

2013 Hurricane Season Preparedness

The first forecast for the 2013 Hurricane Season is out and predicts an active season, but with most of the storms striking the Florida and Mid-Atlantic region. Still, as anyone knows, models are just fancy predictions and not facts. Revisions to the forecast are announced at the formal start of the season (June 1) and at the halfway point in August.

Being prepared for hurricane season is always time well-spent. Having a plan, whether you intend to ride it out or take a short vacation away, is of paramount importance. Be sure to have plenty of household provisions, non-perishable food, gas in your tank and cash in your wallet. If you decide to go, don't wait until the last minute, let someone know your plans and make sure your home is secure. Always stay abreast of developments by tuning into news outlets.

After the hurricane, be sure to check on your neighbors, watch for downed power lines, and have ample humor and patience to deal with possible power outages, flooding and everything being a mess.

Of course, this is not an exhaustive article on Hurricane Preparedness, check with city and county resources for that, but the main point is to give it some serious thought now and not when there is a giant blob on the weather radar just hours away and grocery store shelves are empty!

President's Message

It was with much elation I was able to see the board had unanimously approved funding for the ReGrowth Project to plant 11 oak trees in the park. While we still await (as of this writing) final and formal approval from the city, it is all but anticipated and I consider it among the highlights of the 2012-13 civic club year.

On the other hand, it almost didn't happen. With the weather warming up, the window to successfully plant trees that will have a decent shot at surviving the brutal Houston summer was about to close. We had the challenge of meeting quorum to hold a vote to fund the project at the last general meeting. We almost ran out of time to make this dream project for the park's future a reality.

In the end, we got things taken care of and the project is on track. As with any group undertaking, the potential to do positive and great things rests with each and every one in the group. Have you been to a civic club meeting lately? Perhaps it was a few months or even a few years ago? Are you new to the neighborhood and looking for a great way to meet your neighbors and get involved? With the next batch of elections just around the corner for the coming year, this is the perfect opportunity to get involved and make a direct impact, either standing for an officer position or being an active civic club member!

Scott Lewis

Mangum Manor Civic Club Membership Form

Name(s): _____ Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Annual Dues \$15

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Social Events \$ _____

Deed Restrictions \$ _____

Make check payable to: Mangum Manor Civic Club

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

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Next Civic Club Meeting

Date/Time: Tues, Apr 16, 2013 at 7:15 PM

Location: Scarborough High School Library

Speaker: Department of Neighborhoods

All Mangum Manor Residents welcome!

Department of Neighborhoods to present at April meeting

The City of Houston Department of Neighborhoods will give a presentation at the April 16 civic club meeting describing their mission to protect and improve Houston neighborhoods. The department often acts as the city partner to neighborhoods in receiving and investigating reports of violations. Oftentimes, the issue can be amicably resolved, but can also sometimes end in citations and fines.

2013 Mangum Manor Garage Sale

The 2013 Mangum Manor Garage Sale is just around the corner! On Saturday, April 20 starting at 8 AM, all residents of Mangum Manor are encouraged to either make or find the best bargains in our neighborhood.

Ads have been placed in two consecutive issues of The Leader to help attract bargain hunters to our neighborhood.

Councilmember Ellen Cohen to speak at May meeting

Maintaining her close relationship with Mangum Manor, City of Houston Councilmember Ellen Cohen will be the featured speaker at the May 16 civic club general meeting.

Councilmember Cohen also visited last year and will once again be speaking about ongoing matters at City Hall as well as having a Q&A session. Let's give Councilmember Cohen a warm welcome at the May civic club meeting!

Heavy Trash Reminder

Heavy Trash Pickup Is Now 4th 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.

Park ReGrowth Program Greenlighted

The project to plant 11 new oak trees in Mangum Manor Park following the devastating drought of 2011 has taken another step forward. The civic club board voted to provide \$500 towards the project following discussion at the March civic club meeting. The target tree-planting date is Saturday, May 4 at 9 AM. Final approval is still pending from the City of Houston Parks and Recreation Department but is expected shortly. In case of inclement weather, the backup date is May 11.

If you would like to be a part of the project by digging a hole, shoveling mulch, providing refreshments, hauling trees, taking pictures, holding a hose or just want to help somehow, please contact Scott Lewis at 713-298-7521



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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.

