

Next BCC Community Meeting-Neighborhood Updates Wednesday, December 6, 2023, 6:30 p.m. at St. Jerome's, New Activity Center, Room A Next BCC Events:

October 2<sup>nd</sup>-National Night Out

October 12<sup>th</sup>-Candidate Meet and

Greet and Ice Cream Social

October 31<sup>st</sup>-Trunk or Treat

BINGLEWORDS September 2023



#### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Your Civic Club is having a very successful 2023 so far! Adding to the Binglewood scorecard are our very successful social committee which has planned and executed at least one social event every month of the year so far. Our compliance notices have made

a real impact in the look of our neighborhood with many long-term problems having been resolved. We also continue to update our website and make it your first stop for all things Binglewood. We just added a list of vendors that provide home services to help you with your projects. We also continued improving our communication efforts through more frequent and relevant emails to everyone on our email list and by engaging a mail and delivery service so everyone in Binglewood receives notice of major events. We continue to maintain a great relationship with HPD to help with crime prevention and have also brought our flooding and drainage issues back to the forefront of our County and City leaders urban planning. We are also working with CenterPoint on completing the replacement project and the City Parks Department on signs for the park (see below). Let us know if you have any ideas on what we should focus on next! We serve you!

#### **NOTICE OF GROUP HOME PERMIT**

One of our missions as your Civic Club is to educate you about what's going on around you in Binglewood. We have been made aware that a 5-bedroom house on Mona Lee was purchased by Houston Recovery Houses LLC and received a permit to be a group home housing more than one disabled person or recovering addict. We contacted the City and our attorneys and were advised that the City can only regulate permitting and cannot stand in the way of a group home. Under the Texas Community Homes Act, a home that meets all of the qualifications of a "community home" cannot be prohibited by a deed restriction or reservation on the property. In effect, this provision operates as a "safe harbor" for facilities that otherwise would not be compliant with deed restrictions placed on the property. The Supreme Court of Texas has also ruled on this in Walls v. Capella Park Homeowners Association (See case here: https://casetext.com/case/walls-v-capella-park-homeowners-assn-inc) where an HOA tried to prevent a group home from being established in the Capella Park neighborhood of Dallas by residents who operated a for-profit residential program for persons with physical and intellectual disabilities. The Court of Appeals of Texas held that an association must make an exception to its prohibition on group homes based on the federal Fair Housing Act's requirement that disabled persons be allowed to live in the community of their choice. We will continue to monitor the situation.

#### PLEASE REPORT ALL POWER OUTAGES!

Last fall, we received the benefit of a CenterPoint reliability rehab project which replaced poles and equipment throughout Binglewood after repeated complaints by your Civic Club and our residents of constant power outages—even after mild rainstorms. We have been following up with CenterPoint and, unfortunately, the project ran out of money and was stopped before completing work on the grid relied upon by three streets in Binglewood and affecting 98 homes. The streets of Opelika, Colleen and the south end of Valleyfield in Section 3 of Binglewood are the last houses to have power restored when lost due to weather. Tree trimming was authorized last summer and CenterPoint's data shows that since then, the line fuse has only been out

Next Binglewood Civic Club Meeting will be held from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 6, 2023 (BCC Elections)

## **YOUR BCC OFFICERS & DIRECTORS**

President, Ann Cowper Vice President, Jan Southern Secretary, Jan Southern Treasurer, Karin Sabatini Board Liaison Officer, Bridgett Macias Nick Scott, Board Pos. 1 Jonathan Vanegas, Board Pos. 2 Sue Kinnaird, Board Pos. 3

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once other than a substation issue back in July. The project is still in the queue but is not receiving priority status so if you live in this area (or any other area experiencing regular outages), please call the CenterPoint office for the Spring Branch area EVERY TIME YOU EXPERIENCE A POWER OUTAGE AT 713-945-4537! Please also call 713-207-2222 to have the outage registered in the Outage Tracker. We need your help to get this project at the top of CenterPoint's project list!

**FAMILY PICNIC SUNDAYS!** Our second Family Picnic Sunday was held on August 27<sup>th</sup>. The Kona Ice food truck provided snow cones--a welcome relief from the heat!



