

## 2014 Civic Club Board Members

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## Civic Club Information

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Newsletters are scheduled to be printed and delivered for the months of October, February, and April. The remaining months will be emailed and uploaded on our website and Facebook page. If you would like a hard copy of the electronic newsletters delivered to your door, please email us or call (713) 364-3351.

## Newsletter Writers & Delivery

We are looking for writers interested in submitting a paragraph or two for each newsletter on topics agreed upon with the editors. We are also looking for help delivering newsletters. If you are interested in helping with either of these items, please email [contact@mangummanor.org](mailto:contact@mangummanor.org)

## Warm Welcomes

We are looking for people to help assemble or deliver welcome baskets to new Mangum Manor residents. For more information on how you can help, please email us at [welcome@mangummanor.org](mailto:welcome@mangummanor.org)

## Yard of the Month

Around the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month, new winners will receive their sign. Judging will not take place December through February, and will resume again in March. Christmas judging will be held on December 14.

## October Winners

Section I: 5102 Saxon



Section II: 5330 Saxon



Section III: 4138 Donna Lynn



## Important Dates

November Civic Club Meeting

\*November 11 at 6:45 PM

\*Scarborough High Cafeteria

We are so lucky to have HPD Sergeant Frank Escobedo speak at this meeting. Please join us in discussing how to stay safe during the holidays and what you can do to help prevent crime. He will also be giving more information about the COP program for Mangum Manor.

Holiday in the Park

\*December 13 at 4PM

\*Mangum Manor Park

Please join us for hot chocolate and s'mores! Bring a marshmallow roasting stick, all other supplies will be provided by the Mangum Manor Civic Club.

Christmas Yard Judging

December 14

Civic Club Meeting

January 15 at 6:45PM

Scarborough High School

Civic Club Meeting

February 19 at 6:45PM

Scarborough High School

## A Successful National Night Out



Over a hundred neighbors met in Mangum Manor Park the pleasant evening of October 7 for National Night Out 2014. For the second year in a row, the event was held as a centralized party by the civic club in the park instead of numerous, smaller get-togethers across the neighborhood as in the past. This nationally organized, annual event is now in its 41st year and helps people meet and get to know their neighbors in the interests of community awareness and crime deterrence. Many neighbors brought food such as brisket, roasted chicken, sides, drinks and other goodies for everyone to enjoy, even the remarkable peppermint-dipped pretzel sticks were back once again. The civic club also sponsored 50 snow cones from the Kona Ice truck which lasted almost an hour. Frank Blasco setup a booth for the Citizens on Patrol program and got several volunteer sign-ups (not too late to sign-up if you are interested!). In the hopes of establishing a new, annual neighborhood tradition, everyone present posed together for a giant, panoramic neighborhood photo. After monthly civic club business was addressed, there were several exciting raffle drawings with prizes including fire extinguishers for National Fire Safety Month, a free curb number paint job from local artist Harry TexasFlagCurbPainter, and even a brand new Wilson tennis racket to help promote the biweekly free Saturday morning tennis lessons as part of the Tennis In The Park program.

## Mangum Manor Civic Club Membership Form

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

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Dues \$ 15

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Social Events \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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## Park Committee News

The park committee met in October and discussed moving forward with some short and long-term projects. We have two projects currently in the planning stages. The first project is to plant more trees, and to also add wild flowers. The second, more long-term project will be focused on the tennis court. If you would like to help with either of these projects, or have any questions please email us at [park@mangummanor.org](mailto:park@mangummanor.org).

## Tennis in the Park

Join us for free adult group tennis lessons! Intermediate and beginner levels are both available. Lessons will be held at the tennis court in Mangum Manor Park. All equipment will be provided. For dates and times, or more information, please email [tennis@mangummanor.org](mailto:tennis@mangummanor.org).



## Section III Party



A week prior to National Night Out, Christy Stewart and Claudia Friedman had the privilege of hosting Mangum Manor's Section III Block Party on September 30. They were thrilled to see so many neighbors come out after meeting most of them for the first time the weekend before (when they went door-to-door to extend a personal invite).

Section I Representative - Ryk Heiner and nearby Oak Forest neighbor - Cathy Mustachio, were the "Grill Masters" for the evening, serving up tasty hamburgers and hot dogs to all in attendance. Many thanks to those who brought chips, cookies, soft drinks, and more to enhance the experience for the residents of Mangum Manor.

Despite the rain earlier in the evening and the resulting humidity, the Section Party was a great success with well over forty people stopping by to visit and meet their neighbors up close and personal!

## Holiday Decoration Awards

There were several outstanding Halloween decorations in Mangum Manor this year. Judging was a difficult task! The 2014 winners are:

Section I: 5018 Lamonte



Section II: 5302 Lamonte



Section III: 5119 Georgi



## Citizens on Patrol (COP)

If you would like to find out more information or help with the Citizens on Patrol program, please email us at [contact@mangummanor.org](mailto:contact@mangummanor.org). With the holidays coming up and some recent break-ins, we are very much in need of a stronger COP and HPD presence.

## Volunteers Clean Up the Esplanades



After several years of relative neglect, a dozen or so Mangum Manor residents met on October 18th, a beautifully glorious Saturday morning, to spruce up the esplanades along Antoine. What was initially thought to be perhaps a few morning hours of light clean-up was soon realized to be a major project spanning half the day. Many of the oak trees received badly needed pruning, hundreds of pounds of trash were rooted out and collected and, in the end, over one hundred bags of yard waste and trimmings were filled. The southeast corner of the US 290/Antoine intersection was particularly challenging as the concrete retention wall had been completely subsumed by undergrowth.

While much was accomplished by the diligent labor of the volunteers, it was also vividly apparent to all involved that the esplanades really need more regular attention than once every few years. Given that the esplanades are the first thing people see of Mangum Manor, and that this is reflected not only in property values but also the character and representation of our community, all the volunteers were in agreement more needs to be done in the future to better maintain and even improve the esplanades.

At the end of the day, a raffle drawing was held as thank you for the volunteers with the grand prize being a \$100 lawn care/yard project gift certificate generously donated by local yard service provider Mark "The Lawn Barber of Houston" Malisheski while the second prize was a \$20 gift certificate to Daddy O's pizza, located just up Antoine near Acorn. The efforts of the volunteers were also recognized and reported in the November 1, 2014 edition of *The Leader* with a news article.