


Binglewords

"Keeping the Binglewood Community Informed"

FEBRUARY 2021

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy Valentine's  Day to our entire community with much love and many blessings! I would like to welcome all new residents to the neighborhood. Please refer to our website indicated in the box on the right for our contact and other important information referenced in this newsletter.

UPCOMING SPEAKERS FOR SATURDAY MORNING CIVIC CLUB MEETINGS - Be Sure and Join Us! Current meetings will be on Zoom so you can attend in your pjs!



On February 13th, our featured speaker will be **Josh Hawes**, Deputy Executive Director of the **Spring Branch Management District**. He will talk about updates to the new Emnora Lane Hike & Bike Trail located past Kempwood on the other side of St. Jerome Catholic church, and give us a sneak peek of the art to be placed along Long Point. www.sbmd.org



On March 13th, our speaker will be a representative from **Pup Squad Animal Rescue** and **will feature live video of actual puppies! You do not want to miss the chance to see puppies on a Saturday morning!** The goal of Pup Squad is to save as many puppies and nursing litters from life on the streets BEFORE they enter the shelters. They also work with BARC, and other area shelters, to quickly rescue litters. Their pledge is to "never leave a momma dog behind." www.pupsquad.org

CRIME AWARENESS AND PREVENTION

Unfortunately, crime is on the increase throughout our City making all of us more cognizant of our surroundings. On Wednesday, February 3rd at approximately 5 p.m., there was a high-speed police chase that ended in our neighborhood at Peppermill and Pitner. Thank goodness no one in our community was hurt as many people were in and around Jim Lee Park at the time. There were five suspects in a stolen vehicle, two of whom immediately surrendered since the vehicle was inoperable after landing in a neighbor's front yard. Two other suspects were apprehended in neighbor's backyards and the last one at Clay Road Baptist Church. A loaded weapon was recovered in the front landscaping of one neighbor's home. The vehicle was involved in other crimes. Many of us take walks throughout our neighborhood. My husband and I were walking down Pitner as the pursuit was taking place. Please be conscious of your surroundings at all times and make sure you are able to see and hear what is going on around you. When the stolen vehicle and four HPD vehicles were speeding down Pitner, we had to step aside very quickly! I would like to recognize and **THANK the Houston Police Department for their service and care of our community.** We would also like to **THANK our City of Houston Parks Department** for removing unsightly graffiti at our park on Monday, January 25th which occurred only the night before. **We really appreciate the services our City of Houston employees provide to our Binglewood community!**

CALENDAR

Community Meeting (Virtual)

Saturday, February 13th

9:30 am – 11:00 am

Zoom Link:

<https://zoom.us/j/7562029075?pwd=TXZsaFVyV2ZRSWhPNTVYbWdaK0l2Zz09>

or

Go to www.binglewood.com

Dial-in information:

1-346-248-7799,

Meeting ID: 756 202 9075

Passcode: 316612#

One-Tap Mobile:

+13462487799,,7562029075#,,,,,0#,,316612# -- Passcode: 316612

Agenda:

Community & Initiatives Update

Josh Hawes, SBMD Deputy Executive Director

Trash & Lawn Clippings

Every Friday-Use Recyclable bags!

Recycle (Green Can)

Friday, February 12th & 26th

Friday, March 12th & 26th

Junk Waste (Even Months)

Thursday, February 25th

Tree Waste (Odd Months)

Thursday, March 25th

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LEADERSHIP

President, Joanne Cortez

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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

COVID-19

We are aware that some of our residents have suffered from Covid-19. Our condolences go out to residents who have lost loved ones to the disease. If you are interested in receiving information regarding vaccinations, please call the following phone number or use the link below: *Phone: 832-927-8787*

<https://publichealth.harriscountytexas.gov/Resources/2019-Novel-Coronavirus>

TREE WASTE AND JUNK WASTE

Our neighborhood pickup day is the 4th Thursday of every month. *Tree Waste* months are January, March, May, July, September, and November. *Junk Waste* (otherwise known as “heavy trash”) months are February, April, June, August, October and December. “Junk Waste” is defined as items such as furniture, appliances, and other bulky material.

Tree Waste is accepted during Junk Waste months. However, Junk Waste may NOT be placed for collection during a Tree Waste month.

Residents who wish to dispose of Tree or Junk Waste before their scheduled collection may use the nearest City of Houston waste facility located at:

14400 Sommermeyer, Houston, TX 77041

[Go west on Clay Road, turn right onto Campbell Rd. and follow until it ends at Hempstead Hwy. Facility is to your right.]

BOAT AND RV STORAGE

If you need to store a boat or RV, Binglewood residents receive the first month free at Houston Boat & Car Storage.

www.houstonboatcarstorage.com

COMPLIANCE WITH BINGLEWOOD DEED RESTRICTIONS, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES, AND CITY ORDINANCES

We all want to live in a community of mutual respect and care for our own homes as well as those of our neighbors. The Civic Club is sending out reminder notices to homeowners if a violation is reported or observed so that corrective action can be taken. If the violation continues, the homeowner will receive a notice from the City or a certified letter and an email from the Civic Club or both. If still not corrected, your Civic Club may refer the matter to the City of Houston’s attorney for deed restriction enforcement or the Civic Club’s attorney, making you responsible for payment of attorneys’ fees. Don’t let a simple violation get out of your control! As always, please let us know if you are having difficulty meeting your obligations as a homeowner so we can help. We appreciate everyone’s cooperation.

11 MONTH WALK-THROUGH OF BINGLEWOOD DRAINAGE PROJECT

The City of Houston reviewed our project on January 26th and here is a punch list of items that will be resolved in James W. Lee Park:

- Ponding/grading issues on the Aruba side in the bottom of the basin;
- Replacement of 3rd slat from the top on bench between Aruba and Peppermill on Pitner;
- Removal of bamboo stakes and plastic ties on trees that inhibit growth;
- Removal of T-posts, guy wire and rubber hoses on all large trees and those trees which are stabilized--remainder to be removed as needed, but before tree warranty period is over;
- Scratches causing rust on bench along Pitner west of Aruba to be painted/refinished;
- Lowering of water value box at northeast corner of park at Aruba and Pitner); and
- Light in the park close to Valley Field and Autauga will be fixed.

Cracks in the driveway aprons and streets are still being discussed with the City Engineer. If you are concerned about your driveway, please call 311 and reference project M-000293-0001-4 and receive a ticket number. Please email this ticket number to construction@binglewood.com.

HEY BINGLEWOOD! WHAT’S YOUR NUMBER?

Please ensure your house number is visible from the street! We have all seen houses around the neighborhood where you can barely see the number or it’s simply not there. Time is of the essence when an emergency is taking place and it may be a matter of life or death if the Fire Department or HPD is not able to locate or easily read the house number on your home.

BINGLEWOOD CIVIC CLUB-KEEPING YOU INFORMED

Please provide your preferred means of access to Binglewood Civic Club communications. Send the completed survey below to *PO Box 430943, Houston, TX 77243-0943*, or email the necessary information to contact@binglewood.com.

Paper copy distribution of Binglewords will be provided upon request only.

Please Print:

Name: _____

Address: _____

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

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