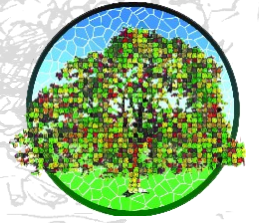


East Montrose

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

September 2024

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 2024 Calendar

9/17—Anderson Fair*, 2007 Grant St
7PM

10/1—National Night Out at Anderson
Fair

6-8PM

10/19 Neighborhood clean-up, Peggy
Shiffick Park

9AM

10/26—Home tour

12/5—Holiday party and annual elections

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

*New meeting venue for 9/17

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

[COH Curbside Collection Guidelines](#)



EMCA has an Instagram account!
Give us a follow @eastmontrose 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



POLICE - COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Tuesday, October 1, 2024
6:00-8:00 p.m.

East Montrose National Night Out

Organized by the East Montrose Civic Association

Come join your neighbors in enhancing Police/Community Relations
Outside Anderson Fair located at corner of Grant and Welch
2007 Grant Street, Houston, TX 77006
ALL AGES WELCOME

Interact with attendees from the Houston Police Department and lo-
cal officials

Other attendees will be ParkHouston and Houston Public Library

Potluck – bring a dish to share if you are able – please try to mark
your item so folks know what they are trying

Water provided

BYOB or beverages can be purchased at Anderson Fair

Raffle Prizes for Current EMCA Members

Membership table where you can join EMCA and learn about S.E.A.L.
security program

Security update

Help protect our neighborhood! The EMCA is kicking off our 2024-2025 campaign to rehire S.E.A.L. Security through the end of May 2025. The total cost of the campaign is ~\$4,500 per month. We need a minimum of 120 neighbors to participate.

Why do we need private security? Because HPD can't patrol enough or respond fast enough.

Please sign up by selecting a payment option below. Once you have subscribed, please email your contact information (name, address, phone number) to safety.emca@gmail.com. We are migrating to Bigsby, an app to manage our subscriber database. You should have received an email asking you to update your information in Bigsby (if you did not see the article about email updates). If you paid anytime between 1/2023 and 6/2023, your next payment was due on 6/1/2024 for the same (yearly, quarterly or monthly) plan as you previously enrolled. Payments are handled by Stripe credit, debit and ACH gateway.

The patrol cost has decreased a bit as we have reduced patrol hours. We are now offering the following plans and offering EMCA members a discount as EMCA manages the contract and carries the insurance needed for this program:

- Yearly \$450 for EMCA members
- Quarterly \$112.50 for EMCA members
- Monthly \$37.50 for EMCA members

** Non-members are required to pay an additional \$25 yearly fee to cover administrative costs paid for by EMCA.

To sign up or change payment plans, click on the this link <https://www.eastmontrose.org/security> If you would like to be a member of EMCA you can join here <https://www.eastmontrose.org/about-us/membership/>

Don't like electronic payment? You can drop a check payable to EMCA in the locked mailbox at 503 Welch St.

Subscribers receive the following benefits:

- Dedicated security phone number for East Montrose
- Yard Sign indicating support for the program
- Vacation Watch
- Welfare Checks
- Safety escorts when on duty

We believe retaining SEAL provides our neighborhood with protection during critical time periods (as determined by the Safety Committee using Crime Reports). We currently schedule SEAL for ~24 hours weekly with increased coverage during holidays and events. We plan to add more hours as we gain additional subscriptions.

The Security Committee and the EMCA Board (all volunteers) need your help to:

- Distribute flyers
- Canvass the neighborhood for new subscribers
- Contact previous subscribers via phone, text and emails

We have an additional option which is to donate any amount in multiples of \$50 for our pilot program which consists of installing a Flock Safety camera(s) in our neighborhood to help police fight crime and to keep our neighborhood safe. Cameras work 24/7, they have license plate recognition and will alert police if a wanted vehicle is in our area. The artificial intelligence creates a fingerprint for each vehicle to help identify characteristics on each vehicle and helps law enforcement in any investigation related to our neighborhood. More information can be found here <https://www.flocksafety.com/>

Please talk to your neighbors about subscribing. Encourage them to email us at safety.emca@gmail.com or raise questions at civic meetings. Also join the Security Committee or any committee which suits your desired preference. This is an uphill battle and the more people we have lending a hand, the sooner we will reach our goal.

