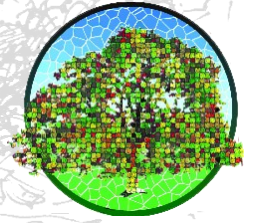


East Montrose

Civic Association Newsletter



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January 2022

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 2022 Calendar

General Meetings: 3rd Tuesdays at 7pm unless otherwise noted

- 1/18 - New Board Intro, Annual Update, Security
- 2/15 - Home Tour Planning
- 3/15 - Home Tour Final Planning
- 4/9 - Biennial Home Tour
- 4/19 - Speaker
- 5/21 - Summer Kick-Off Ice Cream Social (tentative)
- 6/21 - No Meeting - Summer Break
- 7/19 - No Meeting - Summer Break
- 8/16 - No Meeting - Summer Break
- 9/20 - Speaker
- 10/4 - National Nite Out - HPD & Elected Officials
- 11/15 - Speaker
- 12/6 - Annual Elections/Holiday Party (tentative)

To join Zoom Meetings:

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Security Committee Security Patrol Proposal

As a result of the pandemic and related social issues, there has been an uptick of crime. Our neighborhood is no different. As a result, neighbors got together and put together a proposal for security patrols in East Montrose. The East Montrose boundaries are Fairview - Montrose - West Gray - Genesee.

Patrol Option Recommendation

SEAL Patrol (private security company)

40 hours/week (tentatively Wednesday - Sunday evenings from 10pm - 6am)

Cost = \$37/hour x 40 hours/week x 52 weeks = \$76,960

East Montrose Civic Association is a 501 c4 non-profit, meaning we don't have to pay sales tax.

Commencing January 1, 2022 **or as soon as we get enough members to cover a contract period.**

Note - Another option is the Harris County Constable patrol. It is a bit more costly and less flexible but worthy of discussion before the October 2022 application deadline.

Membership Costs

Membership would be ~\$365/year if we can get 211 members (less if we can get more).

This is only \$1/day (less than a cup of coffee).

Members receive a hotline number to call as well as a yard sign indicating your participation. We can also list members on the EMCA website.

Ways to join:

Drop a check for \$365 payable to EMCA in the (locked) mailbox at 503 Welch.

Pay via Zelle starting December 1st at treasurer.emca@gmail.com

If you want to pay online at www.eastmontrose.org via PayPal or via credit card there will be an additional service fee charged.

Joint Patrol Potential

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EMCA held our holiday party, white elephant exchange and elections on December 7 at the home of President Mary Quinn. A good time was had by all and the white elephant gift exchange was funny and outrageous including gifts of art, food, beverages, lottery tickets and games. And the VOODOO doll once again made a surprise appearance!

We had a quorum of members present so elections were held. Members voted in favor of continuing Mike McHam as secretary; Malisa Galvan as treasurer; and Rachel Tucker a new at-large member. Also Lewis Goldstein was introduced. Lewis was appointed to fill out the term for at large member Dan Richtel who resigned earlier this year.

Members also voted in favor of EMCA having the following position on neighborhood issues involving Minimum Lot Size and Minimum Set Back. "EMCA supports the idea of Minimum Lot Size and/or Minimum Building Line on a case-by-case basis depending on the consensus of the non-commercial property owners on each block."

There was also a spirited discussion on GEM (Greater East Montrose) plans to hire security patrol for our neighborhood with a total consensus from members of the increased crime problem in East Montrose and surrounding areas and the need for more security.

For more information, go to www.eastmontrose.org.



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Our neighbors in WAMM Civic Association also want to join; their boundaries are Westheimer/Alabama/Mulberry/Montrose. Other neighborhoods are also interested including Audubon and Avondale. While we want subscribers to keep the cost per member down, at the same time we're hoping to keep the patrol area small so we don't dilute services.

Please pass this along to others in the neighborhood who may not get the newsletter. This information will also be posted online at www.eastmontrose.org and on the EMCA Facebook page.

