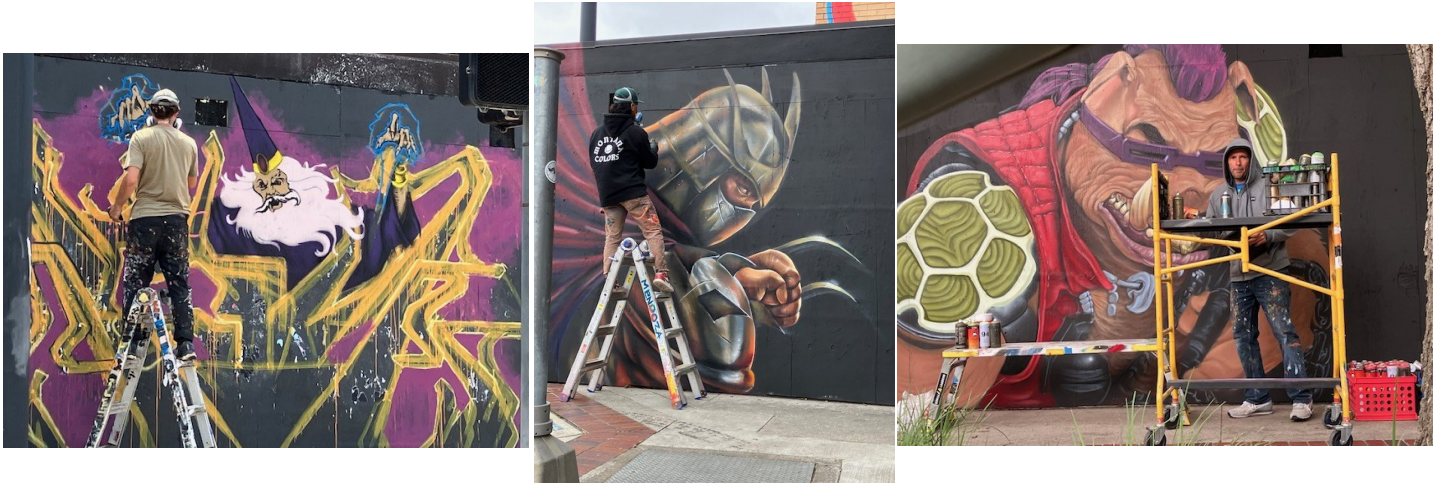
www.demisdoghouse.com

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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.



Artists at work! This month we were fortunate enough to catch a group of artists painting at the corner of McGowen and Main. It is always a treat to be able to see them live!



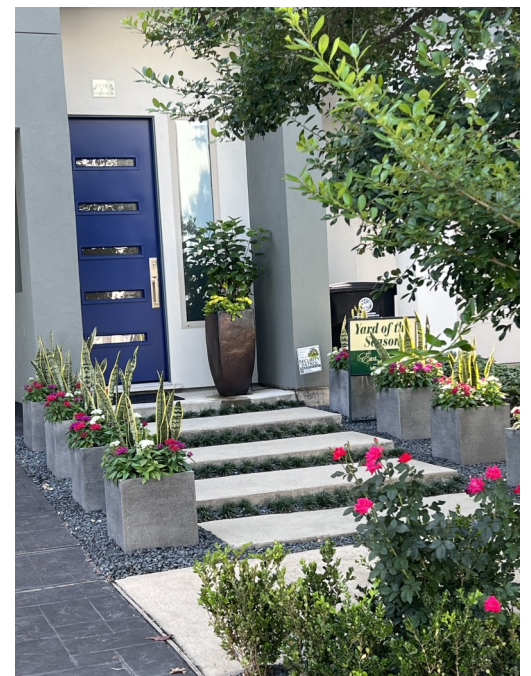
Yard of the Season!

by Betsy Anderson

Our Yard of the Season winner for the months of April through June 2023 is the modern-styled home at 2119 A Converse Street. The planters along the steps to the front door present a welcoming and stunning entry, and the roses on both sides of the driveway offer a contrasting red color to the modern style. The owners, Zakiyah and Maurice, moved to East Montrose in 2020, during the height of the COVID Pandemic. Their timing presented unique challenges, but through careful planning and cautious measures, they are now able to enjoy taking advantage of the social abundance of our neighborhood. They especially enjoy the parks, green spaces, and Buffalo Bayou Park.

Zakiyah and Maurice previously lived in Rice Military, and were drawn to East Montrose for the vibrant neighborhood feel. The exceptional walking experiences, tree-lined streets with historic homes, not to mention the proximity to a variety of restaurants, were deciding influences for their move.

Please take a walk along Converse between Welch and Drew to enjoy the elegant design of the home that stands out, not only because of its design, but also because of its plantings.



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!

Stimulate your senses in the 2100 block of Stanford:



This grass FEELS soft as fur. Seriously. Pet it.



SEE if you can catch a glimpse of the family of goldfish in the water garden.



SMELL the fragrance of blooming magnolia.



HEAR parakeets chirping behind this fence.



JOSTLE along over Houston's infamous potholes.



WONDER:

- A) what causes oxtails to die but not violets.
- B) Who would spray poison on some else's landscaping?



Recipe of the Month

There are lots of beautiful produce in season this month, so we are featuring a beautiful pie by Shirley Rickis Add this amazing pie to your post meal desserts and wow your guests!

KEY LIME PIE!

