



BINGLEWORDS

"Keeping The Binglewood Community Informed"

BINGLEWORDS – February 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS

Just for Seniors

Tues., Feb. 18th at 10:00 am at Mytiburger

Coffee w/Councilmember Peck & HPD

Thurs., Feb. 13th at 10:00 am at Trini Mendenhall Community Center

Next BCA Community Meeting

Weds., March 26th at 6:30 pm

All meetings held at St. Jerome's, New Activity Center, Room A

Meetings for 2025

Saturday, January 11, 2025 at 10:00am
Wednesday, Mar. 26, 2025 at 6:30pm
Saturday, May 17, 2025 at 10:00am
Wednesday, July 16, 2025 at 6:30pm
Saturday, Sept. 20, 2025 at 10:00am
Saturday, Nov. 15, 2025 at 10:00 am

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Safety First! This month we are emphasizing safety—how to avoid scams and the importance of the size and location of your house numbers. Thursday, March 6th is National "Slam the Scam" Day declared by the Social Security Administration targeting social security-related scams. Below are the things you should look out for when contacted for your personal information. If something sounds urgent or doesn't make sense, take a pause and think before you respond! Creating a sense of urgency is a classic method of getting you to give up information to scammers. House numbers are extremely important to a well-functioning support system in any neighborhood. They need to be the right size and easily visible from the street. See the note below for suggestions you can use. Stay safe, Binglewood!

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
Beverly Collins, Board Pos. 3

SOCIAL MEDIA AND CONTACT INFORMATION

Email: contact@binglewood.com
Website: www.binglewood.com
Instagram: [Binglewood Community](https://www.instagram.com/BinglewoodCommunity)
X (Twitter): [@BinglewoodComm](https://twitter.com/BinglewoodComm)
Facebook: [Binglewood Community](https://www.facebook.com/BinglewoodCommunity)
NextDoor: [Binglewood Group](https://www.nextdoor.com/BinglewoodGroup)
USPS Mail: PO Box 430943
Houston, TX 77243-0943

If you want to email Mayor Whitmire about heavy trash or anything else you want to see in Binglewood or the City of Houston email him at: mayor@houstontx.gov

or send an email to Solid Waste Management at: swdworks@houstontx.gov



SCAM ALERT

Watch out! Scammers target everyone.



Recognize scammers. They may:

- **PRETEND** to be from an agency or organization you know.
- Say there's a **PROBLEM** or promise a prize.
- **PRESSURE** you to act immediately.
- Tell you to **PAY** in a specific way.



Do not give scammers money or personal information – ignore them!

How to avoid a scam:

- **Remain calm.** Talk to someone you trust.
- **Hang up or ignore** the message. **DO NOT** click on links or attachments.
- **Protect your money.** Criminals will insist that you pay in a hard-to-trace manner, such as with a gift card, prepaid debit card, cryptocurrency, wire transfer, money transfer, or by mailing cash.
- **Protect your personal information.** Be skeptical of a contact you didn't initiate.
- **Spread the word.** Share your knowledge of Social Security-related scams. Post on social media using the hashtag #SlamtheScam to share your experience and warn others. Visit ssa.gov/scam for more information. Please also share with your friends and family.

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Report a Scam



National Slam the Scam Day

March 6, 2025

On National Slam the Scam Day and throughout the year, we give you the tools to recognize Social Security-related scams and stop scammers from stealing your money and personal information.

Help protect your loved ones and people in your community this Slam the Scam Day by:

- Learning about the latest scams. Information can empower you to quickly recognize a scam. Signs of a scam include:
 - An unexpected problem or offer of a prize or benefit increase,
 - Pressure to act immediately, and
 - A request for an unusual payment like cryptocurrency, gift cards, gold bars, and wire transfers, even with the promise of keeping your money "safe."
- Reporting scams as soon as possible. Victims shouldn't be embarrassed if they shared personal information or suffered a financial loss. We are all vulnerable.
- Sharing our [Scam Alert](#) fact sheet and helping educate others about how to protect themselves.

Report Social Security-related scams to the Social Security Administration Office of the Inspector General (OIG).


