

BINGLEWOODS

Binglewood – A deed restricted community to protect our investment

SEPTEMBER 2020

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This is our first Binglewood Civic Club newsletter since June - I hope your summer went well and we are looking forward to addressing community priorities this fall. Currently, the fall agenda includes installation of *doggie waste stations* in Jim Lee Park, approval of new stone *Jim Lee Park signs*, a push for greater email *communication and volunteerism*, a *Civic Club dues drive*, increased *police involvement* in our community, and increased *beautification and safety* of the neighborhood. The Civic Club will be sharing updates regarding these improvements via monthly virtual or face-to-face meetings and the newsletter.

Through active volunteerism, the Binglewood Civic Club has recently improved the neighborhood by achieving the following: **repair of the Binglewood sign on Clay Road** including the installation of a convex mirror (donated by one of the officers – thank you!) to minimize blind spots at McKean and Clay Road; collaboration with City of Houston representatives to **repair newly constructed streets** (in particular at Mona Lee and Aruba), and to **install replacement grass at Jim Lee Park**; and obtained approval and funding by District A Council Member Amy Peck's office for installation of **speed cushions, additional street lights on Greiner and redistribution of speed cushions on Blankenship, which was raised by a concerned residence.**

The Binglewood Civic Club greatly appreciates the willingness of residents to volunteer their time and talents as well as communicate issues, concerns and suggestions in support of the Binglewood community. Compliance with deed restrictions and City of Houston (COH) ordinances also goes a long way in maintaining the quality of our neighborhood. We look forward to working with the residents to benefit our neighborhood. Together we can achieve our goals.

NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION

We are grateful for the efforts of our volunteers to ensure *Binglewords* and other critical communications are hand delivered to every home. With respect for our volunteers' health and safety and to reduce expenses, Binglewood Civic Club (BCC) is interested in reducing door-to-door distribution. We are asking each household to identify a preferred means of access to BCC communications by completing and sending the survey below to *PO Box 430943, Houston, TX*, or by emailing the necessary information to *contact@binglewood.com*. Thank you for your consideration and cooperation in this matter.

Please Print:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Please distribute *Binglewords* and other critical communications by:

Email 1: _____

Email 2: _____

Door-to-Door (Internet and E-mail not available)

CALENDAR

Meeting

Saturday, September 12th
9:30 am – 11:00 am

**Meeting will be held via Zoom*

Link will be shared via social media and email distribution.

Dial in information:

+1 346 248 7799 (Houston)

Meeting ID: 997 9784 1376

Passcode: 678866

Meeting Agenda

Community Update

Guest Speaker Council Member

Amy Peck

Trash & Lawn Clippings

Every Friday

Recycle (Green Can)

Friday, September 11, 25

Friday, October 9, 23

Tree Waste (Odd Months)

Thursday, September 24

Junk Waste (Even Months)

Thursday, October 22

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HEALTH AND SAFETY

COVID-19 GUIDELINES

Access the following website for updates on Houston's guidelines for addressing the COVID-19 virus epidemic:

<http://houstonemergency.org/covid19>

LET'S RAISE AWARENESS

Gunshots are routinely heard in our neighborhood. It should not be normalized as part of our day-to-day life. Such episodes, often along Brickhouse Gully, are both disturbing and unacceptable.

Consider not turning a "blind ear" to it - residents can help by calling the HPD non-emergency line to report gunfire you hear nearby (713-884-3131). Each call serves to document and raise awareness with HPD and Houston Council District A. Such exposure will benefit Binglewood as the Civic Club explores options for increased surveillance in our area.

BACK TO SCHOOL

On September 8th, Spring Branch ISD will be starting a staggered opening of schools for in-person instruction for those families who have elected to send their children to school. Please be sure to keep an eye out for the children as they make their way to campus and adhere to School Zone Speed Limits.

DEED RESTRICTIONS AND LOCAL ORDINANCES

Homeowner responsibilities toward a shared quality of life and safety in Binglewood are governed by the Binglewood Subdivision Deed Restrictions and adopted resolutions and City of Houston (COH) Ordinances. While the COH has full authority to implement ordinances as well as the ability to enforce neighborhood deed restrictions, a neighborhood association, such as the Binglewood Civic Club (BCC), can administer the terms of both Binglewood Deed Restrictions and COH Ordinances. All property owners and renters are responsible for compliance.

Compliance adds to the value of our homes and provides for a much safer and more attractive neighborhood for everyone. It is hoped the following bulleted list helps to remind residents of basic homeowner responsibilities for which a homeowner may be requested to correct any non-compliance. By no means is this list exhaustive. Deed restrictions can be found at www.binglewood.com and COH Ordinances are available at: https://library.municode.com/tx/houston/codes/code_of_ordinances

Some of the most common areas of non-compliance are related to COH Ordinances, Chapter 10 - *BUILDINGS AND NEIGHBORHOOD PROTECTION*, Chapter 28 - *MISCELLANEOUS OFFENSES AND PROVISIONS*, Chapter 30 - *NOISE AND SOUND LEVEL REGULATION*, and Chapter 39 - *SOLID WASTE AND LITTER CONTROL*.

- Maintain exterior premises in a sanitary, safe, and secured condition.
- Storage of all materials (including trimmings; chemicals; building, commercial and business supplies; inoperable or junked boats, trailers, or vehicles; and/or other trash) away from public view.
- Keep yards from being overgrown and maintaining yard all the way to the street or curb and preventing blockage of drainage.
- Park only non-commercial vehicles at your home, only on improved surfaces, and not blocking street or sidewalk access.
- Avoid causing loud noises afterhours or that otherwise disturb the neighborhood.
- Remove emptied trash and recycling bins from public view after collection.
- Place heavy trash or tree waste on the curb no earlier than the Friday prior to scheduled collection.
- Dispose of electronics and used oil/paints/chemicals in an environmentally safe manner (COH Environmental Service Centers or other permitted disposal facilities).
- Prohibit any acid wastes, oils, flammables, poisons or toxics, or cuttings/clippings/yard waste from entering storm sewers or drainage ditches.
- Walk pets on-lead and pick up and properly dispose of their waste.
- Use property for single family residential purposes only.
- Obtain BCC Architectural Committee approval prior to making changes to the exterior of your home or improvements on any lot.

If you have any questions, please send your inquiry to contact@binglewood.com. In addition, please refer to www.binglewood.com -> Documents -> Binglewood Neighbor Information folder for a more detailed summary of Binglewood Deed Restrictions and Ordinances.