

# Mangum Manor



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## April Meeting



Tuesday, April 19, at 7:00 P.M. the civic club will meet in the cafeteria at Scarborough High School.

We are privileged to have Neil Sayers, reknowned horticulturist, as our speaker. He was born in England and has a degree in horticulture from the Royal Horticulture Society. His talk is entitled "Delightful Plants, Delightful Tales." The discovery, history and legends of plants will be included in a beautiful presentation. Do not miss this program!

Door prizes will include plants and gardening supplies. Refreshments will be served.

## Citizens on Patrol

*by Shelly Shindler, COP Coordinator*

Several neighbors and myself attended a Central Northwest Super Neighborhood Meeting where Captain Victor Rodriguez and Sgt. Frank Escobedo were guest speakers. The meeting centered around crime prevention in the Super Neighborhood which includes Mangum Manor. We were delighted to hear that HPD has some aggressive plans to break up gang activity in the area. Thanks to all of our dedicated volunteers and the six new volunteers that joined last month, Captain Rodriguez and Sgt. Escobedo publicly recognized our Mangum Manor Citizens on Patrol program. Your efforts are invaluable!

With the weather warming, more people have been visiting our park. The evening of March 26th offered an incident there. A group met there there after 11 pm and they were disturbing the peace. A COP volunteer called the police which led to three suspects being handcuffed and a car being searched.

If you are interested in joining COP or just getting more information, please contact Shelly Shindler (713) 562-0461 or [shindlers@comcast.net](mailto:shindlers@comcast.net)

## Easter Egg Hunt Planned

Mangum Manor Parent's Group met for the first time on Saturday, March 26th, at 10:00 AM at Mangum Manor Park. It was a beautiful Saturday morning with wonderful weather for flying kites and kicking the soccer ball around. Turnout was not very big, but there were children ranging in ages from 2.5 to 8 years old. At this Meet & Greet, Krista Ledman and Carolina Chavez announced the formation of the group and discussed what they thought the group's purpose should be. The first activity planned by the Parent's Group for the neighborhood children is the Easter Egg Hunt to take place in Mangum Manor Park on Saturday, April 23rd, at 10:00 AM.



The age limit for the Easter Egg Hunt will be twelve years old. Children should bring their own baskets. Come out and meet your neighbors and, even more important, let your children expand their group of friends with children in their own neighborhood. For a list of future activities planned by the Parent's Group, see the Mangum Manor Civic Club's Facebook page.

## Erosion Control for the Park

After seven long years, the Parks Department finally approved a plan for erosion control at Mangum Manor Park. The project will include expansion of the park wall and mulching of eroded areas. June is the target date for the project's start. Lynnette A., from Councilmember Stardig's office was present for the presentation of the plans.



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**Slate of Officers**

The Nominating Committee chairperson, Bina Mlcak, will present the slate of Mangum Manor Civic Club officers for 2011-2112 at the April general meeting to be held on Tuesday, April 19th. Additional nominations may be made from the floor with the consent of the person nominated. Officers will be elected at the May meeting.

**Yards of the Month**



**April Yards of the Month:**

- 5103 Saxon
- 5307 LaMonte
- 4107 Donna Lynn

**Congratulations!**

**Home and Garden Club**

Mangum Manor has had an active Garden Club for twenty-one years. The group meets monthly, sometimes in the home of a member and sometimes at a venue in the community. Interested in knowing more about the Mangum Manor Home and Garden Club? Speak to one of the neighbors pictured here at the February Garden Club Meeting in Claudette Julian's home. (left to right: Barbara Rogers, Claudette Julian, Virginia Lewis, Phyllis Holly, Shirley Nelson, Pat Barber, Loree Vernon, and Mary Jane Tooke).



**Recipe of the Month**

**Carrot Cake**

*(Just in time for your Easter dinner!)*

- 2 cups sugar
- 1 1/2 cups oil
- 4 eggs
- 2 tsp. vanilla
- 2 cups flour
- 2 tsp. baking soda
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 1 tsp. salt
- 3 cups grated carrots

**Directions:**

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Cream sugar and oil; add eggs and vanilla; add dry ingredients and then carrots. Mix well.

Grease and flour pans to prevent sticking. If you use spray, be sure to spray heavily. Makes 3 layers, or 2 layers plus 10 muffins.

Bake 30-35 minutes. (A toothpick inserted into middle must come out clean.) Remove from oven and let cool for 8-9 minutes before removing from pans.

**Cream Cheese Icing:**

- 1 8 oz. package of cream cheese
- 1 stick margarine
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1 lb. powdered sugar
- 1 cup chopped pecans

Cream all together and ice cake layers when completely cooled. Enjoy!

*(recipe originally from Helen Borgstedte)*

**Neighborhood Garage Sales a Success**

April 2, 2011, Mangum Manor Civic Club sponsored a Neighborhood Garage Sale. Twenty-four homes participated and most agreed that it was very successful.

