

## Presidents Message

Already another civic club year draws to a close and summer is upon us. Between work and health issues, I unfortunately missed out on a lot of civic club activities this past year. For the coming year, I will be seeking the role of civic club VP. Despite my missing out a bit, on the other hand, a lot of great folks stepped up and helped keep things rolling. Each of the board officers, despite busy lives with kids and other volunteer commitments, managed to keep things together. The board as a whole often weighed in on matters via email discussions and helped plan activities. The volunteer architecture committee was similarly at times also very busy reviewing construction plan submissions, debating various builder questions or structural features. So much of these sorts of activities can often be undertaken behind the scenes but can make a real difference both today and in the decades to come as their effects on this neighborhood can be long felt. Whether it's the saplings in the park planted by civic club volunteers last spring that will someday grow into mighty trees, the volunteer architecture board advisement that helped maintain building character today so that the character of a neighborhood is around in the next 50 years, or even a meeting or event a youngster enjoyed today that will form a fond memory for their whole life, *volunteers are what make the civic club happen.*

To those who volunteered, and last but not least the person who brought this newsletter to your door, **thank you!**

## Scott Lewis

President, Mangum Manor Civic Club 2012-2014



## Northwest Mobility Study

The City of Houston is currently evaluating various options for increasing mobility in the northwest part of Houston. Among the options is an idea to reclassify several streets in the area, including Antoine, into "Suburban Boulevards" which would make them eligible for expansion from the current four lanes to a total of six lanes. This could also potentially include Right-of-Way property procurement among other measures to achieve the goal.

While the deadline to submit public comments has passed, it is still not too late to contact the relevant city officials and let them know your opinion. For Mangum Manor, our City of Houston council member is Ellen Cohen whose office may be contacted at 832-393-3004 or via email at [districtc@houstontx.gov](mailto:districtc@houstontx.gov)

## Mangum Manor Civic Club Membership Form

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

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## Next Civic Club Meeting

**Date/Time:** Thursday, May 15, 2014 at 6:00 PM

**Location:** Mangum Manor Park

*Final meeting until the fall, civic club board elections, meet your neighbors and get some Kona Ice shave ice!*

*All Mangum Manor Residents welcome!*

## May Civic Club Meeting to be in Mangum Manor Park

For a change of pace and to take advantage of the splendid weather, the May civic club meeting will be held at 6 PM in Mangum Manor Park. Much like National Night Out, this fun evening in the park is a great way to meet your neighbors and enjoy the last of the cool weather. Among the surprises in store, Kona Ice will be sending a shaved ice truck. Although similar to a snow cone, shave ice is a Hawaiian-style treat made with ice that is finely shaven rather than crushed to bits.

In addition to the fun, civic club business will include the election of the 2014-15 year board members who will then officially take office on June 1, 2014. The nominees were called at the April meeting and the only requirement to vote is that your household has paid dues this past year.

## Annual Garage Sale Held

The annual neighborhood-wide Mangum Manor Civic garage sale was held on a beautiful Saturday, April 5 this year. While the sun turned out for the day, not so many neighbors participated this year as in previous years. What could make the garage sale a bigger/better event next year? The civic club seeks your input to help make the 2015 garage sale the best one yet!

## 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>

## City of Houston Anti-Gang Speaker at April Civic Club Meeting

Roman Aguilar of the City of Houston Anti-Gang Office spoke at the April civic club meeting. Among some of the more revealing facts and info, the ubiquitous "SCUM" and "GOAT" seen spray-painted around this part of Houston are actually not gang-related but are the mark of taggers, people who write graffiti using their nickname or other identifying mark. To report graffiti, gang- or tagger-related or otherwise, please call Houston 311. Not only does this notify the city to come out and remove the graffiti but also helps keep track of possible gang activity in various areas. Additionally, ignoring graffiti typically only serves to encourage more to appear.



## SEAL Security Makes Presentation

Officers with SEAL Security presented at the February civic club meeting and provided an overview of the many benefits neighborhoods receive. The adjacent Oak Forest community undertook a contract with SEAL last fall after a dramatic fundraising effort with numerous commercial sponsors. Overall, the general perception has been a drop in crime and good responsiveness to calls HPD might normally not quickly prioritize. Given the end of the civic club year, the matter of a paid patrol program will pass on to the next civic club board to handle, but certainly only with the whole community pitching in would it stand a chance to become a reality.