Thank you,
EMCA Security Committee

2024 EAST MONTROSE HOME TOUR and ART WALK

The East Montrose Civic Association will host its 14th Biennial Home Tour and Art Walk on Saturday, October 26, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Situated in the shadow of downtown Houston, East Montrose was platted in the early 1900's - back in the days when Houston's population numbered fewer than 300,000 and a street car ran down what is now Fair-view St.

During the 1960s East Montrose became a center for counterculture and hippie communes. Today a diverse mix of people and architecture, this pedestrian-friendly area was recently named one of the ten great neighborhoods in America.

These homes have original build dates dating back to the early 1900s. Tour goers can get a glimpse of how the architecture has been transformed over the years, with results of unique renovations that are characteristic of this distinctive, eclectic neighborhood.

Also visit the working studios of local artists, all within comfortable strolling distance. You'll be invited in to the space where artists get their inspiration, and you'll see where and how their crafts come to life. Art work ranges from water-color and abstract acrylic paintings, to photography, origami & paper art, books, drawings, sculpture and holiday gifts.

Plus Anderson Fair, the legendary Houston music landmark (since 1969) will be open with refreshments. The interior of this historic building is an art installation in itself. If you are interested in being part of the ArtWalk

contact: joanson23@gmail.com

Advance tickets cost \$20 at www.eastmontrose.org

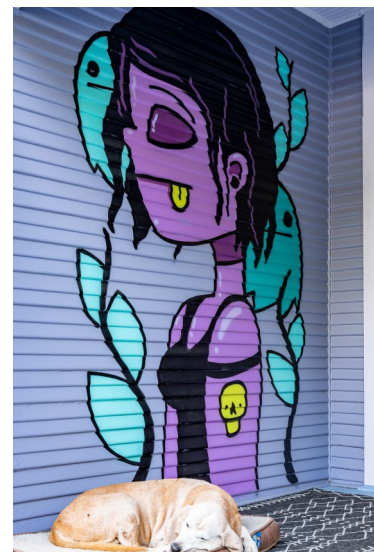
Day-of-Tour tickets are \$25. All proceeds benefit our civic association.

We need volunteers to greet the guests and answer questions. The morning shift runs 10-1, afternoon shift 1-4. We encourage you to invite your friends to volunteer with you. As a docent, you will receive free admission to all homes on the tour, as well as an invitation to a thank-you reception for volunteers on Saturday after the tour.

Can we count on your support? Shoot us a text or email, knock on my door - whatever works best.

Bill Maxey 713-545-2909; BMaxey@MediaDesignInc.com

or Mary Quinn 281-630-4487 MaryQuinn@MaryQuinnLaw.com



EMCA EMAIL DISTRIBUTION LIST

All EMCA Members and Security Patrol Subscribers who have provided an email address should be receiving emails regarding various matters throughout the year. We try to be respectful of people's time and not abuse the distribution. The type of communications we send relates to member meeting updates, event flyers (i.e. National Night Out, Holiday Party, Home Tour, etc.) and registration information.

It has come to our attention that some members who have subscribed to our email newsletter are not receiving the emails. From our research this can be due to restrictions some generic email providers like Yahoo and Gmail (what we use) have in place. These providers put a restriction on how many emails can be sent from a particular email address in a certain amount of time. The service we use to send these emails (Mailchimp) has a specific process in place to ensure emails sent through their application are not restricted. This process involves Mailchimp sending out communications for EMCA with a MailChimpapp.com email "from" address. Unfortunately, this causes some email clients to treat these emails as spam. We are researching alternatives but for now need your assistance.

If you think you should be getting emails from EMCA please do the following:

1. Check your SPAM folder and make sure the following email address is marked as "safe" to receive emails from treasurer.emca@51398573.mailchimpapp.com
2. Contact treasurer.emca@gmail.com and confirm we have your correct email address on file.

