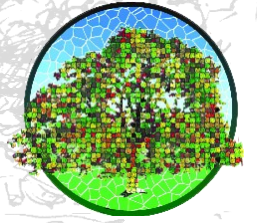


East Montrose

Civic Association Newsletter



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April 2025

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 2025 Calendar

- 04/26/2025— Spring Fling (no meeting)
 - 05/20/2025—EMCA Meeting (District Director for TX Senator, Molly Cook will present)
 - 06/16/2025—No meeting, summer break
 - 07/15/2025—No meeting, summer break
 - 08/19/2025—No meeting, summer break
 - 09/16/2025—TBD
 - 10/07/2025—National Night Out
- More dates to follow.

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 an Instagram account! Give us a follow @eastmontrose 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 The City of Houston crime database is almost always out of date.



YOU ARE INVITED TO
EAST MONTROSE CIVIC ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL

Spring Fling

APRIL 26 SATURDAY

2PM - 5PM

615 WELCH ST.
BYOB

The Spring Fling is a family friendly community event and a great opportunity to meet your neighbors! Come out and spend an afternoon enjoying this beautiful weather. Entertainment includes music and giveaways, with food trucks on site. Previous years have had bounce houses for the kids! Let's see what surprises are in store this year.

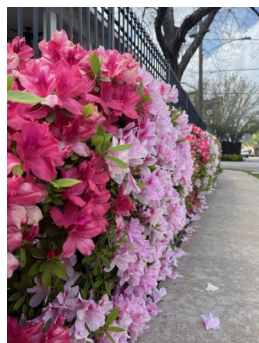
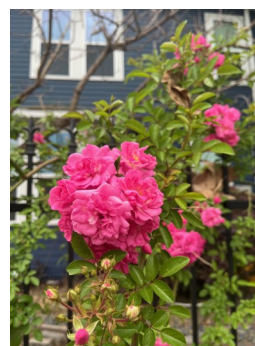
!!PSA: JUGGING INCIDENT!!

Jugging is a form of theft in which a suspect follows a victim from an ATM or bank to their next location. Recently Jonathan Heng, the son of the owners of Christy's Donuts on West Gray, became a victim of this crime when he was robbed in the parking lot of the donut shop after taking cash out from a bank. Three vehicles blocked exits and a suspect snatched a bag of cash away from him. Fortunately he was unhurt. Per reporting from KHOU, Heng received an outpouring of support and even offers for self-defense classes from neighbors. There have been reports of jugging incidents related to activity at the West Grey BoA prior to this case at Christy's. Houston police are reportedly working on sting operations. HPD recommend keeping an eye on your surroundings and avoiding withdrawing large amounts of cash or visiting banks outside of business hours. If you think you're being followed, drive to the nearest police station. It is important to always be aware of your surroundings and avoid taking unnecessary risks, particularly with bank visits.

Stay safe and cautious!

Montrose is in Bloom!

Check out the stunning flowers growing in our neighborhood. Cheers to all of the gardeners helping to keep East Montrose green and buzzing. You provide valuable resources for pollinators.



Things to do in Houston this Month

1. Art League Block Party: Right in our neighborhood, the Spring Block Party will feature local vendors, music and opportunities to see the Winter'25 exhibits before they close out.

April 5, 6-9PM

2. Art Car Parade: After the Main Street Drag the parade Sneak Peek, and the Legendary Art Car ball comes the big event: the Parade! The route opens at 11AM and will have a Kids Creative Zone from 11-2 in Sam Houston park and a Lineup Party between Taft and Bagby on Allen Parkway.

April 12 at 11AM on Allen Pkwy

3. Houston Barbeque Festival: Bigger and better than ever, your favorite barbeque joints will be at the Humble Civic Center Arena Complex. Pre-sale tickets include unlimited portions from each vendor, so get your tickets before they sell out!

April 6 1-4PM at Humble Civic Center

4. Cynthia Erivo with the Houston Symphony: Hear those powerhouse vocals live while Erivo sings hits from The Color Purple and Wicked, catch her at 7:30PM on April 9 with the symphony.