HOUSE NUMBERS-SAFETY FIRST!

Driving through Binglewood, especially at night, makes it clear that many of our neighbors do not have readable house numbers. This makes it difficult for those all-important deliveries to your home and especially emergency services! The City of Houston requires that house numbers posted on buildings must be at least 4 inches high, 18" from the door, and of a color that contrasts with the background it is placed on so

it's visible from the street. Since our homes in Binglewood are mostly one-story ranch-style homes and are set back from the street, for easily readable house numbers, choose larger numbers of at least 6 inches, with good contrast with the background on which you are placing your numbers (e.g., white numbers on a dark background, or vice versa), and then place them within 18 inches of the front door. Ensure they are clearly visible from the street and they are properly lit at night. Most of the house numbers in the older sections of Binglewood are placed along the edge of the roof or gutter above the garage and are hard to see, especially at night. Also avoid placing numbers in areas that can be obscured by trees, bushes, or fences. Choose a material that is durable and will withstand the elements and select a font that is easy to read. While functionality is key, consider your personal style and how the numbers fit with the overall aesthetic of your home.



“JUST FOR SENIORS” THIS MONTH



JUST FOR SENIORS!
ATTENTION BINGLEWOOD
SENIOR CITIZENS/RETIREES

Gather for the Binglewood
“Just for Seniors” Club.

Tuesday, February 18, 2025
10am – 11:30am
Mytiburger, 9405 Kempwood

Future 2025 Dates:
(Third Tuesday of even numbered months)
April 15
June 17
August 19
October 21
December 16

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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Please email your name and phone number to agent2@binglewood.com by the preceding Friday if you think you might attend. Include *Just for Seniors* in the subject line.

Binglewood started a Seniors group last year called, “Just For Seniors.” They meet every other month at Mytiburger. So far, we have had different groups every meeting so please consider attending if you are free this month.

Send an email to: agent2@binglewood.com if you would like to join or just show up on Tuesday!

EVENTS IN OUR AREA




COFFEE WITH THE COUNCIL MEMBER & COPS

DATE
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2025

TIME
10:00 AM

Trini Mendenhall Community Center
1414 Wirt Rd
Houston, TX 77055

Join us for light bites and conversations about public safety or any city issues. Also, meet your new HPD Northwest Captain!





SUNDAY IN THE PARK

AGNES MOFFITT PARK
10645 HAMMERLY BLVD, HOUSTON, TX 77043 | 12PM-4PM
Sunday, February 16, 2025

FREE CELEBRATION
MUSIC / DANCING / FREE FOOD / GAMES
#INTHEPARKHTX



PRODUCED BY MAYOR'S OFFICE OF SPECIAL EVENTS

Nuisance issues? Quality of life complaints? These are all referred to HPD's very active Northwest Differential Response Team (DRT)!

DRT complaints can also be submitted at Northwest.DRT@houstonpolice.org

FOR BRICKHOUSE GULLY SERVICE REQUESTS

Call Harris County Flood Control District at 346-286-4197 or use their online tool at: www.hcfd.org/Service-Request

Harris County is 832-927-4444

Please call or send in 3-1-1 tickets to the City of Houston for anything you see in and around Binglewood.

Scan this QR code below with your phone camera to use 311.



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

REMINDER!

The Solid Waste Management Dept. reminds us that *if you replace your fence, haul away is also required.* If you cut down a tree, you must haul it away. The City has a 8-cubic yard limit (size of two trucks) on tree waste. The City will tag your waste if over the limit so please comply and keep Binglewood clean!





**SPRING BRANCH
SUPER NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**

If you live in one of these Spring Branch neighborhoods then join us at the next Super Neighborhood meeting!

Let's share ideas, concerns, build connections with neighbors and local leaders and stay informed about important local issues.

VFW HALL
1560 Veterans of Foreign Wars Way
Houston, Texas 77055
Thursday, March 6, 2025
6:30 PM

MORE INFORMATION
JAMES.BONDE@HOUSTONTX.GOV

There are four Super Neighborhoods in Spring Branch, and currently, only one is active. Since there is power in numbers, the City's Department of Neighborhoods is trying to get more people involved so we can revitalize these Super Neighborhoods and ensure that the voices of the residents are heard in decisions that impact our community.

