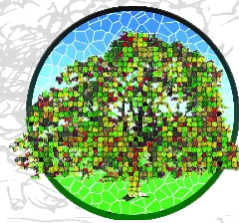


East Montrose

Civic Association Newsletter



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August 2026

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 2026 Calendar

No meetings June-August

9/15—Meeting at Midtown Bar & Grill,
7PM

10/6—NNO

10/24—Biennial Home Tour

More dates to follow.

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

Special thank you to our
contributors:

- Penny Cerling
- Mary Quinn
- Bill Maxey

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 neigh-
borhood 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almost always out of date.

Hi neighbors,

East Montrose Civic Association will hold its biennial
Home Tour & Art Walk on Saturday, October 24 and we
need approximately 40 volunteers to greet the guests,
oversee traffic flow and answer questions. The morn-
ing shift runs from 10 to 1 and the afternoon shift runs
from 1 to 4.

- 5 Homes
- 10 Artist Studios

The tour is a wonderful opportunity to see these spe-
cial houses and visit with neighbors. Also invite your
friends to volunteer with you! As a docent, you'll get to
see all the homes for free plus a thank-you party after-
wards. This is our big fundraiser and all proceeds ben-
efit the East Montrose Civic Association.

Our tour wouldn't be possible without your help, can
we count on your support? Just text, call or email; we
really appreciate it.

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Things to do in Houston this Month

1. Restaurant Weeks: In its 23rd year, the ever popular Houston Restaurant Week(s) returns, with participating restaurants making donations to the Houston Food Bank. Since it's inception, HRW has donated over \$22M to the Food Bank. Prix-fixe multi-course menus for brunch, lunch, and dinner will be available at all participating restaurants!

Aug 1-Sep 7, see participating restaurants [here](#)

2. Arboretum Goats: The goats are back! The goats from GoatScaping, LLC work incredibly hard to clear out invasive and aggressive vegetation in the Arboretum to increase biodiversity. This year they will be in the NW corner, between the 610 Parking Loop, Ravine Trail and Event Lawn. Visit the goats at work!

Aug 4-11, Houston Arboretum

3. Ringling Bros and Barnum & Bailey: The circus is in town! Featuring incredible performances, tricks and acrobatics, this is a show you don't want to miss!

Aug 6-9, NRG Park

4. Pride Parade RESCHED: Postponed for the World Cup, the 48th Annual Pride Parade is back on schedule! Enjoy, music, food, grandstand seating, and more!

Aug 15, 901 Bagby St

5. H-Town Disco Show: Boogie down with your favorite 70s hits. Audience participation is encouraged!

Aug 14, Miller Outdoor Theater

From the editor

As many of us enjoy the final weeks of summer, we're also looking ahead. Our neighborhood meetings will resume next month after the summer break, and we hope you'll join us. These meetings are a great opportunity to learn about local projects, hear community updates, meet your neighbors, and help plan some of our favorite community traditions.

With fall just around the corner, we'll also begin organizing for National Night Out and the East Montrose Biennial Home Tour. Both events showcase the strength, character, and hospitality of our neighborhood, and they depend on the support of volunteers and residents. Whether you can lend a hand, attend an event, or simply spread the word, your participation helps make these community gatherings a success.

Thank you to our volunteers, contributors, local businesses, and residents who make this newsletter—and our neighborhood—possible. Your support helps preserve the character and community spirit that make East Montrose unique.

Enjoy the rest of your summer, stay safe in the Houston heat, and we look forward to seeing you when meetings resume next month and as we prepare for another exciting season of community events.

Warmly,

—Sofie

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Let's Make Houston Smile!

