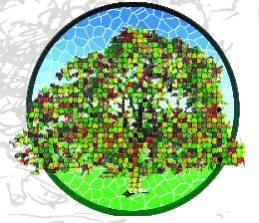


East Montrose

Civic Association Newsletter



Connect: [Facebook.com/groups/East Montrose](https://www.facebook.com/groups/EastMontrose) and www.eastmontrose.org or Mail: PO Box 131363 Houston, TX 77219

March 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

- 3/21—EMCA meeting, location to be confirmed
- 4/15—Neighborhood Clean-Up, 9AM at Peggy Shiffick
- 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 elected officials, family event
- 11/21—EMCA meeting, location to be confirmed
- 12/5—Annual elections and holiday party

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



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 The City of Houston crime database is almost always out of date.



More information on the Spring Fling to come a this months EMCA meeting, and in next month’s newsletter. For now, mark your calendars and save the date! It will be a family friendly affair.

East Montrose Neighborhood Cleanup

Come help keep our “Living Mosaic” beautiful!
Saturday, April 15th
9AM

Meet at Peggy H Shiffick Park (Bomar Street)
Supplies provided

Please email George.boos@att.net for details!

EMCA Safety Update

The East Montrose Civic Association ("EMCA") is kicking off their 2023 S.E.A.L. Security campaign to rehire S.E.A.L. Security through the end of December 2023. S.E.A.L Security will cost ~\$7,000 per month. We need to have a minimum of 170 neighbors sign up before we can rehire S.E.A.L. Security.

To help protect your neighborhood, please sign up by completing one of the payment options below. Once you have subscribed, please email safety.emca@gmail.com your contact information (name, address, email, phone number). This information will help us in providing you with updates, including when we reach the 170 subscribers!

Payment Options:

(Please include your name, address, email and phone number with all payments)

1. Send a \$500 payment via Zelle at treasurer.emca@gmail.com
2. Drop a check for \$500 payable to EMCA in the (locked) mailbox at 402 Welch Street.
3. Pay via PayPal or credit card using one of the options below:

3 Month Subscription*



12 Month Subscription*



*Subscriptions can be cancelled by the subscriber via PayPal at any time. Additional PayPal fees of 3.5% are included in the subscription prices.

Additional Security Information:

Our EMCA boundaries will stay the same: Genesee Street to the east, W. Gray Street to the north, Montrose Street to the west and Fairview Street to the south. The patrol area would be defined in the contract post orders, focusing on the areas around those who have subscribed and may include coverage for subscribers immediately outside the boundaries of EMCA.

Subscribers receive the following benefits:

1. 24 Hour Hotline Number (a card will be delivered to each subscriber at their designated address)
2. Vacation Watch
3. Welfare Checks
4. Yard Sign indicating support for the program
5. [Click here for Q&A with S.E.A.L. COO James Alexander on Saturday, Feb 5th, 2022.](#)

All questions and concerns can be sent to safety.emca@gmail.com.

Things to do in Houston this Month

1. **Livestock and Rodeo!** The Livestock and Rodeo returns to Houston—expect plenty of fun with carnival games, livestock shows, festival foods, petting zoos, a massive market, and of course concerts nightly. The rodeo will be on all month long.

NRG Park, tickets are free for under 2, \$10 for 3-12, \$20 for 13+.

2. **Houston Holi** Happy Holi! Come to the country's biggest Holi party, hosted by Masala Radio. You'll find lots of music, Indian street food, dancing, carnival games, and of course, color play.

Saturday March 4, 11AM-5PM at BH Ranch

3. **Persian New Year** Nowruz, or Persian New Year, celebrates the intersection of life and nature—take part in this celebration with a week of arts and crafts, activities, and storytelling at the Asia Society.

March 14-17, free, 11AM-2PM at the Asia Society

4. **St. Patrick's Day** Celebrate St. Paddy's with a party running all day into the night—expect plenty of musical events, drinks, bagpipes, and fun! Don't forget to wear green!

Friday, March 17 near Minute Maid Park

5. **Astros Opening Day:** Kick off the season with the Stros first game! Playing against the White Sox, the evening will start with a World Series celebration.

Thursday March 30, 6PM at Minute Maid Park

From the Editor...

by Sofie Shoaib



Spring is here! Supposedly—some days it feels like we've skipped straight to summer, but nonetheless! Spring is here.

Spring is a time for rebirth and reawakening. All over the neighborhood, life comes out of hibernation. Trees covered are in hopeful little buds just coming into bloom. Birds chirping away, squirrels bounding up and down poles again. Our neighborhood cats—snuggled away during the chillier weeks, now strutting through our streets as if they own them. They *are* cats, they definitely think they own them!

