

Binglewoods

"Keeping the Binglewood Community Informed"

JANUARY 2021

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year to All! As we begin 2021, I would like to take the opportunity to thank our retiring Board Members, Patrick Gonzalez and Rey Doria, and Officers, Erica Chingos and Laura Gianakos that have served our Community well during 2020 and prior. We are grateful for their volunteerism to make Binglewood a better place for all of us. Please also join me in welcoming and thanking our new Board Members (Nick Scott and Laura Gianakos) and Officers (Karin Sabatini as Treasurer and Jan Southern as Secretary) recently elected during our December 2020 meeting. We also appreciated the continued service of Jonathan Vanegas as Sergeant-at-Arms and Noel Lezama as a Board Member. Last, but definitely not least, I would like to give special thanks to our neighbors, Jeff Goodson, who refinished and repainted our Binglewood signs at Clay and McKean, and Walter Mooney who mounted the signs at the entrances. Please drive by to see the major improvement!



Binglewood Sign at Clay and McKean



4 Pet Waste Stations at Jim Lee Park

The Binglewood Community would also like to thank the City of Houston Parks Department and Council Member Peck's office for the support for the installation of 4 Pet Waste Stations at Jim Lee Park. Your Civic Club was able to purchase the Waste Stations and Parks approved and installed them in our Park.

We are approaching the 11-month warranty period for the curb-and-gutter construction project. If you have any concerns or issues, please email construction@binglewood.com.

As we start the new year, I would like to ask our community to review Binglewood's Deed Restrictions for Sections 1-5, the Declaration for Section 6, and the new Policies and Guidelines for all sections passed by the Board in November 2020.

Also, please be aware of the City of Houston Ordinances at

https://library.municode.com/tx/houston/codes/code_of_ordinances

(See particularly 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 for more information.)

IMPORTANT CORRECTION: Please note that the door hangers we delivered to Sections 1 through 5 stated that voluntary dues payments were tax deductible. After consultation with the IRS, this is in error and dues payments to the Binglewood Civic Club for Tax Year 2020 are not deductible. We apologize for the inconvenience and are working on correcting our status during 2021.

CALENDAR

Community Meeting (Virtual)

Saturday, January 9th

9:30 am – 11:00 am

Zoom Link:

<https://zoom.us/j/7562029075?pwd=TXZsaFyV2ZRSWhpNTVYbWdaK0l2Zz09>

or

Go to www.binglewood.com

Dial-in information:

1-346-248-7799,

Meeting ID: 756 202 9075

Passcode: 316612#

One-Tap Mobile:

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612# Passcode: 316612

Agenda:

Community Update

Treasurer's Report

2021 Initiatives

Trash & Lawn Clippings

Every Friday

Recycle (Green Can)

Friday, January 15th, 29th

Friday, February 12th, 26th

Tree Waste (Odd Months)

Thursday, January 28th

Junk Waste (Even Months)

Thursday, February 25th

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LEADERSHIP

President, Joanne Cortez

Vice President, Ann Cowper

Secretary, Jan Southern

Treasurer, Karin Sabatini

Sergeant-at-Arms, Jonathan Vanegas

Nick Scott, Board Pos. 1

Laura Gianakos, Board Pos. 2

Noel Lezama, Board Pos. 3

HEALTH AND SAFETY

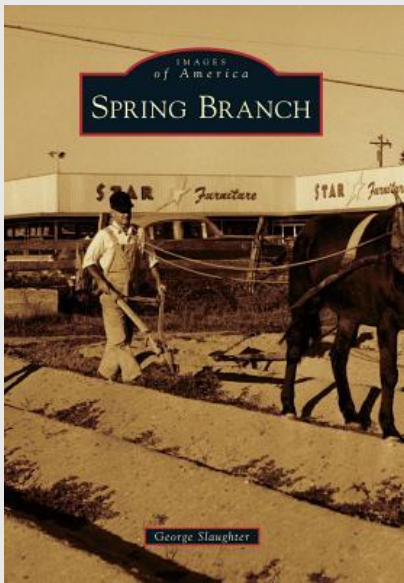
Have you resolved this year to eat more fruits and vegetables and cut down on red meat, fast food and processed foods high in fat, starches or sugars? Here's a list of current **Farmers Markets** available within a 20-minute drive of Binglewood:

Memorial Villages Farmers Market, First Congregational Church, 10840 Beinhorn, every Saturday, 9am – 1pm.

Elenora's Market, Cavatore Italian Restaurant, 2120 Ella Blvd., every Saturday and Sunday, 9am – 1pm.

Houston Farmers Market, 2420 Airline Dr., daily 5:30am – 6pm, except Christmas and New Year.

BOOK OF INTEREST



“Images of America: Spring Branch” by George Slaughter

Amazing photographs of Spring Branch's early history from its founding in the 1840s through 2011. (paperback, \$21.99)

Available at www.arcadiapublishing.com or wherever you buy books.

SAFETY AND SECURITY FOR BINGLEWOOD

The concern for neighborhood security has been at the forefront of discussions during Civic Club meetings in recent months. HPD Commander Nguyen responded to our questions and concerns during the October Civic Club meeting and offered some suggestions. They include the importance of reporting all criminal activity, improving lighting around your house, and sharing doorbell videos. He also offered to have our neighborhood evaluated for areas that could be addressed by residents and the Civic Club. A virtual meeting was held prior to the November meeting to offer the community some additional advice. Based on the recommendations, the Civic Club will be researching options pertaining to lighting, cameras, signage, and the potential hiring of off-duty peace officers to patrol the neighborhood. Once all the information has been gathered, the Board will prepare a plan of action to present to residents. In the interim, please continue to look out for one another, report criminal activity, including gun shots, and add lighting around your home if possible. The following are the different ways to report issues to HPD:

- Dial 911 to report an emergency.
- Dial 713-884-3131 to request non-emergency police service.
- Use the HPD Online Police Report for a minor crime such as theft or property damage valued under \$5000. For more details go to: https://www.houstontx.gov/police/online_report.htm
- HPD Alert Slip may be used to request increased patrols around your home due to prowlers, speeding vehicles, excessive burglaries and thefts, being on vacation, or for other reasons causing concern. Go to: https://www.houstontx.gov/police/alert_slip/
- If you have information that may assist the police in solving a crime, you may call Crime Stoppers at 713-222-TIPS (8477). Students may also call Crime Stoppers to report crimes or planned criminal activity on a school campus or bus.

PRIVACY OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

The Civic Club officers and directors are volunteers and while they are all working hard to make our neighborhood a better place to live, their individual privacy and safety must be respected. If you have a question or concern that is not addressed during one of the Civic Club meetings you may contact the leadership via email (contact@binglewood.com) or by U.S. Mail (P.O. Box 430943, Houston, TX 770243-0943). Thank you for your consideration and cooperation in this matter.

BINGLEWOOD CIVIC CLUB-KEEPING YOU INFORMED

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Address: _____

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

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