



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:
Elections on December 6, 2023
Social Committee Survey-Tell us what
you want to do in 2024!

BINGLEWORDS November 2023



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - NOTICE OF ELECTIONS!

Binglewood Civic Club will hold its annual elections on Wednesday, December 6, 2023. Under our amended Bylaws, ALL officers must stand for election every year and term limits have been extended for officers to a total of ten total years (not required to be consecutive) and Board Members can serve a total of four three-year terms (doesn't have to be consecutive). Only one Board Member is up for election each year to help us maintain some continuity. Please consider volunteering to serve and be sure to attend the meeting and vote so that you have a say in who runs your civic association. All offices are only for one-year terms at a time and you will get the chance to work on something you want to see happen and make a difference in your own neighborhood!

THANKS TO ALL OF OUR BINGLEWOOD VETERANS!

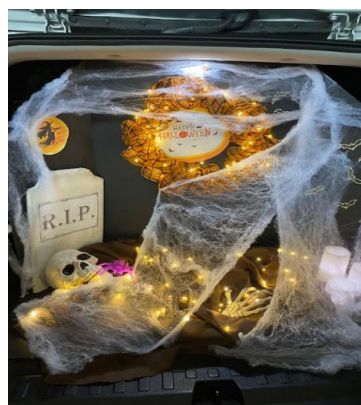
On Veteran's Day we remember the service of our veterans. Thank you for your service!



TRUNK OR TREAT!



Trunk or Treat offered a wonderful evening at the park. Despite the chill in the air, the trick or treaters were abundant and adorable. The costumes were amazing—from beautifully adorned princesses, cartoon and movie characters, ghoulish creatures and some very creative originals! It was great fun for those of us who do not see very many trick-or-treaters on Halloween! We are looking forward to doing it again next year!



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

SOCIAL MEDIA AND CONTACT INFORMATION

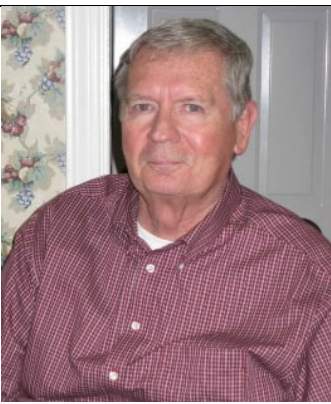
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Twitter: [@BinglewoodComm](https://twitter.com/BinglewoodComm)
Facebook: [Binglewood Community](https://www.facebook.com/BinglewoodCommunity)
NextDoor: [Binglewood Group](https://www.nextdoor.com/BinglewoodGroup)
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James William Hajovsky
October 15, 1941 – October 9, 2023

James William Hajovsky, long-time Binglewood resident and former President of the Civic Club, passed away in October. James and his wife, Claudia, have lived in Section 5 of Binglewood since 1968. To his core, James was dedicated to helping others and he remained undeterred by progressive physical limitations. He volunteered for many years with the Stephen Ministry and the Disabled in Action Ministry, dedicated to ending discrimination against people with disabilities.

James was a founding partner of Spring Spirit, a program that provides safe pathways for youth to realize life opportunities through sports, education, and mentoring programs based on Christian principles. As a member of the first community engagement team, James made a significant difference in the lives of over 8,000 youth and sent dozens to college who would not otherwise have had such a life-changing opportunity.

James was a much-valued member of our community. He cared deeply about his neighbors and happily welcomed new residents, never neglecting to mention the Binglewood Civic Club. James served as a Binglewood Civic Club officer for many years. He was voted in as President *eight times*. As President, James established strong relationships with our local elected officials. At a transformative community meeting held in July 2006 attended by many local officials, he and his son, Chris, presented well-documented data that brought needed attention to several issues including increasing crime rates and the over-representation of subsidized apartments within Spring Branch. Their efforts ensured the Civic Club's place as a force to be reckoned with and helped to create the neighborhood we live in today. James will be greatly missed by his Binglewood family.

Memorial contributions in his honor may be directed to Spring Spirit, 8526 Pitner Road, Houston, TX 77080 or made online at: www.springspirit.org/donate (note donation in James' honor in the comments section).