If you have any questions, please reach out to president.emca@gmail.com.

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To purchase ticket & sponsorships online,
visit: www.artleaguehouston.org/2024-gala

OCTOBER 5, 2024

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ART LEAGUE SCHOOL



FALL '24

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

**Elevate Your Creative Journey
Fall Classes Start October 14**

This fall, dive into your passion with a wide range of classes at the Art League School. Whether you're drawn to painting, intrigued by textiles, or excited to explore ceramics and jewelry, we have something for everyone, no matter your experience level. Secure your spot by registering to classes and workshops before Sunday, October 6, 2024. Don't miss out—explore the possibilities today!

Browse the fall semester course catalog and register today.



artleaguehouston.org

Things to do in Houston this Month

- 1. Space Explorers:** An immersive VR experience inspired by NASA missions aboard the ISS. Try out the spacewalk, and partake in the moon rocket launch. Experience the Artemis I!
2000 Edwards Street, daily until October 31.
- 2. Jurassic World: The Exhibition** The global sensation has made it to Houston! Check out this family friendly exhibit of nearly lifesize dinosaurs in their rich environments, inspired by the hit movie series itself. Visitors will even get to interact with baby dinosaurs!
Katy Mills, until October 27.
- 3. Navigation Farmers Market** Check out this lovely farmers market filled with fresh seasonal fruits and veg, locally sourced dairy products, and unique handicrafts, sponsored by the East End District.
In front of the historic original Ninfa's every Sunday 10A-2P.
- 4. Solar Dust by Quiet Ensemble** A state-of-the-art laser show blending light and sound while exploring the interconnection of nature and technology. This pop-up is the first organized by Art Club, so keep an eye out for more of their pop-ups!
POST Houston, until October 31.
- 5. Pan-African Passport** The Kucheza Ngoma Dance Company will be chronicling the influence of the African diaspora on dance. Starting with West African traditions, and moving all the way through the Caribbean and into the Americas.
Miller Outdoor Theatre, only on September 10.

By the Editor... by Sofie Shoab

We are back after a brief hiatus and a pretty brutal storm season! Hope everyone fared okay, and is enjoying the last vestiges of summer. Instead of trading baseball cards, we are here trading contractor business cards. As we look towards fall, I am beginning to think about my garden and what I will be planting soon. A lot of vegetables do really well with the shorter and *slightly* cooler days —such as arugula, mint, onions, cherry tomatoes, broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower and leeks. If you are thinking about October, bok choy, chives, dill, kale, artichokes, rutabaga, lettuce, and rosemary do very well in the even cooler days. Though to be fair, with the intense heat we have experienced this summer, delaying your gardening schedule by a few weeks would only do well for your produce. I typically follow the Urban Harvest planting guides but am going to stagger the weeks just a bit to accommodate the weather.

Let me know what you'll be planting this fall and we can swap notes!

Sofie

Needed: Artists for ArtWalk!

Saturday, October 26

Open your home studio to the public for the bi-annual
East Montrose Home Tour & ArtWalk

Let the world see your art. It's fun and helpful to your evolution as an artist. There is NO charge.

It's an opportunity to show your work and sell it too.

Contact Joan Son with your info to get signed up and

stay updated at

joanson23@gmail.com

Yard of the Season... by Betsy Anderson

Our Yard of the Season home is one of the inside townhomes on Fargo Street, 314 Fargo. The owners have made a truly gorgeous oasis of white and green in their front garden. Moving to East Montrose eleven years ago, Jason from El Paso, and Antonio from the San Francisco Bay Area, the two listed East Montrose as one of their top choices of places to call home. They like that East Montrose is a vibrant part of Houston, with restaurants and parks so close. They work in the energy and medical professions so East Montrose provides a close commute for each of them.

Both believe in supporting local business and they try to patronize local restaurants and other businesses as much as possible. Walks along the bayou, attending local festivals, and traveling to new places, especially around Mexico, is high on their list of fun things to do. The diversity of our area, the sense of community and the almost infinite culinary options make them happy citizens of East Montrose.

