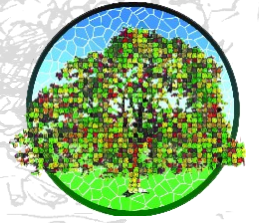


East Montrose

Civic Association Newsletter



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January 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

01/17 – EMCA meeting at Boheme
307 Fairview St, Houston, TX 77006,
7PM

More of the calendar to come!

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The City of Houston crime database is almost always out of date.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

As ever, we strive to make East Montrose a safe and secure neighborhood for us all to enjoy.

Successful meetings were held in October with the Montrose TIRZ and representatives from Abbie Kamin's office to discuss pedestrian crossings and protected bike lanes. Solutions for high traffic intersections were shared, and the TIRZ board was open to hearing our stories and experiences.

If you are interested in joining the Greater Montrose coalition for increased safety in our neighborhood, please reach out to Pervez Agwan or Hugo Ovalle through safety.emca@gmail.com or pervezagwan@gmail.com.

EMCA 2022 Holiday Party and Election Results

The EMCA held our holiday party, white elephant exchange and annual election on December 6 at the home of President Mary Quinn. As always, wonderful food, and great fellowship. Of course the white elephant gift exchange made for a high-stakes, exciting time.

We had a quorum of members present, so elections were held.

Members voted in favor of Karen Brohn as president; Hugo O'Valle as vice president and Lewis Goldstein as at-large director. Katy Dunbar and Alyssa Ketner have been appointed by the Board to be co at-large members to fill out the term for Hugo who was elected vice president. Malisa Galvan (treasurer) and Rachel Tucker (secretary) are continuing on in their roles.

Please congratulate our newly elected board members if you see them out in the neighborhood!

Our first association meeting of 2023 will be on Tuesday, January 17th at 7pm. The topic will be focused on general planning for 2023 including committee updates.

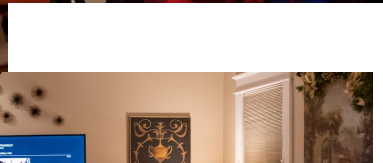
Updates will be posted on our website: <https://www.eastmontrose.org/news-events/member-meetings/> as well as on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/EastMontrose/?ref=share&mibextid=NSMWBT>.

If you have any questions, you can reach Karen at president.emca@gmail.com.

Annual East Montrose Civic Association Holiday Party and Election Night

Check out some amazing footage from our 2022 holiday party, courtesy of Bill Maxey. More photos can be found on our Facebook page. The White Elephant gift exchange certainly got heated! Can't wait to see the return of the voodoo doll at the next holiday party!

Thank you, Mary, for hosting everyone! What a fun and festive night!



Comments from former East Montrosians

We love to hear from current and former East Montrosians, so if you ever have comments to share, please do. We recently had some feedback from former residents and have permission to share. See below!

Hi Mary and Sofie.

I see your names and contacts on the latest EMCA newsletter that I picked up at Peggy Shiffick Park yesterday. My husband and I lived on Stanford St from 2011 to 2013. and I helped produce the EMCA newsletter for some of that time.

We returned to Houston this week to show our oldest child (who was born during that time) where she was born and some of the highlights of Houston. When driving by our old house. we stopped by the park. and I was delighted to see a current newsletter.

I hope you and the neighborhood continue to thrive.

Kari Callaghan

Kari-Thanks for dropping by and for your lovely comments! We hope you had a wonderful time exploring the neighborhood and showing your daughter around!

From the Editor...

by Sofie Shoab



Happy New Year, East Montrose!

It is officially 2023! If you follow Chinese zodiac, then it is the Year of the Rabbit. And if you follow basketball, then it is the Year of Jordan. :D

It is time to both set resolutions for the year and reflect on what we accomplished in 2022. My personal goal for last year was to really get to know this city, and together we have discovered tons of interesting events and hidden gems. Pop ups, museums, festivals, nightlife and the award-winning food scene make this city so special and fun to explore. Most recently, I discovered Graffiti Park, a beautiful area in Downtown, full of amazing murals which reflect the heart and soul of Houston. Have you been? Some really great artists showcase their work on those walls! A personal favorite of mine was a tribute to the legendary Texas native, Miss Selena Quintanilla.

I'm not quite sure what my resolution will be for this year, perhaps running in next January's Houston Half/Marathon? (shameless plug for events on page 5). Perhaps learning more about global cuisines? More to come next month. Share your resolutions, goals and progress with us at newsletter.emca@gmail.com!

If you have content suggestions, article submissions, or any events you'd like us to feature, please send them in! We look forward to a great year here in Houston's coolest neighborhood.

Cheers,

Sofie

Parting words from our former EMCA President

You haven't seen the last of me....

