



Next BCA Community Meeting
*Wednesday, April 24, 2024 at
 6:30 p.m. at St. Jerome's,
 New Activity Center, Room A*

Next BCA Events:
*Park Signs Dedication-Monday,
 April 29th at 10:00 a.m.
 Backyard Garden Party & Tour on
 Saturday, May 25th*

BINGLEWOODS April 2024

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thank you, Thank you, to our Binglewood volunteers for the outstanding job they did cleaning up Binglewood and landscaping our neighborhood signs on Clay Road! One of our goals for this year is completing beautification projects for Binglewood that increase our property values and make our neighborhood safer, more attractive and a nicer place to live. Keep reading our emails and going to our social media and website to see what you can do. If you think you can't volunteer because you don't have the energy, time or skills, I would encourage you to always try to look for the things you CAN do to make your neighborhood better with the energy and skills you DO have at that moment. Little wins pave the way for bigger wins! 1% beats 0% every time!

WORK PROJECT-KEEP HOUSTON BEAUTIFUL CLEAN-UP DAY HELD ON APRIL 13TH- We landscaped around the two large Binglewood signs on the Clay Road median. There are two, one near Hollister and one near Pinemont. Now they look like this! Whenever you drive down Clay Road and see how nice the signs promoting our neighborhood look, you can thank a Binglewood volunteer! Kempwood is next!

Before



After



Before



After



RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY AT JAMES LEE PARK FOR PARK SIGNS-COMING UP!

Our new park signs provided by our District A Council Member Amy Peck and Houston Parks are complete! We landscaped around each sign at the beginning of April and will hold the ribbon cutting at the park sign at Valleyfield and Autauga on Monday, April 29, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. as a "Thank you" to everyone who made this happen for our neighborhood. Special invitees are the James Lee family who still live in Binglewood as well as representatives from the Houston Parks Department, Council Member Peck's office, local and state representatives, and our past and present BCA officers who worked tirelessly to make this happen. Please attend if you can. Donuts and coffee will be served!



After *New! Landscaping Around Park Signs* **Before**

Meetings for 2024

- Weds, April 24 @ 6:30 p.m.**
- Sat., July 27 at 10:00 a.m.**
- Weds., Sept. 25 at 6:30 p.m.**
- Sat., Nov. 16 at 10:00 a.m.-Elections**

YOUR BCA OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

- President, Ann Cowper
- Vice President, Nick Scott
- Board Liaison Officer, Bridgett Macias
- Secretary, Kim Johnston
- Treasurer, Aaron Serriano
- Mike Bartniski, Board Pos. 1
- Jonathan Vanegas, Board Pos. 2
- Sue Kinnaird, Board Pos. 3

SOCIAL MEDIA AND CONTACT INFORMATION

- Email: contact@binglewood.com
- Website: www.binglewood.com
- Instagram: *Binglewood Community*
- Twitter: *@BinglewoodComm*
- Facebook: *Binglewood_Community*
- NextDoor: *Binglewood Group*
- USPS Mail: *PO Box 430943
Houston, TX 77243-0943*

UPCOMING ELECTIONS!

Special Election for:

- 1. Spring Branch ISD School Board Trustees**
- 2. Harris County Appraisal District Directors**
- 3. Remainder of term of Mayor Whitmire's State Senate Seat-Dist. 15**

*Early Voting is April 22-30
 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. Monday through
 Saturday, 12 noon – 7 p.m. on Sunday
 Special Election is Saturday, May 4*



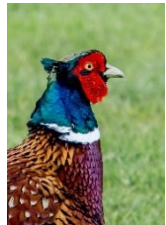
STORY OF OUR PARK'S NAMESAKE-JAMES W. LEE

Now that we are about to dedicate the new signs at James W. Lee Park, you may be asking, "What is the story behind the name and why was the park named for Mr. Lee?"

THE STORY OF JAMES W. LEE PARK IN BINGLEWOOD

All of us who live in Binglewood, past and present, have benefitted so much over the years by having this wonderful City of Houston park in our neighborhood. It has become a neighborhood gathering spot and the site of so many wonderful community events in Binglewood.