Please walk in the block of Fargo closest to Taft to see how a front garden, with a small space, can be transformed with creativity and some Mother-Nature-provided shade, into a soothing garden plot in our neighborhood. Jason and Antonio welcome folks admiring their green patch.



Art Walk... by Penny Cerling

Some interesting murals seen around downtown! Can you tell where these are located?



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!

Recipe of the Month

Spiced Apple Zucchini Bread highlights those warm and cozy fall flavors, let us know if you make this at home! Recipe by Monique Volz

Wet ingredients:

- 1 cup shredded zucchini (from 1 medium zucchini)
- 1 cup unsweetened applesauce
- 2 eggs
- ½ cup pure maple syrup
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- ¼ cup virgin coconut oil, melted and cooled (melted butter will also work)

Dry ingredients:

- 1 ¾ cup all purpose flour (or sub gf all purpose flour)
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- ½ teaspoon allspice
- ½ teaspoon ginger

- ¼ teaspoon nutmeg
- ¼ teaspoon salt

Mix-ins:

- 1 medium apple, peeled, cored and roughly chopped into ¼ inch pieces (about 1 cup chopped apple)
- 1/3 cup chopped pecans or walnuts, if desired

For the cream cheese glaze:

- 4 ounces cream cheese, softened
- 2 tablespoons butter, at room temperature
- ¾ cup powdered sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- ¼ teaspoon cinnamon
- 1-3 teaspoons milk of choice, to thin glaze

To garnish:

- Extra chopped pecans

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Line a 8 ¼ x 4 ½ inch with parchment paper and spray with nonstick cooking spray. Set aside.
2. First, measure out 1 heaping cup of shredded zucchini, then place shredded zucchini in a paper towel, clean dish towel or cheesecloth and squeeze out ALL of the moisture/water. This is very important!
3. Add shredded zucchini, applesauce, eggs, maple syrup and vanilla extract to a large bowl and mix well to combine. Next, add in the melted coconut oil and mix again until well combined.
4. Add dry ingredients to the wet ingredients: flour, baking soda, cinnamon, allspice, ginger, nutmeg and salt. Mix together with a wooden spoon until well combined. Fold in pecans and chopped apples.
5. Pour batter into the prepared pan. Bake for 50-60 minutes or until a tester comes out clean or with just a few crumbs attached. Mine took an hour, but this will vary based on your oven.
6. Remove from the oven and place the pan on a wire rack to cool for 15 minutes, then remove bread from the pan and place on a wire rack to finish cooling completely.
7. To make cinnamon cream cheese frosting: Beat cream cheese, butter, powdered sugar, vanilla, cinnamon and milk together on medium speed for a minute or until smooth. If you want a warm glaze, you can warm in the microwave in 10-20 second intervals until warm. Pour or spread over cooled bread. Sprinkle chopped pecans. Cut into 10-12 slices and enjoy!

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July, 2024 Treasurer's Report			
For the period Jul 1, 2024 - Jul 31, 2024			
EMCA			
Beginning Balance			\$ 5,440.05
Monies In	Membership	\$ 25.00	
Monies Out			
	Quickbooks - June & July		\$ 63.96
	Paypal Fees		\$ 1.36
	Storage - July		\$ 50.00
Ending Balance			\$ 5,349.73
Security			
Beginning Balance			\$ 36,891.18
Monies In	Security Reserve	\$ 1,610.00	
Monies Out	Paypal Fees		\$ 23.58
	Stripe Fees		\$ 15.77
	SEAL Payments		\$ 7,733.00

The following volunteer positions are currently open:

Block Captains: **OPEN**—block captains are needed for each street in the boundaries of East Montrose

TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

September 2	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn & Recycle
September 4	Wednesday	Tree Waste
September 9	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn
September 16	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn & Recycle
September 23	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn
September 30	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.

Total EMCA Members: 205
Total Greater EM Security subscriptions : 174
2024 Greater EM Security Subscribers: 51

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 or via Zelle to treasurer.emca@gmail.com

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