The baton has been passed. The gavel has been banged. My tenure as EMCA president has come to an end. The new board was elected at the Holiday Party early in December. I thank all those folks who sent me their proxies. But just for a minute I want to talk about the board the past couple of years.

I want to take this opportunity to thank our new president Karen Brohn, (my former VP) who has never once let me down, who was always willing to pitch in and help, who came up with great ideas and then implemented them, and who wrangled her adorable husband Pete into helping too! I'd also like to express my thanks to Malisa Galvan who has done a fabulous and often thankless job of keeping our books straight, especially now that we also have the SEAL accounting to deal with! Malisa always helped keep us on track and did it with a smile on her face!

And then god love Rachel Tucker, who bravely took over as secretary when Mike McHam stepped down. Rachel made it all appear seamless and did so without complaint.

Of course I also want to mention board members Hugo Ovalle and Lewis Goldstein, who spear-headed the SEAL security effort and continue to monitor its efficacy and crime trends in our 'hood.

I was so very lucky to be a part of the EMCA board and work with these big hearted, brilliant, thoughtful, and genuinely caring individuals, as well as so many other volunteers in our community who helped throughout the years. The names are too many to list, but I do want a shout out to Bill Maxey for his once again fabulous Home Tour and to Sofie Shoaib, who took on the huge project of our newsletter editor when Lee Hudman moved from East Montrose.

I read this quote recently: "Volunteers are not paid -- not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless. "

I was heartened to see so many new (and young! WooHoo!) faces at the Holiday Party, several of whom have already expressed interest in some of our projects!

While my years as president of EMCA have come to an end, I'll still be around as ex officio member of the board when needed. And I'll still volunteer when needed. Because we do make a difference.

—Mary Quinn, Former EMCA President

Things to do in Houston this Month

1. Houston Full and Half Marathons Cheer on the thousands of runners participating in the 51st annual Houston Marathon and Half Marathon. The race takes runners right through Montrose, along with Med Center, Galleria and Memorial Park. Check out the route and find a place to hold up your celebratory signs!

Sunday January 15, 7AM-2:30PM

2. Charity Cat Show Hosted by the Houston Cat Club, this is the 70th annual cat show where cats are judged on agility and intellect over two days. This is also a great time to see cats dressed up in costume, shop for your own pets, or perhaps explore adoption through cat rescue groups who will be available throughout the weekend.

January 14-15, starting 9AM each day

3. MLK Jr. Parade The Black Heritage Society is hosting the 45th annual MLK Jr. parade through downtown Houston. Come check out the floats, and participate in peaceful marches in his honor. Meet at Lamar and Smith!

January 16 at 10AM

4. Bridal Extravaganza This is the largest wedding planning show in the country—if you have a wedding coming up or a vendor business to showcase, you don't want to miss this! There will be fashion shows, food and dessert tastings, vendors for every aspect of the wedding business available to you over two days. Buy your tickets in advance!

January 21-22

5. Lunar New Year Welcome to the year of the Rabbit! Celebrate the new year with performances, delicious foods, and activities at the Asia Society in the Museum District. The celebration is free to attend!

January 28, 11AM-4PM

6. Astros FanFest If you're a fan, and you know you ARE a fan, come out to celebrate the 'stros World Series win at Minute Maid park—plenty of opportunities to meet players, broadcasters, play games and more! Get your free ticket

online ahead of time to enter.

January 21, 11AM-4PM

East Montrose was particularly festive this holiday season—check out these great shots of the neighborhood!



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NOTE: Deadline for submission of newsletter content is ALWAYS the 20th day of the previous month. Email your content to newsletter.emca@gmail.com.

Recipe of the Month

We are celebrating the Lunar New Year this month with chicken potstickers! Dumplings are said to bring good luck so try out these dumplings by Molly Yeh and celebrate!

Ingredients

Dough:

2 cups all-purpose flour, plus more if needed and for dusting

1 1/2 teaspoons salt

1/2 cup boiling water

Filling:

1 pound ground chicken

1/3 cup chicken broth

2 teaspoons sugar

2 teaspoons soy sauce

2 teaspoons rice vinegar

1 teaspoon freshly grated ginger

1/4 teaspoon salt

2 scallions, finely chopped

Freshly ground black pepper

Flavorless oil, for frying

Dipping Sauce:

2 tablespoons soy sauce

1 tablespoon rice vinegar

2 teaspoons sesame oil

1 scallion, finely chopped

A pinch of crushed dried red pepper

For the dough: Combine the flour and salt in a large heatsafe bowl. Slowly pour in the boiling water while stirring, until you have a coarse meal mixture. Stir in 1/2 cup cold water to form a dough. Knead the dough on a lightly floured surface for 10 minutes, adding more flour as necessary, until the dough is smooth and slightly sticky. Cover the dough with a damp towel and let sit for 20 minutes.

