

Mangum Manor



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February Meeting

Tuesday, February 15, at 7:00 P.M. the civic club will meet in the cafeteria at Scarborough High School.

Our speaker will be Roger Haseman, Assistant District Attorney from the Environmental Crimes Department of Harris County. His main topic will be illegal dumping, but he will be able to answer other questions from the audience that pertain to environmental crimes.

Karen Cruse from Shepherd Park Plaza has been invited to talk about the active Citizens on Patrol in her neighborhood.

Door prizes with a Valentine theme will be awarded and refreshments served.

Citizens on Patrol

by Shelly Shindler, COP Coordinator

Recent Criminal Activity: Saturday morning, January 22, between 3:30 and 4:00AM, at least 7 cars had their tires slashed. Also, several reports of drug dealing have been reported at Mangum Manor Park. Our Citizens on Patrol volunteers have been working overtime to keep our neighborhood safe. Working with HISD and HPD, we've successfully taken action against a group of students and a drug dealer — making our park a fun, family-oriented place once again.

We need your help! Become a COP volunteer; it is a small investment of your time that makes a tremendous impact.

Also remember to make a police report if you should experience any crime. After you've made a police report, contact the civic club at 713-385-6214 to leave us a message. Give the case number of your police report. We can use this information to request increased police presence in our neighborhood.

Crime is opportunistic; crime happens everywhere. Because we call attention to neighborhood crime, and work to prevent it, does not mean that we have higher crime rates than our surrounding neighborhoods. The more we work together there will be fewer opportunities for crime. We need your help! If you wish to learn more about Citizens on Patrol contact Shelly Shindler at 713.680.2301 or e-mail Shelly at shindlers@comcast.net.

Thanks to Newsletter Distributors

Many thanks to those who deliver the Mangum Manor newsletter through rain, sleet, and snow(?) so that residents can be informed about neighborhood issues. A very special "Thank You" to Bill and Bonnie Devries, Loree Vernon, Bina Mlcak, Susan Shollar, Carlene Wagner, Berta Jacobs, Nancy and Ed Garcia, Crystal and Richard Smith, Susan Shuster, Jim Minturn, Shirley Ferrell, Scott and Keely Lewis, David Grissett, Brad and Elaine Young, and Harvey Barber.

Final Notice of Neighborhood Garage Sale


April 2, 2011, Mangum Manor Civic Club will sponsor a Neighborhood Garage Sale. At the February civic club meeting, residents will be able to sign up to participate in this event. Since there is no meeting or newsletter in March this will be the final notice of the garage sale, so be sure to mark your calendars now.

Residents unable to sign up at the civic club meeting can call 713-385-6214 and leave a message. Be sure to include your name, address and phone number. Large signs promoting our garage sale will be placed on the Antoine and Mangum esplanades and smaller signs throughout the neighborhood. You are responsible for a sign in front of your house. A large ad is planned for The Leader newspaper.


Huge Tree Falls at the Park



Yet another large tree falls at Mangum Manor Park

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Recipe of the Month

Mmm-Mmm Good and Easy Brownies

(make some for your Valentine)

- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/3 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1/4 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts (optional)

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease a 9x9 baking pan.
2. In a medium bowl, mix together the oil, sugar and vanilla. Beat in eggs. Combine flour, cocoa, baking powder, and salt; gradually stir into the egg mixture until well blended. Stir in walnuts, if desired. Spread the batter evenly into the prepared pan.
3. Bake for 20 to 25 minutes. Cool before cutting.

Trimming Crape Myrtles

An unfortunate common myth is that crape myrtles need to be severely pruned to bloom well. Severely pruning, or topping any tree is always bad. When crape myrtles are severely pruned, they put out vigorous, weak and loosely-attached growth, and ugly knobs form at the ends of branches.

Properly prune to remove weak, dead and crossing branches. Always remove water sprouts from limbs and root suckers from the base of the tree.

Crape myrtles are attractive, tough, easy-to-grow, and forgiving trees. They bloom all summer. In the fall they provide some rare color, and during the winter, their graceful bare trunks have a sculptured appearance. They need a good amount of sunlight to bloom properly. Powdery mildew is sometimes an annoyance, but is not a real threat to the health of the tree.