PROTECT IT. IT'S YOURS.

Source: National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB)

Tips to avoid becoming a victim of auto crime.

- Hide your valuables from plain sight.
- Lock your vehicle and take your keys.
- Never hide a second set of keys in or on your vehicle.
- Park in well-lit areas or attended lots.
- Never leave your vehicle running unattended, even if you will only be away for a moment.
- Don't leave documents with important personal details such as the car title or insurance card in your vehicle. Carry your insurance card in your purse or wallet.
- Park with your wheels turned toward the curb and use your emergency brake, making it less easy to tow away.
- Your vehicle may be more vulnerable when you park it outside. Park it in the garage if you have one and lock your vehicle and the garage door.
- Disable your vehicle when leaving it unattended for an extended period.
- Engrave your VIN or personal ID number on windows and expensive accessories and parts.
- Have an ignition or fuel kill switch installed by a qualified person.
- Use security devices to protect your vehicle, such as steering wheel locks, pedal locks, and gearshift locks.
- Install alarm systems for your vehicle.
- Install a vehicle tracker.



HAVE A NEW NEIGHBOR?

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 meeting.

TRASH COLLECTION

Trash & Lawn Clippings - Fridays

Recycle Schedule (Green Can)

November 3rd and 17th

December 1st and 15th and 29th

Tree Waste (Odd Months)

Junk Waste (Even Months)

4th Thursday for both

Tree Waste Schedule

Friday, November 24th

Thursday, January 25, 2024

Junk Waste Schedule

Thursday, December 28th

Thursday, February 22nd

JUNK AND TREE WASTE

Binglewood is a great neighborhood to live in because residents take pride in maintaining their homes. However, not everyone is following the guidelines and schedules for Junk and Tree Waste Collections. Binglewood is scheduled for the fourth Thursday of the month, with possible exceptions for holidays.

JUNK WASTE: Even Months (February, April, June, August, October, December)

Tree Waste is allowable during these months.

TREE WASTE: Odd Months (January, March, May, July, September, November)

Junk waste is not allowed during Tree Waste months.

- Place the waste adjacent to the curb, not in the street, in an accessible location, between 6:00 pm on the Friday before and 7:00 am of the scheduled collection day.

- Landscape and construction contractors are responsible for the removal of their debris and waste.

- If your waste is not picked up within a few days after the scheduled date, contact 311. Be sure to make note of the case number.

The SWMD website offers all the detail you need on their website, City of Houston Solid Waste Management Department (houston.tx.gov). You can download the **HTX COLLECTS App**, available on Google Play and the Apple App Store, which offers a selection of helpful tools including a calendar and alerts.



Tips for Buying a Used Vehicle

- Be suspicious of any deal that seems too good to be true. Use a reliable resource to research the vehicle.
- Use online resources to check the vehicle's history by using the VIN. Check the TxDMV.gov website or NICB.org. or try CarFax.com
- Ask the seller for references about past financing and insurance on the vehicle. Verify it with a bank or other financial institution. Request to see the seller's license or a legal identification card.

driver's

- When buying from a private individual, ask to see the title and match the seller's identity with the information on the title.
- Question the seller if the registration was recently issued on an older vehicle. Be cautious of new license plates on an old vehicle, or new plate bolts on an older license plate.
- The VIN plate on the dash should be secure and have no loose rivets. Match the VIN plate to the VIN on the registration, title and safety inspection sticker.
- Make sure the federal safety sticker, located on the driver's door jamb, is securely in place and has not been tampered with.
- Beware of a loose dashboard or excessively loose ignition switch. Check the switch for chisel or pull marks.
- Be wary of a fresh paint job on a newer vehicle.
- Check the inspection documentation and registration sticker to be sure they are current and issued by the same state.
- If the seller provides you with only remade keys for a newer model, be suspicious.



