

Binglewoods

"Keeping the Binglewood Community Informed"

DECEMBER 2020

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As the year 2020 comes to an end, we are all looking forward to a New Year and hoping that 2021 is better than the past year. This month's Civic Club meeting will give you an opportunity to get involved in your community by becoming an Officer, Board Member or Volunteer for upcoming projects. Please reach out to us at contact@binglewood.com if you are interested. *Duties and Responsibilities of the Binglewood Civic Club Officers and Board Members* is available on our website at www.binglewood.com>Menu> Documents.

Over the past year, we have welcomed several new neighbors to Binglewood. It is exciting to see so many families value what our community has to offer. Being a mature neighborhood, we are always in search of new ideas and perspectives that newcomers can bring to Binglewood. Please consider sharing your ideas and being part of the process, solutions and outcomes.

Since Binglewood is a pocket community located in Spring Branch, this creates several urban realities that come with it. Our neighborhood has experienced increased criminal activities. As a community, there are steps we can take to help decrease this activity: Get to know your neighbors and exchange contact information; lock your home and vehicle doors; ensure you have proper lighting around your home; and report to police suspicious vehicles and foot traffic that seems uncommon. Reporting criminal acts and suspicious activity to the police department will assist Binglewood in receiving increased patrols. The Civic Club has contacted Commander Nguyen of HPD's Northwest Division and his team will be performing a "Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design" assessment of our neighborhood as soon as possible. The information and recommendations provided will be shared with everyone as it becomes available.

Lastly, I would like to say **Thank You** to the neighbor who volunteered to paint the Binglewood signs located at McKean and Clay Rd. This neighbor just asked how he could contribute and willingly took on the project. We really do appreciate his volunteerism. One sign has been completed and the other sign will be shortly..

Happy Holidays to all our Binglewood neighbors!

DON'T WANT TO RUN FOR OFFICE? YOU CAN VOLUNTEER!

Have an idea for a project or simply want to help your neighborhood? You don't have to run for office, you can volunteer! We need people willing to volunteer to help their neighbors in need or to participate in programs such as "Yard of the Month" or "Best Holiday Decorations". There is always a need for help with member participation, Jim Lee Park, speakers for meetings, drainage, communications, security and social events. If you are open to working on a single project or multiple projects, please contact us by mail or send an email to contact@binglewood.com.

CALENDAR

Community Meeting (Virtual)

Saturday, December 12th

9:30 am – 11:00 am

Zoom Link:

Go to www.binglewood.com

Dial-in Access:

1-346-248-7799, Meeting ID: 7562029075;

Passcode:316612#

One-Tap Mobile:

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Agenda

Community Update

Voting for 2021 Officers and Board

Members

Trash & Lawn Clippings

Every Friday except for:

Sat. Dec. 26 & Jan. 2

Recycle (Green Can)

Friday, December 4, 18

Saturday, January 2

Friday, January 15, 29

Junk Waste (Even Months)

Thursday, December 24th

Tree Waste (Odd Months)

Thursday, January 28th

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LEADERSHIP

President, Joanne Cortez

Vice President, Ann Cowper

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Sergeant at Arms, Jonathan Vanegas

Patrick Gonzalez, Board Pos. 1

Rey Doria, Board Pos. 2

Noel Lezama, Board Pos. 3

FUN RECIPES

Christmas Tree Snack

- 1 slice yellow cheese
- 5-7 small pretzel sticks
- 8 green apple slices
- 8 raisins or raisins

Arrange on a plate:

- Pretzel sticks for the tree trunk.
- 6 apple slices in 3 rows and 2 apple slices on top of each other.
- Two cheese triangles to form a star.
- Raisins or raisins at the tip of each of 7 tree branches as decoration.

No Bake Cinnamon Pecan Pretzels

- 16 oz. mini pretzels
- 8 oz. pecan halves
- ¼ cup white sugar
- ¼ cup brown sugar
- 1 tbs. cinnamon
- 3 tbs. canola oil

12 oz. white chocolate, melted

- In a large microwave-safe bowl, combine pretzels, pecans, sugars, cinnamon, and oil.
- Microwave-high for 3 minutes.
- Spread onto a lined baking sheet and liberally drizzle white chocolate.
- Let harden in the freezer for five minutes, then transfer to a gallon sized freezer bag for storage.

VOLUNTEER IDEAS

- Participate in meetings.
- Join a yard work/leaf raking team for a senior citizen.
- Help organize and carry out a neighborhood social activity.
- Deliver newsletters and flyers.
- Identify and invite speakers for our Civic Club meetings.
- Seek donations for door prizes.
- Help judge Yard of the Month or Best Holiday Décor.
- Host Neighborhood Night Out Event.
- Encourage your neighbors to join the Civic Club.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Do you have good ideas that you would like to share with the neighborhood? Do you have some projects in mind that you would like to make happen in Binglewood? Would you like more of a say over what the Civic Club does? If you answer yes to any of these questions, please consider running for a position as an Officer or Board Member of the Civic Club! We are always in need of new ideas and a fresh perspective.

Each year all five officer positions are open to anyone interested in being a candidate (President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Sergeant at Arms). Every officer serves for a one-year and may serve in that office no more than two consecutive terms.

In a typical year, one of three board positions are open to anyone wishing to be a candidate. Board members serve for a three-year term and are eligible to run for a second term. This year, due to an early resignation, there are two seats on the Board available—one for a full three-year term, and the other for a partial two-year term to finish out the term of a resigning director.

If you want to run, please submit your request to contact@binglewood.com. Please include a short note about your interest in our community and why you want to run prior to the December 12th meeting. If you can't decide before then, you may also submit your name or someone else's from the (virtual) floor at the meeting on December 12th.

Go to our website for a description of each office and what the Board does or email your questions to contact@binglewood.com.

INCREASE YOUR AWARENESS DURING THE HOLIDAYS

During the month of December, there will be an increase in risk of theft associated with packages being delivered throughout the Holidays. If you are expecting a package and you are not at home, notify a neighbor to be on the look-out for your package.

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: _____

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

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