This is the season of new beginnings. Meeting new people, trying new things, making self discoveries. We can take "spring cleaning" a step further—what can we clean up or change in our lives? Lets take this time to reevaluate our goals and resolutions for the year. Check in ourselves and see how we are progressing. After all, we are part of nature just as much as the trees, birds and squirrels. We too, are coming out of hibernation and into bloom.

Cheers,

Sofie



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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

Kick your Dutch Baby up a notch with spring herbs and a smoked salmon—recipe by Sarah Jampel at Bon Appetit. One Dutch Baby makes four servings.

Ingredients

½ small red onion, thinly sliced
1 lemon, halved
¾ tsp. Diamond Crystal or ½ tsp. Morton kosher salt, plus more
4 large eggs, room temperature
1 large egg white, room temperature
2 garlic cloves, finely grated
1 (packed) cup baby spinach
⅔ cup whole milk, room temperature
1 cup tender herb leaves (such as dill, cilantro, basil, and/or parsley), plus more for serving
⅔ cup (83 g) all-purpose flour
2 Tbsp. cornstarch
Freshly ground black pepper
2 Tbsp. unsalted butter, cut into pieces
4 oz. smoked salmon

Directions

Place a rack in middle of oven and place a medium ovenproof skillet, preferably cast iron, on rack. Preheat oven to 425°. Place onion in a small bowl; squeeze in juice of ½ lemon and add a big pinch of salt; set aside. Slice remaining ½ lemon into wedges and set aside for serving.

Blend eggs and egg white in a blender on high speed until very frothy, about 1 minute. Add garlic, spinach, milk, and 1 cup herbs and blend on high speed until well combined and very green. Add flour, cornstarch, and ¾ tsp. Diamond Crystal or ½ tsp. Morton kosher salt and season with lots of pepper; blend to combine.

Carefully remove skillet from oven. Add butter to pan and swirl to coat bottom. Immediately pour batter into pan and bake pancake until puffed and brown around the edges, 20–25 minutes. (It will start to deflate as soon as it comes out of the oven, but don't worry, that's normal.)

Top Dutch baby with smoked salmon, onion, and more herbs; season with pepper. Serve with reserved lemon wedges for squeezing over.

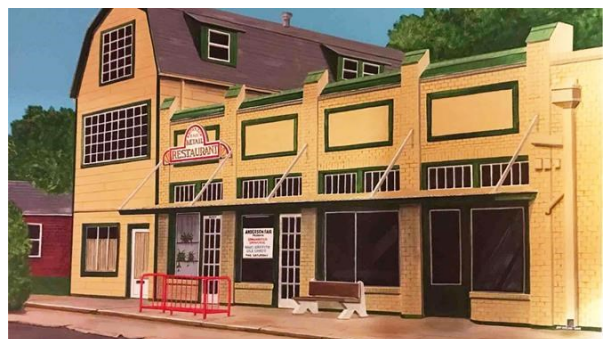
ANDERSON FAIR WINTER SCHEDULE

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/>

Spring 2023

Friday March 3—Ginger Leigh
Friday, March 10—Christine Albert and Chris Gage
Friday, March 17 - John Egan

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



The one year mark for the invasion of Ukraine recently passed on February 20th, and so here we think about the solidarity shown by the city of Houston.

Photos below:

- 1-HOUKRAINE mural on Westheimer
- 2- Hand holding - a reminder that we are here for each other



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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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

March 1	Wednesday	Tree Waste
March 6	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn & Recycle
March 13	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn
March 20	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn & Recycle
March 27	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn
April 3	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn & Recycle
April 5	Wednesday	Junk

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.

January, 2023 Treasurer's Report			
For the period January 1, 2023 - January 31, 2023			
EMCA			
Beginning Balance			\$ 9,483.08
Monies In	Membership	\$ 50.00	
	Sign Sale	\$ 75.00	
Monies Out	Storage Unit		\$ 60.00
	Christmas Party		\$ 21.39
	Quickbooks		\$ 31.98
Ending Balance			\$ 9,494.71
Security			
Beginning Balance			\$ 13,708.25
Monies In	Security Reserve	\$ -	
	Security Reserve 2023	\$ 2,750.00	
Monies Out	S.E.A.L.		\$ 3,500.00
Ending Balance Original Subscription			\$ 10,208.25
Ending Balance New Subscription			\$ 2,750.00
Combined Ending Balance			\$ 22,452.96

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