A meeting will be held on Thursday, March 6th at 6:30 pm at the VFW Hall, 1560 Veterans of Foreign Wars Way, Houston, TX 77055. Please attend if you want to be part of the conversation about how we can work together to engage more people, strengthen our neighborhoods, and make sure our residents have a real voice!

CIVIC ASSOCIATION DUES
Only \$50 per year.
Additional donations accepted!



Pay online at:
<https://www.binglewood.com/pay/ment/>

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

Binglewood Civic Association, Inc.
PO Box 430943
Houston, TX 77243-0943

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



HCA Houston Healthcare

March 1st Launch!
#WALK30 with Friends in Spring Branch!
Saturdays at 10 a.m.

¡Caminata #WALK30 con amigos en Spring Branch!
Los sábados a las 10 a.m.

Meet at Edgewood Elementary Parking Lot
¡Encuétranos en el área de estacionamiento de la escuela Edgewood!
8757 Kempwood Drive
Houston, TX 77080

getmoving@fithouston.org

YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR
VALENTINES
Mommy Social

FEBRUARY 12
2313 W SAM HOUSTON PKWY N #105B, HOUSTON, TX, 77043

SOFT PLAY
BALL-PITS
COTTON CANDY
MUSIC
PHOTO OPS

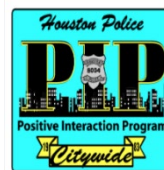
PLEASE RSVP/ SELECT YOUR TIME SLOT WITH THE LINK

HELPFUL PHONE NUMBERS

- (713) 884-3131 HPD (Non-Emergency)
- (281) 233-3000 Airport System
- (713) 229-7300 Animal Control (BARC)
- (832) 393-0931 Anti-Gang Office
- (832) 393-4401 Area Agency on Aging
- (832) 393-0955 Citizens' Assistance
- (832) 393-1100 City Secretary
- (832) 393-1038 Dept. of Neighborhoods
- (832) 393-5169 Health & Human Services
- (832) 393-1000 Mayor's Office
- (713) 837-0311 Municipal Courts
- (832) 395-7000 Parks Department
- (832) 395-7000 Permitting Center
- (832) 395-2511 Public Works & Engineering
- (713) 956-6589 Solid Waste Management
- (713) 274-0250 HCDAO Victims Services
- (713) 529-3211 LGBT Switchboard 24-hour H
- (713) 627-3490 Anti-Defamation League
- (713) 529-0037 The Montrose Center
- (800) 252-5400 Texas Family and Protective S
- (713) 207-2222 Power Outages

**HOUSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT-
POSITIVE INTERACTION PROGRAM-
MEETINGS**

(from HPD)
Where: Faith Center
Chapel, 8009 Long Point
When: 7:00 p.m.



**UPCOMING PIP
MEETINGS**
Tuesday, February 18th

This month--100 CLUB! Come and meet the executive director of this amazing institution. Hear the history and how they are able to take care of the families of our heroes who die in the line of duty and what we can do to help them! All are invited! Come and meet your HPD officers!

Crime stats will be provided for those who attend. Lots to catch up on with this being the first meeting of the year!!!

TRASH COLLECTION
Trash & Lawn Clippings - Fridays
Recycle Schedule (Green Can)
February 7th, 21st
March 7th, 21st

Tree Waste (Odd Months)
Junk Waste (Even Months)
4th Thursday for both
[currently 2 weeks behind]

Tree Waste Schedule
Thursday, March 27th
Thursday, May 22nd

Junk Waste Schedule
Thursday, February 27th
Thursday, April 24th

Did you know the City has a discounted rain barrel (50% off) and compost bin (20% off) program? Twice a year, you can purchase either one or both at a discounted price. **Order online here:** <https://www.rainwatersolutions.com/products/city-of-houston-gbrc>

Deadline to place online orders is Wed., May 14th at 11pm. Pick-up date is Saturday, May 24, 2025, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the downtown Houston Permitting Center, 1002 Washington Ave.