We had a Baseball Throw Competition and 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place Award Ribbons and \$10 Amazon gift cards to the 1st Place winner were awarded for each age group.





Our third Family Picnic Sunday was held on Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. We had two food trucks: Unicorn Snow Cones provided designer snow cones



and Teez Treats provided ice cream for sale!





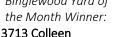


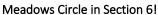




## YARD OF THE MONTH-**SEPTEMBER**

Binglewood Yard of the Month Winner:







Let us know and we will drop off a new neighbor packet and invite them to join our email list. Better yet, bring them with you to the next BCC mtg.

#### TRASH COLLECTION

Trash & Lawn Clippings - Fridays Recycle Schedule (Green Can) September 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> October 6th and 20th Tree Waste (Odd Months) Junk Waste (Even Months) 4th Thursday for both **Tree Waste Schedule** Thursday, September 28th Thursday, November 23rd **Junk Waste Schedule** Thursday, October 26th

## **REMINDER! SIGN UP FOR USPS INFORMED DELIVERY!**

Thursday, December 28th

If you have any problems with your mail delivery, please sign up for a daily email service that will send you a scan of all mail you can expect in your mailbox today as well as any packages.

Go here to sign up for this FREE service: https://www.usps.com/manage/informeddelivery.htm





#### **CITY OF HOUSTON RULES ABOUT PARKING**

As you drive through Binglewood, you might see a car parked in the same place for more than one day at a time. Note that the City can fine you and tow away your car! Be sure to move it daily and best practice is to place your vehicles in your garage or driveway. Also note that all vehicles must be drivable and have a current authentic registration sticker on the front driver side windshield. If not, the City considers it a "junk vehicle" and can tow it away. Make sure your vehicles run and are registered with Harris County!

#### **NEW PARK SIGNS AT JAMES LEE PARK!**

After a three-year wait, our two new signs provided by District A and the City of Houston are finally arriving at James Lee Park! They will be located at the north and south corners of the park at Autauga and Valleyfield and Pitner and Aruba.

Right now, progress looks like this:







When finished, they will look like this:

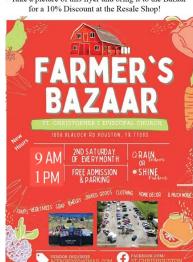
We want to thank everyone for their patience and many thanks to Amy Peck's office at District A and the City of Houston Parks Department for providing this very nice feature for Binglewood's James Lee Park!



### **UPCOMING EVENTS IN OUR AREA**

## FARMER'S BAZAAR-ST. CHRISTOPHER'S ON BLALOCK

Take a picture of this flyer and bring it to the Bazaar





HPD PIP MEETING-Meet a member of the HPD K-9 Division, Novak! Tuesday, Sept 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at 8009 Long Point in the Faith Center Chapel

HPD Sergeant Bob Opperman with HPD's K-9 Division will introduce everyone to his 4 -legged partner "Novak," who is specially trained in sniffing out gun powder and explosives! EVERYONE is invited to see Novak demonstrate his special skills!





Your <u>City of Houston 311</u> is proud to announce its new and improved Houston 311 mobile app, powered by SeeClickFix, to report non-emergency issues.

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#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Dues are used for administrative and overhead costs (i.e., insurance, printing and mailing, beautification projects in Binglewood, costs associated with deed restriction enforcement and with organizing and executing community events and activities). 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:

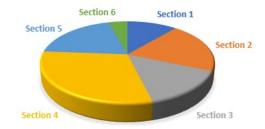


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Thanks to all who have paid or donated!

Dues Collection through September 12, 2023

## BINGLEWOOD-DUES PAID BY SECTION (2023)



# NEW! LIST OF HOME SERVICES PROVIDERS NOW AVAILABLE ON OUR BINGLEWOOD WEBSITE!

We are often asked for recommendations for good, reliable home services providers, particularly by our new homeowners. While the Civic Club cannot endorse any particular vendor or service provider\* (see disclaimer language to the right), we have collected a list shared with us over the years and have organized it alphabetically by type of service provided and put it in Excel so you can download and sort it for yourself.