James W. (Jimmy) Lee grew up in Binglewood with his parents, two brothers and a sister. His parents had lived in Binglewood since 1962 and Jimmy's brother and sister still do. He graduated from Spring Woods High School and was accepted by Texas A&M University, the first in his family to go to A&M. Jimmy graduated in 1980 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Forestry & Parks Management. He wanted to make it his life's work to manage, conserve, and restore the world's diverse forests. Jimmy went on to pursue a Master's Degree and intended to put his knowledge to work for his fellow Texans in the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department. His Master thesis was on acclimating ring-necked pheasants to Texas as part of a wildlife preservation program.



Tragically, he was killed in an automobile accident on September 11, 1982 in College Station, only two months before graduation. His parents were awarded his Master's Degree posthumously in 1982 by the University. Jimmy's distraught parents wanted to honor their late son and asked the City of Houston if the neighborhood park where Jimmy had lived and first learned to love nature could be named in his honor. The City, along with Jimmy's Binglewood neighbors, agreed. The park was named, "James W. Lee Park" in Jimmy's honor and was dedicated as a City of Houston Park named for Jimmy in 1988.

We thank the Lees for all they have done for Binglewood and are proud to have our park named in honor of their son and brother.

EASTER EGG HUNT

A great time was had by the 50 children who participated in our first ever "Easter Egg Hunt & More" on Saturday, March 30th. Thanks go to the many volunteers who arrived to help with set up, managed activities and cleaned up after the event. A large donation of hundreds of prefilled Easter Eggs and a donated photo booth made it an event to remember. We plan to hold another Easter Egg Hunt next year on the Saturday before Easter so mark your calendars!



Making Your Mark in May

May 4, 2024 Uniform & Special Elections Fact Sheet
Week of April 22

IMPORTANT DATES	WHAT CONTESTS WILL BE ON THE MAY 4, 2024 BALLOT?
<p>EARLY VOTING Mon - Sat, Apr. 22 - 27 7 A.M. - 7 P.M. Sun, Apr. 28 12 P.M. - 7 P.M. Mon - Tue, Apr 29 - 30 7 A.M. - 7 P.M.</p> <p>VOTE BY MAIL APPLICATION DEADLINE Tuesday, Apr 23</p> <p>ELECTION DAY Saturday, May 4 7 A.M. - 7 P.M.</p>	<p>State Senate District 15, Special Election</p> <p>Harris Central Appraisal District, Board of Directors Election</p> <p>Visit HARRISVOTES.COM for a list of local jurisdictions conducting their own elections.</p>
VOTE BY MAIL	MAKE A PLAN TO VOTE
<p>Requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 65 years of age or older on Election Day. • Voter is sick or disabled. • Expecting to give birth within three weeks before or after Election Day. • Absent from the county of registration during the Early Voting period and on Election Day. • Confined in jail, but otherwise eligible to vote. 	<p>Visit harrisvotes.com to find your nearest Vote Center.</p> <p>Print your sample ballot and take it with you to the polls.</p> <p>Bring one of the seven acceptable forms of ID.</p>

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PHOTO ID

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 BCA meeting.

THIS MONTH IN BINGLEWOOD SOCIAL MEDIA

Log on now and check out what's happening in Binglewood!

We posted flyers for upcoming events and pics of events across all our social media platforms. Follow us today!!

Facebook

148 Likes, 198 Followers

Instagram

110 Posts, 302 Followers, 79 Following

X (formerly Twitter)

12 Following, 15 Followers

NextDoor

89 Members

UPCOMING EVENTS! See you there!



Backyard Garden Party & Tour on Saturday, May 25th-Let us know if you want your backyard to be on the tour! If you have been working hard on your backyard, May is the time to show it off to your neighbors and share your lessons learned. The Civic Association will provide beverages and light bites.