Get ready for spring rains by ordering your very own rain barrel! Save water and money with a sustainable solution to water your garden and lawn. [Comes with everything you need except a hose.]

Pick up a compost bin to take care of your food scraps and yard waste to create fertilizer for your lawn and plants. (Comes with 4 Body Panels, 4 Door Panels, 1 Lid, & 12 Plastic Nuts and Bolts.)

Spring Rain Barrel Sale

- 100% recycled materials
- Great for gardening

Purchase online by May 14, 2025

SCAN THE QR CODE to order online or visit: bit.ly/4bgNZy

50 Gallon Ivy Rain Barrel \$77

Compost Bins \$67

Pickup date
May 24, 2025
10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Pickup location
Houston Permitting Center
1002 Washington Avenue

HOUSTON HOUSTON PUBLIC WORKS

If you have an older vehicle in your driveway or garage that runs or doesn't run, here's your chance to get a tax deduction of at least \$500 or make a \$500 donation of the fair market value of the car as a donation to our veterans. You will benefit "Cars for Vets" and they will tow away your vehicle for FREE!



All you have to do is get your paperwork together and sign up online here: <https://carshelpingveterans.org/texas/houston/>

NOTE: The City of Houston calls vehicles that can't be moved and are not inspected or have a current registration "junk vehicles." They will come out and tow any vehicles that are parked for more than 24 hours in one spot. That's a \$150 fine per day per vehicle!

REMEMBER!

When you buy or rent a home in Binglewood, you agree to abide by the Deed Restrictions and Policies and Guidelines when you receive your Warranty Deed or Lease to your property! Our Deed Restrictions and Policies and Guidelines *are not optional*—they are a part of your Deed or Lease and you should always receive recorded copies with your title policy from the title company along with your closing documents.

Go here to review Binglewood's Policies and Guidelines and the Deed Restrictions for your Section (Sections 1-6 all have separate but similar Deed Restrictions): <https://www.binglewood.com/deed-restrictions/>

NOTE that the Civic Association subscribes to the Permit Release alerts for our neighborhood!

Go here to subscribe yourself: <https://www.neighborhoodalerts.com/>



LATEST DUES COLLECTION FOR 2025

Below is a pie chart of all dues received so far in 2025 by section and a bar graph showing total homes in each section vs. total contributors. We thank all who have donated so we can continue our important work for you in keeping Binglewood a great place to live!

BINGLEWOOD-DUES PAID BY SECTION (AS OF FEBRUARY 10, 2025)



FEBRUARY 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			29	30	31 	1
2 	3	4	5 BCA Board Meeting 6:30 pm via Teams	6	7  	8
9	10	11	12	13	14  	15
16	17 	18	19	20 Junk Waste Collection	21  	22
23	24	25	26	27	28 	

MARCH 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7  	8 Intl. Women's Day
9 Daylight Savings Time Begins	10	11	12	13	14 	15
16	17 	18	19 BCA Board Meeting 6:30 pm via Teams	20 Junk Waste Collection 1 st Day of Spring	21  	22 Binglewood Community Meeting 10 am (also on Teams)
23	24	25	26	27	28 	29
30	31					



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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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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!

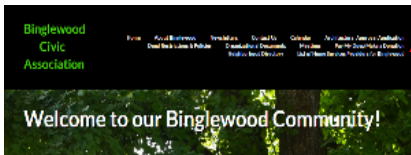
Email your child's artwork to contact@binglewood.com

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>	

Full Page Ad
Cost: \$25/mo.

How do I find someone to fix my fence?
Go [here](#) to view a list of vendors suggested by your Binglewood neighbors. Go here: <https://binglewood.com/mt-content/uploads/2023/09/list-of-home-service-providers-for-binglewood-091523.xlsx>



Welcome to Binglewood!

When you call us, we'll be happy to help you find the best service provider for your needs. We'll be happy to help you find the best service provider for your needs.

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Got Meetings??
I Can Help!

Nancy Trevino

Manager, Global Accounts

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Houston, Texas 77080

Tues-Fri 9:00am-7:00pm
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CLOSED SUNDAY AND MONDAY



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