



*"Keeping the Binglewood Community Informed"*

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Binglewood Civic Club is a volunteer organization established to support the neighborhood. The organization depends entirely on the contribution of its residents who volunteer their time and talents. Core responsibilities of the Civic Club are to establish and maintain communication among our residents and with the City of Houston; working to maintain quality standards as described in the deed restrictions, and offering social and informational activities to Binglewood.

So please consider an important volunteer opportunity that is coming up quickly. Nominations for 2022 Binglewood Civic Club Officers and Board Members are being sought. Any member in good standing is eligible to run for office. Open positions are as follows:

- One (1) Board Member position (Board Members set the direction of the Civic Club and ensure the governance of day-to-day affairs.)
- All Officer positions (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Sergeant-at-Arms; the duties of each position are detailed in our Bylaws posted on the Binglewood website.)

Finally, Council Member Amy Peck will be joining us for our October 9<sup>th</sup> Civic Club meeting. She will share what is currently going on and future initiatives in District A as well as listening to our Community and our concerns. Please come out and join us! Bring your questions and concerns about Binglewood as well as throughout District A.

## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT – TUESDAY OCTOBER 5<sup>th</sup>

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. National Night Out provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances. Binglewood Civic Club is hosting a gathering at James Lee Park beginning at 6:30 p.m. Please join us! There are also a few neighbors in our neighborhood that are hosting National Night Out on their specific streets so be on the lookout. Thank you!

## STAY SAFE FOR HALLOWEEN

Many traditional Halloween activities can be high-risk for spreading illness. Consider setting up a table at the end of your driveway where families can get candy "grab and go" style. The suggested time frame of 5-7pm would work for most of the children within the neighborhood. Of course, if you choose not to participate, it is always a good suggestion to turn your porch light off. Thank you to everyone who has decorated their yard. The children are certainly thrilled to see such festive displays! Have a safe Halloween!

## OCTOBER 2021

### CALENDAR

**Community Meeting:**  
**Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**Time: 9:30 a.m.**  
**Location: James W. Lee Park**  
**Speaker: Amy Peck, District A Council Member**

### CIVIC CLUB DUES

**Section 6-** \$50 per year (mandatory).  
**Sections 1-5-** \$50 per year (voluntary).  
Donations always welcome!

- **Pay online at:**  
<https://www.binglewood.com/payment/>
- **Send check by mail to:**  
Binglewood Civic Club, Inc.  
PO Box 430943  
Houston, TX 77243-0943
- **Pay in person at any BCC Meeting**

### CONTACT INFORMATION

[contact@binglewood.com](mailto:contact@binglewood.com)  
[www.binglewood.com](http://www.binglewood.com)

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### VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP

Send your email to:  
[contact@binglewood.com](mailto:contact@binglewood.com) for one of the following volunteer opportunities:

- Help to establish a community garden.
- Help judge Yard of the Month.
- Deliver notices and flyers.
- Help to identify and invite speakers for our Civic Club meetings.
- Help organize and/or implement a neighborhood social activity.

### 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

## COVID-19 VACCINATION ELIGIBILITY

- Anyone 12 years old and above is eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine.
- CDC recommends the Pfizer booster for certain persons who were vaccinated at least 6 months ago. Persons eligible must be:
  - 65+ older, nursing-home/long-term facility residents;
  - 50-64 with underlying conditions
  - 18-49 with underlying conditions with high risk of infection.
  - 18-64 at increased risk because of occupational settings.

## TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

**Trash & Lawn Clippings** - Every Friday

**Note: Use City of Houston Approved**

**Recyclable bags only** – paper grass/leaf bags will not be picked up!

**Recycle (Green Can)**

Friday, October 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>

Friday, November 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>

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

**Junk Waste (Even Months)**

Thursday, October 28<sup>th</sup>

**Tree Waste (Odd Months)**

November Schedule TBD\*

\*Holiday Schedule has not yet been posted on SWM website.

**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.

## YARD OF THE MONTH

We are looking forward to seeing the myriad of creative and fun decorations throughout the neighborhood this fall and winter.

- Judging for Fall Holiday décor will occur October 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>.
  - Judging for Winter Holiday décor will occur on December 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>.
- Good Luck to everyone!



When you have time, check out our new website, [www.binglewood.com](http://www.binglewood.com). Let us know what you think! Share your thoughts at the next meeting, or send a note to [contact@binglewood.com](mailto:contact@binglewood.com).

## 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](mailto:contact@binglewood.com) or ask for an update at the next meeting.

