



Next BCA Community Meeting
**Saturday, July 27, 2024 at
 10:00 a.m. at St. Jerome's,
 New Activity Center, Room A**

Next BCA Events:
*Backyard Garden Party-Saturday, May 25th
 Food Truck Sunday- Sunday, June 2nd
 Just for Seniors- Tuesday, June 18th*

BINGLEWORDS May 2024

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

May brings the end of Spring and the approach of Summer. With the year approaching the half-way point, it may be a good time to take stock of where you are in your life in relation to Binglewood. Have you met your neighbors? Have you attended a neighborhood event? Have you volunteered to help your neighbors? I hope you can answer "yes" to any or all of these questions. "You can't go back and make a new start, but you can start right now and make a brand new ending."-*James Sherman, American writer and publisher*

RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY AT JAMES LEE PARK FOR PARK SIGNS!

A ribbon cutting ceremony was held on Monday morning, April 29th to recognize our wonderful new park signs made possible by the collaboration of our District A Council Member and current Vice Mayor Pro-Tem, Amy Peck, and the Houston Parks Department. Special invitees included the James Lee family, who still live in Binglewood, Parks Projects Division Manager, Lisa Johnson, as well as Houston Parks Deputy Director Michael Evans, Vice Mayor Pro Tem Peck and her office, representatives from Rep. Penny Shaw's office and Commissioner Lesley Briones' office, as well as our past President who shepherded this project from beginning to end, Joanne Cortez. Also present were our neighbors and your BCA officers and board members who work tirelessly every day to make Binglewood a better place to live!



Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

From left to right, City of Houston Parks employees-Deputy Director of Parks, Chris Carroll, Senior Deputy Director of Parks, Cheryl D. Johnson, Deputy Director of Parks Michael Evans, Ann Cowper, President of Binglewood Civic Association, Joe Lee (James Lee's brother), Vice Mayor Pro-Tem Amy Peck, Parks Project Division Manager of General Services Dept., Lisa Johnson (who approved this project), and Joanne Cortez, Past President of Binglewood Civic Association.



Michael Evans, Deputy Director of Parks, speaks at ribbon cutting and accepts our thanks for all the parks department has done for us in Binglewood

Vice Mayor Pro-Tem, Amy Peck, speaks about what James Lee Park has meant to her and her family and receives well-deserved appreciation from all of Binglewood



Meetings for 2024

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 Serraino
 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*



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 10:00-11:30 am



Join your fellow seniors at a neighborhood hangout for coffee and hot topics! We will meet at MytiBurger on Kempwood in June. To ensure appropriate space is arranged, please RSVP to boardmember3@binglewood.com.



BCA Independence Day Parade – Thursday, July 4th 10:00-11:00 am

Kick off your holiday celebrations by participating in a neighborhood parade in the park honoring our nation’s birthday! Decorate your bikes, wagons, strollers, and pets. First, second and third place ribbons and Amazon gift cards will be awarded to the winners in each category!

BCA Social Hour – Friday, July 19th

This event offers the grown-ups an opportunity to sip some adult beverages and socialize with their neighbors. More information will be provided in the next newsletter.

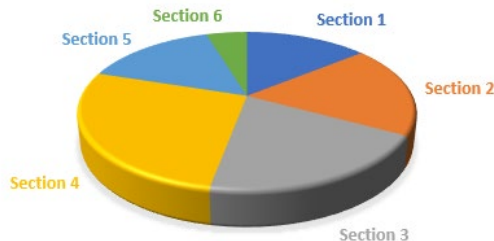
Attention Binglewood Gardeners, Artists and Crafters!

The BCA Social Committee is considering adding to the October Garage Sale Day a market in the park event for Binglewood gardeners to sell their home-grown produce or plants and resident artists and crafters to sell their work. The level of interest will inform our decision whether to move forward with planning and implementing this idea. Please send an email to boardmember3@binglewood.com if you would be interested in participating in this event.

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 (assumed) 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 or more for your 2024 dues or go to PayPal **TODAY!**

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



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

SEE WHERE TO

★ VOTE ★



HARRIS CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT ELECTION

EARLY VOTING

April 22 - 30, 2024

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ELECTION DAY

7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

May 4, 2024

bit.ly/24hcadvote

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

HOUSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT-POSITIVE INTERACTION PROGRAM-MEETINGS

(from HPD)

Where: Faith Center Chapel, 8009 Long Point

When: 7:00 p.m.

UPCOMING PIP MEETINGS

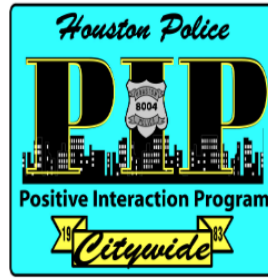
May 21st-Harris County Commissioner Lesley Briones!

[From HPD-With the recent weather events leaving so many without power- we have cancelled the PIP for the Month of May and will resume in June!]

June 18th-Environmental Investigations!

July 16th-Catastrophic Planning!

September 17th- Harris County Commissioner Lesley Briones



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

YARD OF THE MONTH – Congrats to our April Winners in All Six Sections! Keep up the great work!