5. Houston Zydeco Fest: if you enjoy dancing, eating and partying by day, this will be right up your alley! The best zydeco bands across Texas and the US will descend on Houston for one day.

April 5 at Emancipation Park, 2-10PM

From the Editor... by Sofie Shoaib

Gardening season us upon us! If you didn't start your garden refresh in March, you still have time to get to it. For produce, this is the moment to get your tomatoes, eggplants, peppers, spinach, and cucumbers into the ground. Berries will also do well if you get them in now. Fruit trees do particularly well in Houston, but you do need to stay on them as they struggle if it gets too hot and dry. If you prefer herbs, oregano, basil, cilantro, chives and mint are strong growers if you get them settled before the heat sets in. For florals, this is a great time to plant roses, azaleas, marigolds, begonias, geraniums and petunias—mostly annuals but the roses and azaleas are recurring bloomers which thrive with a bit of attention.

If you got in early and are now maintaining those baby plants, make sure you are pruning carefully—by avoiding early flowering, you can help promote bushier growth.

Happy gardening!

Cheers,

Sofie

New Board Member Alert!

Our new At-Large Member 2, Beth Shook is a software engineer at Rice University and lives on Willard Street with her husband Daniel, 2-year-old son Simon, and cat Chapulina. Beth moved to East Montrose in 2023 but has roots in the neighborhood—she attended Lanier Middle School and her parents have lived here since 2013. She looks forward to helping with the newsletter and recruiting more of our diverse neighborhood to get involved with EMCA.

Welcome to the board, Beth! We appreciate all of your (and the rest of the board's) efforts and recognize the hard work that goes into keeping the community engaged and active.



Abbie Kamin
Council Member, District C

ANNUAL #DISTC RAIN BARREL SALE

Up to 150 rainwater harvesting barrels at a subsidized cost of \$10 per barrel for District C residents!

First 100 residents to register will have the opportunity to also pick up a free tree, provided by Trees for Houston!

REGISTER TODAY!

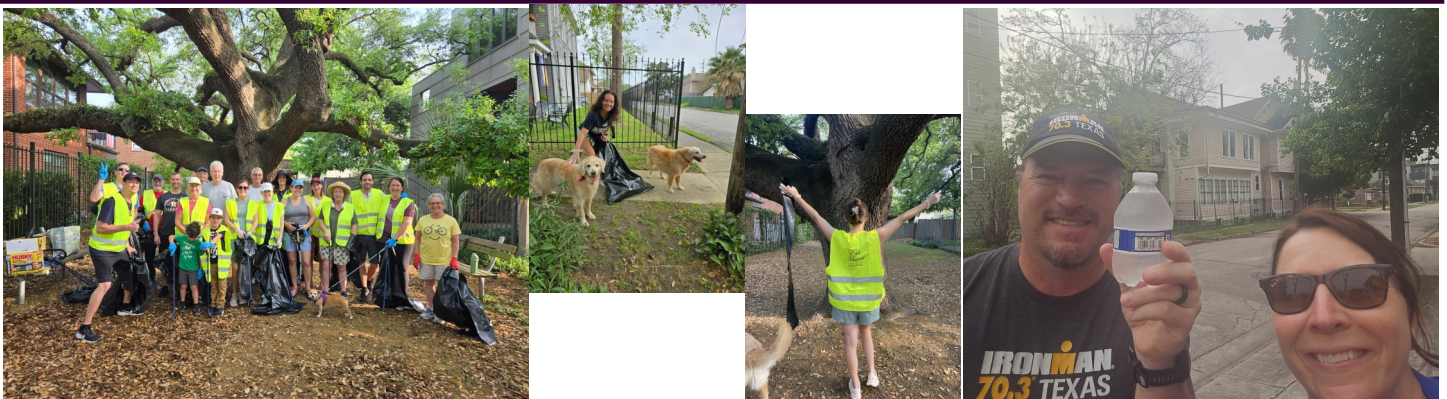
visit bit.ly/DistCRainBarrel2025



Must be able to pick up on April 19.
Limit one per address.
Sold on a first-come first-serve basis.



