

Mangum Manor *Since 1955*

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Next Civic Club Meeting

Date/Time: Tuesday, Nov 19, 2013 at 7:15 PM

Location: Scarborough High School Library

Speaker: Certified Texas Nurseryman Johnny Blalock of
Blalock Landscaping and Drainage

All Mangum Manor Residents welcome!

Johnny Blalock of Blalock Landscaping and Drainage to speak at November meeting

Certified Texas Nurseryman and Mangum Manor neighbor Johnny Blalock of Blalock Landscaping and Drainage will speak at the November civic club meeting about lawn and garden care for the winter months as well as how to get started planning on spring projects. He spoke previously at a meeting a few years ago and was requested back by popular demand.

2013 Candidate Meet and Greet

Several dozen candidates running for office in the 2013 elections spoke at the 2013 Candidate Meet and Greet hosted by Super Neighborhood 12 on October 21 at St. Stephen's United Methodist Church. Mangum Manor is an active member of the newly revived SN 12 and helped organize and host the event. The next SN12 meeting in November will focus on defining near-term goals, updating the by-laws and preparing for SN12 elections in January 2014.

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>



City Attorney Heather Cook talks Deed Restrictions at October Meeting

City Attorney Heather Cook spoke at the October 2013 civic club meeting on the topic of deed restrictions as well as the role of the city in helping enforce them in conjunction with citizens and communities. Mangum Manor Deed Restrictions are available for review on the civic club website at www.MangumManor.org in the Deed Restrictions section.

Congrats to the 2013 Halloween Decorating Contest Winners!

1st Place - 5119 Georgi

2nd Place - 5018 Lamonte

3rd Place - 5331 Saxon

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

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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, 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:

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

Civic Club PO Box woes

The civic club is again experiencing issues with the club PO box but hopefully has resolved them last week. Some dues and donations mailed for payment from mid-September to the present have just been collected and will be cashed.

Our sincerest apologies for any inconveniences.



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, November 26 – Tree Waste

Tuesday, December 24 – Junk Waste



Recycling Collection 2013

Thursday, November 21

Thursday, December 5 & 19

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

Christmas Tree Recycling

The City of Houston typically provides drop sites for Christmas tree recycling within a day or two after Christmas. T.C. Jester Park is the closest one, but please confirm with the city solid waste management website prior to dropping your tree off. Trees with artificial snow sprayed on (flocked) are not accepted.

Holiday Decorating Contest

Judging for the annual Holiday Home Decorating Contest will take place after dusk on Friday, December 12 so be sure to have your home at its holiday cheeriest!

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 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.

Oak Forest HOA begins Contract Security

Residents of neighboring Oak Forest recently successfully funded a contract security program, attaining sufficient participation of 25% of all households paying \$250 per year to begin the patrols by S.E.A.L. Security Solutions which includes armed guards as well as K9 units patrolling their neighborhood. Mangum Manor is bounded by Oak Forest on three sides.

Pets on Leashes

As a courtesy reminder, please remember that pets are required by city ordinance to be secured with a leash when in public spaces, including the park, bayou, neighborhood and easements. While a pet may be “harmless” it can be annoying or even frightening to have a dog come running at people with unknown intentions and possibly even provoke a defensive action by them or their pets. Unsecured pets are also at higher risk for being accidentally struck by vehicles.

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.

No Newsletter or Meeting in December

There is no civic club meeting or newsletter in December as we all focus on enjoying the holidays. The civic club resumes with a meeting on January 16, 2014 at Scarborough High School in the Library, speaker to be announced in the January newsletter.

Park Committee has First Meeting

The Mangum Manor Park Committee held it's first meeting on October 22 in the Mangum Manor Park. Planning is already underway for another tree-planting project to plant six trees around the playground area to provide more shade in the years to come. Additionally, a wildflower area is also in the planning to spruce up the drainage culvert in the east end of the park as well as provide forage and habitat for butterflies. 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. Work dates and other plans will be announced soon after permission is secured from the city. If you would like to help plant trees, donate funds or participate, please contact Scott Lewis.

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 and help make Mangum Manor a safer place!

Mangum Manor at the center of Anthrax Bioterrorism Drill

Mangum Manor was ground zero for a recent bioterrorism drill. The city of Houston, in conjunction with several other local and state organizational entities, conducted an exercise to simulate an anthrax attack and established three medication distribution centers around the city on Saturday, November 2. Scarborough High School served as one of the emergency dispensaries which simulated walk-ins filling out forms describing their households, being processed through a queue and being dispensed either *ciprofloxacin* or *amoxicillin* (which are powerful antibiotic medications) depending on the age of the residents indicated in the survey forms. Early sign-up volunteers were given bonus 3-day survival kits as a thank you gift which included water, food, first aid supplies and other necessities all packed neatly in a carrying bag. Several hundred law enforcement, government workers and volunteers participated at the Scarborough High School location alone.