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## February Meeting Highlights

The February meeting of the civic club featured two speakers. Karen Cruse from Shepherd Park Plaza spoke on the success of their Citizens on Patrol program. Her inspiring talk helped to excite more of our residents to become COPs, and resulted in six people attending a COP training session at the HPD Storefront on 43rd that was held on March 1st.

Roger Haseman, Assistant District Attorney from the Environmental Crimes Department of Harris County spoke on illegal dumping and the criminal penalties resulting from committing this offense. He explained the definition of "Solid Waste," what it includes and doesn't include. After his presentation, he answered questions from the audience.

Refreshments with a Valentine theme were served and door prizes were awarded at the conclusion of the meeting.



## Natural Dye Easter Eggs

*An alternative and possibly cheaper way to dye eggs.  
(contributed by Carolina Chavez)*

Here is the preferred method for using natural dyes:

- 1 Place the eggs in a single layer in a pan. Add water until the eggs are covered.
- 2 Add approximately one teaspoon of vinegar.
- 3 Add the natural dye. Use more dye material for more eggs or for a more intense color.
- 4 Bring water to a boil.
- 5 Reduce heat and simmer for 15 minutes.
- 6 If you are pleased with the color, remove the eggs from the liquid.
- 7 If you want more intensely colored eggs, temporarily remove the eggs from the liquid. Strain the dye through a coffee filter (unless you want speckled eggs). Cover the eggs with the filtered dye and let them remain in the refrigerator overnight.
- 8 Naturally-colored eggs will not be glossy, but if you want a shiny appearance you can rub a bit of cooking oil onto the eggs once they are dry.

### Lavender

- Small Quantity of Purple Grape Juice
- Violet Blossoms plus 2 tsp Lemon Juice
- Red Zinger Tea

### Violet Blue

- Violet Blossoms
- Small Quantity of Red Onions Skins (boiled)
- Hibiscus Tea
- Red Wine

### Blue

- Canned Blueberries
- Red Cabbage Leaves (boiled)
- Purple Grape Juice

### Green

- Spinach Leaves (boiled)
- Liquid Chlorophyll

### Greenish Yellow

- Yellow Delicious Apple Peels (boiled)

### Yellow

- Orange or Lemon Peels (boiled)
- Carrot Tops (boiled)
- Celery Seed (boiled)
- Ground Cumin (boiled)
- Ground Turmeric (boiled)
- Chamomile Tea
- Green Tea

### Golden Brown

- Dill Seeds

### Brown

- Strong Coffee
- Instant Coffee
- Black Walnut Shells (boiled)
- Black Tea

### Orange

- Yellow Onion Skins (boiled)
- Cooked Carrots
- Chili Powder
- Paprika

### Pink

- Beets
- Cranberries or Juice
- Raspberries
- Red Grape Juice
- Juice from Pickled Beets

### Red

- Lots of Red Onions Skins (boiled)
- Canned Cherries with Juice
- Pomegranate Juice
- Raspberries

You can use fresh and frozen berries as 'paints', too. Simply crush the berries against dry boiled eggs. Try coloring on the eggs with crayons or wax pencils before boiling and dyeing them.  
Happy Easter! Page 3

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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.) **non-emergency 713-884-3131**

**Crime Report**

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

- Filter: 77092 • Mangum Manor is part of Oak Forest

**NOTE: Police Reports can be made from 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. at the HPD Storefront, 1335 W. 43rd.**

- February 18 - burglary of house in 5000 block of Saxon
- Between January and February, miscellaneous police calls regarding pot smoking and selling at the park during the hours of 4 - 6 p.m. On Tuesday, March 8, five Mangum Manor residents met with Alan Summers, the principal of Scarborough, and he said to call the school at 713-613-2200 and ask for Glenda Calloway, the assistant principal, who would take care of any issues related to students from Scarborough.

**Civic Club Membership Form**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address (if different) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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

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Mail to: P.O. Box 924305, Houston, TX 77292

**WASTE COLLECTION - 2011**  
**Thursdays**  
April 14 . . . . . Junk Waste  
May 12. . . . . Tree Waste

**RECYCLING DATES**  
**Thursdays**  
April 14, April 28  
May 12, May 26

**Mangum Manor Parent's Group**

What is Mangum Manor Parent's Group? It is a newly formed group of parents who meet with other parents and their children, trade stories and suggestions, enjoy family-centered activities, and simply enjoy the company of other parents and children. Meetings will be held:

When? Last Saturday of each month at 10:00 AM

Where? Mangum Manor Park

Why? To laugh, play, tell our stories, and most of all, have fun with other parents.

How did Mangum Manor Parent's Group come to be? Mangum Manor Parent's Group is the brainchild of Krista Ledman and Carolina Chavez. Carolina and Krista desire to be more involved in our very active civic club, but don't feel comfortable bringing their children to a civic club meeting. They want to instill a love for community in their youth, and a more civic-minded future for Mangum Manor.

Who is invited? Although we created Mangum Manor Parent's Group to help unite families in our area, this can also be a place to find support and companionship, we also welcome expectant mothers, dads & partners, grandparents, friends, and others who are interested in creating a parenting community to support each other.



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