For the filling: In a large bowl, combine the ground chicken, chicken broth, sugar, soy sauce, vinegar, ginger, salt, scallions and a bunch of turns of pepper.

To assemble the dumplings, divide the dough into 24 balls. Roll them out into 4-inch circles, flouring the surface as needed. Place 1 tablespoon filling in the center of each and fold in half to make a half-moon shape, pleating the edges to seal well. Bring a large pot of water to a boil. Heat a thin layer of oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Boil the dumplings in batches for 4 minutes. Remove them with a slotted spoon, allowing excess water to drip off, then transfer to the hot oil (be careful because this step can get spitty). Cook until the dumplings are browned, 2 to 3 minutes. Transfer to a plate lined with a paper towel and let cool slightly. Alternatively, to steam the dumplings, line a bamboo steamer with blanched cabbage and steam over boiling water until the filling is cooked through, 10 to 15 minutes.

For the dipping sauce: In a small bowl, combine the soy sauce, vinegar, sesame oil, scallion and red pepper.

ANDERSON FAIR WINTER SCHEDULE

Since 1970 this iconic music venue, right here in our East Montrose neighborhood, has been presenting original singer/ songwriters LIVE in our vintage listening room. If you've never been, make it your first time this year. All shows are live streamed as well... at no charge, though donations are appreciated. The link is posted the evening of the concert on the website. www.andersonfair.net But the very best way to experience the music is live in the listening room. You'll be glad you came! You can also watch the documentary about Anderson Fair at <https://www.imdb.com/title/tt1537279/>

Winter 2023

Friday, January 20—Curtis McMurty

Friday, January 27 - JM Stevens

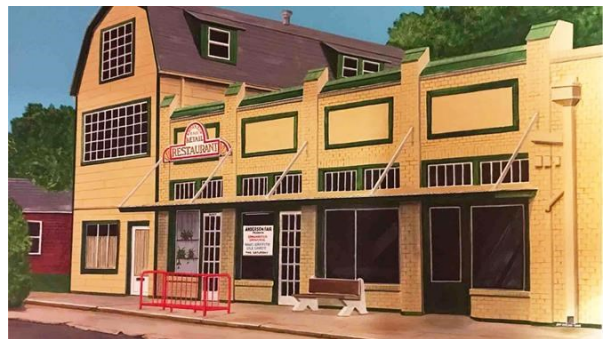
Thursday, February 2 – Matt Harlan

Friday, February 3 - Wrecks and Janet Bell

Friday, February 9 - Bob Livingston

Doors open at 7:30 and shows start around 8:45

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



All shows are live streamed at no charge, though donations are appreciated. The link is posted the evening of the concert on our website. More info will be announced on the website as more concerts are booked. 2007 Grant Street.

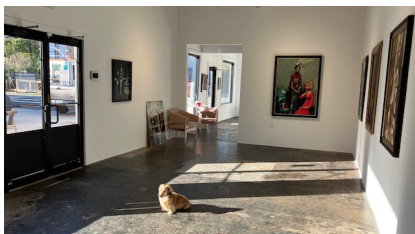
www.andersonfair.net



During the pandemic one of the things Reeves Antiques did was to become Reeves Design & Art Gallery. The location is the same, at the corner of Taft and Fairview. Reeves Antiques sold quite a bit of art, so this was a natural turn. The owner is Matthew Reeves. His father, Paul, started the antique store and his mother, Stephanie, lives in East Montrose - you may have met her at an EMCA meeting! I visited in November when they were showcasing the work of David Adickes. You've probably seen Adicke's work around town - the giant telephone at the old telephone building is his, as are the huge presidential heads (mostly in the warehouse/silos district) and the statue of Sam Houston in Huntsville.

Photos below:

- 1, 2: installation of David Adickes show at Reeves Design & Art Gallery
- 3: Telephone sculpture by David Adickes in the neighborhood



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

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

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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**

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

December, 2022 Treasurer's Report			
For the period December 1, 2022 - December 31, 2022			
EMCA			
Beginning Balance			\$ 9,918.98
Monies In	Membership	\$ 75.00	
	Home Tour	\$ 20.00	
Monies Out	Storage Unit		\$ 60.00
	Newsletter		\$ 438.92
	Quickbooks		\$ 31.98
Ending Balance			\$ 9,483.08
Security			
Beginning Balance			\$ 20,597.28
Monies In	Security Reserve	\$ -	
Monies Out	S.E.A.L.		\$ 6,889.03
Ending Balance			\$ 13,708.25
Combined Ending Balance			\$ 23,191.33

TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

January 9	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn & Recycle
January 16	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn
January 23	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn & Recycle
January 30	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn
February 1	Wednesday	Junk
February 6	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn & Recycle
February 13	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn

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: 190
Total Greater EM Security subscriptions as of 12/31/22: 174

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: _____

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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