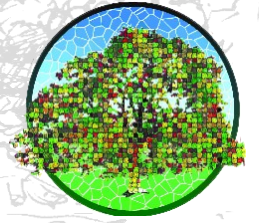


East Montrose

Civic Association Newsletter



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February 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
 - 2/21—EMCA meeting at Boheme
307 Fairview St, Houston, TX 77006,
7PM
 - 3/21—EMCA meeting, location to be confirmed
 - 4/30—Spring Social! Family event
 - 5/16—EMCA meeting, location to be confirmed
 - 6/20—Summer break, no meeting
 - 7/18—Summer break, no meeting
 - 8/15—Summer break, no meeting
 - 9/19—EMCA meeting, location to be confirmed
 - 10/3—National Night Out with HPD and elect-
ed officials, family event
 - 11/21—EMCA meeting, location to be con-
firmed
 - 12/5—Annual elections and holiday party
- All EMCA meetings take place on the 3rd Tues-
day of every month unless noted otherwise.

Area crime reports can be found at the ex-
cellent and current www.spotcrime.com.
The City of Houston crime database is
almost always out of date.

Montrose TIRZ 27 and Redevelopment Authority propose \$52MM Montrose Boulevard Reconstruction

The Montrose Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (“TIRZ”) 27 and Redevelopment Authority are proposing a \$52MM roadway reconstruction of Montrose Boulevard from Allen Parkway to US-59. According to stated project objectives, the proposed plan aims to achieve improved roadway mobility and safety for all users, promote a more pedestrian-friendly environment, and improved drainage. The goal is to provide support for a growing Montrose neighborhood. The TIRZ 27/Montrose Redevelopment Authority Board introduced the proposed project at their December 12th meeting.

Segment I which is between West Clay St to Allen Parkway is anticipated to be in design phase until October 2023 with construction beginning December 2023. Estimated completion is Fall 2024. Segment II timing (US-59 to West Clay St) is still to be determined.

You can listen to a recording of the December 12th meeting as well as review the Montrose Boulevard Project Presentation posted on the Montrose TIRZ project web page <https://montrosehtx.org>. If you are interested in learning more about the Montrose TIRZ and any upcoming projects which are not answered on their website, questions can be sent to info@montrosehtx.org.

The Greater Montrose Safety Coalition continues to meet with TIRZ 27 to ensure our voices and needs are considered during redevelopment planning. If you are interested in joining the Greater Montrose Safety Coalition, please contact Hugo O’Valle or Pervez Agwan for more information.

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Although I've always been a big fan of histories, biographies, and memoirs, I haven't had much time to read them. Over the last few weeks, I have picked up this hobby again and wanted to share some great books and movies I've recently discovered.

Movie: The Swimmers (on Netflix)

A beautifully made biopic recounting the events that lead two teenage sisters to flee war-torn Syria for Germany, where they continue to work towards their lifelong dream of swimming for Syria in the Olympics. This movie captures your attention and doesn't let go until the end credits roll. You'll leave with new, up close perspectives on the injustices of war on families, the difficulties faced by refugees each step of their journeys as they seek safety, and the challenges that come with dealing with government agencies in difficult situations. The adversities faced by these sisters, and the determination with which they faced them was truly remarkable to see.

Book: Chasing History: A Kid in the Newsroom by Carl Bernstein

A name you may be familiar with, Bernstein is coauthor of All the President's Men. Chasing History is his memoir, published last January. Bernstein recounts life as a teenager in the early 1960's—struggling to finish school in Washington, working as a copyboy at an afternoon newspaper, and working his way up to a self-taught career in journalism right in the thick of the civil rights era. It is a thrilling read, and one you won't want to put down.

Let me know if you get a chance to dive into these recommendations and what your thoughts are! If you have suggestions for interesting books or movies, send them my way!

Cheers,

Sofie

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 Karen Brohn at President.emca@gmail.com or EMCA Vice President Hugo O'Valle at vicepresident.emca@gmail.com to volunteer.

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Things to do in Houston this Month

1. **Cirque du Soleil: KOOZA** “A return to our origins, KOOZA combines acrobatic performance and the art of clowning, while exploring fear, identity, recognition and power. The Innocent's journey brings him into contact with comic characters from an electrifying world full of surprises, thrills, audacity and total involvement. “ Check out the highwire acts, wheel of death, and many more thrills at the KOOZA show this month!

