

Binglewords

"Keeping the Binglewood Community Informed"

JUNE 2021

APRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



CLASS OF 2021

We would like to take a moment to honor all the graduates this year. Achieving an education is an endeavor that is a "rite of passage" not all are fortunate enough to achieve. CONGRATULATIONS! Best wishes for all your future endeavors!



POWER OUTAGES

Binglewood continues to experience electricity outages during rain events. The Civic Club is in contact with CenterPoint and Council Member Peck's office regarding this issue. Everyone is urged to report electricity outages ASAP when you experience them.

BINGLEWOOD INDEPENDENCE DAY SOCIAL EVENT!

Kick off a fun Independence Day weekend by joining us at James Lee Park on Saturday, July 3rd (weather permitting) beginning 9:30 am. Included will be several events:

Binglewood Independence Day Parade by and for our residents. Participants of all ages are invited to compete in one of four Independence Day themed categories: **Best Decorated Bicycle; Decorated Wagon, Stroller or Wheelchair; Costumed Pet** (must be on a leash); **and/or Independence Day Hat**. Participants should arrive at the park and be lined up at the Starting Line between **9:30am and 9:40 am**. Otherwise, simply bring a chair and enjoy!



Binglewood Independence Day Themed Cookie Baking Contest

Do you enjoy baking cookies? Then register to participate in a cookie contest by preparing one dozen home-baked and decorated cookies. Judges will select winners based on presentation and decoration, and taste and texture. Register **by Wednesday, June 28th** at <https://www.signupgenius.com/>. See Contest Rules and directions at www.binglewood.com. Please also consider being a volunteer judge or activity facilitator - sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/>.



Binglewood Community Garden Planning (also see page 2) – all interested in volunteering in support of this GREAT Binglewood opportunity should plan on meeting after the Parade to kick off Committee formation and planning.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Binglewood has six sections with a total of 714 homes. Each section has its own deed restrictions. Sections 1-5 dues for the Civic Club are voluntary while Section 6 dues are mandatory. **Dues are only \$50 annually.** As of June 1, 2021, we have collected dues from **only 12.6% of all the homes in Binglewood!** Here is the current breakdown of Civic Club participation by Section: Section 1 - 10.23%, Section 2 - 8.7%, Section 3 - 9.8%, Section 4 - 15.4%, Section 5 - 5.7% and Section 6 - 42.6%. **Thank you to all who have paid their annual dues!** Your dues cover mowing and trash removal from the area adjacent to Clay Road and ditch maintenance along Hollister St., legal fees to enforce compliance, insurance, sign maintenance, doggy waste bags at the park and any new projects we want such as the Community Garden and fixing the cement pillar street signs throughout the neighborhood. Please pay today! An easy way to pay is via PayPal at: <http://binglewood.com/payment.html>. **The more dues paid, the more we can do for our community!**

CALENDAR

Community Meeting:

No meeting scheduled until September 11th, 2021.

BINGLEWOOD

INDEPENDENCE DAY SOCIAL EVENT!

Saturday, July 3rd

Time: 9:30 am -12:30 pm

James W. Lee Park

CIVIC CLUB DUES

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

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

Donations always welcome!

• Pay online at:

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

• Send check by mail to:

Binglewood Civic Club, Inc.

PO Box 430943

Houston, TX 77243-0943

• Pay in person at any BCC Meeting

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COVID-19 VACCINATION

Anyone 12 years old and above is now eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine. Click on the link below and type in your address to find a nearby location.

<https://tdeem.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=3700a84845c5470cb0dc3d4ace5c376b>

TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Trash & Lawn Clippings - Every Friday

Note: Use City of Houston Approved

Recyclable bags only – no paper grass/leaf bags will be picked up!

Recycle (Green Can)

Friday, June 4th & 18th

Friday, July 2nd, 16th & 30th

Friday, August 13th & 27th

Friday, September 10th & 24th

Note: Do not put plastic store bags or plastic trash bags in the recycle bins.

Junk Waste (Even Months)

Thursday, June 24th

Thursday, August 26th

Tree Waste (Odd Months)

Thursday, July 22nd

Thursday, September 23rd

Note: Place Junk/Tree Waste adjacent to the front curb in an easily accessible location between 6:00 pm the Friday before and 7:00 am on the scheduled collection day.

VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP

Register to volunteer at

<https://www.signupgenius.com> for one of the following volunteer opportunities:

- Help plant and maintain our new Community Garden.
- Deliver notices 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....

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!

Congratulations to June's Yard of the Month Winners! Keep up the good work!

- Section 1: 8918 Blankenship
- Section 2: 3011 Peppermill
- Section 3: 9007 Colleen
- Section 4: 9027 Springview
- Section 5: 4211 Mona Lee Lane
- Section 6: 3605 Colleen Meadows Circle

GET INVOLVED! COMING SOON: BINGLEWOOD COMMUNITY GARDEN

Ever wonder about the vacant property located along Hollister just before Sonneville? It's owned by the Harris County Flood District which has a program that allows a community to adopt a vacant lot. Your Civic Club has asked the County to permit us to build a Community Garden on the two vacant lots! We are in the process of lining up volunteers and designing planting plans for spring, summer and fall to submit to the County.



This could look like this!

Volunteer or donate today!



The benefits of a Community Garden (according to the American Community Garden Association): Improves the quality of life for people in the neighborhood; Provides a catalyst for neighborhood and community development; Stimulates Social Interaction; Encourages Self-Reliance; Beautifies the Neighborhood; Produces Nutritious Food; Reduces Family Food Budgets; Conserves Resources; Creates opportunity for recreation, exercise, therapy, and education; Reduces Crime; Preserves Green Space; Creates income opportunities and economic development; Reduces city heat from streets and parking lots; and Provides opportunities for intergenerational and cross-cultural connections.

If you want to volunteer, **go to our Sign-Up Genius site (see box on the left) or send an email to contact@binglewood.com. Everyone in Binglewood is invited to participate!**

EFFECTS OF RECENT RAINS

If you had any flooding during the recent rains and were able to take pictures or video, please be sure to contact 311, request a ticket number and email the ticket number, video and/or to Council Member Peck's office at districta@houstontx.gov copying contact@binglewood.com. The process to obtain funding from the City of Houston for drainage improvement projects is a lengthy multi-year process which begins with recorded flooding. If you live in Section 1 or 2 and would like to learn more about how you can help since we need eyes on flooding in Sections 1 and 2, contact us at contact@binglewood.com.

OUR FURRY NEIGHBORS

Did you know that dedicated Binglewood volunteers (thank you!) continue to invest time, money, and efforts in managing free-roaming cat populations? Tran-Neuter-Release (TNR) programs are proven to benefit communities and cats by reducing fights, disease, unwanted kittens, and fertile cats moving into the area. If you see a cat with a tipped (or clipped) ear, please know that they have been spayed or neutered and vaccinated. If you would like to learn more, please visit websites such as <https://tnrtexas.com>.

KEEPING YOU INFORMED – FINAL REMINDER IN BINGLEWORDS

Please provide your preferred means of communication to your Civic Club! **Paper copies of Binglewords will be provided upon request only!** Send your email address to contact@binglewood.com or mail this form to: PO Box 430943, Houston, TX 77243-0943. ***SPECIAL NOTICE: Every additional residence responding by email or mail by July 2nd, or in person on July 3rd, will be placed in a drawing to win one of two (2) \$20 gift cards from Target or Lowe's! Drawings will be held at the Binglewood Independence Day Social Event on July 3rd. Winners need not be present to win.**

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.)



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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT CLAY ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

Our church will be conducting LifeWay's Destination Dig® for Vacation Bible School. This year's VBS is headed to present-day Israel where an epic adventure of discovery awaits!



Along the way they will make crafts, play fun games, enjoy tasty snacks, sing cool songs, and learn about missions.

Kids ages three years old through fifth grade are invited to join us July 12-16 from 9am to 12pm daily; drop off begins at 8am.

For additional information or questions, contact our Kids Ministry Director at rachel@clayroad.org

Got Meetings??

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**Are you bored at home?
Want to get out and meet your neighbors?
Want to do something good for your community?
Volunteer for your Civic Club today!**

Go to:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4CAA72FA5FFC70-binglewood>

Upcoming events include:

- *Help Build and Plant our Community Garden*
- *Independence Day Social Event, July 3^d*
- *Help organize and/or implement a "Post-Covid" neighborhood social activity.*
- *Deliver notices and flyers.*
- *Help to identify and invite speakers for our Civic Club meetings.*
- *Help judge Yard of the Month.*