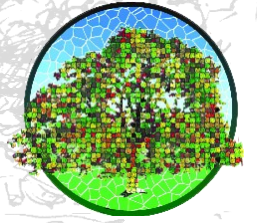


East Montrose

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

April 2024

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 2024 Calendar

- 4/27—Spring Social
- 5/21—EMCA Meeting, Fusion Eats 7PM
- 6/2024—Summer break
- 7/2024—Summer break
- 8/2024—Summer break
- 9/17—TBD
- 10/1—National Night Out (HPD, elected officials)
- 10/26—Home tour
- 11/19—TBD
- 12/5—Holiday party and annual elections

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

YOU'RE INVITED

To the

EAST MONTROSE CIVIC ASSOCIATION'S

ANNUAL

SPRING FLING

Saturday, April 27th, 2PM - 5PM

615 Welch St.

Food & Popsicles for members!
BYOB

face painting / live music by Viejo / bouncy house for ages 3-8

BECOME A MEMBER AT THE EVENT!

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 The City of Houston crime database is almost always out of date.

A BIG THANK YOU to our neighborhood clean-up volunteers for the immense effort they put in during our spring clean up. We appreciate you!! Keep an eye out in this space for the next clean-up and join our efforts in keeping our Living Mosaic beautiful.





Taking some inspiration from the River Oaks flower show which just passed, and from the lovely gardens featured in our Art and About this month, I am thinking about my own garden and my second attempt at wrangling plants in Houston's hot and humid climate. Flowers that do well in our climate include begonias, Queen Elizabeth roses, most shrubs, impatiens, Lobelias, Petunias, and verbena. Smells heavenly already! If you're more interested in vegetable gardening, this is the time to get your tomatoes into the ground (or pot). Yellow Pear, Juliet, and cherry do wonderfully here. Summer squash and cucumbers should be prolific if you take care of them! Thinking of summer heat, chilis absolutely deserve a place in your garden if you like them! Very low maintenance and you'll have chilis all summer long. Try mint and basil for hardy herbs!

Cant wait to hear about what's growing in your garden.

Sofie

Things to do in Houston this Month

- 1. Galveston Steampunk Festival** Tons of Victorian-retrofuturistic fun to be had with performances, costume contests, archery, axe throwing, live music, history tours and more!
Galveston Railroad Museum April 5-7
- 2. Kite Festival** No explanation needed here—bring your kites and enjoy the spring weather! Music, games, face painting will be available along with the beautiful kites soaring through the skies.
Hermann Park April 7
- 3. HOLI** Pearland kicks off Holi with a festival of colors. Enjoy the food, music, shopping, and of course the color play!.
Pearland Town Center April 6
- 4. 37th Annual Art Car Parade** Your favorite art car parade is back! Check out the wacky cars and decked out mobiles all down Allen Parkway. The weekend is laded with activities including awards ceremonies and more.
Downtown/Allen Parkway April 13
- 5. Earth Day Celebration and Water Works Festival** Come celebrate conservation of your favorite planet with spoken word, music, performances, activities, educational seminars and more!
Discovery Green April 20

Needed: Artists for ArtWalk!

Saturday, October 26

**Open your home studio to the public for the bi-annual
East Montrose Home Tour & ArtWalk**

Let the world see your art. It's fun and helpful to your evolution as an artist. There is NO charge.

It's an opportunity to show your work and sell it too. Contact Joan Son with your info and she will get you signed up and keep you posted.

joanson23@gmail.com

Second installment in the walking pictorial series.



1. Remember, this was the week of the freeze ... protecting landscaping.
2. Lollipops above, snow below. (just kidding)
3. You've heard of Little Free Libraries ? (we have a couple here in East Montrose). Leave a Book, Take a Book, Read a Book. Well, here's a Little Free Art. Leave Art, Take Art.
4. A peek inside.

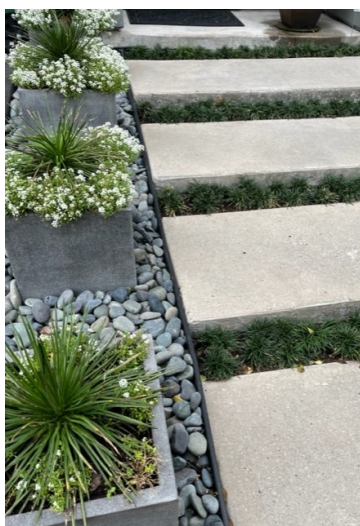
Now turning left / east on Welch.

5. How'm I gonna get home, wit' the sidewalk blocked by this car?? C'mon, folks!

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!

Art and About... by Penny Cerling

Lovely time of year to walk the neighborhood. Take in the fresh blooms!