Food Truck Sunday on Sunday, June 2nd -Come by James Lee Park from 5:30-7:30 pm and buy your dinner or dessert from a food truck.



“Just for Seniors” Event - Tuesday, June 18th from 10:30-11:00 am



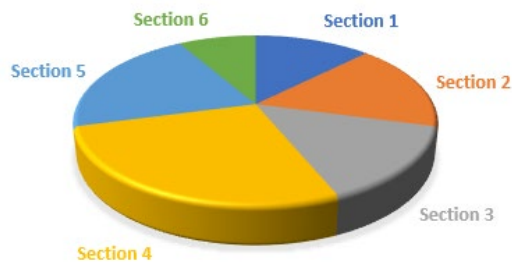
Join your fellow seniors at a neighborhood hangout for coffee and hot topics! We will meet at MytiBurger on Kempwood in June.



DUES ARE DUE! NOTE THE NAME CHANGE FOR THE CIVIC CLUB!

Our name change approved by the members is now official. The legal name is now “Binglewood Civic Association, Inc.” We still have a d/b/a name of “Binglewood Civic Club” so all payments always go to the same account. Since the Civic Association relies on your voluntary donations and dues payments to make Binglewood a better place to live and respond to your compliance requests, please consider sending in a check for \$50 for your 2024 dues or go to PayPal **TODAY!**

BINGLEWOOD-DUES PAID BY SECTION (AS OF MARCH 30, 2024)



*Thanks to all who have paid or donated!
Dues Collection through March 30, 2024
(by percentage of Section paid vs. total homes in Section)*

HOUSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT-POSITIVE INTERACTION PROGRAM-NEXT MEETING

(from HPD)

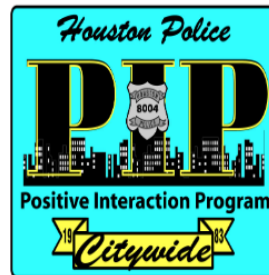
Where: Faith Center Chapel, 8009 Long Point

When: 7:00 p.m.

UPCOMING PIP MEETINGS

April 16th-Catastrophic Planning--Everything from hurricanes to tornadoes!

May 21st-Harris County Commissioner Lesley Briones.



From HPD--Its April!!-Spring Showers and May flowers are in high swing-with this comes uncertainty. Life is about change, and planning for changes good or bad is a full-time job! This month, the Houston Police Department’s Catastrophic Planning unit will be out to discuss “ALL” that is! Very interesting information for all!! Lots to talk about! ALL are invited! Next Month: Harris County Commissioner Briones will be our guest speaker!

Northwest Commander Leon also addresses the group at the beginning of every meeting about crime, crime stats, and crime initiatives in the area.

CIVIC ASSOCIATION DUES

Only \$50 per year.
Additional donations accepted!



Pay online at:

<https://www.binglewood.com/payme nt/>

Fill out attached form and mail check to BCA PO Box at:

Binglewood Civic Association, Inc.

PO Box 430943

Houston, TX 77243-0943

**We also take PayPal
and
credit cards!
Pay your dues
today!**



All Binglewood residents benefit from BCA activities including:

- Educating and informing our residents via:
 - *Binglewords* newsletters.
 - BCA community meetings.
 - Notices and reminders of events.
 - Our website and social media.
- Beautification and maintenance projects that increase property values.
- Landscape maintenance along Hollister, Clay Road, & Section 6 mailbox area.
- Signage maintenance and landscaping.
- Pet waste stations at the park.
- Advocating on behalf of Binglewood with government agencies for projects that affect and benefit the neighborhood.
- Family-friendly and grown-ups-only social activities.
- Volunteer opportunities!

YARD OF THE MONTH AND HOLIDAY DÉCOR AWARD PROGRAM

The Binglewood Civic Association (BCA) is continuing the Yard of the Month and Halloween and Winter Holiday Décor Award Program for 2024. The updated description of the program may be found on www.binglewood.com. Just click on the “About Us” menu item to access the link to the rules.

