

## Issues with Autos

There have been a few complaints to the civic club about vehicle-related issues in our neighborhood. Please remember, Mangum Manor opted into a city program a few years ago where it is a misdemeanor violation of up to \$150 per day for a vehicle to be parked on or in a yard. Additionally, vehicles which are inoperable, in extended states of disrepair or otherwise potentially considered eyesores may be referred to the City of Houston Department of Neighborhoods.

As recently as this past fall, the Department of Neighborhoods has taken action in and around Mangum Manor by enforcing city ordinances, giving warnings and levying fines. Problems may be reported by dialing 311 or calling the Department of Neighborhoods directly at (832)-394-0600.

## President's Message

Spring has sprung, or at least the milder weather has beaten the calendar to the punch this year. Springtime is the time of growth and renewal. The time when the harshness of winter gives way to songbirds, flowers and rain. Ah yes, and especially the rain!

Lack of rain is basically what decimated our park of the majestic oaks and other trees. The sad sight is self-evident with clusters of stumps that seem to serve as memorials for what once was. Thanks to people like the Grissetts and other selfless volunteers, the park is on the verge of a growth and renewal itself. With the many trees planted, and more on the way with the ReGrowth Project, as well as things like Austin Haas' Eagle Scout Project, Mangum Manor Park seems to be headed for a rebound after the harshness of the 2011 drought.

Much has been done, but much remains to be done. What could you do for our park? What can you contribute, whether helping plant more trees, helping water the saplings or making a donation today that would ensure the park remains one of the highlights of our community for generations to come? Please email or call me if you like to be a part of helping restore Mangum Manor Park!

Scott Lewis

PS - *Speaking of future generations, my wife and I welcomed our first child, a son, this past October. We are grateful for the many warm wishes and thoughtful gifts our young Kepler received!*

### Mangum Manor Civic Club Membership Form

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

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

Annual Dues \$15  Beautification \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Social Events \$ \_\_\_\_\_  Deed Restrictions \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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## Next Civic Club Meeting

**Date/Time:** Tues, Mar 19, 2012 at 7:15 PM

**Location:** Scarborough High School Library

*All Mangum Manor Residents welcome!*

## PO Box Snafus

A few months ago, several pieces of mail sent to the Mangum Manor Civic Club post office box were inexplicably returned to their sender stamped addressee unknown by the postal service. A query made to the US Postal Service at the Judiway station revealed no specific cause. The payments on the box were up to date and in good order and the registrant to the box remained the same. With profuse apologies, the postal representative insisted this matter should not repeat itself and it should be perfectly fine to resume sending civic club mail, dues and other correspondence to the usual address.

## Newsletter Printing Schedule

Unfortunately, there has been no newsletter since last fall. As you can imagine, composing, printing, distributing and delivering quality newsletters takes considerable time. While we strive and would love to see a newsletter each and every month, it's a simple question of how many volunteers can devote time and effort.

At all times when possible, the newsletter will be available online in digital PDF format every month at the civic club website [www.MangumManor.org](http://www.MangumManor.org)

If you do not have a computer and/or internet access and still wish to receive a newsletter, please contact Scott Lewis at (713)298-7521 and a complimentary accommodation will be arranged.

## Heavy Trash Reminder

**Heavy Trash Pickup Is Now 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Every Month**  
**The City of Houston changed this last October. You may now also only leave heavy trash(junk or yard waste) out for pickup as early as the preceding Friday at 6 PM.**

## Crime Reporting

Crime continues to be a concern in both our area and the city at large. While **911 should always be dialed for emergencies or crimes in progress**, law enforcement is also available for non-emergencies. This could be suspicious persons loitering in the park, peering into homes or vehicles or even walking our streets at odd hours. With the recent spate of burglaries in the area, it's always better to be safe than sorry not only for yourself but your friends and neighbors.

Also, it's always good sense to either conceal or not store valuables in your vehicle, lock all doors and always have a porch or driveway light on starting at dusk.

**Houston Police Department Non-Emergency**

**(713)884-3131**



**March 2013 YARDS OF THE MONTH**

**5207 Chantilly**

**5023 Poinciana**

**5102 Saxon**

## 2012-13 Mangum Manor Civic Club Calendar

The Mangum Manor Civic Club has the remaining dates for the 2012-13 year.

### Civic Club General Meetings 7:15 PM at Scarborough HS.

- Thursday, March 21, 2013 - TBD
- Tuesday, April 16, 2013 - Nominations for 2013-13 Board Officers
- Thursday, May 16, 2013 - Elections for 2012-13 Board Officers



### Community Events:

#### Mangum Manor Easter Egg Hunt

- Saturday, March 23, 2013 (9:30 am) Mangum Manor Park

#### Mangum Manor Neighborhood-wide Garage Sale

- Saturday, April 20, 2013 (all morning and into the afternoon)

## Eagle Scout Project

**Austin Haas** has completed his Eagle Scout Project in Mangum Manor Park! Several neighbors in our community donated money towards the project last year. Austin planned and led the project for several months, seeking several and various approvals as well as organizing volunteers and funds.

