

Binglewords

"Keeping the Binglewood Community Informed"

NOVEMBER 2022

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This month of Thanksgiving is the time of year we usually recognize those who help us and take care of us, and allow us to take care of them, and give thanks for all the good things in our lives. I want to take a moment and thank all of you for supporting your Civic Club, for sending in your



dues so we can do more for you, for supporting the Constable Patrol, for coming to a meeting or social event, for reading this newsletter, and especially for volunteering for any of our events. We so greatly appreciate our Civic Club volunteer officers and board members as well as all of you who volunteered this year to help with any of our many social events. We work hard to make use of any of the skills and abilities that you want to offer to help us make Binglewood a better place to live. We are grateful.

DECEMBER HOLIDAY COOKIE EXCHANGE

Attendees at our November meeting overwhelmingly recommended we have a Holiday Cookie Exchange during our meeting on December 10th. Here is the information you need to participate:

Bring the following:

- 6 packages of one-half dozen of your favorite home-baked holiday cookie.
 - Copies of your recipe.
 - A plate of samples (optional).
- Or
- 6 packages of one-half dozen of your favorite store or bakery holiday cookie.
 - Copies of the store package or name of cookie and bakery location.
 - A plate of samples (optional).

Everyone who participates will be able to select cookies to take home. The number of cookie packages will be determined by the number of participants.

Holiday Charitable Donations

As in past years, possible local charities that benefit the Spring Branch Community will be investigated for a collection at the December Meeting. If you know of a local charity, please send us a note to contact@binglewood.com. Watch for our recommendation in the reminder email that will be sent out prior to the meeting and on www.binglewood.com.



Holiday Card Collection

Bring with you to the December meeting the front of any holiday cards you have but do not need. Be sure there is no writing or printed messages on the back. They will be sent to the St. Jude's Hospital for Children for use by the children to make crafts.

CALENDAR

Next Community Meeting:

Saturday, December 10, 2022
Elections for 2023 will be held! We will also have a Holiday Cookie Exchange!

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Location: St. Jerome Catholic Church, New Activity Center, Room 104

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/>

Or Send check by mail to:

Binglewood Civic Club, Inc.

PO Box 430943

Houston, TX 77243-0943

Pay in person at any BCC Meeting or Event

CONTACT INFORMATION

Email : contact@binglewood.com

Website: www.binglewood.com

Instagram: [Binglewood_Community](https://www.instagram.com/Binglewood_Community)

Twitter: [@BinglewoodComm](https://twitter.com/BinglewoodComm)

Facebook: [Binglewood_Community](https://www.facebook.com/Binglewood_Community)

NextDoor: [Binglewood_Group](https://www.nextdoor.com/Binglewood_Group)

Mail: PO Box 430943,

Houston, TX 77243-0943

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

President, Ann Cowper

Vice President, Jordan Kahan

Secretary, Jan Southern

Treasurer, Karin Sabatini

Sergeant-at-Arms, Bridgett Macias

Nick Scott, Board Pos. 1

Jonathan Vanegas, Board Pos. 2

Noel Lezama, Board Pos. 3

Sue Kinnaird, Board Pos. 4

VOLUNTEERING IS GREAT FOR YOUR HEALTH

Why do we volunteer? Usually, the answer is “because it makes a difference.” Did you know that there are even more benefits to volunteering? We feel more connected to others, and we become less absorbed in the normal stresses of daily life. We share our experiences with others and want to help more. We know that volunteering makes us feel good but, did you know that you are improving your life and maybe even your health? There are social, emotional, physical, and professional benefits. Here are a few listed below. Maybe one of them will convince you to get off the couch and out the door to engage with your Binglewood community!

- *Volunteering Builds Community* - You strengthen your community and your social network when you volunteer. You make connections with the people you are helping, and you cultivate friendships with other volunteers.
- *Ends Loneliness* - Loneliness and social isolation are two of the most severe epidemics in the world today. The simplest way to reverse this? Volunteer!
- *Increases Socialization* - Social interaction improves mental and physical health, according to Psychology Today. The benefits of consistent socializing include better brain function and lower risk for depression and anxiety. You also improve your immune system. Socially, the benefits of volunteering show up quickly and have long-term effects.
- *Improves Well-Being* - Volunteering reduces stress and improves well-being. Volunteering gives people the tools they need to be happier, healthier, and well-rounded individuals. It also keeps us young!
- *Promotes Longevity* - While everyone benefits from a little boost in physical health, long-term volunteers have longer lives, less disease, and better overall health. One report says that people who volunteer over 100 hours a year are some of the healthiest people in the country!
- *Leads to Graceful Aging* - Older people who volunteer often feel younger and chronically ill people may have fewer symptoms and pain.
- *Burns That Stubborn Belly Fat* – It’s true! If you are moving and active you have a better chance of getting and staying fit.
- *Volunteering Adds Fun to Your Years* - Volunteering and freely giving your time, energy, and resources to people and causes around the world can create change on a global scale. It is incredible to think that one person’s efforts can change the life of someone else somewhere in the world. However, the best part, and often overlooked is that volunteering is just plain fun.