Yard of the Month



Binglewood Civic Club

be delighted for past awardees to be involved in judging. Email us at contact@binglewood.com if you would like to volunteer to help with judging!

Stay classy, Binglewood!

Judging for each Yard of the Month Award (April, May, June & July only) will occur the week prior to the first day of the awarded month. Judging for the Halloween Décor Award will occur during the third week of October. Judging for the Winter Holiday Award will occur during the second week of December. We would

VOLUNTEER FOR THE TEXAS SENIOR MEDICARE PATROL!



Preventing Medicare Fraud

What is the Texas Senior Medicare Patrol? It is a group of volunteers who work across Texas to educate Medicare beneficiaries about Medicare fraud.

How is it funded? This is a national program funded through a federal grant awarded by the Administration on Aging, www.smpresource.org

What does SMP do? Senior Medicare Patrols (SMPs) empower and assist Medicare beneficiaries, their families, and caregivers to prevent, detect, and report healthcare fraud, errors, and abuse through outreach, counseling, and education.

How do I stay scam savvy? Watch the “Texas Senior Medicare Patrol – Scam of the Week” on YouTube provided by the BBB Education Foundation/Texas Senior Medicare Patrol. These videos are less than 10 minutes each.

The Better Business Bureau of Houston has the federal grant for the Texas Senior Medicare Patrol. Our office is located at their location: Texas Senior Medicare Patrol, 1333 West Loop South Suite 1200, Houston, Texas 77027,

Toll-Free Hotline: 1-888-341-6187

Hours: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

What would I do? Volunteers perform a variety of tasks from administrative (assembling TX SMP bags used for presentations and events, scheduling presentations and other outreach activities), to presenting informational programs from 5-30 minutes, distributing information at senior centers and serving as an exhibitor at various events.

What is Medicare Fraud? Medicare or Medicaid fraud can include billing for services that weren't provided, performing unnecessary tests, and receiving benefits when you're not eligible. Combined, Medicare and Medicare fraud cost taxpayers more than \$146.5 billion per year.

How do I volunteer? Contact Cherie Storey, State Volunteer Coordinator with the Better Business Bureau, via email at: cstorey@bbbhou.org or call her at 713-341-6144.



To report a Medicare scam or possible fraud in Texas call 1-888-341-6187.

TRASH COLLECTION

*Trash & Lawn Clippings - Fridays
Recycle Schedule (Green Can)
April 5th and 19th*

*Tree Waste (Odd Months)
Junk Waste (Even Months)
4th Thursday for both*

Tree Waste Schedule
Thursday, May 23rd
Thursday, July 25th

Junk Waste Schedule
Thursday, April 25th
Thursday, June 27th

Houston Solid Waste Management App

Try out HTX Collects, a mobile app that reminds us when the City's waste and recycling and heavy trash will be picked up in Binglewood.



If you see something that needs repair or maintenance in Binglewood, call 311 and report it! Or take a picture and use the mobile app!





BOY SCOUT TROOP 152 ANNUAL FLAG FUNDRAISER 2024/25

Boy Scout Troop 152 at St. Jerome Church is offering subscriptions for United States flag service. For \$50, Boy Scouts will place a rotating US flag in your front yard as pictured. Money earned will help support the Scout Troop. The 3'x5' flags will be placed in your yard for the following holidays:

Memorial Day – May 27, 2024
Independence Day – July 4, 2024
Labor Day / Patriots Day – September 2 & 11, 2024

Veteran's Day – November 11, 2024
Pearl Harbor Day – December 7, 2024
Presidents' Day – February 17, 2025

Please respond by April 30th. If you have any questions about this service, feel free to contact Jim Davin at flags@troop152.com or 713-464-5130. Thanks again and we look forward to placing the United States flag in your yard this year.

Cut here

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please Note that the Troop will only be able to provide flags to the first 150 households requesting flags due to our troop size.

Send form and a \$50 check (payable to BSA Troop 152) to: BSA Troop 152
c/o Jim Davin
2322 Lexford
Houston, TX 77080

With your payment, you are supporting Scouts at a cost of less than \$5 per month.

