

Binglewords

"Keeping the Binglewood Community Informed"

APRIL 2021

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thank you to all the residents who made their voices heard by submitting a request online for increased HPD patrols in Binglewood. I received feedback from District A that multiple Binglewood residents submitted requests. I will keep you updated regarding whether Binglewood will be included in this important Neighborhood Patrol Program (NPP).

NOTE: Our May 8th Civic Club meeting will be held in James Lee Park (weather permitting). We hope all Binglewood residents can attend our last meeting before summer break. Please bring a lawn chair. We will have a short agenda followed by a community social. We will be sharing more information about this meeting in next month's newsletter.

VOLUNTEER EVENT COMING SOON

The Civic Club will be planning a *BCC Volunteer* Event for late spring/early summer. The goal is to provide support for residents in need of assistance, as well as community beautification. It has been more than a year since our last volunteer event, and we are excited to get started. If you are willing to lend a helping hand for this important function, send an email to contact@binglewood.com.

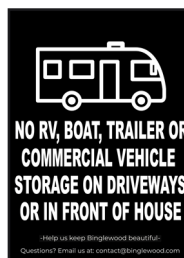
CITY ORDINANCE REMINDER



Residents are again reminded the City of Houston requires trash bins be stored in a location not visible from the street. If trash bins are stored on the side of the house, they also must be concealed from view.

POLICIES AND GUIDELINES REMINDER

Binglewood Policies and Guidelines do not allow storage of RVs, boats and/or trailers on your driveway or in the front yard.



ADVERTISE IN BINGLEWORDS

The BCC Board has decided to include advertising space in the monthly *Binglewords* newsletter. We hope to introduce local businesses that serve our neighborhood to our residents. Successful businesses are important to the quality of life in any community. Offering ad space will provide these businesses direct access to our residents. We hope to begin offering space in next month's newsletter. Let us know if you have a business or service you are interested in advertising in *Binglewords* by emailing us at contact@binglewood.com.

CALENDAR

Community Meeting (Virtual)

Saturday, April 10th

9:30 am – 11:00 am

Zoom Link:

<https://zoom.us/j/7562029075?pwd=TXZsalFyV2ZRSWhPNTVYbWdaK0l2Zz09>

or

Go to www.binglewood.com

Dial-in information:

1-346-248-7799,

Meeting ID: 756 202 9075

Passcode: 316612#

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Agenda:

Chris Staudt, Sunbelt Inspection Services

Bring your home improvement questions!

CIVIC CLUB DUES

Section 6- \$50 per year (mandatory).

Sections 1-5- \$50 per year (voluntary).

Donations always welcome.

Pay online or by mail:

<http://www.binglewood.com/payment.html>

Make check out to: Binglewood Civic Club, Inc.

and mail to: PO Box 430943, Houston, TX

77243-0943

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Noel Lezama, Board Pos. 3

COVID-19 VACCINATION ELIGIBILITY

All adults in Texas are now eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine. The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) has launched a map of providers that have been provided doses of the vaccine. Appointments are necessary. Click on the link below and type in your address to find places closest to you. <https://tdem.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=3700a84845c5470cb0dc3d3dace5c376b>

Also you can obtain information about how to join the waitlist for one of the 13 Vaccine Hubs in the Houston area at: <https://dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/immunize/vaccine-hubs.aspx>.

TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Trash & Lawn Clippings

Every Friday-Use recyclable bags.

Recycle (Green Can)

Friday, April 9th & 23rd

Friday, May 7th & 21st

Junk Waste (Even Months)

Thursday, April 22nd

Tree Waste (Odd Months)

Thursday, May 27th

VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP

Email contact@binglewood.com to sign up for one of the following volunteer opportunities:

- Help organize and/or implement a "Post-Covid" neighborhood social activity.
- Deliver newsletters and flyers.
- Help to identify and invite speakers for our Civic Club meetings.
- Help judge Yard of the Month.
- Be a standing committee volunteer.

WHAT EVER HAPPENED ABOUT....

Wondering about the status of an issue discussed, a concern raised, a suggestion or solution offered, during a previous meeting? Send your inquiry to contact@binglewood.com or ask for an update at the next meeting.

YARD OF THE MONTH IS BACK!

After the freeze--Get out there and make your yard the next winner!

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

WILDLIFE RESCUE TIPS

This is the time of year when we see wildlife, and possibly baby birds, squirrels and possums, that may need care. Unless an animal is truly orphaned or injured, you don't need to do anything. If an animal is injured or shivering or featherless, you can step in to help. If featherless baby birds have fallen from their nest but appear to be OK, put them back in the nest. It's a myth that birds will abandon their young if a human touches them.

The Texas Wildlife Rescue Center (713-468-8972) located at 10801 Hammerly Blvd., #200, may be able to assist with wildlife in need of rescue and recommends the following until you can deliver the animal for intake: 1) Wear gloves and place baby animals in a box lined with a soft cloth such as a t-shirt. 2) Do not give the animal any food or liquids and keep the animal in a warm, dark, quiet place. 3) Leave the animal alone since human noise, touch and eye contact are very stressful to wild animals. 4) If a mammal or bird has been caught by a cat or dog, please call TWRC immediately! 5) Keep children and pets away. BE CAREFUL! An animal that is hurt or frightened may bite. Go to: www.twrcwildlifecenter.org for more information.

SEVEN WAYS TO DECLUTTER YOUR FINANCIAL LIFE

It is that time of year when we focus on spring cleaning. Don't forget to include decluttering your financials. Taking time to reduce and rethink can save you time, and possibly money, in the future. Here are seven ways to accomplish this task:

- 1) Organize your documents and decide what you really need to keep, then back it up digitally. Shred anything you don't need.
- 2) Set up paperless billing and/or automatic payments if feasible and establish an electronic filing system for future statements.
- 3) Review your policies, beneficiaries and estate documents to ensure they each continue to meet your needs and/or represent your wishes. Cancel policies you no longer need, and update beneficiaries as needed. Also, update your personal property inventory, especially items of greatest value.
- 4) Cancel any hard copy or electronic subscriptions you no longer need or use.
- 5) Reconsider your tax withholdings and update based on any expected changes in your family that impact income or allowable deductions.
- 6) Automate your savings deposits to save more with less effort.
- 7) Reflect on your financial goals and update or add new ones.

KEEPING YOU INFORMED

Please provide your preferred means of access to BCC communications to increase our efficiency in distributing important information. Send your 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

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

Email 1: _____

Email 2: _____

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