If you are ready to make friends, improve your mental and physical health, and maybe develop new skills along the way, consider volunteering for the Civic Club or other community organization important to you. Coincidentally, this is the time of year where we ask for volunteers to run for office. You can change your life and the lives of others when you do. Don’t overlook the benefits of volunteering. Embrace them!

If you are now convinced, keep reading...

BINGLEWOOD CIVIC CLUB OFFICER AND BOARD MEMBER POSITION ELECTIONS

The following BCC Officer and Board Positions need to be filled for 2023:

President – Candidates: Ann Cowper (Incumbent)

Vice President – Candidates: TBD

Secretary – Candidates: TBD

Treasurer – Candidates: TBD

Sergeant At Arms – Candidates: Bridget Macias (Incumbent)

Board Members – TBD [Must have at least two volunteers or none to keep total Board at odd number with rolling terms] We currently have 3 Board Members

NEW! SUNSHINE REPORT! COMING in 2023!



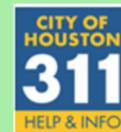
Binglewood Civic Club would like to recognize special life milestones that our neighbors experience. If you know of a resident or residents who are experiencing one of life’s milestones, please email us the information and a picture (if you want to) and we will include in *Binglewords*. We need an address and phone number to confirm the information, which will not be published. Milestones can include Marriages, Anniversaries, Births, Deaths, Graduations and Milestone Birthdays.

CALL IT IN!

This is a reminder to everyone in Binglewood to call in incidents and crime that you see and experience. We have several reports in email or on NextDoor but the Constable is not receiving the calls, therefore, we are not allowing our Constable to solve the problem!

Please call Constable Dispatch
at:
281-463-6666!

Let’s Make it Difficult to be a
Criminal in Binglewood!



Call 311 if you see something that needs to be fixed. Street sign down? Heavy Trash piled up before monthly pickup? Potholes? Tree limbs down in the street? The City of Houston has a dedicated phone line for non-emergency issues.

Call 311 or 713-837-0311.

If you are interested in running for one of these positions, please send an email to contact@binglewood.com or just show up at our December meeting and have your campaign speech ready to go!

We are also looking for representatives for each of our six sections. We have three so far but can always use more so we can work in teams. If you would like to volunteer, please let us know at contact@binglewood.com. We also need fund raisers for the Constable Patrol so if you want to handle your block or another one, please let us know.

REMINDER! REMOVE YOUR CANDIDATE SIGNS

All political candidate signs must be taken down within 10 days after the election which is Friday, November 18th so take down those signs as soon as you can!

COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE HELD IN OCTOBER

Binglewood held it's very first Community Garage Sale on Saturday, October 22nd. We had 14 houses participate and it was a great success! We advertised in social media, our website and the GreenSheet to encourage bargain hunters. Residents have expressed an interest in having one in the Spring and Fall in 2023. Suggested dates will be presented at January's Civic Club meeting.

BINGLEWOOD DEPUTY CONSTABLE PATROL PROGRAM UPDATES

We received our first Beat Activity Report for October and shared it with our email list. Since it covered October which includes National Night Out and was our first full monthly report, it was primarily focused on contract checks and meet the citizen opportunities. Remember you can file a Special Watch if you have any sort of suspicion that you want Deputy Wilson to know about and investigate.

DEPUTY CONSTABLE PROGRAM RESPONSE CALLS-OCTOBER 2022

Type of Event	No.	Type of Event	No.	Type of Event	No.
Contract Checks	62	Traffic Stop	2	Meet the Citizen	18
Vacation Watch	2	Speeding	1	Alarm Response	0
Suspicious Vehicle	8	Theft	5	Accident-Minor	1
Disturbance-Loud Noise	1	Discharge-Firearms	3	Information Check	2
Neighborhood Check	4	Solicitors	1	Follow up to previous event	1
Animal	0	Incident	1	Total Events	<u>112</u>

If you would like a copy of the full report, please email contact@binglewood.com and we will send to you.

If you have not seen Deputy Wilson on your street, please do a "Special Watch" and ask him to stop by your house or block, OR send us an email at contact@binglewood.com and we will fill out the Special Watch form for you.

Make sure you call Dispatch at **281-463-6666** to report a crime or incident. **FOR GUNSHOTS, PLEASE CONTINUE TO CALL 9-1-1 SINCE HPD IS HANDLING THIS PROBLEM DIRECTLY!**

I FEEL THE NEED FOR SPEED! NOT IN BINGLEWOOD! SPEED LIMIT IS 20 MPH!