If you would like a vendor added to the list, please email us at <a href="mailto:contact@binglewood.com">contact@binglewood.com</a> and provide the contact information and a brief summary of your experience with the vendor.



Go here to view and download list: <a href="https://www.binglewood.com/list-of-vendors-and-home-service-providers-for-binglewood/">https://www.binglewood.com/list-of-vendors-and-home-service-providers-for-binglewood/</a>

Please let us know how this works for you and if we should continue to update the list!

If you send in a 311 Ticket, we want to help you so please let us know at <a href="mailto:contact@binglewood.com">contact@binglewood.com</a> so we can talk to our contacts at City Hall about any issues in Binglewood.

#### **CIVIC CLUB DUES**

Section 6 - \$50 per year (mandatory)
Sections 1-5- \$50 per year (voluntary)
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#### **BINGLEWOOD NEEDS YOU!**

Here are our current volunteer needs to keep our Civic Club functioning:

- 1. **Graphic Designer** to design a new logo and new *Binglewords* masthead.
- 2. **Grant Writer** and **Fund Raiser** to help us raise money for the Civic Club.
- 3. Yard of the Month judges
- 4. Website Maintenance
- 5. Bookkeeper (QuickBooks user)

The List of Home Service Providers is for use by all Binglewood residents seeking recommendations for home maintenance, repair and remodeling. Vendors and/or service providers listed on the website are not endorsed by Binglewood Civic Club, Inc. and you are advised to independently vet the listed provider and obtain more than one estimate for any desired home service.

#### \*DISCLAIMER

Please note: This information is provided as a service to Binglewood residents. No representations or warranties are implied by Binglewood Civic Club, Inc., its officers, directors or agents. These service providers are included following a positive experience with other Binglewood residents. The list is periodically updated to add or remove providers.

			SEPTEMBER 2023			
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 <mark>Yard-of-the</mark> Month Awarded	2
3	HARPY LABOR DAY	5	6	7	8 <mark>Recycle Bin</mark>	9
10	11	12	13  BCC Member  Meeting  6:30 p.m.  St. Jerome's	14	15	16
17	18	19 PIP Meeting 7:00pm 8009 Long Point	20	21 Tree Waste Collection	22 Recycle Bin	23
24 FAMILY PICNIC SUNDAY James Lee Park 5:30-7:30pm Ball Toss Contest!	25	26	27	28	29	30
			OCTOBER 2023			
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	National Night Out! Visit with HPD Officers!	4	5	6 <mark>Recycle Bin</mark>	7
8	9	10	11	12 ICE CREAM SOCIAL & CANDIDATE MEET AND GREET James Lee Park 6:30-8:00pm	13	14
15	Best Halloween Decorations Awarded WINNER BEST Half-GOLDER DECORATIONS	17	18	19	20 <mark>Recycle Bin</mark>	21 BCC COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE 7:30am-4:30pm
22	23	24	25	26 Junk Waste Collection	27	28
29	30	TRUNK OR TREAT James Lee Park				

			NOVEMBER 2023	3		
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Yard-of-the Month Awarded	2	3 <mark>Recycle Bin</mark>	4 CARS FOR VETS Donate your old car to a Veteran's Charity!
5	6 Deadline to run for Binglewood Civic Club office	7 Election Day	8	9	10	Veterans Pay
12	13	14	15	16	17 <mark>Recycle Bin</mark>	18
19	20	21	22	Happy Thanksgiving	24 Tree Waste Collection	25
26	27	28	29	30		

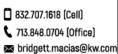
			DECEMBER 2023	}		
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Recycle Bin	2
3	4	5	6 BCC Member Meeting- ELECTIONS 6:30 p.m. St. Jerome's	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 <mark>Recycle Bin</mark>	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas	26	27	28	29  Recycle Bin  Tree Waste Collection	30
31 New Year's Eve	Jan-1 Happy New	Jan-2	Jan-3	Jan-4	Jan-5	Jan-6

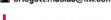


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