East Montrose Civic Association

HOME TOUR

& Art
Walk

Saturday • October 24

10am to 4pm

Attention East Montrose Artists:

If you want to
open your studio
for the ArtWalk
please contact
Joan Son ...
joanson23@gmail.
com

Recipe of the Month

Add these Greek Chicken and Halloumi skewers to your grill this summer for an instant hit—recipe by Makinze Gore

- 1 lemon, juiced
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 2 Tbsp. finely chopped fresh dill, plus more for serving
- 1 Tbsp. Dijon mustard
- 2 tsp. kosher salt
- 1 tsp. dried oregano
- 1/4 tsp. crushed red pepper flakes
- 1 1/2 lb. boneless skinless chicken breasts, cut into 2" pieces
- 1 lb. halloumi, cut into 24 pieces (about 1 1/2" x 1 1/2" x 3/4")
- 2 red bell peppers, seeds and ribs removed, cut into 1 1/2" pieces
- 1 red onion, cut into 1 1/2" pieces
- Vegetable oil, for grilling
- 3 pitas, cut into quarters
- Tzatziki, for serving



1. Soak skewers in water at least 30 minutes and up to 2 hours.
2. Meanwhile, in a large bowl, whisk lemon juice, garlic, dill, mustard, salt, oregano, and red pepper flakes. Add chicken and toss to coat. Cover and let sit at room temperature for 30 minutes.
3. Prepare a grill for medium-high heat; preheat for 5 minutes (or heat a grill pan over medium-high heat). Thread chicken, halloumi, bell pepper, and onion onto skewers, giving each skewer 4 pieces of halloumi and dividing the rest evenly. Drizzle with a little oil.
4. Grill skewers, turning every 2 to 3 minutes, until an instant-read thermometer inserted into a piece of chicken registers 165°, 10 to 12 minutes. Transfer to a platter.
5. Brush pita with oil on both sides and grill until warmed through, about 3 minutes per side.
6. Top skewers with more dill. Serve with pitas and tzatziki alongside.

Art and About... by Penny Cerling

Reeves, at the corner of Fairview and Taft, has been part of our neighborhood for at least 60 years - in earlier years, as an antique store and important source for Mid-Century Modern art & design - and now as a place for Exhibitions, Estate Sale and Pop-Up Events which happen in the gallery space.

There are probably many homes in East Montrose with furniture or artwork purchased from Reeves over the past 60 years.

EMCA member Matt Reeves now runs the 5,000 sq. ft. gallery. His father, Paul Reeves, ran the space as an antique store. Paul Reeves is still involved with the gallery, as is Matt's mom, Stephanie Reeves, who lives in East Montrose and occasionally stops in to lend a hand.

If you've driven by the corner of Taft & Fairview when Reeves' Estate Sales are taking place, you know what a busy schedule they keep. Reeves also provides art consulting services.

Reeves Exhibition, Estate Sale and Pop-Up Event schedule is flexible and it's best to be kept informed through their e-mail list - request through: www.reevesartgallery.com

Reeves auctions can be found at houstonartauction.com



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Aug 3	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn & Recycle
Aug 10	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn
Aug 17	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn & Recycle
Aug 24	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn
Aug 31	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.

	FY 2026 Treasurer Report As of June 30, 2026	EMCA
Beginning of year balance		\$ 5,210.74
Monies In		
Membership		\$ 2,165.00
Ads		\$ 80.00
Donations		\$ 40.00
Total In		\$ 2,285.00
Monies Out		
PayPal Fees		\$ 63.75
US Post Office Box Rental		\$ 230.00
Go Daddy Subscription		\$ 46.38
Near Town Donation		\$ 100.00
Zoom Subscription		\$ 159.90
Storage		\$ 325.00
Newsletters		\$ 424.40
Insurance		\$ 2,162.00
Spring Fling		\$ 520.00
Miscellaneous Reimbursement		\$ (145.00)
Total Out		\$ 3,886.43
YTD Income		\$ (1,601.43)
June 30 Bank Balance EMCA		\$ 3,609.31
June 30 Reserve in Security Account		\$ 2,938.02
Combined Ending Balance		\$ 6,547.33 <i>nd.</i>

**Join EMCA Today!**

Membership is open to neighborhood residents or business owners/operators. Payment of dues will apply to current year.
 ___ Single or Guest \$25.00 ___ Household \$50.00 ___ Business \$75.00

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