Section 1: 8919 Blankenship



Binglewood Civic Club

Yard of the Month Award Program

The Binglewood Civic Club is pleased to sponsor a "Yard of the Month" award program to recognize those homeowners who demonstrate superior effort in maintaining their property and positively contribute to the overall appearance of our neighborhood. Participation is optional but encouraged.

The program will award monthly winners each month of the year for landscaping, and a separate award for holiday decorations in the months of October (Halloween) and December (Christmas) to one Binglewood neighbor each month. All winners will receive special recognition on the Binglewood Civic Club website and social media pages and in the Binglewords Newsletter, as well as the honor of displaying the official "Binglewood Civic Club Yard of the Month" or "Binglewood Civic Club Holiday Decorations Winner" lawn sign in their yard that identifies their property as a winner.

Program Guidelines

- Judging for the award will be provided by a committee of volunteers and officers (in an uneven number to ensure no tie votes) using the Judging Criteria on the next page.
- Landscaping awards will be presented every month except during October and December.
- Awards for best Halloween decorations will be presented in October and best Holiday decorations will be presented in December.
- The award term lasts from the first day to the last day of a calendar month.
- The same property cannot receive more than one award in the same 12-month period.
- The property of all current residents of Binglewood Sections 1 through 6, both owner-occupied and rental, are automatically eligible to participate in the program, including those homeowners involved in the governance of the Civic Club.
- The upkeep of the yard can reflect the efforts of the residents themselves or that of a professional landscaper.
- During their reign as Yard of the Month, winners are expected to maintain their yard in the same manner that allowed them to win the title.

Judging Criteria

Landscaping Awards:

Yard of the Month candidates for landscaping are judged solely on the exterior appearance of their property as viewed from the street. Yards will be judged on their overall appearance, landscaping, and color. Other factors include, but are not limited to, tidiness and neatness of the front and side yards, pruned and trimmed trees and shrubs, edged and defined lawns, borders and flower beds, and a visually appealing facade.

Lawn: Healthy grass with no bare spots or excessive weeds. Grass shall be mowed and edged, and grass around foundations and fences shall be trimmed.

Landscape and Flower Beds: Beds weeded, mulched and edged. Trees and shrubs pruned. Efforts made to improve upon prior landscaping, including the inclusion of color and the installation of new flowers, trees, and shrubs.

Walkways and Driveways: Walkways and driveways shall be clean. Walkways, driveways and curbs shall be edged and free of debris and dirt. Use of accent and safety lighting for an improved evening appearance.

Aesthetics: The use of originality and creativity to create an inviting front entryway and a positive overall look to the landscaping and curb appeal. Formal or informal, use of color and textures, garden art, hanging baskets, and pots.

Holiday Decorations Award (October and December):

Holiday Decorations Award candidates are judged solely on the exterior appearance of their property as viewed from the street. Overall appearance, creativity, decorating in the "spirit of the holiday" and an overall visually appealing impression will decide the winner.

October: The Yard of the Month award for October will be awarded to the house with the best Halloween decorations. Ghosts, goblins, black cats, and pumpkins are all in order. Lights and animation are a plus. Judging will take place during the 3rd week of October.

December: The Yard of the Month award for December will be awarded to the house with the best Christmas decorations. Theme, creativity and originality in ornamental lighting and decorations will be considered, as will daylight and evening displays. Judging will take place during the 2nd week of December.

Section 2: 8737 Blankenship



Section 3: 3603 Valleyfield



Section 4: 8906 Pitner



Section 5: 4207 McKean



Section 6: 3518 Colleen Woods Circle



WHEN? Friday, June 7 | 12:30-2 pm
WHERE? BRENDA AND JOHN DUNCAN YMCA
10655 Clay Rd, Houston, TX 77041

Grocery products such as:

- Fresh bagged salads
- Fruit and vegetables
- Individual meals
- Meat
- Dairy
- Baked goods and much more

*BRINGING REUSABLE SHOPPING BAGS IS ENCOURAGED



SCAN TO REGISTER FOR THE EVENT!
Registration does not guarantee a spot in line.

BRENDA AND JOHN DUNCAN YMCA
10655 Clay Rd, Houston, TX 77041
713-661-7822
ymcahoustan.org
YMCA Mission To put better choices programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all.
Diversity is welcome.

BARC EVENTS JUNE 2024

JUNE 2-8 \$20 ADOPTIONS FOR ADULT DOGS AS PART OF PET APPRECIATION WEEK
3300 Carr St, Houston, TX 77026 Normal Hours

JUNE 21-23 \$20 ADOPTIONS FOR ADULT DOGS AS PART OF NATIONAL DOG PARTY DAY
3300 Carr St, Houston, TX 77026 Normal Hours

APR 20 KITTYPALOOZA (FOSTER CAT ADOPTION EVENT)
3300 Carr St, Houston, TX 77026 Normal Hours

JUST FOR SENIORS!
ATTENTION BINGLEWOOD SENIOR CITIZENS/RETIREES

Gather for the Binglewood "Just for Seniors" Club.