Recipe of the Month

Excited to try this **MUSHROOM RAGOUT over PAPPARDELLE** by Adam Dolge. Recipe makes four servings.

Ingredients

- 3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 pound mixed mushrooms, such as maitake, shiitake, oyster and/or cremini, trimmed and halved
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 3 cloves garlic, grated, divided
- 1 teaspoon chopped fresh thyme
- 1 tablespoon tomato paste
- $\frac{3}{4}$ teaspoon salt
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon ground pepper, divided
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup dry white wine
- 1 (15 ounce) can no-salt-added diced tomatoes
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup part-skim ricotta cheese
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup chopped fresh herbs, such as tarragon and/or parsley, plus more for garnish
- 8 ounces pappardelle pasta, preferably whole-wheat

Directions

1. Put a large pot of water on to boil.
2. Heat oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add mushrooms and cook, stirring once, until browned, about 4 minutes. Add onion, two-thirds of the garlic and thyme; cook, stirring occasionally, until the onion is translucent, about 3 minutes. Add tomato paste, salt and $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon pepper and cook, stirring, for 1 minute. Stir in wine and tomatoes and bring to a simmer. Cover and cook for 5 minutes.
3. Meanwhile, combine ricotta, herbs, the remaining garlic and $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon pepper in a small bowl.
4. Cook pasta in the boiling water according to package directions. Using tongs or a slotted spoon, transfer the pasta directly to the skillet, allowing some of the pasta-cooking water to drip into the pan. Cook, stirring, until the pasta is coated with the sauce, about 1 minute. Serve the pasta topped with the ricotta mixture and more herbs, if desired.

Mayor's Assistance Office:

Our District C City Council Member: Abbie Kamin
 Contact Kate Dentler
districtc@houstontx.gov—832-393-3004

City of Houston Community Liaison
 Carl Davis—832-393-4063

Harris County Precinct One—Commissioner Rodney Ellis
 Contact: Matala Idi
Matala.idi@cp1.hctx.net—346-286-1900

Council Member At Large #5—Sallie Alcorn
 Contact: Mike Watkins
Mike.watkins@houstontx.gov—832-393-3017

East Montrose C/A Contacts

President: Karen Brohn —president.emca@gmail.com
 V-Pres: Hugo Ovalle—vicepresident.emca@gmail.com
 Treasurer: Joel Dudley—treasurer.emca@gmail.com
 Secretary: Jamie Flatt, Joey Zamora—secretary.emca@gmail.com
 Past Pres.: Mary Quinn—pastpresident.emca@gmail.com
 At Large 1: Katy Macalla and Alyssa Ketner —rep1.emca@gmail.com
 At Large 2: Lewis Goldstein — rep2.emca@gmail.com
 Neartown Liaison: Karen Brohn —president.emca@gmail.com
 Neartown Alt Liaison: Jamie Flatt—secretary.emca@gmail.com
 Newsletter: Sofie Shoaib—newsletter.emca@gmail.com
 HPD's PIP: OPEN
 Security: Hugo Ovalle—safety.emca@gmail.com
 Trees for EM: Josh & Helen Dubach - jsdubach@gmail.com
 Peggy Shiffick Park: Gloria Lyons—globella@icloud.com
 FB Admin: Bill Maxey - [EastMontrose@groups.facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com/EastMontrose)
 Yard of the Season: Betsy Anderson — bsatexas@sbcglobal.net
 Clean up Crew: George Boos —george.boos@att.net

February, 2024 Treasurer's Report			
For the period February 1, 2024 - February 29, 2024			
EMCA			
Beginning Balance			\$ 7,792.75
Monies In	Membership	\$ 290.00	
Monies Out	Storage		\$ 50.00
	Quickbooks		\$ 31.98
	Paypal Fees		\$ 8.93
	Zoom annual subscription		\$ 159.90
	PO Box renewal		\$ 216.00
	GoDaddy 2 yr domain renewal - eastmontrose.org		\$ 46.34
Ending Balance			\$ 7,569.60
Security			
Beginning Balance			\$ 45,405.33
Monies In	Security Reserve	\$ 1,000.00	
Monies Out	Paypal Fees		\$ 13,358.00
	SEAL Payments		\$ 13,358.00
Ending Balance Subscription			\$ 33,047.33
Combined Ending Balance			\$ 40,616.93

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.

TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

April 1	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn & Recycle
April 3	Wednesday	Junk
April 8	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn
April 15	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn & Recycle
April 22	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn
April 29	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn & Recycle

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.

Total EMCA Members: 193
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.



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 or via Zelle to treasurer.emca@gmail.com

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