If you have questions, please contact Hugo Ovalle at hugo.a.ovalle@gmail.com.

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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 / Home Tour

Please contact EMCA President Mary Quinn at President.emca@gmail.com or EMCA Vice President Karen Brohn at vicepresident.emca@gmail.com to volunteer.



Got my COVID booster and flu vaccine in late December at the Walgreens on W. Gray at Woodhead. Made the appointment on-line ... easy-peasy. Quick(ish) in-and-out at the store, and really upbeat, helpful, personal service. No side effects except a mildly tender injection point. No charge for either, either. (subject to your individual circumstances) Whew! A load off my mind!

Earlier sunsets and warmer winter temperatures mean that more people are out and about after dark. Please know that it's extremely difficult for motorists to see pedestrians, pets, bicyclists, and skateboarders (among many other mobile entities) in the dark.

Folks – PLEASE consider following these safety tips:

- ` Wear light-colored clothing
- ` Wear reflective clothing, such as a safety vest
- ` Put reflective tape on your clothing, shoes, and pets' collar or harness
- ` Glow-in-the-dark accessories are highly visible, too.
- ` Even better are lights – use flashlights, headlamps, light-up gear to make yourself visible to car drivers
- ` Pets need protection, too ... outfit your pooch or outdoor cat with any / all of the above safety elements

In addition, when you're out after dark, don't count on the automobile drivers being able to see you. Be proactive. Wear clothing that makes you visible. But also stay safely on sidewalks, instead of walking or bicycling in the street. Keep alert for vehicular traffic – look all ways before crossing a street. And keep your eyes off the phone and on your surroundings.

When the Dollar Tree store opened in the River Oaks Shopping Center some years back, I scoffed, thinking, "This is River Oaks and gentrifying Montrose – no one would deign to be caught dead in a budget store with a puny dollar price tag." I presumed that merchandise would be limited to cheap, useless "made-in-Japan" knick-knacks. After all, according to one report I read, "Dollar stores tend to flourish in areas where residents are making below the median income and living at high rates of poverty. They also tend to pop up in areas where residents have lower levels of education, higher rates of smoking and obesity. Dollar stores are also more common in communities with higher crime rates."

Boy, was I wrong! This store had throngs of customers (local customers!) from its first opening day! It stayed packed with shoppers even through years of a messy air conditioning system dripping onto the sales floor. Today the wet floor is a thing of the past, and the new manager, Warren, is a modest but super-effective business genius. You'll find the store is a stalwart of holiday staples, greeting cards are 15% the price of most, name-brand (Super Glue!, VO5 shampoo!, Campbells!) for cheap, and in the candy aisle I once was privy to a couple raving over the delights of "retro" childhood favorites like Milk Duds, Swizzlers, and Fiddle Faddle.

Well, fast forward eight years or whatever it's been, and the store is going stronger than ever. BUT ... Dollar Tree is raising its prices. By 25c an item. Interestingly enough, just yesterday I read an on-line article about just this – dollar stores across the country are forced to raise their prices. Factor in here the pandemic and just plain old annual inflation, plus this will enable the sales of items that grew too expensive for the store to sell profitably at \$1. Goodie! Maybe they'll soon start re-stocking my fave instant hash browns and cell phone charger. Happy savings shopping!



I've been enjoying the holiday lights around the neighborhood. My current newsletter column mentioned it's a good idea for night walkers and bicyclers - including their pets - to wear light colored clothing, reflectors, and lights, too, especially on bikes. Well, "don't need no stinkin' lights" around the intersection of 600 Welch and 2100 Stanford. The corner is lit up as bright as day ... not street lights, but hundreds of strands of tiny lights wound around a buncha trees! Seriously - you can stand there a midnight and read a book! Go check it out before the season ends.

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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.