Please Support Scouting and Please Respond By April 30, 2024

EVERY DAY IS EARTH DAY! EARTH DAY ON APRIL 22nd

While Earth Day was Monday, April 22nd this year, there's a lot you can do to remember the planet and make Binglewood better at the same time every day. Take a trash bag and a litter picker and walk around the park and pick up trash or just pick up any trash you see as you take your daily walk. Plant a vegetable garden or new tree in your backyard.



Always, always pick up after your dog as you both go for a walk. There are waste bags at the park if you don't have one.



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.



Power Issues?

Please report any power issues you may have experienced due to the recent storms to contact@binglewood.com.

We are collecting incidents to report to CenterPoint as a neighborhood to get equipment upgrades. Thank you.

Thank you for the positive comments, Binglewood!

It means so much to those of us who volunteer on behalf of your Civic Association whenever we receive positive comments from you, our neighbors we are trying to serve.

Thank you for planning all these events for us! I really appreciate it.

Thanks for the vendor list! I am a new homeowner and it really helped me find good help.

Thanks for doing something about what was going on on our street. We thought we would have to take care of it by ourselves so thanks for handling for us.










Thanks for getting the City to replace the mulch in the park. It looks great!




Thanks for getting the empty lots near us mowed. The grass was getting way too high.

APRIL 2024

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
 -Trash  -Recycling	1 	2	3	4	5  	6
7	8	9	10 BCA Board Meeting 6:30 pm via Zoom	11	12 	13 Keep Binglewood Beautiful Work Day
14	15	16	17	18	19  	20 Community Garage Sale
21	22 	23	24 BCA Community Meeting 6:30 pm St. Jerome's, Room A	25 Junk Waste Collection	26 	27
28	29 Ribbon Cutting for New James Lee Park Signs-10:00 am	30				

MAY 2024

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
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26	27 	28	29	30	31  	

JUNE 2024						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Food Truck Sunday	3	4	5	6	7 	8
9	10	11	12 BCA Board Meeting 6:30 pm via Zoom	13	14  	15
16	17	18 Just for Seniors At MytiBurger 10:30 am	19 	20	21 	22
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JULY 2024						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Please place bins at the end of your driveway or yard and not on any sidewalk or curb.

Please leave at least 3 feet between your trash and recycling bins and any other objects so the trucks have enough room to pick up and empty your bin.



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

Your Name: _____

Your Home Address: _____

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

I WILL SEND A CHECK:

Enclosed is my check payable to Binglewood Civic Association, Inc. in the amount of \$50 for BCA Dues.

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

Thank you!

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

I prefer to make my contribution/payment of \$_____ by credit card [\$_____ for Dues and \$_____ as a Donation].



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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 Each office is independently owned and operated



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

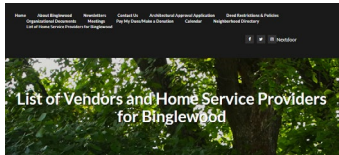
You can submit drawings of any and all upcoming holiday themes or nature and trees and animals.

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!



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 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 quoted home service.

DISCLAIMER: Please note: This information is provided as a service to Binglewood residents. No representation 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 specifically requested.

Advertise in *Binglewords* today!

<p><u>1/8 page ad</u> (Business Card) Cost: \$10/mo.</p>	<p>¼ page ad Cost: \$15/mo.</p>
<p>½ Page Ad Cost: \$20/mo.</p>	

Full Page Ad
 Cost: \$25/mo.

Got Meetings??

I Can Help!

Nancy Trevino

Manager, Global Accounts

ntrevino@helmsbriscoe.com

Follow me on Instagram: [Travelgalhb](#)



Allison's Hair & Nails
 Professional Hair and Nail Care

9585 Clay Road #14
 Houston, Texas 77080

Tues-Fri 9:00am-7:00pm
 Sat 9:00am-5:00pm

CLOSED SUNDAY AND MONDAY

Appointments Preferred
 713-690-1444



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