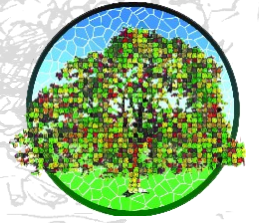


East Montrose

Civic Association Newsletter



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November 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

11/8—7PM, Security committee meeting

11/11—9AM, Neighborhood clean up

11/21—No meeting due to Thanksgiving!

12/5—Annual elections and holiday party

All EMCA meetings take place on the 3rd Tuesday of every month unless noted otherwise.

Security committee meeting agenda:

1. Current status of security patrol
2. Crime stats
3. Fundraising ideas
4. Volunteers to drop off door hangers
5. Introduction of flock safety cameras

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

[COH Curbside Collection Guidelines](#)



EMCA has an 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 The City of Houston crime database is almost always out of date.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 Cleanup

Come help keep our "Living Mosaic" beautiful!

Saturday, November 11th at 9AM

Meet at Peggy H Shiffick Park (Bomar Street)

Supplies provided

Please email George.boosa@att.net for details!

East Montrose Civic Association annual Board

elections will be held at our Annual Meeting and Holiday Event on **December 5, 2023**. At the beginning of the evening, we will be electing a Treasurer, Secretary and an At-Large Director. If you would like to serve on the nominating committee or if you would like to run for one of these positions, please email the Chair of the Nominating

Committee, Mary Quinn,

at pastpresident.emca@gmail.com.

All members in good standing (meaning your dues are up to date) are eligible to serve on the Board and to vote. You can check your status by reaching out to Malisa Galvan

at treasurer.emca@gmail.com.

There are other volunteer positions available. Please contact any Board member to learn more.

East Montrose National Night Out Recap

After much needed rain caused National Night Out to be rescheduled, the evening was a success. Every successful event is due to hard work and dedication of many volunteers.

Thank you to our incredible volunteers! We appreciate the positive impact you bring to our community. Your efforts do not go unnoticed. Thank you for making a difference!

Volunteers for National Night Out – Joey Zamora, Rachel Tucker, Joan Son, Sofie Shoab, Julia Schafer, Kirste Reimers, Stephanie Reeves, Mary Quinn, Ralph Moorehouse, Bill Maxey, Scott Lever, Alyssa Ketner, Lewis Goldstein, Malisa Galvan, Katy Dunbar, Peter Brohn, George Boos, Betsy Anderson, Julie Young, and Elias Gabriel.

Special thanks to District C Council Member, Abbie Kamin, and her team for their support of our event and bringing zoo tickets for the kids. Their support of our neighborhood efforts is immeasurable. Also in attendance was Spencer Gutierrez from Congresswoman Lizzie Fletcher's office. We appreciate his time listening to our questions and comments.

We also need to give a HUGE thanks to our local businesses and residents who donated a variety of items and raffle prizes. These businesses/individuals support EMCA and continue to support the neighborhood. Please consider supporting them in return!

- Anderson Fair (2007 Grant St) – Tim Leatherwood & Cindy Shung – Venue, microphone, setup, take down and everything in between
- Pepperoni's (2710B Montrose Blvd) – pizza donation
- Midtown Bar & Grill (415 West Gray) – pizza donation
- Boheme (307 Fairview) – gift certificates
- Demi's Dog House (239 West Gray) – gift certificates and gift packs
- Fletcher's Bike Studio (2404 Taft) – gift certificate
- Free Grillin (freegrillin.com) – gift certificate
- Hungry's Restaurant (2356 Rice Boulevard) - gift certificate
- MAM Resale Store & Boutique (1625 Blalock) – gift certificate
- Joan Son (904 Welch) – origami artist - original art
- Reeves Antiques (2415 Taft) – prints
- Texas Art Supply (2001 Montrose) – gift certificate
- EMCA (eastmontrose.org) – EMCA metal sign

We also want to thank our friends from North Montrose Civic Association for joining us.