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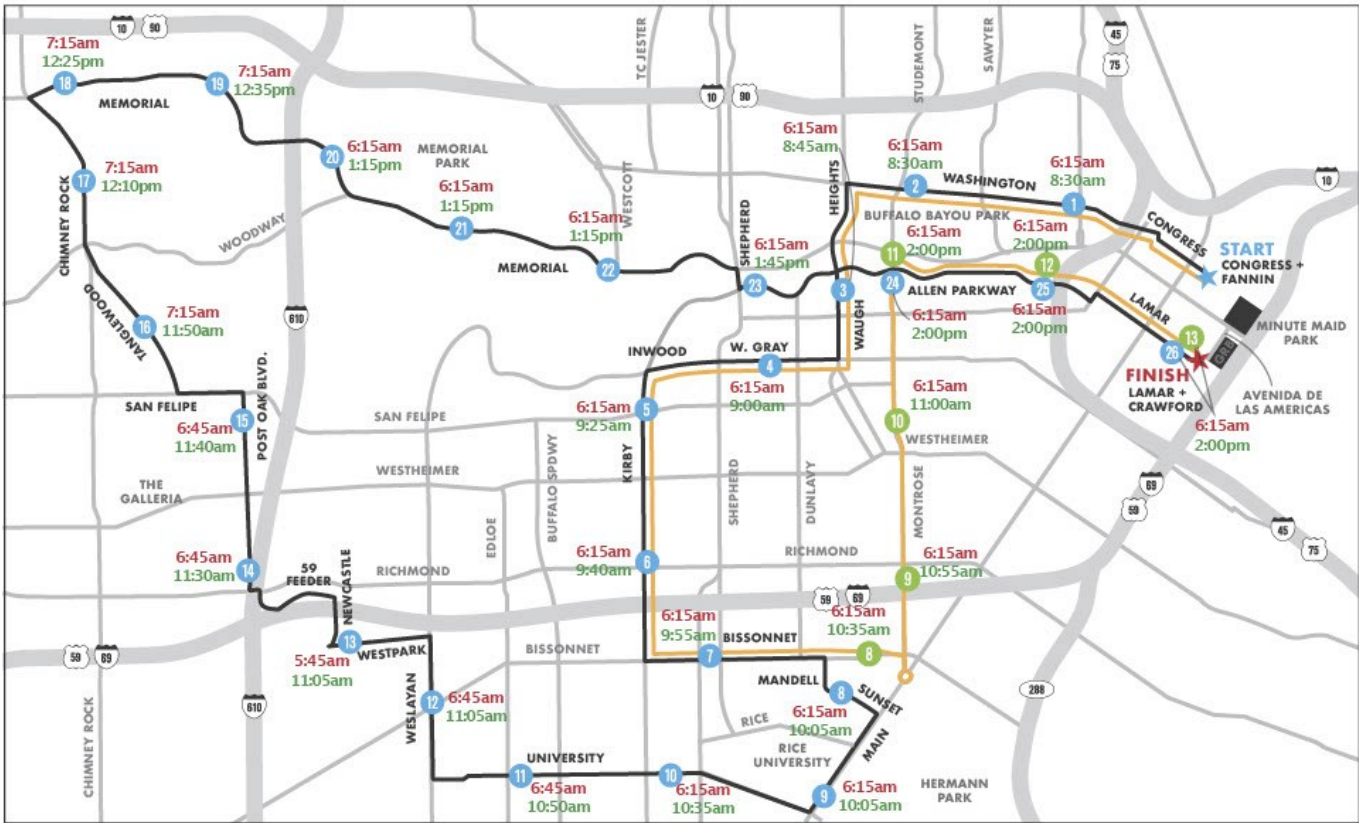
Chevron Houston Marathon & Aramco Houston Half Marathon

Sunday, January 16, 2022

Street closures and delays will affect East Montrose, so plan ahead!