## 2014-15 Mangum Manor Civic Club Calendar

Following the election at the May civic club meeting, the newly elected Mangum Manor Civic Club board will begin drafting a calendar of meeting and event dates for the 2014-15 year. While the calendar will be published with the September 2014 newsletter, be sure to stay tuned via the Facebook group, the website or even chatting with your neighbors.

## New, Easier to Read Section Map

Thanks to Quin Vargas, a new and easier to read Mangum Manor Section Map is now on the civic club website in the maps section. Use this map to better understand which section you reside in. A miniaturized version is shown below:



## Community Events for 2014-15

What kind of community activities would you like to see in 2014-15? While we typically undertake many activities on a repeating annual basis, such as decorating contests, garage sales, etc. there's always a chance to try something new or different. Please contact the civic club if you have some ideas about certain types of events you would like to see or help make happen. Drum circle? Reading club? Poetry Night in the Park? Wine or Beer Garden? Salon Night? Beautification work days for the park or esplanades? Movie Night in the Park? The possibilities are endless, but your input helps make it happen – contact the civic club today and let us know what kind of events you would like to see in 2015!



## 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, May 27 – Tree Waste

Tuesday, June 24 – Junk Waste

Tuesday, July 22 – Tree Waste

Tuesday, August 26 – Junk Waste

Tuesday, September 23 – Tree Waste



## Recycling Collection 2014

Thursday, May 8 & 22

Thursday, June 5 & 19

Thursday, July 3, 17 & 31

Thursday, August 14 & 28

Thursday, September 11 & 25

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

## Civic Club 2014-15 Officer Elections

The 2013-14 Mangum Manor Civic Club Officer Elections will be held at the May civic club meeting. Nominations were taken at the April meeting. The following positions and candidates will be voted upon at the May meeting:

**President** – Angela Smith

**Vice President** – Scott Lewis

**Secretary** – Jessi Heiner

**Treasurer** – Melissa Bates

**Section I Representative (2 slots)** - Ryk Heiner, Brad Young

**Section II Representative (2 slots)** - Terri Rhodes, Shelly Shindler

**Section III Representative (2 slots)** - Claudia Friedman, Christy Stewart

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

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** (up to 2 per section) – Act as board members and help conduct civic club activities.

## 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.

## Deed Restrictions Update

With the end of the civic club year already upon us, no action was taken to revise or amend the deed restrictions this past year. With the uptick in development and construction, it will be a matter to be taken up again in the fall by the next civic club board.

## Summer Months

As a reminder, there are no civic club meetings in June, July or August. The tentative date of the September meeting is September 16, 2014 at 7 PM but stay tuned for more info!

## Community Action at 290/Antoine

Between the homeless encampment at the former Chevron at the corner of Antoine and 290 across from the Shell station and the piles of garbage and people taking shelter in the partially demolished station on Milwee, several members of the community wrote letters, made phone calls and raised hell with elected officials, regulatory officials and property owners. Over the course of nearly 2 months, the efforts finally paid off with the homeless camp being cleared out and the station on Milwee being fully demolished. You may not think your 311 call or email to your councilmember may matter, but it does, and especially if you're not the only one. If there is an issue facing the community, share your concern, talk to your neighbors, surely you aren't the only one concerned!

## Volunteer Architecture Committee News and Activity

While the committee did not review any plans in the past month, it did receive an inquiry regarding Hardie plank. Made with cement and formed into the shape of a board, Hardie plank is a commonly used material in some construction. However, as deed restrictions specify only brick or masonry veneer (depending on the section), the committee advised the builder that Hardie plank would not count towards satisfying the brick/masonry veneer requirement.

With the onset of new construction in Mangum Manor for the first time in perhaps decades, it's more important than ever to remain vigilant with regards to deed restrictions. If you are concerned about a new or ongoing construction, please contact the civic club. While the civic club cannot solve every problem, it can help answer questions, guide resources and, when necessary, provide organization towards resolution.

In the city of Houston, any resident or group of residents may bring suit against violations of established deed restrictions. The city even maintains a corp of attorneys whose mission is to assist in protecting neighborhoods by way of deed restrictions as well as general municipal codes and ordinances.

*Have a Great Summer!*