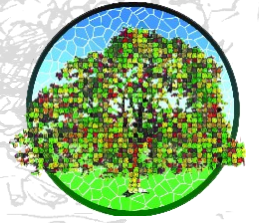


East Montrose

Civic Association Newsletter



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July 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

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

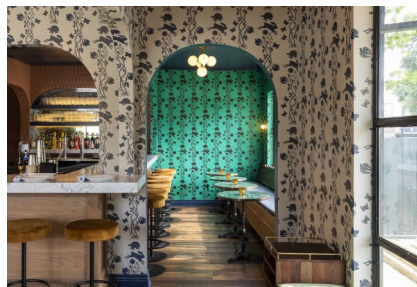
11/21—EMCA meeting, location to be confirmed

12/5—Annual elections and holiday party

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

East Montrose Neighborhood – Help Keep Our “Living Mosaic” Beautiful! Please put all trash, especially doggie poop bags in garbage bags before putting them in your trash bins. The garbage collection service is spilling trash on our streets when picking up the bins because not all trash is being put in garbage bags. Doing this will help keep our Living Mosaic cleaner. Thanks for your help on this!

ElRo Pizza & Crudo officially opened on Wednesday, June 28th. They are located in a Montrose bungalow at 2405 Genesse St. If you are craving a yummy pizza and glass of wine, make sure to check them out. Welcome to the neighborhood Elro Pizza & Crudo!



Photos by Julie Soefer

To learn how YOU can help make trash pick-up more efficient, please read the guidelines linked below:

[COH Curbside Collection Guidelines](#)



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 The City of Houston crime database is almost always out of date.

Trill Burgers, which debuted as a smash burger pop-up in 2021, opened brick and mortar location at 3607 S Shepherd with a plan to stick around for six months. Named the best burger in America by Good Morning America, it is definitely one to try! The menu includes vegan and kid-friendly options.



Photo by Daisy Espinoza

Things to do in Houston this Month

1. **FREEDOM OVER TEXAS** Shell presents its annual Freedom over Texas Independence Day celebration. Enjoy six fun filled hours of concerts, festivals and fun ending with their signature fireworks display over downtown.

July 4 along Allen Parkway and in Eleanor Tinsley Park.

2. **Potterfest** In honor of Harry Potter's birthday, Urban South HTX will be celebrating all month long with specialty beers, trivia nights, and movie nights featuring the first three HP movies. Additionally, there will be a full day of magic on July 29 with live entertainment, and a Diagon Alley market.

All month long at Urban South HTX

3. **Landry's Dining through History** Wednesday evenings until August 9, Landrys will be creating historic menus. This month: a War of Roses menu, then Sixties with a Twist, and finally a Viking Age. Dine through history!

Brenners on the Bayou, del Friscos, and Willie G's July 12-26

4. **Soul Food Festival** 30 vendors from all over Texas will be offering the best of soul food takes on barbeque, fried chicken, turkey, collards and more. Vegan and keto options available!

July 2 from 12-7pm

5. **Vegan Vibez Summer Festival** 70+ vendors will be creating amazing vegan dishes that are MUST TRY MEALS! This festival features dance battles, skate contests, fashion shows, giveaways, cooking contests, live music and more.

July 15 2-11PM at the Raven Tower

From the Editor...

by Sofie Shoab



Pet of the Month!



Whewww this heat wave has NOT let up! I hope everyone has been staying safe and cool during these extremely hot days and evenings. Summer is not our favorite time to be indoors, but needs must!

Luckily for us, Houston has plenty of indoor activities if you are going stir-crazy at home. Luckily for me, I spent most of last year trying to learn what this city has to offer. So here are my suggestions:

Take a stroll through the downtown tunnels, explore the plethora of incredible museums and chapels in the Museum District —Rothko is a must, as is the Museum of Natural History, the Space Center always has cool events but go early to beat the rush! If you have kids, the Children's Museum does free family nights every Thursday evening. And currently, the Asia Society has a cool line up of summer movies.

The concert scene in Houston is top-notch so there are always great shows to catch. Some at the Miller Outdoor Theater, but just as many indoors.

And as always, there is a selection of festivals listed above if you want even more to do.

Sofie



This month's pet feature is Samosa, a 6 year old tuxedo cat.

Samosa loves to sleep hard, go on long neighborhood walks, and is fiercely protective of his home.

Specifically from offending birds. He lives for company and enjoys having friends over. He is the epitome of lap cat and does not discriminate between available laps. If you're sitting, he is making his way over to join you!

Recipe of the Month

July means summer. July means zucchini and tomatoes are in season. Lets make burgers!!
Here are **buffalo zucchini chicken burgers** by **Ambitious Kitchen**.