Yards of the Month

Awards for Yard of the Month have been temporarily discontinued because of the bad weather. However, they will be resumed when spring arrives! Be thinking about how you can make your yard attractive so you can win a coveted Yard of the Month sign!

No Meeting in March

There is no civic club meeting in March due to the fact that our meeting place, Scarborough High School, is closed for Spring Break the week of our usual meeting. There is no newsletter delivery in March either.

There's Still Time to Plant Trees

We're fortunate to have a good canopy of mature trees in Mangum Manor. Unfortunately, we've lately lost many trees to storms, drought, and disease. In Mangum Manor park, several trees have been lost, including a fine mature oak tree near the playground.

Trees are a good investment. Properly placed trees can save you money on summertime air conditioning bills. Property values are also enhanced by good trees. Trees also remove pollutants, especially ozone and particulates, from the air.

Trees can be planted at any time, but the best time to plant in Houston is November through February. Planting at this time gives roots plenty of time to develop before the stressful heat of summer. Besides, it's a lot easier to plant trees while it's cool, before it gets too dang hot. If you are considering replacing a lost tree or adding a tree to your landscape, go to the Houston Area Urban Council website, www.haufc.org, for more information on selecting, siting, purchasing, planting and maintaining trees.

January Meeting Highlights

Thirty civic club members braved the cold weather to attend the January meeting in the Scarborough High School cafeteria. A reception for President Janice Gabriel, recently honored as 2010 Northwest Leader of the Year, was held at the beginning of the meeting. Councilmember Brenda Stardig was there to present Janice with an engraved crystal award. A large beautifully decorated cake was served, as well as delicious punch. Flowers and balloons contributed to the festive occasion.

Lieutenant Guadalupe Jimenez gave an interesting talk about the history of the HISD Police Department and Sgt. Vanessa Garza, also from the HISD Police Department, discussed qualifications of HISD police officers, their jurisdiction, and how to contact the officers with our issues.

Door prizes were awarded at the conclusion of the meeting.



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Facebook Page

We now have a Facebook page! Go to Mangum Manor Civic Club. Please press "like".

Civic Club Contacts

E-Mail - contact@mangummanor.org

Mail - P.O. Box 924305, Houston, TX 77292

Phone - 713-385-6214 *(leave a message and the president will get back to you within 24 hrs.)*

Useful Numbers

Emergency 911 (crime in progress, house on fire, heart attack, etc.)

HPD – non-emergency 713-884-3131 (suspicious individual(s) or activity, etc.) Press 1 to immediately access the dispatcher.

Additional Memberships

The following residences sent in their civic club membership dues for 2010-2011 between January 5th and February 4th. Thanks to everyone who has joined. To report errors leave a message at 713-385-6214.

4103 Donna Lynn	5423 Hialeah	5218 Saxon
5019 Hialeah	5211 Poinciana	5419 Saxon
5315 Hialeah	5314 Poinciana	

Civic Club Membership Form

Name(s): _____

Address _____

Mailing Address (if different) _____

Phone: _____ Email _____

I am including: \$15 annual dues
 additional donation \$ _____

Make check out to: Mangum Manor Civic Club
 Mail to: P.O. Box 924305, Houston, TX 77292

WASTE COLLECTION - 2011
Thursdays
February 10 Junk Waste
March 10 Tree Waste
April 14 Junk Waste

RECYCLING DATES
Thursdays
February 17
March 3, March 17, March 31.
April 14, April 28

Crime Report

<http://mycity.houstontx.gov/recentcrime/index.html>

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NOTE: Police Reports can be made from 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. at the HPD Storefront, 1335 W. 43rd. Please make a police report if your car is vandalized and/or items are stolen. Make a police report if your house is burglarized.

- Sunday, January 2 - a car parked in the driveway on Donna Lynn had a window knocked out during the night.
- Tuesday, January 18 - a door was kicked in at a house in the 5200 block of Poinciana between the hours of 11:00AM and noon, and the house was burglarized.
- Thursday, January 20 - car radio was stolen out of a truck in the 5300 block of Hialeah around 11:00 a.m.
- Saturday, January 22 - tires were slashed or punctured between 3:30 - 4:00AM on Donna Lynn, Chantilly, and the 5200 blocks of Saxon and Poinciana.
- January 27 - misc. items stolen from a truck on Georgi.