With spring rains just around the corner, this is the best time to pick up your rain barrel! This sale is open to residents of District C, and is limited to one rain barrel per household. Please sign up [here](#)—registration is required to verify your address and reserve your rain barrel. Pick up is between 9AM and 12PM on April 19th at the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (1475 North Loop W). Once registered, you will receive email confirmation and additional details.



The EMCA had a very successful neighborhood cleanup on Sunday morning, March 30th. Twenty (20) of our neighbors showed up and spent an hour+ picking up trash on every street. We even had volunteers supporting our clean-up crew by bringing refreshments to keep everyone hydrated! Our Trash Boys (George & Scott) estimate 200 pounds of trash was collected which makes our neighborhood & bayous clean & beautiful. Thanks again to our great volunteers!

Recipe of the Month

Thinking of Easter dinner ideas? Or just a really impressive meal for a night in? Look no further because we've got you covered. This is an easy **Roasted Leg of Lamb**.

Ingredients

1 (5- to 7-pound) bone-in leg of lamb

1/4 cup olive oil, divided

1 1/2 tsp. kosher salt, plus more to taste

1 tsp. ground black pepper

3 Tbsp. dijon mustard

8 cloves of garlic

1/4 cup fresh rosemary leaves, roughly chopped

1/4 cup fresh parsley leaves, roughly chopped

2 Tbsp. capers, drained

2 cups chicken broth, divided

1 cup white wine

1 Tbsp. all-purpose flour

1 Tbsp. salted butter



1. Pat the lamb dry with paper towels. Using a small, sharp knife, score the fat cap, being careful not to cut into the meat too deeply. Rub all over with 2 tablespoons of oil, salt, and pepper.
2. To a blender or small food processor, add the mustard, garlic, rosemary, parsley, capers, and remaining 2 tablespoons of oil. Pulse until a paste is formed. Rub the paste all over the leg of lamb. Let it sit at room temperature for 30 minutes while the oven preheats.
3. Meanwhile, preheat the oven to 450°F.
4. Place the lamb fat-side up on a wire rack set over a roasting pan. Pour 1 cup of chicken broth into the pan. Roast for 20 minutes. Without opening the oven or removing the roast, reduce the oven temperature to 325°F, and continue roasting the lamb until deeply brown and the internal temperature reads 130°F to 135°F, 1 hour 10 minutes to 1 hour 45 minutes.
5. Remove the lamb from the oven, transfer to a sheet pan, and tent with foil for about 30 minutes before serving.
6. Meanwhile, remove the wire rack and place the roasting pan on the stove across two burners over medium-high heat. Deglaze the pan with the wine, scraping up any brown bits with a wooden spoon. Cook, stirring frequently, until the wine is reduced by half and no longer has the sharp alcohol smell. Whisk together the remaining 1 cup of chicken broth and flour until smooth. Pour into the pan and bring to a simmer, then cook for 5 minutes, stirring occasionally until smooth and thickened. Stir in the butter until melted and smooth and taste the gravy for salt.
7. Thinly slice the lamb and serve it warm with the gravy.

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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!

TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

April 2	Wednesday	Junk
April 7	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn
April 14	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn& Recycle
April 21	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn
April 28	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn& Recycle
May 5	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn

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

February, 2025 Treasurer's Report			
For the period February 1, 2025 - February 28, 2025			
EMCA			
Beginning Balance			\$ 7,536.93
Monies In	Membership	\$ 300.00	
Monies Out			
	Paypal Fees		\$ 10.40
	Storage		\$ 50.00
	Billsby		\$ 45.00
	Zoom		\$ 159.90
	PO Box renewal		\$ 226.00
Ending Balance			\$ 7,345.63
Security			
Beginning Balance			\$ 24,717.30
Monies In	Security Reserve	\$ 787.50	
Monies Out			
	Paypal Fees		
	Stripe Fees		\$ 25.25
	Security Refund - Overayment		\$ 167.50
	SEAL Payments		
Ending Balance Subscription			\$ 25,312.05

Total EMCA Members: 248
Total Greater EM Security subscriptions : 199
2024 Greater EM Security Subscribers: 89

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.

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