

# MANGUM MANOR

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## Membership Drive and Message from the Board

By Leah Comstock

It's a new year and that means the kick off to our Mangum Manor Civic Club Membership Drive! In the Fall, per several residents requests, we reverted back to the annual membership drive being held at the beginning of each year. Once paid, your dues will keep you member of the Civic Club for the entire calendar year. If you paid dues since last September we will count them as your 2012 membership dues.

As always, membership dues are **OPTIONAL** and not mandatory to live in Mangum Manor. Your dues will go towards the running of the Civic Club, social events, and beautification. If you would like to designate additional funds to a specific category, we have a spot on the form to do so. We always appreciate anything extra you have!

Please read on in the newsletter to see all the exciting events we have coming up for 2012 with the Civic Club. Great things are happening in Mangum Manor!

## Donate Your Recycle Points!

Did you know you could be earning points to cash in for rewards through the city recycling program? You must first register at [www.recyclebank.com](http://www.recyclebank.com) to start earning points. The points are based on the weight of your recyclables in the green container provided by the city. These points can be redeemed for valuable coupons and gift certificates to local businesses. Save up your points and redeem them for gift cards/coupons to stores such as Home Depot and donate them the Civic Club to help with Beautification efforts. Thanks to Lloyd Stokes for suggesting this great idea!

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### TREE AND WASTE COLLECTIONS:

January 12 - Tree Waste  
February 9- Junk Waste  
March 8- Tree Waste

### RECYCLING:

January 5,19  
February 2, 16  
March 1, 15, 29

## Next Civic Club Meeting

(All Meeting dates are posted on [MangumManor.org](http://MangumManor.org))

Date: Thursday, January 19

Location: Scarborough High School

Guest Speaker: Johnnie from Blalock Landscaping

Time: 6:45pm - 7:15pm (Meet and Greet)

7:15pm - 7:45pm (Guest Speaker)

7:45pm - 8:15pm (MMCC business)

### About our Guest Speaker:

We are excited to have Johnnie from Blalock Landscaping come speak to us at our Civic Club meeting this month! We have gotten several requests from residents to have a speaker who is an expert in revitalizing our suffering lawns as a result of the drought. He is definitely an expert and has a lot to share with us from planting to drainage. We will have time for a Q&A session from the residents. Johnnie's business, Blalock Landscaping, is located on Milwee.

## Council Passes Quiet Zone

(excerpts taken from Greater Inwood Partnership Council)

On Wednesday, December 21st, City Council passed an ordinance appropriating over \$1.7 million authorizing Grade Crossing Signal Installation agreements between the City of Houston and Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway Company for improvements to the railroad circuitry in the **proposed Greater Inwood Quiet Zones**.

The Public Works & Engineering Department has coordinated to install new constant warning timing circuitry, new lights, gates, signal advanced preemption and adjacent circuitry upgrades to seven railroad crossings within the greater Inwood area.

The City of Houston has developed the Quiet Zone Program to address train horn noise near neighborhoods. Quiet Zones are segments of railroad lines where train crews are exempt from sounding the horn at grade crossings.

Locations to be included are:

- Watonga Boulevard
- W. 43rd Street
- Acorn Street
- Pinemont Drive
- Creekmont Drive
- Antoine
- W. Tidwell Drive
- W. Little York Drive

A special thank you to **Pat Turner** (Candlelight Oaks Village resident) and **Debbie Harlow** (Sheraton Oaks resident) of the Greater Inwood Partnership for spearheading the application for this project over the past two years.

## Eagle Scout Beautification Project Announced

Austin Haas, a resident of Mangum Manor and member of the Boy Scout Troop 40 of Saint Rose of Lima has chosen to make his Eagle Scout Project beautifying the City Park in Mangum Manor. When he contacted us about the idea, we were more than thrilled! As you know, the drought has taken its toll on our park and it has lost several trees. His Eagle Scout Project will replant trees and improve the landscaping and equipment of our park. Austin needs the help of volunteers in our community to make this happen as well as donations. Please contact us via phone or email if you are interested in making a donation of money or time. More details to come over the next several weeks on dates as his project is still in the planning stages. Thank you for stepping up, Austin! We look forward to supporting you!

Boy Scouts of America Mission Statement:

The Mission of the BSA is to prepare young people to make ethical choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law. It is recorded that less than 2% of Boy Scouts will meet the requirements to earn the Eagle Scout award which is one of the highest awards earned in scouting.

## Receive Your Newsletter Via Email

Don't forget to send us your email address so you can be added to our data base to receive updates and newsletters via email. As a way to revitalize our budget, this will be the only newsletter delivered to the door until May. Don't miss out! Send us your email at [contact@mangummanor.org](mailto:contact@mangummanor.org).