

Binglewoods

"Keeping the Binglewood Community Informed"

NOVEMBER 2020

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our November meeting will be a Town Hall Meeting open to all Binglewood residents. The community will have an opportunity to provide input on our proposed updated Bylaws and Policies and Guidelines. The Bylaws are the rules that govern the Civic Club and cover such topics as membership, member voting rights, election of Officers and Board Members, and the powers and duties of the Board and the Officers. All documents to be considered by the Board will be added to the BCC website at www.binglewood.com by Monday, November 2nd, 2020.

A Board Meeting will follow in which the proposed updated Bylaws, and Policies and Guidelines will be discussed and voted upon. All Members are welcome to attend the Board Meeting as well.

HPD Alert Slip Service

Our community is thankful to Commander Nguyen for joining our October Civic Club meeting. He provided useful information that we can utilize to watch out for each other including HPD's Alert Slip. Citizens can request increased patrols around their home for a prowler, speeding vehicle, excessive burglaries and thefts, being on vacation, and/or for other reasons causing them concern. Access to the form and form more information go to: https://www.houstontx.gov/police/alert_slip/.

Annual Membership Dues Drive

Thanks to everyone who submitted membership dues. Your support is appreciated. Please help the Civic Club work for you by paying your \$50 annual dues. Just send a check to the P.O. Box or pay through PayPal. Current projects include pet waste stations in Jim Lee Park, keeping our surrounding areas mowed and free of trash, and maintaining our web site.

Volunteer Team

Let the Civic Club know if you are having a difficult time taking care of a fallen tree, junk vehicle, roof damage, fence or other home maintenance problem. We have a team of volunteers that may be able to help. Send an email to a note to the P.O. Box or email contact@binglewood.com. All requests are kept confidential.

Seeking Input on Sections 1 & 2 Drainage and Flooding Issues

Your voices are heard! Residents of Sections 1 and 2 have previously indicated the need for improved drainage to mitigate flooding concerns. Amy Peck, our District A Council Member, is asking for input by requesting residents to indicate where insufficient drainage and/or flooding has occurred. Any future City of Houston drainage projects in Sections 1 and/or 2 are dependent on your action and tangible demonstration of drainage issues! Please email the residence address, brief description of drainage problems experienced, and available pictures/video documentation to construction@binglewood.com by November 30th, 2020. We will consolidate all materials and present a holistic case for a drainage project to District A Council Member Amy Peck's office.

CALENDAR

Community Meeting (Virtual)

Saturday, November 14

9:30 am – 11:00 am

**Access link to meeting at*

www.binglewood.com

Meeting ID: 756 202 9075

Dial in information:

+1 346 248 7799 (Houston)

Passcode: Binglewood

Agenda

Community Update

Town Hall Meeting regarding

By-laws, Policies and Guidelines

Trash & Lawn Clippings

Every Friday (Holiday Schedule for Sat. Nov. 28 & Dec. 26)

Recycle (Green Can)

Friday, November 6, 20

Friday, December 4, 18

Tree Waste (Odd Months)

Friday, November 27

(Holiday Schedule)

Junk Waste (Even Months)

Thursday, December 24th

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Noel Lezama, Board Pos. 3

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Dark Street?

Call 311 if your block needs more lighting. Public Works will review all requests. Please send the ticket number to districta@houston.tx.gov and cc contact@binglewood.com for additional support.

Report Gun Shots

HPD Commander Nguyen has assigned Officer Ken Sir to contact persons who report gunshots and has increased patrols based on reports. If you hear gunshots near you, please call 713-392-5555 or 713-884-3131, the non-emergency HPD number.

Illegal Dumping

District A Councilmember Amy Peck has a team to handle illegal dumping in the area, dubbed the *Hot Team*. Residents should call 311 to report illegal dumping, then send the ticket number to districta@houston.tx.gov.

Avoid Credit Card Theft by Skimming

- Pay with cash or pay inside.
- Use mobile payment options.
- Use the chip reader rather than swipe.
- If the card reader looks or feels unusual, pay inside and report your concerns.
- If possible, only stop at busy, well-lit and well-maintained stations.
- Look for stickers or other signs that the pumps are regularly inspected.
- Download the Skimmer Scanner app, which can warn you about a skimmer.
- If you come across a skimmer, notify the local agency along with the station attendant.

HPD Homeless Outreach Team

HPD's Homeless Outreach Team (HOT) started as a pilot program in January 2011 and was made permanent after six months due to its success. The team is relationship-focused and works to find individualized solutions. HOT is comprised of law enforcement personnel and mental health case managers. They help with housing, documents, medical equipment, employment, bus fare, and medical and mental health treatment. In 2018, HOT facilitated permanent supportive housing for 323 persons and interacted and obtained services for many more. HOT has become a model for other cities and is a finalist for the International Association of Chiefs of Police Community Policing Award and. For more information go to the Hot Team website: <https://www.houstoncit.org/hot/>.

Hey, What's Your Number?

Please make sure your home complies with City requirements for house numbers. During the recent delivery of door hangers, it was noticed that many homes may not meet the standard. Each residence must have "a residential unit number posted on or within 18 inches of the principal entrance." Numbers must be "clearly visible from the public street or private driveway." They should be "a minimum of four inches high", "a minimum half inch in width" and shall be "of a color that contrasts with the background". House numbers may also be posted on the trim of your house if it is visible from your driveway or the street. It helps to have it located near a light at night. House numbers on the curb are allowed without prior permission from the City to meet the visibility requirement so long as you are the owner of the property and it complies with Houston Public Works Department rules. Let the Civic Club know if you need volunteer assistance with this issue. We are happy to help! *Reference COH Code, Chap. 10, Art. V, Secs. 10-213 (location), 10-215 (size) and 10-217 (penalties).*

Stay Classy, Binglewood!

Remember to store your black trash container and your green recycling container in your backyard or behind side yard fence or in your garage—somewhere they cannot be seen from the street. They may be placed for pickup at the end of your driveway or at the curb in front of your house after 5:00 p.m. on the day before pick up and *must be removed by 10:00 p.m. on the day of collection.* This is a City of Houston Ordinance and could make you subject to a fine.

Binglewood Civic Club-Keeping You Informed

Please provide your preferred means of access to Binglewood Civic Club communications by December 31st. Send the completed survey below to *PO Box 430943, Houston, TX 77243-0943*, or email the necessary information to contact@binglewood.com. **Beginning January 2021, paper copy distribution of Binglewords will be provided upon request only.** Thank you for your support!

Please Print:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Binglewood Section (circle): 1 2 3 4 5 6

Please distribute **Binglewords** and other critical communications by:

Email 1: _____

Email 2: _____

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