

## Trick-or-Treating Safety

Halloween is just a little over 2 weeks away and, as usual, Mangum Manor will likely be inundated with trick-or-treaters scurrying from house to house intent on filling their bags with candy. Here are a few safety tips from Consumer Reports to help ensure everyone has a fun and safe Halloween.

- Buy costumes and wigs labeled "flame resistant."
- Never walk near lit candles or luminaries while wearing costumes.
- Wear shoes that fit well.
- Fasten reflective tape to costumes and bags to help drivers see you.
- Be cautious with face paint--much of it isn't FDA-approved and could trigger allergic reactions. (Always test it first on a small patch of skin.) Remove it before bedtime to avoid skin/eye irritation.
- Never use decorative contact lenses; they can result in severe eye infections.
- Avoid trick-or-treating alone. Walk in groups or with a trusted adult.
- Hold a flashlight while trick-or-treating to help you see and others see you.
- Always walk and don't run from house to house.
- Stay on sidewalks whenever possible, or on the far edge of the road facing traffic. Look for cars when walking by a driveway.
- Eat only factory-wrapped treats. Avoid eating homemade treats made by strangers.
- Enter homes only if you're with a trusted adult.
- Only visit well-lit houses. Don't stop at dark houses.

## President's Message

I was excited to see what a large turnout we had for National Night Out. While there were lots of familiar faces from around the neighborhood, there were also a fair number of new ones too. As redevelopment and reinvestment continues at a healthy pace in this part of Houston, expect to see more new faces as time goes on. Not only do we wish to give these new folks a nice welcome but also try to get them familiar and involved with their new community. This could be pointing out the many pros and cons of the various grocery stores, which local restaurant has the best gyros, mentioning when heavy trash pickup is or even inviting them to the next civic club meeting or community event. By helping getting things off on the right foot, we become more than just people who live next door, we become true neighbors.

## Scott Lewis

### Mangum Manor Civic Club Membership Form

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

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## Next Civic Club Meeting

**Date/Time:** Tuesday, Oct 15, 2013 at 7:15 PM

**Location:** Scarborough High School Library

**Speaker:** City of Houston Attorney Heather Cook

*All Mangum Manor Residents welcome!*

## City of Houston Attorney Heather Cook to speak at October meeting

City of Houston attorney Heather Cook will be speaking at the next civic club meeting on the topic of deed restrictions, including how they work and the role of the city's attorney office. As a disclaimer, she will not provide legal advice nor comment on pending litigation.



## Council Member Ellen Cohen speaks at September meeting

Council Member Cohen spoke at the well-attended September civic club meeting. Among the topics addressed were crime, food trucks and the city pension situation. The most pleasant surprise was the Greater Inwood Quiet Zone to deter train horn use is expected to be in place by next summer.

## National Night Out 2013

Roughly a hundred Mangum Manor residents came to Mangum Manor Park for National Night Out the evening of October 1. Between chili dogs, white chocolate-dipped pretzel sticks, homemade cupcakes and more, there was something for everyone. Even the Kona Ice snowball truck came by request and parked for the evening. With a gentle breeze and fair weather, it was an enjoyable evening for all. Emaan Mashiattulla stopped by from CM Cohen's office as well as two HPD officers to hand out goodies for the kids. Many thanks to the board members (and their spouses) who helped organize National Night Out 2013 and made it a success!

## Officer Johnson offers crime tips

Also speaking at the September meeting was HPD Officer Vincent Johnson from the North Station. He emphasized not leaving things in sight which might entice a break-in to a vehicle or home, to not hesitate to call the HPD non-emergency phone number to report suspicious people, vehicles or activities and to submit Action Requests for seemingly recurrent problems, such as loitering, suspected prostitution or drug dealing. Action Requests may be submitted via email or fax. The Action Request form is available on the civic club website under the Reporting Crime section.

**Houston Police Department Non-Emergency Number**

**713-884-3131**

***Always dial 911 for emergencies***

## Mangum Manor on Facebook

Mangum Manor Civic Club is on Facebook! We are trying out the Group format as it can provide for better discussions than the Page format. Check it out:

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/mangummanor>

## 2013-14 Mangum Manor Civic Club Calendar

The Mangum Manor Civic Club has the remaining dates for 2013-14:

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

- **Tuesday, October 15, 2013**
  - City of Houston Attorney Heather Cook
- **Tuesday, November 19, 2013**
- **Thursday, January 16, 2014**
- **Thursday, February 20, 2014**
- **Thursday, March, 13, 2014**
- **Tuesday, April 10, 2014**
  - Nominations for 2014-15 Board Members
- **Thursday, May 15, 2014**
  - Elections for 2014-15 Board Members

### Civic Club Community Events:

#### Halloween Decoration Contest Judging

- Tuesday, October 22, 2013 (6:00 pm)

#### Holiday Decoration Contest Judging

- Friday, December 12, 2013 (30 minutes after dusk)