TO PLANT OR NOT TO PLANT -- WEEPING WILLOW TREES

The following information was excerpted from an online Southern Living article by Steve Bender, May 2023

The Weeping Willow Tree is a very fast growing, thirsty tree. They grow to be 30-50 feet tall with trunks from 1-3 feet wide. They require lots of water, and do best when planted near a body of fresh water, such as a pond or lake with nothing else around. Weeping

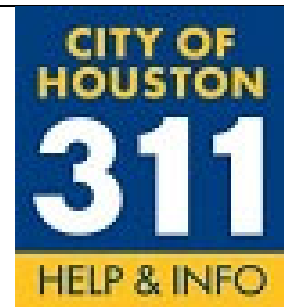
Willows have highly invasive and very aggressive water-seeking root systems. The roots require at least 120 feet of unobstructed space to spread. That's almost half the length of a football field! For this reason, they don't belong near the owner's home, a neighbor's home, driveway, sidewalk, pool, water or sewer lines. To plant one anywhere close to your foundation or water or sewer lines is to court disaster for you and your neighbors.

If you are contemplating planting a willow tree in your yard, *please don't*. If you have planted one, please consider removing it as soon as possible to prevent further damage to water and sewer pipes on or near your property.

If you live near someone with a willow tree, please share this information with them. Also, pay close attention to your water and sewer lines on your property and check for damage. Call 311 to have the City check for problems.

AIRBNB RENTALS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN BINGLEWOOD! WE ENFORCE OUR DEED RESTRICTIONS AND POLICIES!

We continue to see from time-to-time, realtors and homeowners advertising their homes for sale as available for Airbnb rentals. Statements such as, "Home features a second primary bedroom suite as a possible AirBnB[sic]" are not allowed (see below) and we will send a notice to the realtor and/or homeowner that such statements are incorrect and misleading to any prospective purchaser.



Your [City of Houston 311](#) is proud to announce its new and improved Houston 311 mobile app, powered by SeeClickFix, to report non-emergency issues.

The Houston 311 mobile app features dynamic upgrades and an easy-to-use interface with features like:

- Create service requests on the go.
- Submit cases with pictures and details.
- Cases are routed to a team, instead of an individual.
- Set up your own "watch areas".
- Receive notifications about your reported issues as well as issues in your community.

The new Houston 311 mobile app is available for download on Android and iPhone.



If you have a Barcode scanner installed on your Smartphone, scan the barcode below:



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

We often hear from some of our neighbors that they bought a home in Binglewood because “there is no HOA so Deed Restrictions are not enforced.” The Binglewood Civic Club is a POA-property owner’s association-and, as it says on all of our signs leading into the neighborhood, “Deed Restrictions Enforced.” Without the Civic Club, individual homeowners would have to enforce Deed Restrictions on their own by dealing with the City or County alone or sending a letter or filing a lawsuit and incurring legal fees to get something fixed. A POA gives you a collective voice, protects your property values and, more importantly, your quality of life in Binglewood!

Binglewood’s Policies and Guidelines directly state:

Section VI.s. and m.

s. Short-Term Rentals.

1. Subdivision residents may not rent or lease their property for less than thirty (30) days. Airbnb or other similar short-term rentals qualify as a “lease” and a “business or commercial activity” under the Deed Restrictions and are not permitted.

m. Additional Living Quarters.

1. Additional living quarters, which are referred to as “servants’ quarters” or “servants’ house” in the Deed Restrictions, shall mean any additional living quarters added to a Lot with or without utility service not attached to the main residence which may be added to the backyard of any Lot such as a “mother-in-law” or garden apartment, art studio, workshop, etc. In accordance with the Deed Restrictions, all such additional living quarters must be occupied by family members of the Lot Owner and/or a person contracted to provide certain healthcare or other life extending services to the Lot Owner.
2. Such additional living quarters must be connected to the main house in some way, shall be no taller than the residence and shall be erected more than sixty-five (65) feet from the front property line and more than five (5) feet on either side of the property line in the backyard. All setback and easement requirements as set forth in the Deed Restrictions shall apply.
3. The Architectural Committee must approve any additional living quarters added to any Lot.

NEW PARK SIGNS AT JAMES LEE PARK-MORE PROGRESS!