The speed limit in a Texas residential area is 30 mph but where a speed limit is posted, such as near the speed humps and along several busy streets in Binglewood, the speed limit is 20 mph so slow it down Binglewood! If you see a vehicle speeding and can get its license plate, PLEASE REPORT IT! *Call Dispatch at 281-463-6666.*



City of Houston Council Member for District A, Amy Peck, represents the Binglewood neighborhood and has been a frequent guest at our monthly meetings as well as holding several meetings each year just for Binglewood dealing with issues of importance to us.

Be sure to sign up for the District A monthly newsletter which has a wealth of information about all the current and upcoming projects that affect District A including Binglewood.

Here is the link to the District A website on the City of Houston page. <https://www.houstontx.gov/council/a/>

Scroll down to sign up for the newsletter.

NOTICES ABOUT THE CONSTABLE PATROL-DON'T BE LEFT OUT! PUT YOURSELF ON THE BINGLEWOOD EMAIL LIST!

We now have over 566 email addresses! Is yours one of them?

Be sure to share your email address with us so you can receive up to the minute notices about what is happening in Binglewood or let us know if you have made changes to your email address. We want to make sure that you continue receiving *Binglewords* and important notices from your Civic Club. Stay informed by going to the Contact Form at: <https://www.binglewood.com/contact-us/> or have a friend or relative send us your contact information.

Also check your Spam Folder! Select "More" below "Categories" in Gmail to get to your spam folder and make sure you open the email and at the top, click on "Not Spam."

PARK HOURS

James W. Lee Park is a City of Houston park and has posted hours of from dusk to dawn. We have asked Deputy Wilson to enforce these hours as another measure to cut down on crime in the park.



SBISD TRAFFIC PROBLEM

Our constable is working with SBISD Police and the staff at Hollibrook Elementary to see what we can do about the daily traffic problem caused during after school pickup.

NEW PATROL SIGNS COMING SOON



We are currently in the process of placing "Area Patrolled By" signs throughout Binglewood which we are entitled to under our Agreement with Precinct Five. We have targeted all of the entrances as well as along Hollister and the median on Clay Road near our Binglewood sign. Let us know if you would like a copy of the list.

We hope this will be yet another deterrent to criminals and also a reminder to all of us to call Dispatch to report crime.

CONSTABLE FUNDS RECEIVED TO DATE

Please consider making your \$250 payment to the Binglewood Civic Club to support our new constable patrol. See the next page for where we stand as of November.

Deputy Wilson has been working hard to focus on the issues being reported and making Binglewood a safer place to live. If you haven't visited the park for a while, you will see a tremendous difference. He is also working on all the issues listed in this issue of *Binglewords*--speeding and traffic control as well as redirecting prospective thieves out of Binglewood. He is working on all the issues that our residents said they wanted him to handle. If you haven't met him yet, be sure to wave when you see him or fill out a Special Watch form for a contract check.



Enjoy the benefits of a full-time constable patrol and 24/7 coverage.

Sign up for vacation check and/or have the constable do a welfare check on your senior family member who lives on his/her own. Report anything related to crime to our constable daily and feel safer walking around your own neighborhood.

Complete the online form or call the Dispatch Number: 281-463-6666

Vacation Watch (for special attention while you are away):

<https://constablepct5.com/index.php/vacation-watch/>

Silver Watch (to provide welfare checks for seniors):

<https://constablepct5.com/index.php/silver-watch/>

Special Watch (for anything you want to report to our Constable):

<https://constablepct5.com/index.php/special-watch/>

BCC DECALS FOR YOUR CAR



Be sure to place a Binglewood decal on your car so that Deputy Wilson knows that you are a Binglewood resident!

We have inside, outside and magnetic (if your windows are very tinted). This will help Deputy Wilson and all of us living in Binglewood know who lives here and who doesn't!

Come to a Civic Club meeting or send a SASE and \$1.00 to PO Box 430943, Houston, TX 77243 to get one for each of your family's cars! **PLEASE SPECIFY NUMBER AND TYPE IN YOUR REQUEST!**

Decals are also available at any social event sponsored by the Civic Club. *We are asking for just a \$1 per decal to help us defray our costs.*



Fill out the attached Payment Form and send it in. We now accept credit card payments as well as PayPal!