#### Easter Egg Hunt

- Saturday, April 12, 2014 (10:00 am) at **Mangum Manor Park**

#### Neighborhood-wide Garage Sale

- Saturday, April 5, 2014 (all morning and into the afternoon)

*All Community Event date/times subject to change due to weather*



### 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, October 22 – Junk Waste

Tuesday, November 26 – Tree Waste

Tuesday, December 24 – Junk Waste



### Recycling Collection 2013

Thursday, October 10 & 24

Thursday, November 7 & 21

Thursday, December 5 & 19

*The City requests trash and recycling containers be placed at least 3 feet apart.*

### Errata

Last month, the newsletter incorrectly listed the Junk and Waste collection months as reversed from what they are. Our sincerest apologies for any inconveniences this may have caused or incurred.

## 2013 Candidate Meet and Greet

Several candidates running for office in the 2013 elections will be appearing at the 2013 Candidate Meet and Greet hosted by Super Neighborhood 12 on Monday, October 21 at St. Stephen's United Methodist Church located at 2003 W. 43<sup>rd</sup> from 6:30-8:30 PM. Over 40 candidates have indicated they intend to participate including several mayoral candidates, At-Large City Council Member seats and HCC and HISD seats. Arrive early for good parking and a good seat!

## Newsletter Printing Schedule

While there will be a Mangum Manor Civic Club newsletter each month there is a civic club meeting, the board has decided to reduce the number of printed editions. For the remainder of the 2013-2014 year, there will only be printed and delivered newsletters in January 2014 and April 2014. During all other months, the newsletter will be available online at [www.MangumManor.org](http://www.MangumManor.org) or at the Mangum Manor Civic Club Facebook Group as well as emailed to the mailing list. If you do not have internet access, please call 713-298-7521 and a copy of the newsletter will be printed and delivered to your home at no cost.

## Halloween Decorating Contest

Judging for the annual Halloween Home Decorating Contest will take place after dusk on Tuesday, October 22 so be sure to have your home at it's creepiest, scariest and spookiest!

## National Fire Safety Month

October is National Fire Safety Month so now is a good time to review fire safety in your household. A quick checklist of fire safety questions:

**Rally point** - If there were a fire in your home, does everyone know where to meet outside?

**Smoke detectors** - How many smoke detectors are installed in your home? Are the batteries replaced annually? Are the detectors checked with the test button monthly and kept dust-free?

**CO detectors** - Is there a carbon monoxide detector installed in your home to protect you from this colorless, odorless and deadly gas?

**Escape** - Are there rope ladders stored by windows of upper story bedrooms in multi-story homes?

**Prevention** - Do you regularly have the dryer flue brushed out for lint? Is there grease build up on or near your kitchen exhaust?

**Extinguishers** - Do you have fire extinguishers in your home and are they regularly checked for operational pressure?

All these questions and more are well worth reviewing to help ensure your home is safe for you and your family.

## Citizens on Patrol (COP) Program

Citizens on Patrol is coming back to Mangum Manor! Thanks to the 10 individuals that have volunteered to help out our community! Shelly Shindler is working with HPD to setup a training session for the new volunteers. It's not too late to get involved – whether you are new to COP or have volunteered in the past contact Shelly for more information (713) 562-0461 or [contact@mangummanor.org](mailto:contact@mangummanor.org)

## Park Committee to meet

The Mangum Manor Park Committee will hold it's first meeting Tuesday, October 22 at 6:30 in the park. Anyone interested in joining the committee is welcome to attend. The purpose of the committee is to identify, coordinate and undertake projects to improve Mangum Manor Park and to do so in conjunction or partnership with governmental and non-profit agencies when possible.

## Super Neighborhood 12 Revived

After many months of coordinating, Super Neighborhood 12(Central Northwest) has been revived. The first meeting of the reconstituted group was held September 25<sup>th</sup> and Scott Lewis attended for Mangum Manor. Roughly a dozen other leaders of civic groups from across SN12 were in attendance. The next meeting in November will focus on defining near-term goals, updating the by-laws and preparing for SN12 elections in January 2014.

## Warm Mangum Manor Welcomes

With so many homes being bought and sold lately, there is a growing need to give the new folks a warm and proper Texas welcome. The Welcoming Committee needs volunteers to monitor for new families moving in as well as creating and delivering welcome baskets. Please contact Leah Salinas if you would like to help out.

## Mangum Food Park to Open Oct 19

Houston's newest food truck park will have it's grand opening just down the street from us on October 19 from 11 AM until 6 PM at 2924 Mangum. For those unaware, a food truck park is a spot where food trucks will setup shop for a few hours or a whole day offering their tasty wares, usually specialty foods. So far, six trucks are to take part in the grand opening, including a truck specializing in cupcakes, another in gourmet pita pockets and even one with Thai-Mexican fusion food.