East Montrose looks forward to future joint events.

Karen Brohn, President

East Montrose Civic Association

NNO was a huge success! See highlights below, courtesy of Bill Maxey. Join us next year for another National Night Out!



Annual East Montrose Civic Association Holiday Party and Election Night

The Annual East Montrose Holiday Party and White Elephant Gift Exchange will take place Tuesday, December 5, 2023, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the home of Mary Quinn, EMCA Past President, 305 Fargo Street. The EMCA Board will provide some holiday munchies along with water and soft drinks. We ask everyone to bring their own adult libations, an appetizer, snack or food item to share.

Members will be entered into a drawing for a raffle prize. Non-members are welcome to attend with a \$5.00 donation.

Remember each person who wants to participate in the gift exchange must bring a wrapped (or at least disguised) white elephant gift for the gift exchange. Gift value should not exceed \$25.

At the beginning of the evening, we will be electing a Secretary, Treasurer, and an At-Large Director. If you would like to run for one of these positions, please email the Chair of the Nominating Committee, Mary Quinn, at pastpresident.emca@gmail.com.

The nominating committee recommendations and a short bio for each candidate are as follows and will be posted online at <https://www.eastmontrose.org/holiday-party-2023/>.

Secretary – Rachel Tucker (If you have interest in supporting the Secretary and learning about the position, you can contact Rachel at secretary.emca@gmail.com.) Rachel Tucker and her husband have lived in Montrose for over 10 years. They love their bungalow and the neighborhood and are looking forward to spending their retirement years here. Rachel was an At Large member before moving into the Secretary position and continues to be an active member of the community.

Treasurer – open (Katy Dunbar (At Large Member) will fill in until a replacement can be identified and trained.) See website for updates.

At-Large – Lewis Goldstein

Lewis Goldstein is a native Houstonian who moved into East Montrose two years ago with his wife, Emily, and dog, Rocket. Lewis works for a maritime supply company and has spent much time outside of work helping improve East Montrose. He was appointed to the At-Large position a year ago when the position was vacated. Both he and Emily have spent countless time and energy working on a variety of civic projects including but not limited to EMCA's security patrol initiative. We are excited to have his vision and experience continuing in this role.

All members in good standing (meaning your dues are up to date) are eligible to vote. You can check your status by reaching out to Malisa Galvan at treasurer.emca@gmail.com

If you are unable to attend the Holiday Party, you can complete an absentee/proxy ballot (see below) and drop it off at 305 Fargo Street or email it to president.emca@gmail.com.

Things to do in Houston this Month

1. Night Market! Celebrating Houston's AAPI community, the Texas Asia Society will be hosting a (free) night festival with tons of delicious foods, crafts, arts, home goods, apparel, and more. They have planned for Bollywood and K-pop performances, sumo wrestling, anime and manga cosplay, you name it and they have included it!

Check it out at the Asia Society, on November 3

2. Dia de los Muertos Parade and Festival Come see the beautiful costumes and floats, performances, ofrendas and more.

November 4, 2-10PM in Sam Houston Park. Parade to start at 7PM

3. REN FAIRE Year 49 of the Texas Renaissance Festival! Come enjoy a 16th century English village, filled with vendors, food, performances, artists. Don't forget to dress up!

Starting October 7 in Todd Mission

4. 74th HEB Thanksgiving Day Parade HEBs Thanksgiving parade will hit 20 blocks, and will feature floats, marching bands, high flying balloons, and more!

November 23, starting 9AM at Smith and Lamar.

5. MJ the Musical Super cool tribute to the King of Pop, for one week only in Houston! Check out the musical at the Hobby Center while its still here, November

From the Editor...

by Sofie Shoab



The Houston general election is upon us! Civic participation is a responsibility we all share, so don't forget to go out and vote!