The project culminated in his group doing a great job cleaning up a number of drainage areas, planting new foliage around the main park sign and other needed park improvements.

Austin also returned the excess donations of \$76 to the civic. Only about 5% of all Boy Scouts ever attain the rank of Eagle Scout.

***Congratulations Austin!***



### Waste Collection 2013

You can legally put your tree waste or junk waste out starting at 6:00 pm the Friday before Tree- or Junk-Waste collection.

Tuesday, March 26 - Tree Waste

Tuesday, April 23 - Junk Waste

Tuesday, May 28 - Tree Waste

Tuesday, June 25 - Junk Waste



### Recycling Collection 2013

Thursday, March 28

Thursday, April 11

Thursday, April 25

Thursday, May 9

Thursday, May 23

Thursday, June 6

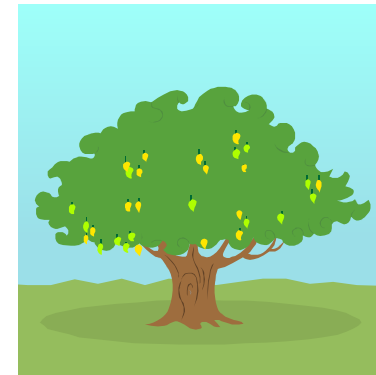
Thursday, June 20

## Mangum Manor Park ReGrowth

As is painfully obvious, the great drought of 2011 laid waste to Mangum Manor Park. Dozens of trees, some which were mighty oaks long before this neighborhood was even a notion, were decimated by the brutal heat and lack of water that summer. What took generations to grow was lost in but a span of spectacularly dry months.

While many trees remain, the ranks have certainly been thinned, particularly in the eastern portion of the park and all around the playground area.

It would certainly be all too easy to simply look upon the ravaged collection of stumps and chalk it up to extreme weather, but some of our fellow residents have already taken matters into their own hands.



Perhaps most prodigiously, the Grissetts have planted over 60 trees already, both by their own hand and expense. Not only purchasing, transporting, hole-digging and planting the trees, but also tending to them with frequent watering, out of their backyard hose and often twice weekly, to help establish the root systems. With frequent watering, these trees will be allowed to thrive and grow to succeed their predecessors.

Working as a partner to the city through the Adopt-A-Tree(Park) Program, the Mangum Manor Civic Club is serving as the Organization sponsor towards purchasing and planting new trees. Your help is needed and will serve as a testament to the resilience of the community when future generations enjoy the restored trees.

## Easter Egg Hunt 2013

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 23, 2013 at 9:30 AM in Mangum Manor Park. Children will be cut loose to search and find eggs and other goodies left by the Easter Bunny. Adults are needed to act as helpers for the Easter Bunny prior to the hunt.

## Annual Neighborhood Garage Sale 2013

The annual Neighborhood-wide Garage Sale is just around the corner, next month on Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>! Bargain-hunting is a great way to see and meet your neighbors. Cleaning out that closet, attic or garage can also yield some great things to let go for a few bucks and a handshake. Stay tuned for more details!

## Park Problems

There have been several complaints about the park of late shared with the civic club. There seems to be a group of people who sometime convene in the late afternoon during the week to consume alcohol. By law, consumption of alcohol in Mangum Manor Park is prohibited. If you should encounter this situation, please contact law enforcement.

Additionally, there have been complaints about owners not picking up their dogs excrement or having them off leash. Both things can be discourteous to other people(and dogs) in the park but are also prohibited by law.

The park belongs to us all and is one of the best parts of our community, let's pitch in to do our part as well as gently remind our neighbors, when needed.

## Civic Club Meeting Recaps

### October 2012

**Mike Zientek** from the US 290 Project came and spoke about the highway construction and announced progress was ahead of schedule. The removal of some vacant structures and establishments was applauded.

### November 2012

**Karim Alston** was to speak on a proposed community garden project but did not attend. Further attempts to contact him have met with no success.

### December 2012

*No meeting scheduled.*

### January 2013

**Sgt. Frank Escobedo** and **Officer Chuck Bertells** from the Houston Police Department came and spoke about identity theft, the Citizens on Patrol program and criminal activity in our area.

### February 2013

**Marilu De La Fuente** and **TJ Marks** from the City of Houston Parks Department came and spoke about the Adopt-A-Tree(Park) program and how Mangum Manor Civic Club can participate.