Our new park signs provided by District A Councilmember Amy Peck are nearing completion! They are at the north and south corners of the park. If you have a minute, call or send a “Thank you” to the Councilmember’s office at: DistrictA@HoustonTX.gov or call 832-393-3010.

Progress looks like this:



When finished:



CIVIC CLUB DUES

Section 6 - \$50 per year (mandatory)
Sections 1-5 - \$50 per year (voluntary)

Pay online at:

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

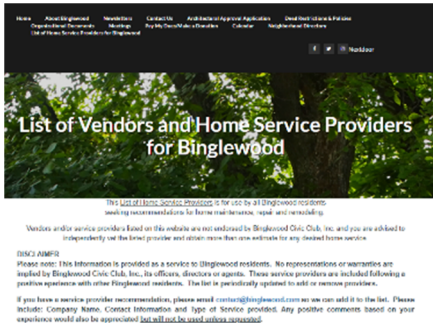
Fill out attached form and mail check to
BCC PO Box at:
Binglewood Civic Club
PO Box 430943
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We also take PayPal and credit cards!
Pay your dues today!



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

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.



NOVEMBER 2023						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 Recycle Bin Early Voting Ends Today!	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	11 
12	13	14	15	16	17 Recycle Bin	18
19	20	21	22	23 	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 Best Holiday Decorations Awarded	12	13	14	15 Recycle Bin	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas 	26  KWANZAA	27	28 Junk Waste Collection	29 Recycle Bin	30
31 New Year's Eve						

JANUARY 2024						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 	2	3	4	5 Recycle Bin	6
7	8	9	10 BCC Community Meeting Welcome New Officers & Directors!	11	12	13
14	15 	16	17	18	19 Recycle Bin	20
21	22	23	24	25 Junk Waste Collection	26	27
28	29	30	31			
FEBRUARY 2024						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Recycle Bin	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 	12	13	14 	15	16 Recycle Bin	17
18	19 	20	21	22 Junk Waste Collection	23	24
25	26	27	28	29		



Binglewood Civic Club

Binglewood Civic Club, Inc.
P.O. Box 430943
Houston, Texas 77243-0943

Your Name: _____

Your Home Address: _____

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

[] Yes, I want to order ____ [number] Binglewood Civic Club T-shirt(s)! [\$20 each] Size _____ [S, M, L, XL]
Size _____

I WILL SEND A CHECK:

- ☐ 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 \$_____ for BCC T-shirts.

\$_____ Additional Donation has been added to my check toward The Binglewood Civic Club.

Thank you!

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

- ☐ I prefer to make my contribution/payment of \$_____ by credit card.



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

Name on Card: _____

Signature: _____

Phone Number (for card purposes only): _____

Email (FOR RECEIPT): _____

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PAYMENT!





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Submit your child's artwork and we will publish it in our next *Binglewords* and on www.binglewood.com!

You can submit drawings of any and all upcoming holiday themes or nature and trees and animals.

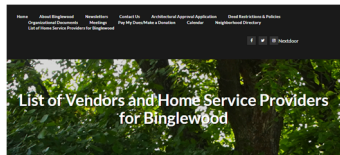
All submissions are welcome!

Email your child's artwork to contact@binglewood.com

Go here to view and download list:

<https://www.binglewood.com/list-of-vendors-and-home-service-providers-for-binglewood/>

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



Use of all vendors is subject to review by all Binglewood residents. Binglewood is not responsible for any damage or injury to property or persons. Vendors and/or service providers listed on this website are not endorsed by Binglewood Club, Inc. and you are advised to independently vet the listed provider and obtain more than one estimate for any listed home service.

DISCLAIMER: Please note: This information is provided as a service to Binglewood residents. No representations or warranties are implied by Binglewood 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.

If you have a service provider recommendation, please email contact@binglewood.com so we can add it to the list. Please include: Company Name, Contact Information and Type of Service provided. Any positive comments based on your experience would also be appreciated but will not be used unless requested.

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(Business Card)
Cost: \$10/mo.

1/4 page ad
Cost: \$15/mo.

1/2 Page Ad
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Got Meetings?? I Can Help!

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