- **Tuesday, April 16, 2013**
 - Guest Speaker – City of Houston Dept. of Neighborhoods
 - Nominations for 2013-13 Board Officers
- **Thursday, May 16, 2013**
 - Guest Speaker – City of Houston Councilmember Cohen
 - Elections for 2012-13 Board Officers



Community Events:

Mangum Manor Neighborhood-wide Garage Sale

- Saturday, April 20, 2013 – 8AM until 1 PM

ReGrowth Project Tree-planting Work Day(tentative, until approved)

- Saturday, May 4, 2013 – 9 AM until the last tree is planted!



Texas Flag-flying Days

While the special days to fly the US flag are well-known(aside from daily display), do you know the Texas flag also has prescribed days as well?

February 19 – Texas Statehood Day
March 2 - Texas Independence Day
March 6- Fall of the Alamo
March 27 - Goliad Massacre
April 21 - San Jacinto Day
3rd Saturday in Sept. - Texian Navy Day
October 2 - Battle of Gonzales
November 3 - Stephen F. Austin's Birthday



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, April 23 - Junk Waste

Tuesday, May 28 - Tree Waste

Tuesday, June 25 - Junk Waste

Tuesday, July 23 – Tree Waste

Tuesday, August 27 – Junk Waste



Recycling Collection 2013

Thursday, April 11 & 25

Thursday, May 9 & 23

Thursday, June 6 & 20

Thursday, July 5 & 18

Thursday, August 1, 15 & 29

Civic Club 2013-14 Officer Elections

The 2013-14 Mangum Manor Civic Club Officer Elections will be held at the May meeting, but nominations will be made at the April meeting.

The following positions are elected each year:

President – Leads and helps organize the civic club and its activities

Vice President – Acts as second set of hands for the President and, if necessary, assumes role if the President vacates office.

Secretary – Takes and maintains official meeting notes from the general meetings and board meetings.

Treasurer – Oversees the financial matters of the civic club, including depositing payments to the club as well as disbursing funds for expenses.

Section Representative (3, one for each section) – Act as board members and help conduct civic club activities.

You can be nominated for a position without being present at the April meeting, but it must be done with prior consent. Of course, any nominee may decline nomination.

The descriptions provided above are generalized and serve more as a starting point than an end point.

The only requirement for any officer position is that you are a resident of Mangum Manor and have paid your annual dues.

The civic club officers provide the backbone of the civic club and often help drive how active and effective the club can be for our neighborhood.

Whether you haven't been to a civic club meeting in ages or just moved into the neighborhood, you are part of Mangum Manor and can help make it a better place by giving your time.

Following the results of the elections at the May meeting, the newly elected officers formally take office June 1st.

Garage Sale Tips

Place large items, such as furniture, at the front of your driveway.

Have a pile of free stuff with a big FREE sign over it to really get people to stop and look!

Don't have a lot of items? Partner up with a neighbor so the sale looks bigger!

Price things to SELL, unless you want to haul it all back in at the end of the day.

Put a price tag on everything, unless you want to use color-coded dots, but be sure to have a dot color-code key easily visible.

Group like items together, like kids clothing, tableware, DVD's, etc.

Have ample coins and cash to make change.

Park Problems Revisited

Following what seems a recurring issue with some individuals consuming alcohol in Mangum Manor Park in the late afternoon, Houston Police have been dispatched at least twice in the past month. Hopefully this group will get the hint, but please do not hesitate to call the Houston Police Non-Emergency Number to report illegal or even suspicious activity in our park and neighborhood.

Houston Police Department Non-Emergency

(713)884-3131

March Civic Club Meeting Recap

The March meeting did not feature a guest speaker and the primary topic was the ReGrowth Project to plant trees in Mangum Manor Park.

Utilizing excellent visuals provided by David Grissett, the 11 oak trees will be planted alternating on either side of the portion of the walking track that roughly bisects the park north to south, just east of the tennis courts. This will provide a break between the field play area and the tennis courts and, in years to come, a majestic tree-lined path of shade.

Easter Egg Hunt 2013

The 2013 Mangum Manor Easter Egg Hunt featured nearly 200 eggs hidden throughout the playground and southeast corner of Mangum Manor Park. While there was plenty of chocolate to go around, the eggs also contained small toys and prize tickets. The tickets could be redeemed for various mystery prizes.

The forecast threatened thunderstorms but the weather played nice and provided a great morning for several kids to scavenge for the eggs. When the hunt had ended, only a single egg had gone undiscovered!

Newsletter Printing

This is the final print issue for the 2012-13 civic club year. The May 2013 newsletter will only be available online at the civic club website www.mangummanor.org

If you do not have online access, please call (713)298-7521 and a complimentary copy of the May newsletter will be delivered to you.

The newsletter printing schedule for the 2013-14 year will be decided by the new set of civic club officers once they take office on June 1, 2013.