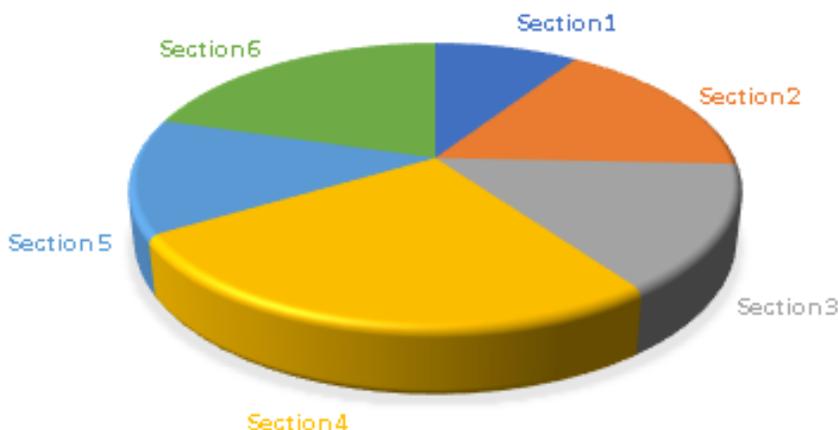
TREASURER'S REPORT

Dues are requested in January of each year and are used to benefit the Binglewood community. We will be holding dues drives in January and in September next year. Proceeds from dues and donations go right back into the community making our neighborhood a better place to live. We can do more as a Civic Club if we have more funds to work with! Be sure to attend our meetings so you can let us know what projects you want to see in Binglewood!

You can pay via PayPal at: <https://www.binglewood.com/payment/>.

Thanks to all who have paid or donated!

BINGLEWOOD-DUES PAID BY SECTION



TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Trash & Lawn Clippings - Every Friday

Recycle Schedule (Green Can)

Friday, November 4th and 18th

Friday, December 2nd and 16th

Note:

- Please use City of Houston approved recyclable bags only!
- Do not put plastic store bags, Styrofoam or plastic trash bags in the recycle bins.

Tree Waste Schedule (Odd Months)

Saturday, November 26th

Junk Waste Schedule (Even Months)

Thursday, December 22nd

- Place Junk/Tree Waste at the curb-not on the street-in an easily accessible location between 6:00 pm the Friday before and 7:00 am on the scheduled collection day.

Note: Contact 3-1-1 if Junk Waste or Tree Waste are delayed more than a week.



DON'T BE LEFT OUT! PUT YOURSELF IN THE BINGLEWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD DIRECTORY!

Be sure to let us know if you want to be included at:

<https://www.binglewood.com/directory/>

YARD OF THE MONTH-NOVEMBER

- Section 1 8733 Greiner
- Section 2 9003 Theysen
- Section 3 3316 Knoll
- Section 4 9010 Pitner
- Section 5 9014 Springview
- Section 6 3506 Colleen Woods Circle



**Looking good, Binglewood!
Keep it up!**

NOVEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Yard-of-the Month Awarded	2	3	4 Recycle Bin	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 	12 BCC Mtg. 9:30-11:00am St. Jerome PAC We honor our vets!
13	14	15	16	17	18 Recycle Bin	19
20	21	22	23	24 	25	26 Tree Waste Collection
27	28	29	30			

DECEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Recycle Bin	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 BCC Mtg. 9:30-11:00am St. Jerome PAC OFFICER & DIRECTOR ELECTIONS!
11	12 Best Holiday Decorations Awarded	13	14	15	16 Recycle Bin	17
18	19	20	21	22 Junk Waste Collection	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 Recycle Bin	31 

JANUARY						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 	2 Yard-of-the Month Awarded	3 BCC Board Meeting	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 BCC Mtg. 6:30 pm-7:30pm St. Jerome PAC <u>PLANS FOR 2023</u>	12	13 Recycle Bin	14
15	16 MLK Holiday	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Tree Waste Collection	27 Recycle Bin	28
29	30	31				

FEBRUARY						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	2		1 Yard-of-the Month Awarded	2 	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10 Recycle Bin	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 	21	22	23 Junk Waste Collection	24 Recycle Bin	25
26	27	28				



Binglewood Civic Club

Binglewood Civic Club, Inc.
P.O. Box 430943
Houston, Texas 77243-9243

Your Name: _____

Your Home Address: _____

[] Yes, I want to pay my Binglewood Civic Club Dues! [\$50 per year]

[] Yes, I want to support the Constable on Patrol program in Binglewood! [\$250 per year]

I WILL SEND A CHECK(s):

- Enclosed is my check payable to Binglewood Civic Club, Inc. in the amount of \$50 for BCC Dues.
- Enclosed is my check payable to Binglewood Civic Club, Inc. in the amount of \$250 for the Constable Program.

\$_____ Additional Donation has been added to my check toward:

- The Binglewood Civic Club
- The Constable on Patrol Program

NOTE: BCC Dues and Constable on Patrol contributions are kept in separate bank accounts.

I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A PAYMENT USING MY CREDIT CARD.

I prefer to make my contribution of \$_____ by credit card.



Card Number: _____ Exp. Date: _____ CVV: _____

Name on Card: _____

Signature: _____

Phone Number (for card purposes only): _____

Email (voluntary): _____

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PAYMENT!





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