Ingredients

1 pound 93% lean ground chicken (or sub ground turkey) – do not use 99%
1/2 cup shredded zucchini, squeezed of excess moisture with a paper towel (from 1/2 of a medium zucchini)
2 tablespoons hot or medium buffalo sauce
1/4 cup very finely diced yellow onion
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
1/2 teaspoon cumin
1/2 teaspoon salt
Freshly ground black pepper
4 slices sharp cheddar cheese
For assembly:
4 hamburger buns of choice, toasted if desired
4 tablespoons buffalo sauce, for topping
1 large avocado, sliced
Butterhead lettuce
Sliced red onion

Directions

Preheat grill to medium high heat (about 400 degrees F).
Brush the grates with olive oil to prevent sticking.

Make the chicken burgers by adding the ground chicken/turkey, shredded zucchini, buffalo sauce, onion, garlic, cumin, salt and pepper to a large bowl. Mix with your hands until evenly combined. Divide into 4 equal portions and shape into 1/2 inch patties.

Grill over medium-high heat (around 400 degrees F) for 6-8 minutes per side or until burgers are cooked through and a meat thermometer reads 165 degrees F. During the last few minutes of cooking the chicken burgers, add a slice of cheddar cheese on top of each burger patty; cover the grill for about 1 minute while the cheese melts.

Place the onion on the bottom of the bun, then the burgers, top with a little bit of extra buffalo sauce, avocado and lettuce. Serve immediately. Great with sweet potato fries or fresh fruit!

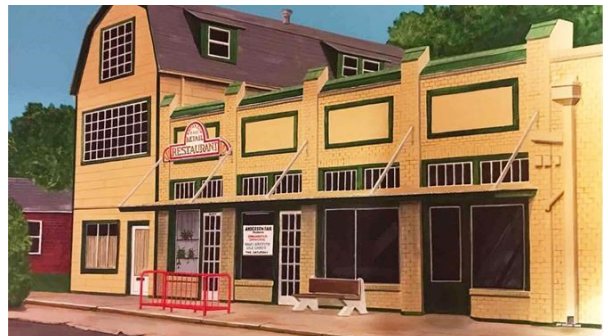
ANDERSON FAIR SUMMER SCHEDULE

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/>

Summer 2023
July 7, Bob Livingston
July 14, Jeff Black

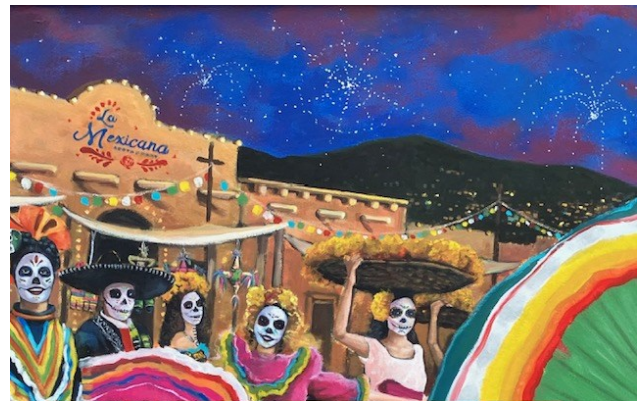
Doors open at 7:30 and shows start around 8:45
2007 Grant Street, just off Montrose behind Texas Art Supply.

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





New lighting, brickwork, and a brand new mural have gone up at La Mexicana. Such a joy to watch it all come together. Enjoy photos of the mural progress below! If anyone is interested in getting in touch with the artist, I have his contact information.



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.

Demi's Dog House



239 W. Gray, Houston, TX 77019
713-942-0688
www.demisdoghouse.com

Daycare 🐾 Grooming 🐾 Boarding

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

EMCA Safety Update

The East Montrose Civic Association (“EMCA”) has relaunched a contract with S.E.A.L. Security through the end of December 2023! You may have seen the patrol cars back in the neighborhood.

S.E.A.L Security costs ~\$7,000 per month. 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).

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.

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 Clean up Crew: George Boos —george.boos@att.net

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

July 3	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn
July 5	Wednesday	Tree Waste
July 10	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn & Recycle
July 17	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn
July 24	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn & Recycle
July 31	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.

March, 2023 Treasurer's Report
 For the period March 1, 2023 - March 31, 2023

EMCA			
Beginning Balance			\$ 9,565.49
Monies In	Membership	\$ 175.00	
	Donation	\$ 1.00	
Monies Out	Storage Unit		\$ 60.00
	Paypal Fees		\$ 7.08
	Quickbooks		\$ 63.96
	Newsletter		\$ 438.48
	Director & Officer Insurance		\$ 868.00
Ending Balance			\$ 8,303.97
Security			
Beginning Balance			
Monies In	Security Reserve	-	
	Security Reserve 2023	\$ 21,476.22	
Monies Out			
	Check Fees		\$ 34.80
	Paypal Fees		\$ 145.46
Ending Balance Original Subscription			\$ 2,980.45
Ending Balance New Subscription			\$ 38,088.25
Combined Ending Balance			\$ 49,372.67

Total EMCA Members: 187
Total Greater EM Security subscriptions : 174
2023 Great EM Security Subscribers: 77

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