COURSE MAP CHEVRON HOUSTON MARATHON & ARAMCO HOUSTON HALF MARATHON



CHEVRON HOUSTON MARATHON	ARAMCO HOUSTON HALF MARATHON	MILE MARKER	TIME STREET CLOSURES (*All Times Subject to Change)	START CONGRESS + FANNIN	FINISH LAMAR + CRAWFORD
			TIME STREET REOPENS (*All Times Subject to Change)		



Walking west on Westheimer from Whole Foods toward Taft:

- 1- Terrific new mural on a new restaurant: Tres (Mexican/Arabic Tacos!)
- 2- Mural @ Numbers
- 3- Mini sidewalk mural @ El Tiempo Cantina



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In addition, in 2100 Stanford, take a look at the PAVEMENT. Colored laser lights projected onto the side of the building reflect off and land in the street, where they dance around the asphalt! Stand there long enough, and you'll see that when any two lights happen to collide, they explode like fireworks. When four of them collide, you get a bigger explosion. Certain impacts cause the whole outfit to break into squares of dots - that disappear in a blink! It's mesmerizing! Go see it for yourself. The funnest spot is right in the street, smack in the midst of the twirling lights.

NOTE: Deadline for submission of newsletter content is ALWAYS the 20th day of the previous month. Email your content to newsletter.emca@gmail.com. All submissions of content are welcome, but submission does not guarantee inclusion.

ANDERSON FAIR CONCERTS

It has been a grand and unusual year at Anderson Fair! As we moved forward during the pandemic, concerts were only in-house on Friday nights and all concerts were streamed on line through the website.

New Years Eve with Shake Russell, Matt Harlan, Ken Gaines & Wayne Wilkerson was a historic night of music, laughter and love. It began the 52nd year of original folk music live on our iconic stage.

We will start up again later in January. All info will be on the website.

Make it a new year's resolution to join us in this renowned listening room for 2022!

2007 Grant Street around the corner from Texas Art

Photo: Wayne Wilkerson and Ken Gaines host Mitch Jacobs in December 2021

2007 Grant Street, Just off Montrose behind Texas Art Supply.

www.andersonfair.net



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I'd love to add your address to this list of homes that I've sold in the neighborhood: 19xx Whitney - 4xx Pacific - 20xx Converse - 24xx Whitney - 7xx Bomar - 24xx Whitney (2nd time) - 9xx Willard - 9xx Bomar - 20xx Converse - 5xx Peden - 24xx Whitney (3rd time) - 10xx Peden - 24xx Whitney (4th time) - 9xx Damon Ct. - 26xx Hopkins - 9xx Welch - 8xx Hyde Park - 25xx Whitney - 4xx Pacific - 5xx Peden (2nd time) - 1x Hyde Park - 9xx Willard (2nd time) - 3xx Bomar—6xx Drew—17xx Grant—8xx Hyde Park—8xx Damon Ct—24xx Whitney (5th time) - 9xx Bomar (2nd time) - 3xx Peden—23xx Mason



Call me or use the media icon links above.

Each HomeSmart Office is Independently Owned and Operated—If your property is currently listed, then this is not a solicitation of that listing.



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November 2021 Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance			\$6,769.99
Monies In:	Membership	\$345.00	
	Constable Reserve	\$3,285.00	
Monies Out:	Storage Unit	\$(69.00)	
	Zoom Meeting	\$(15.98)	
	PayPal Fees	\$(12.77)	
	Quickbooks	\$(53.30)	
Ending Balance:			\$10,248.94

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

TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

January 3	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn
January 5	Wednesday	Heavy Trash—TREE WASTE ONLY
January 10	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn & Recycle
January 17	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn
January 24	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn & Recycle
January 31	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn
February 2	Wednesday	Heavy Trash-JUNK ONLY
February 7	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn & Recycle

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



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

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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

Cleanup Crew: **OPEN**

Home Tour: **OPEN**

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

Total EMCA Members: 134, Security Patrol (Paid): 61
Membership numbers have dropped significantly!
Please remember to renew!

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!

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

Want to submit an article for the newsletter? Please email your article to newsletter@eastmontrose.org.