Ingredients

1 package (11.3 ounces) pecan short-bread cookies, crushed (about 2 cups)
1/3 cup butter, melted
4 cups heavy whipping cream
1/4 cup confectioners' sugar
1 teaspoon coconut extract
1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened
1 can (14 ounces) sweetened condensed milk
1/2 cup Key lime juice
1/4 cup sweetened shredded coconut, toasted
Optional: Maraschino cherries with stems and sliced Key limes

Directions

1. In a small bowl, mix crushed cookies and butter. Press onto bottom and up side of a greased 9-in. deep-dish pie plate. In a large bowl, beat cream until it begins to thicken. Add confectioners' sugar and extract; beat until stiff peaks form. In another large bowl, beat cream cheese, condensed milk and lime juice until blended. Fold in 2 cups whipped cream. Spoon into prepared crust.

2. Top with remaining whipped cream; sprinkle with toasted coconut. Refrigerate until serving, at least 4 hours.

If desired, garnish with cherries and limes.

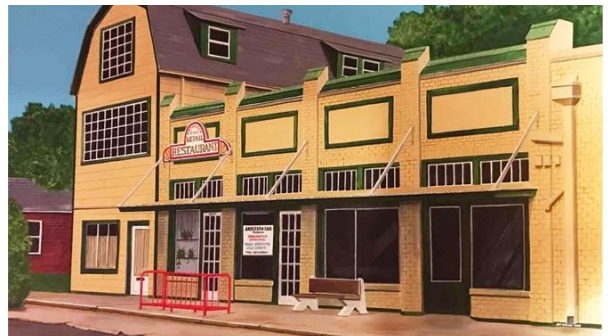
ANDERSON FAIR SUMMER SCHEDULE

Since 1970 this iconic music venue, right here in our East Montrose neighborhood, has been presenting original singer/ songwriters LIVE in our vintage listening room. If you've never been, make it your first time this year. All shows are live streamed as well... at no charge, though donations are appreciated. The link is posted the evening of the concert on the website. www.andersonfair.net But the very best way to experience the music is live in the listening room. You'll be glad you came! You can also watch the documentary about Anderson Fair at <https://www.imdb.com/title/tt1537279/>

Summer 2023

June 1, Jacob Furr and Wilson Marks
June 2, KPFT Fundraiser with Grant Peoples
June 9, Curtis McMurtry
June 16, Shake Russell and Anthony Klonaris

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



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

EMCA Safety Update

The East Montrose Civic Association (“EMCA”) is kicking off their 2023 S.E.A.L. Security campaign to rehire S.E.A.L. Security through the end of December 2023. S.E.A.L Security will cost ~\$7,000 per month. We need to have a minimum of 170 neighbors sign up before we can rehire S.E.A.L. Security.

To help protect your neighborhood, please sign up by completing one of the payment options below. Once you have subscribed, please email safety.emca@gmail.com your contact information (name, address, email, phone number). This information will help us in providing you with updates, including when we reach the 170 subscribers!

Payment Options:

(Please include your name, address, email and phone number with all payments)

1. Send a \$500 payment via Zelle at treasurer.emca@gmail.com
2. Drop a check for \$500 payable to EMCA in the (locked) mailbox at 402 Welch Street.
3. Pay via PayPal or credit card using one of the options below:

3 Month Subscription*



12 Month Subscription*



*Subscriptions can be cancelled by the subscriber via PayPal at any time. Additional PayPal fees of 3.5% are included in the subscription prices.

Additional Security Information:

Our EMCA boundaries will stay the same: 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 would be defined in the contract post orders, focusing on the areas around those who have subscribed and may include coverage for subscribers immediately outside the boundaries of EMCA.

Subscribers 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. Yard Sign indicating support for the program
5. [Click here for Q&A with S.E.A.L. COO James Alexander on Saturday, Feb 5th, 2022.](#)

All questions and concerns can be sent to safety.emca@gmail.com.

Mayor's Assistance Office: Jack Valinski
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 Carl Davis—832-393-4063

Harris County Precinct One—Commissioner Rodney Ellis
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April, 2023 Treasurer's Report
 For the period April 1, 2023 - April 30, 2023

EMCA

Beginning Balance		\$	8,303.97
Monies In	Membership	\$	275.00
Monies Out	Storage Unit	\$	83.20
	Nearatown Fees	\$	100.00
	Paypal Fees	\$	12.85
Ending Balance		\$	8,382.92

Security

Beginning Balance			
Monies In	Security Reserve	-	
	Security Reserve 2023	\$	7,000.00
Monies Out			
Ending Balance Original Subscription		\$	2,980.45
Ending Balance New Subscription		\$	45,088.25
Combined Ending Balance		\$	56,451.62

Total EMCA Members: 189
Total Greater EM Security subscriptions : 174
2023 Great EM Security Subscribers: 94

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: _____

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OR pay via PayPal at www.Eastmontrose.org

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 Yard of the Season: Betsy Anderson — bsatexas@sbcglobal.net
 Clean up Crew: George Boos — george.boos@att.net

The following volunteer positions are currently open:

Block Captains: **OPEN**—block captains are needed for each street in the boundaries of East Montrose

Please contact the EMCA President or VP to volunteer. We need you!

TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

June 5	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn
June 7	Wednesday	Junk
June 12	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn & Recycle
June 19	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn
June 26	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn & Recycle
July 3	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn
July 5	Monday	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