## HELPFUL INFORMATION FROM THE BBB

We had a great speaker at our last Civic Club meeting in September, Candice Twyman, Executive Director of the Better Business Bureau. She provided handouts full of great information: “Helpful Contact Information,” “Tips on Hiring a Contractor,” and “BBB’s Scammers Top Ten List of 2021.” Candice’s presentation focused on a selection of the scams from the list offering ways to avoid getting scammed. The handouts will be posted to our website under the “MEETING” menu. Here are some “take-aways” from the meeting.

- *Only answer calls from persons you know, even if it is a number similar to yours.*
- *Limit posting personal information. Create a code word that only you and your family know to confirm to whom you are talking. Duplication of a person’s voice from social media, such as Facebook, is possible and scammers are doing this.*
- *If you get a call asking you to do anything involving money or your bank account, hang up! It is likely a scammer.*
- *Don’t answer unsolicited calls from any alleged governmental agency. They will only initiate communication by mail.*
- *Don’t open electronic communications or click on links that are unexpected/not trusted.*
- *Avoid taking surveys that offer a prize at the end.*
- *Never give out your social security number or bank account number information over the phone.*

## TREASURER’S REPORT

**Thank you to all who have paid your annual dues!**

Every home received a Dues Reminder door hanger. A significant increase in collection of dues is needed for new projects that the community has said need to be addressed, such as security patrols, security cameras, the Community Garden and fixing the cement pillar street signs throughout the neighborhood. An easy way to pay is via PayPal at: <https://www.binglewood.com/payment/>. **The more money we receive, the more we can do for our community!**

## NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION

**BINGLEWORDS**, is the civic club’s primary source for communicating issues that may affect you. Door-to-door delivery is no longer available to all 700+ homes. If you know of someone who is not receiving the newsletter and does not have access to a computer or email, please send us their name and address so we can add them to our limited door-to-door delivery. If you know of a neighbor who does have access but has not signed up for email distribution, please encourage them to send us a message to [contact@binglewood.com](mailto:contact@binglewood.com) requesting email distribution.

## NOTE RE TELEPHONE POLE/POWER POLE REPLACEMENT

If you have been selected by CenterPoint to have your telephone/power pole replaced with new equipment, you will need to contact your internet or telephone provider to re-hang their broadband/internet/phone lines as well. Here are contact numbers to assist you with this process. **MAKE SURE TO TELL THEM YOUR LINES ARE DOWN!**

AT&T-to move land (telephone) lines: 800-246-8464

AT&T-Broadband/Internet: 800-288-2020

Comcast/Xfinity: 800-266-2278 (If you don’t have a Comcast account, use the New Customer menu to get a representative.)



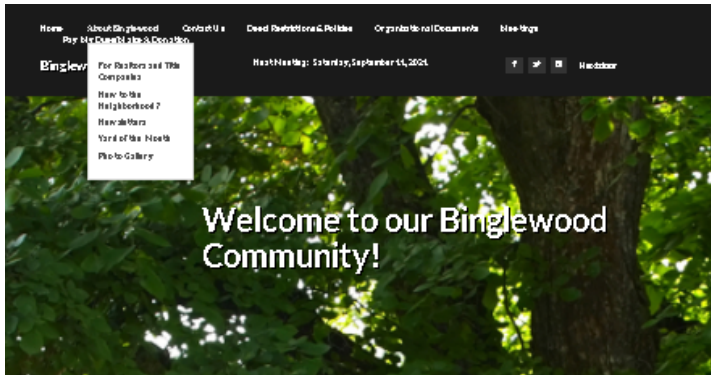
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### Welcome to Binglewood!

We will come both in person and virtually to the office of Binglewood Civic Club's website. Learn about our community and get involved or even consider moving in.

Located deep in the heart of Houston, Texas, Binglewood is a community of over 700 single-story 2- and 4-bedroom brick homes built from the 1930s to the 1990s. Binglewood offers large lots, mature hardwood trees and lovely landscaped lawns. A neighborhood park is located in the middle of the subdivision with a playground, walking trail and pet waste stations.

Binglewood is a deed-restricted community. The Binglewood Civic Club is a very active property owners association and holds monthly meetings for residents. The annual dues of \$65.00 are voluntary for a 6-month, 1-year, and 2-year period. Binglewood homeowners take exceptional pride in their homes and community. Because of the hard work of our residents, the Binglewood Civic Club was presented with a Rius Ribbon Award from the City of Houston for exemplary service in landscaping, development, and general maintenance of the neighborhood.

Join us as we make Binglewood the best place to live in Houston!



## Got Meetings??

# I Can Help!

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