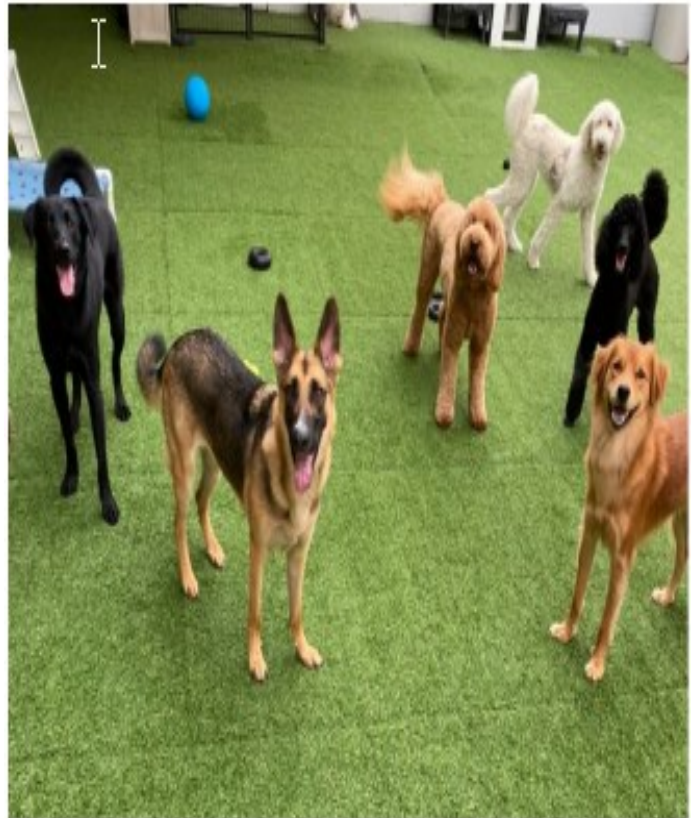
Early voting has started, and will continue through November 3. Election day is November 7. Polling is open from 7AM-7PM at 68 locations across the city—closest to East Montrose is the Metro MultiService Center at 1475 West Grey.

Mayor Turner turns in his keys this year—we thank him for his years of dedication to the city, but that leaves the mayoral seat open. Along with the mayor's race, council member seats, At-Large positions, and the city controller positions will be on the ballot.

Several propositions are on the ballot as well, most notably, allocating funding to rebuild the LBJ hospital campus, amending Article IX of the city charter to allow population proportional voting in the Council of Gov't and Metro Planning Org, and allowing 3+ council members to add items to the city agendas.

Look into the policy platforms of all candidates, and see you at the polls!

Sofie



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Recipe of the Month

Consider combining two classic Thanksgiving favorites in one this year—this is a **Pecan-Pumpkin Pie**. Add it to your table and let us know how much your guests loved it. Recipe by Joanne Chang

Ingredients

- **Pecan filling**
 - 1/3 cup granulated sugar
 - 1/4 cup water, plus more for dipping pastry brush
 - 1/2 cup light corn syrup
 - 1 tablespoon unsalted butter
 - 2 large eggs
 - 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
 - 1/4 teaspoon kosher salt
 - 1 1/4 cups pecan halves (about 5 ounces), toasted
- **All-Butter Pie Shell**
- **Pumpkin Filling**
 - 1 cup canned pumpkin
 - 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
 - 1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
 - 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
 - 1/4 teaspoon kosher salt
 - 1/8 teaspoon ground nutmeg
 - 2/3 cup heavy cream
 - 1/4 cup granulated sugar
 - 2 large eggs
- **Whipped cream**
 - 1 cup heavy cream
 - 2 tablespoons powdered sugar



Directions

Step one Preheat oven to 350°F. Stir together granulated sugar and 1/4 cup water in a medium saucepan. Using a pastry brush dipped in water, brush off any sugar clinging to sides of pan. Bring mixture to a boil over high, taking care not to jostle pan. Continue boiling, undisturbed, until syrup starts to turn a slightly pale brown, 6 to 8 minutes; gently swirl pan to even out caramelization. Continue boiling over high, swirling pan often, until syrup turns golden brown, about 2 minutes. Reduce heat to medium; carefully pour in corn syrup. (Mixture will sputter a bit and turn clumpy.) Cook, whisking occasionally, until clumps have completely melted, 1 to 2 minutes. Remove from heat; whisk in butter until melted.

