

BINGLEWOODS

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JUNE 2020

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

With summer upon us, I would like to congratulate our neighborhood 2020 Graduates. I wish you all the best in your future endeavors. Looking forward to the summer months, here are a few updates regarding our community and neighborhood concerns:

The portion of the Water Line replacement project crossing over Brick House Gully is complete. This part of the project experienced delays due to required custom fittings for the aerial waterline. Speed cushions have been installed in Section 2. There is currently a review being completed regarding the existing speed cushions on Blankenship between Hollister and Peppermill to determine if these speed cushions need to be replaced/moved. Speed cushions will be installed in the curb and gutter project area shortly. Speed cushions will be installed on Mckean, Springview, Pitner, Aruba (by the park), Valleyfield, Mona Lee, Colleen and Sonnevile. If you experience a street light outage, please take note of the number indicated on the pole and the physical address of the pole to report to Centerpoint Energy at 713-207-2222. Please take note of the incident number to be able to refer when calling back if the outage is not corrected.

As the 2020 Hurricane Season officially kicks off the beginning of June, please take some time to review and update your hurricane preparedness kit. Please review possible drainage blockages that can be prevented before large rain events. The drainage system is adjacent to all properties for proper run off of water so please consider this water flow. Please review your home and flood insurance regarding storm coverage. Here is a link that will help better prepare you for the hurricane season: www.cdc.gov/nceh/features/hurricanepreparedness/index.html

During the summer, we will not have meetings in June, July or August and no newsletter in July or August we will keep you updated via email, website or social media.

Your Yard Could Win "Yard of the Month!"

The Binglewood Civic Club is pleased to announce a "Yard of the Month" award program to recognize our neighbors who demonstrate superior effort in maintaining their property and positively contribute to the overall appearance of our neighborhood.

The program awarded its first winners in May, 2020 and will award monthly winners each month of the year for landscaping, and a separate award for holiday decorations in the months of October and December for each of the Six Sections that make up the Binglewood neighborhood. A random drawing among the six winners will be held each month and the winner will receive a \$25 Lowe's gift card! With their approval, each winner will receive special recognition on the Binglewood Civic Club website, social media pages, in the *Binglewords* Newsletter, as well as the honor of displaying the official "*Binglewood Civic Club Yard of the Month*" or "*Binglewood Civic Club Holiday Decorations Winner*" sign in their yard as a winner.

Participation is optional but encouraged, so get out those garden tools! For more details and the Judging Criteria, go to our website at: www.binglewood.com. Volunteers for the Judging Committee are welcome! Just send an email to contact@binglewood.com if you would like to join the "Yard of the Month Committee."

CALENDAR

Meeting

Saturday, September 12, 2020
9:30 am – 11:00 am
St. Jerome Parish Activity Center
(Use Parking Lot off Hollister)

Agenda

Community Update
TBD

Trash & Lawn Clippings

Every Friday

Recycle (Green Can)

Friday, June 5, 19
Friday, July 3, 17, 31
Friday, August 14, 28
Friday, September 11, 25

Junk Waste (Even Months)

Thursday, June 25
Thursday, August 27

Tree Waste (Odd Months)

Thursday, July 23
Thursday, September 24

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HEALTH AND SAFETY

First-Aid Kit Essentials

What better time to stock up a first-aid kit than at the start of the summer season? While you can't prevent all accidents, you can be prepared. Here is a list of helpful things to include:

Band-Aids Soap
Tweezers Washcloths
Cold Packs Adhesive Tape
Rubbing Alcohol
Sterile Gauze Pads
Oral Antihistamine
Digital Thermometer
Hydrocortisone Cream
Antibacterial Gel or Foam
Triple-Antibiotic Ointment
Infant and Children's Motrin or Tylenol

Prepared by Sara DuMond, MD pediatrician, mom of two children and an American Baby Adviser.

COVID-19 Guidelines

Access the following website for updates on Houston's COVID-19 related guidelines:

<http://houstonemergency.org/covid19>

You can Stay Safe and Support our local Spring Branch businesses as they reopen.

Pet Waste Disposal

The park and our neighborhood streets are great places for residents to walk their dogs. Please be a responsible pet owner and consider the health of our residents and visitors when walking your dogs.

The Civic Club is investigating pet waste stations for Jim Lee Park. You will be notified if we are able to install them. Please collect your pet's waste and dispose of it in an appropriate trash bin or bring an extra doggie bag to share. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Nails Damaging Tires

Many neighborhood homes are being remodeled or getting new roofs. If your home or that of a neighbor has had recent construction, please check to ensure the street in front of your home is free of nails or other debris that could damage car or bicycle tires.

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2020

We would like to take a moment to honor all the graduates this year. While most of the graduation ceremonies have been canceled, we should all take a moment to honor these life achievements. Achieving an education is an endeavor that's a "rite of passage" not all are fortunate enough to achieve.

We wish we could throw the graduates a party; in the meantime, everyone is encouraged to acknowledge the graduates on your block in any way you can.

To the Class of 2020: CONGRATULATIONS! Best of wishes for all your future endeavors!

PUBLIC SERVICE REQUEST

For residents of Binglewood Sections 1, 2 and 6 - Amy Peck, our City Council Member for District A, has requested that we provide documentation of flooding and/or drainage issues in your Section. This information will be used in the process to develop proposed plans for drainage improvements in these sections. Overall, it is also important to document any flooding that will impact the neighborhood as a whole so we encourage all neighbors to document these incidents that residents experience. PLEASE forward any future documentation should you experience flooding when it occurs. It is imperative to document these flooding events with photographs and/or video clips with the date, time, section, address to districta@houston.tx.gov and copy contact@binglewood.com.

NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION

Binglewords, the Civic Club Newsletter has been distributed door-to-door by volunteers for many years. Recent events have illuminated the need to start transitioning to digital distribution of the newsletter as much as possible with limited paper distribution. It is imperative that we identify those residents who do not have access to the internet and/or email. If you know of a neighbor that does not have computer access, or you yourself do not, please either send a letter to our PO Box, or email us on their behalf to contact@binglewood.com.

Thank you for your cooperation in achieving timely and efficient communication with our neighbors and community.

ELECTRICAL SERVICE INTERRUPTIONS

Our neighborhood has experienced electrical outages recently due to our beautiful trees needing to be pruned away from the electrical lines. We are asking our neighbors to identify if their property has a tree limb encroaching over the electrical line to please call CenterPoint Energy at 713-207-2222 as Centerpoint Energy no longer provides maintenance of Tree trimming.

SUPPORTING YOUR COMMUNITY

Binglewood Civic Club would like to remind our members and neighbors about your opportunity to make a 2020 dues/membership payment. So, for those able, your contributions are needed and appreciated. Dues can be accepted via PayPal on our website at www.binglewood.com or you can mail to P. O. Box 430943 Houston, TX 77243-0943.