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Next Civic Club Meeting

Date/Time: Thursday, Feb 20, 2014 at 7:15 PM

Location: Scarborough High School Library

Speaker: James Alexander, Director of Operations, S.E.A.L. Security Solutions, LLC

All Mangum Manor Residents welcome!

James Alexander of S.E.A.L. Security to speak at February meeting on paid security patrol

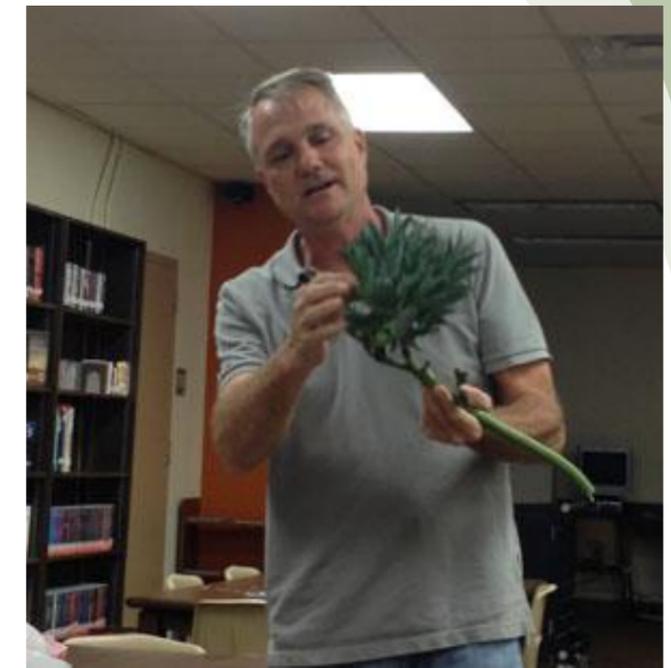
Director of Operations for S.E.A.L. Security LLC James Alexander will give a presentation at the February general civic club meeting on the paid security patrol service his company provides. Already in place in neighboring Oak Forest, SEAL Security patrols the neighborhood in marked cars with uniformed and armed guards. The dues for the program in Oak Forest are voluntary but residents who pay are given numerous additional benefits such as vacation watch, a private hotline number, home security reviews and other bonuses.

Currently, Mangum Manor has no paid security program in place and would need to organize and fund such a program. With the level of crime in the area, this has been an oft discussed topic. After a low response rate to the cost of a Harris County paid patrol program, SEAL Security offers a similar service but at a lower cost. Participation in any such program would be completely voluntary. Come to the February meeting to learn more as well as bring questions for Mr. Alexander.

Mangum Manor on Facebook

Mangum Manor Civic Club is on Facebook! Join the lively discussions, find out what's going on, get to know some of your neighbors! Check it out:

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



Johnny Blalock at November meeting

Certified Texas Nurseryman and Mangum Manor neighbor Johnny Blalock of Blalock Landscaping and Drainage spoke at the November meeting on winterizing yards as well as preparing for spring. Among his chief tips, don't underestimate the need for sun to adequately grow grass, use natural fertilizers such as compost tea and molasses, utilize native plant varieties for ease of care and to always consider proper drainage in planning. Johnny is a neighbor to Mangum Manor residing on Milwee just down the street from Wainwright Elementary.

Congrats to the 2013 Holiday Decorating Contest Winners!

1st Place - 5422 Saxon

2nd Place - 5119 Georgi

3rd Place - 5414 Poinciana

Honorable Mention - 5302 Lamonte

Honorable Mention - 5402 Manor Creek

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

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:

- **Thursday, February 20, 2014**
 - James Alexander, SEAL Security
- **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:

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

Understanding Heavy Waste Collection

Heavy Waste Collection is the fourth Tuesday of each month in Mangum Manor. Heavy Waste is broken down into two categories, tree waste which is typically tree or hedge limbs, and junk waste which can be most any household item too large for the garbage bins emptied every Tuesday. Junk waste can include tree waste, but the difference is that the tree waste will not be separated from the junk and will go into a landfill instead of being ground up and composted as it would in a tree waste month collection. Additionally, tree waste only means wood from live trees, not wooden parts of furniture, scrap lumber or other such treated wood items since they have been processed, contain chemicals, nails, etc. that would be a hindrance or even toxic in composting. An easy way to remember which month is which is that tree waste collection is odd numbered months and junk waste even months. You can legally put your tree waste or junk waste out starting at 6:00 pm the Friday before Tree- or Junk-Waste collection. Placing heavy waste out prior to this time can result in a ticket from the city.



Waste Collection 2014

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, February 25 – Junk Waste

Tuesday, March 25 – Tree Waste

Tuesday, April 22 – Junk Waste

Tuesday, May 27 – Tree Waste

Tuesday, June 24 – Junk Waste



Recycling Collection 2014

Thursday, February 27

Thursday, March 13 & 27

Thursday, April 10 & 24

Thursday, May 8 & 22

Thursday, June 5 & 19

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

Mike Zientek of US290 Project speaks at January civic club meeting

Redevelopment and construction on US Highway 290 was the primary topic of the January civic club meeting and Senior Public Involvement Rep Michael Zientek spoke at length about the project and also fielded questions. The project is ahead of schedule and is starting to become more visible closer to our neighborhood with the new road bed being laid at the end of Milwee along the feeder as well as the removal of the old overpass at Pinemont.

An overview of the 290 project as well as a contact point for emailing specific questions can be found at:

<http://www.my290.com>

Volunteer Architecture Committee News

Two sets of building plans were submitted to the volunteer architecture committee in the past month. After looking over the plans, the committee did not find any issues with regards to the deed restrictions in the respective sections for which the plans were submitted. The plans were submitted for **5203 Poinciana** and **5102 Poinciana**. The committee has a confidentiality policy regarding submitted plans, but with the builders permission the front perspective of the home plans were shared on the Mangum Manor Facebook Group (as well as **5222 Poinciana**, which is already nearing completion of the exterior construction).

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 a printed and delivered newsletter in 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.

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.

Panhandling on Antoine

Panhandling at the corner of Antoine and 290 is a common activity and can evoke a variety of opinions if you ask enough people. Suffice it say, the people who are panhandling need help, be it substance abuse or psychological counseling, economic opportunities or relocation or some other form of assistance or intervention. Here are some tips from MD Anderson:

- Panhandlers more commonly target women
- In Houston, a license to solicit money is required
- Aggressive panhandling is illegal.
- Panhandlers are rarely homeless
- Best way to help those in need is to donate to charities
- Street performers and vendors with permits are not panhandlers
- Most panhandlers suffer from drug or alcohol addiction and giving them spare change only enables the addictions.

Types of Panhandling:

- **Passive Panhandling:** soliciting without threat or menace, often without any words exchanged at all-it maybe just a cup or a hand held out. Must have a license to panhandle.
- **Aggressive Panhandling:** soliciting coercively, with actual or implied threats, or menacing actions. If the panhandler uses physical force or extremely aggressive actions, the panhandling may constitute robbery. **Aggressive panhandling is illegal. If you feel threatened call 911.**

Panhandling is a crime in Houston if:

- Within 8 feet of an ATM, pay telephone, parking meter, parking fee collection box, transit facility or fuel dispensing device
- Within a distance of eight feet is prohibited after a request is made to discontinue the panhandling.
- Soliciting a contribution without a tax permit.
- Being in the roadway without a safety vest and/or when there is a sidewalk on the same side of the street.

To report non-emergency or passive panhandling you can call **Houston Police Non-Emergency at: 713-884-3131**

You can decline to identify yourself to remain anonymous