# Trans Masculine Alliance Houston

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# Want to get involved?

As we move into the new year, more than ever we need folks to help present or co-lead meetings, as well as tell us what topics they'd like us to focus on. If you'd like to help out or want to share an idea, please contact one of the members of the leadership team.



## What we've been up to...

January was a productive month. The clothing swap was a success, with some excellent trading. Leftover items were donated to Transparent Closet, which is a clothing closet for young transgender individuals who want to explore a new look in a safe and affirming space. On January 29<sup>th</sup> we met up at the Menil Collection in the heart of Montrose to check out the art, then headed to lunch at Yankee Crafthouse. In an awesome turn of events, the Montrose Center approved TMAH's application for their nonprofit incubator program. This allows us to function as a mini-nonprofit, raise funds for the group, and access the center's extensive fundraising and media resources.

## **February Calendar**

**February 3: Hysterectomies 101:** Dr. Pamela St. Amand, an OB/GYN from Legacy Community Health in Beaumont will be meeting with us to discuss hysterectomies and answer our questions.

This is going to be a virtual meeting, held via zoom. https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2359155813

**February 9 Valentine's Day Social:** 6:45-8:30pm in Room 111 of the Montrose Center. This event is open to Houston's Transgender Community and their spouses, partners, and friends. Come enjoy a night out with friends and loved ones. This is a potluck and game night, so bring some yummy snacks or non-alcoholic drinks to share. We will have board games set up, but you are welcome to bring your own.

February 17 Transmasculine and Gender Expansive Identities 6:30-8:30pm in Room 111 of the Montrose Center. Society has historically viewed gender as strictly binary, with the expectation that humans identify as either male or female. Our experiences as transgender individuals allow us to see that gender is far more complex and expansive than this. Join us for a lively and interesting discussion on what it means to be nonbinary/transmasculine/gender expansive. How have you learned to navigate a society that functions on a gender binary? How have you transitioned socially or medically (or not) to align yourself with your identity?

#### **TMAH Zine #2**

Submissions for the newest edition of the TMAH Zine are now open until January 23rd!

This edition of the TMAH zine will be "Bones", focusing on the hard parts of being transgender and transitioning. This will include difficult and sometimes triggering topics such as discrimination. dysphoria, medical bias, etc. The bones of our experience are difficult to acknowledge, the rotten flesh that sits on them hindering and poisonous. Still, these bones are a part of us and of our life experience-they aren't going anywhere, so it is important to analyze and understand these parts of the trans experience so that we may heal, help others, and better understand ourselves. For more information detailing some examples of these sorts of experiences, visit the #zine channel on our discord server or our FB group page.

Submissions from our members can include any sort of creativity—art pieces, photography, comics, essays, poetry, song lyrics and more. Please email your submissions or any questions to <a href="mailto:tmahzine@gmail.com">tmahzine@gmail.com</a> by February 10 or reach out via email for your copy of the first edition, *METAMORPHOSIS*.



### **Transparent Closet**

Transparent Closet is a FREE clothing boutique designed for trans teens, youth, and young adults to have a safe place for clothing needs and beyond. When you come to the closet you will be welcomed into a space just for you. Here you will find all kinds of clothes, undergarments, shoes, hair accessories, style accessories, make-up and more. The closet is open Thursday 12-5, Friday 2-5, Saturday 12-3. and Sundays from 8am-10am. The closet is also available by appointment. If you are interested in coming outside of the listed hours, please call us at **281.492.2693**. These private appointments are always available. Additionally, groups are invited to schedule time to come and shop together.

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