All month at the Sam Houston Race Park

2. **Lunar New Year Lantern Festival** POST is hosting a lantern festival to commemorate the Year of the Rabbit, starting on the first full moon of the lunar cycle. Also taking place, a night market filled with vendors, delicious foods, and gifts to celebrate the new year.

Feb 4,5 at POST!

3. **Monster Jam** Watch 12,000 lb monster trucks fly through the air doing all sorts of flips, jumps, and cool tricks at high speed.

Feb 11

4. **Mardi Gras** Galveston, (while not Houston, but close enough!) will be hosting an unforgettable carnival complete with parades, animals, music, and fantastic foods. Events can be enjoyed starting on February 11, but the real fun will begin over the following weekend leading into Fat Tuesday.

Feb 17-21

5. **BrickFest Live!** Massive LEGO sculptures, love shows, build zones, secret merch all using more than one million LEGO bricks and more! Head over to NRG for this family-friendly festival.

February 4, 5 from 9AM-4:30 (Sat) and 10AM-4 (Sun)

Big win for a new neighborhood

favorite—CUCHARITA!

Alison Cook, a food critic over at the Houston Chronicle, recently compiled a list of the best new restaurants in town, and our very own Cucharita made the list!

Brought to you by the owners of Cuchara, the Mexico City inspired restaurant, Cucharita (located at 315 Fairview, formerly home of Pepper Twins) is a Mexico City inspired all day breakfast restaurant and bakery that opened this past October.

Without giving away too much, the menu at Cucharita includes an assortment of coffees using their own brand of coffee beans, and a tres leches inspired waffle: the waffle con cinco leches. That's right, you read that correctly— cinco leches. It is absolutely divine.

While you're there, be sure to take a closer look at the mural painted by co-owner Ana's own sister, Cecilia Beaven.

Check them out Tuesday-Sunday, 7AM –3PM.

To see the other restaurants featured in Cooks article, click the link below: <https://www.houstonchronicle.com/food-culture/restaurants-bars/article/Alison-Cook-best-new-Houston-restaurants-17725363.php>



Demi's Dog House



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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

Try these decadent chocolate and hazelnut sandwiches by Chandra Ram when you celebrate love this month. If ever there was a time to break that New Years resolution, it is now!

Ingredients

- 1 cup blanched hazelnuts
- 2 ounces 70% to 75% cacao dark chocolate baking bars, coarsely chopped (about 1/2 cup)
- 1/3 cup orange marmalade (such as March Pantry)
- 1/4 cup fig jam (such as Dalmatia)
- 1/4 cup salted butter, softened
- 4 (1/2-inch-thick) slices challah
- Flaky sea salt (such as Maldon), to taste

Directions

Heat a large skillet over medium. Add hazelnuts; cook, stirring often, until light golden and fragrant, 5 to 10 minutes. Remove from heat; let cool 5 minutes. Crush or coarsely chop. Stir together hazelnuts, chocolate, marmalade, and fig jam in a medium bowl. Set aside.

Spread butter evenly on 1 side of each challah slice. Place 2 slices, buttered side down, on a clean work surface; spread hazelnut mixture evenly on the 2 slices. Top with remaining 2 slices, buttered side facing up.

Heat a large skillet over low. Add sandwiches; cover and cook until golden on bottoms, about 3 minutes. Press with a spatula to flatten slightly, and flip sandwiches. Cover and cook until browned on other sides, about 3 minutes, reducing heat as needed if bread is browned before chocolate melts completely. Transfer sandwiches to a cutting board, and cut in half. Sprinkle with salt to taste, and serve.

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

- Thursday, February 2—Matt Harlan hosts Supper Party, Gabe Wootton
- Friday, February 3—Wrecks and Janet Bell
- Friday, February 10 - Bob Livingston
- Thursday, February 16—Kimberly McCarver and Friends
- Friday, February 17—George Enisle



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



There are some beautiful murals going up around town. Houston's street art culture is one to watch out for!

Photos below:

- 1-Scales of Justice- near the downtown courthouses - possibly visible from downtown jail
- 2- Hand holding branch - visible from top of parking garage @ YMCA
- 3- Woman contemplating- corner of McGowen & Crawford. There are quite a few murals to be seen traveling east on McGowen. The colors of the murals blend together beautifully although the styles are very different.



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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!

TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

February 1	Wednesday	Junk
February 6	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn & Recycle
February 13	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn
February 20	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn & Recycle
February 27	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn
March 1	Wednesday	Tree Waste
March 6	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.

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

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: _____

Home Phone: _____ Alt. Phone: _____

Email: _____

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