Tuesday, June 18th
10am - 11:30am
Mytiburger, 9405 Kempwood

Future Dates:
Tuesday, August 20th, Location TBD
Tuesday, October 15th, Location TBD
Tuesday, December 17th, Location TBD

Just for Seniors Club is intended to provide an opportunity for Binglewood retirees to socialize, make new friends, share useful information, and do some fun things together. Please join us when you can. Times, locations and activities will vary depending on the preference of attendees.

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If you think you might attend please email your name and phone number to boardmember3@binglewood.com by the preceding Friday. Include Just for Seniors in the subject line.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU HAVE A NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERN

We are often asked what can be done if you are having an issue with your neighbors? Here is a brief summary of what we can do for you.

Violations of Deed Restrictions and City of Houston Ordinances

The Binglewood Civic Association (BCA) addresses violations of our neighborhood deed restrictions and also enforces compliance with City of Houston Ordinances. If the concern is a violation of deed restrictions, send an email (and a photo) to contact@binglewood.com. BCA will review the possible violation and start with a friendly reminder to the neighbor. Follow-up will be done to ensure compliance. More formal measures may be taken if compliance is ignored.

If the problem is a violation of a City of Houston Ordinance, BCA will send a friendly reminder, as is done for deed restriction violations. Some of the most common complaints sent to BCA include overgrown lots, conditions that attract and harbor rodents, garbage, trash, junk vehicles, open and visible storage, illegal parking, broken fences, dead trees, loud noise, non-permitted construction and nuisance/dangerous dogs. BCA may also contact the appropriate City of Houston enforcement department to address non-compliance.

All residents may contact 311 to file a service request or complaint regarding City of Houston Ordinance violations. Be sure to make note of the case number and share it with BCA along with a description of the issue. BCA will alert Houston City Council District A staff to follow the progress toward resolution. The more complaints received about the same situation, the higher the priority becomes, so talk with other residents around you to encourage them to file a complaint with 311 for a particular common complaint.

Nuisance dog issues are very common to BCA. BARC Enforcement recommends you call 311 for all nuisance or dangerous dog complaints. Based on your description of the issue, the 311 Operator may suggest you complete a Declaration Form (https://www.houstontx.gov/barc/declaring_dog_nuisance.html) to open a nuisance dog case, which requires additional steps on the part of the person making the complaint.



Personal Neighbor Disputes

If the problem is of a more personal nature, consider using one or more of the following strategies for handling problems with a neighbor (based on an online *NBC Today* article):

1. Call ahead and pick a time to talk; meet on the sidewalk or on the property line.
2. Don't accuse; let them know how the problem bothers you and suggest ways to solve it together.
3. Write a personal letter. Be sure to offer a solution and don't just complain.
4. For property line disputes, walk the property line together to determine what belongs to whom; check your current Survey and consider having the property re-surveyed to nip the problem in the bud.
5. If necessary, call your local police. Keep a record of your complaint.
6. Call in an expert mediator—services are FREE to Harris County residents. (To find a mediator, go here: www.drc.harriscountytexas.gov or email them at email@drchouston.org).
7. As a last resort, file a complaint in justice of the peace court.

May is National Bike Month!









Go here:

<https://www.lovetoride.net/bikethegulf>






to track your miles, see your carbon savings, set goals, and find help and support to ride more often with Love to Ride.

ARE YOU HEADED TO COLLEGE? JOIN US FOR A FREE SELF-DEFENSE CLASS TO PREPARE YOU FOR THIS NEW AND EXCITING JOURNEY!

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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5 	6	7	8 BCA Board Meeting 6:30 pm via Zoom	9	10 	11
12	13	14	15	16 <i>Derecho Storm in Binglewood 6:20 p.m.</i>	17 	18
19	20	21	22	23 Tree Waste Collection	24 	25
26	27 	28	29	30	31 	

JUNE 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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JULY 2024						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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7	8	9	10 BCA Board Meeting 6:30 pm via Zoom	11	12  	13
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21	22	23	24	25 Tree Waste Collection	26  	27 BCA Community Meeting 10:00 am St. Jerome's, Room A
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AUGUST 2024						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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11	12	13	14 BCA Board Meeting 6:30 pm via Zoom	15	16 	17
18	19	20 "Just for Seniors" 10-11:30 am	21	22 Junk Waste Collection	23  	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 	



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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713.848.0704 (Office)
bridgett.macias@kw.com

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KELLERWILLIAMS REALTY
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!

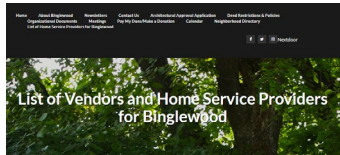
You can submit drawings of any and all upcoming holiday themes or nature and trees and animals.

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 representations or warranties are made 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.

Advertise in *Binglewords* today!
Circulation: 721 Homes-Advertise 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>	

<p>Full Page Ad Cost: \$25/mo.</p>
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Got Meetings??

I Can Help!

Nancy Trevino

Manager, Global Accounts

ntrevino@helmsbriscoe.com

Follow me on Instagram: [Travelgalhb](https://www.instagram.com/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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