Step two Whisk together eggs, vanilla, and salt in a medium-size heatproof bowl. Gradually pour hot sugar mixture into egg mixture, whisking constantly, until completely combined. Add pecans; stir well to coat.

Step three Pour pecan mixture into cooled pie shell. Bake pie in preheated oven until top is starting to set but filling is still jiggly, 15 to 20 minutes. Remove from oven; let cool 5 minutes.

Step four Whisk together pumpkin, vanilla, ginger, cinnamon, salt, and nutmeg in a small saucepan. Cook over high, whisking constantly, until mixture reduces slightly and starts to darken in color, 3 to 4 minutes. Remove from heat; whisk in heavy cream and granulated sugar. Whisk in eggs until well combined.

Step five Pour pumpkin filling over warm pecan filling in pie shell; smooth top. (Cover edges of pie with aluminum foil to prevent overbrowning if crust is getting too dark.) Bake at 350°F until pumpkin filling puffs up and is set, 30 to 40 minutes. Remove from oven; let cool completely on a wire rack, about 2 hours. Gently press plastic wrap onto surface of pie; chill until cold, at least 6 hours or up to overnight.

Step six Beat heavy cream and powdered sugar with an electric mixer fitted with the whisk attachment on medium speed until stiff peaks form, 2 to 3 minutes. Transfer whipped cream to a piping bag fitted with a star tip. Pipe large stars over surface of chilled pie. Serve immediately, or chill, uncovered, up to 6 hours.

Let us know if you've seen these spooky decorations around the neighborhood, or if you have your own to submit!



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!

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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

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

September, 2023 Treasurer's Report			
For the period September 1, 2023 - September 30, 2023			
EMCA			
Beginning Balance			\$ 7,619.69
Monies In	Membership	\$ 500.00	
Monies Out	Newsletter		\$ 382.50
	Paypal Fees		\$ 17.20
Ending Balance			\$ 7,719.99
Security			
Beginning Balance			\$ 54,647.15
Monies In	Security Reserve 2023	\$ 1,537.50	
Monies Out	Paypal Fees	\$ 38.67	
	SEAL Payments	\$ 3,652.00	
Ending Balance Subscription			\$ 52,493.98
Combined Ending Balance			\$ 60,213.97

TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

November 1	Wednesday	Tree Waste
November 6	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn
November 13	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn & Recycle
November 20	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn
November 27	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn & Recycle
December 4	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn

This trash schedule comes from the Rollout! app and is subject to change. ***holiday schedule / not confirmed

Total EMCA Members: 191
Total Greater EM Security subscriptions : 174
2023 Great EM Security Subscribers: 117

The treasurer's reporting month is being changed to coincide with the newsletter being created prior to month end.

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.



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

**East Montrose Civic Association
Proxy Ballot
December 5, 2023**

Election of Officers in Accordance with By-Laws

I, _____ being a member in good standing of the East Montrose Civic Association, hereby vote for the following named persons to serve as officers of the Association from January 2023 – December 2025.

Please accept this as my absentee vote for the below-named candidates being considered on December 5, 2023.

Sign/Date _____
Print Name _____

Roster of Candidates:
Secretary: Rachel Tucker
Treasurer: open
At Large: Lewis Goldstein

Write-In Candidate: _____
Write-In Candidate: _____

Note: Please complete and email to pastpresident.emca@gmail.com or complete and mail or drop off at 305 Fargo Street by 5 PM on Sun-