

2014 Civic Club Board Members

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Section III Reps: Claudia Friedman & Christy Stewart

Civic Club Information

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This is the last newsletter for the 2014-2015 year. Stay tuned as the new 2015-2016 Civic Club board members will make plans over the Summer and will likely inform residents on upcoming events around July or August.

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

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

Yard of the Month

Around the 1st of each month, new winners will receive their sign. Judging did not take place December through March, but has resumed for April. Results will be in the following monthly newsletter. Good luck!

Section I Winner - April

5102 Saxon



Section II Winner - April

5203 Poinciana



Section III Winner - April

4103 Donna Lynn



May Civic Club Meeting With Board Voting and Frozen Yogurt

Join us this Thursday, May 14 at 6:45 in Mangum Manor Park for our monthly civic club meeting. We have guest speakers, board member elections and frozen yogurt! Guest speakers for this month will be City of Houston attorney Heather Cook to discuss deed restrictions and how the city helps protect neighborhoods (**Please understand Mrs. Cook can only answer questions about the how's and why's but cannot comment on current or pending litigation, nor can she give legal advice**) AND the principal of Scarborough High School Dr. Linares to introduce himself and discuss the mission and program going on over at the school.

Civic club election will be held for the civic club board members for the 2015-16 year. Nominations were made at last month's meeting as follows:

President: Angel Smith

Vice President: Francisco Blasco

Secretary: Jessi Heiner

Treasurer: Melissa Averett

Section I Rep (2 seats): Rebecca Fiszer, Brad Young, Ryk Heiner

Section II Rep (2 seats): Scott Lewis, Shelly Shindler

Section III Rep (2 seats): Claudia Friedman, Christy Stewart, Caroline Chavez



Any adults of Mangum Manor households that are current on their civic club dues may vote.

You may pay your dues at the meeting if you need to get current. Election winners formally take office June 1, 2015. Frozen yogurt from Sweet Frog will be served with an assortment of flavors and toppings available. It's free, but when it's gone, it's gone so don't be late! This is our last meeting until the fall, so please have a great summer and stay in touch via Facebook or emailing the board at board@mangummanor.org.

Mangum Manor Civic Club Membership Form

Name(s): _____ Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

- Annual Dues \$ 15 Beautification \$ _____
 Social Events \$ _____ Deed Restrictions \$ _____

Make check payable to Mangum Manor Civic Club

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Neighborhoods Unite on Sale of Former Pinemont Park & Ride Property

Following the closure of the 290/Pinemont Park and Ride earlier this year, Metro put the 14.8 acre parcel of land up for sale. The Houston Housing Authority (HHA) had plans to buy the property and build a 300-unit public housing development. The adjacent community, Forest West, as well as other nearby neighborhoods, including Mangum Manor, joined together to voice concerns to Metro board members. Within a few days of finding out about the possible sale to HHA, community leaders followed the lead of Forest West HOA in organizing a town hall meeting to inform local residents. Several hundred residents filled the room in Advent Lutheran Church. On April 23, community leaders attended the metro board meeting, prepared to voice all of the concerns from our neighborhood. Much to everyone's surprise, Metro informed local



leaders that they were all in favor of a new proposal: the sale of the property to Harris County to be used for a multi-use facility. Upon reaching the public comment opportunity portion of the meeting, local leaders had nothing but awe and thanks to the Metro board members for listening to the thoughts and concerns of the community and for making a decision that will improve the neighborhoods. For more information on Metro and their community outreach, please visit their website at <https://www.ridemetro.org/>.

Citizen Patrol Program

Volunteers are always wanted for the Citizen Patrol Program. The more volunteers that sign up to patrol the neighborhood, the safer it will be. Citizen Patrol President Francisco Blasco and the rest of the volunteers are working to get signs for patrol cars to be more visible by everyone in the neighborhood. Citizen Patrol trainings with the Houston Police Department are held monthly throughout the entire year, and only take about an hour to complete. Help keep Mangum Manor safe! If you would like more info, please email Jessi Heiner at j.h@aggiemail.usu.edu.

History of Brick House Gully by Jean West

A wonderful neighbor, Jean West, wrote and compiled an informative booklet titled *History Along Brick House Gully*. It is filled with history of Mangum Manor from someone that experienced it first hand as a mail deliveryman. These are available to any resident that would like to make a \$20 donation to the civic club. If you would like a copy, email contact@mangummanor.org or stop by the next civic club meeting. Please note that supplies are limited, and will be given out on a first come, first serve basis. Thank you, Jean, for the legacy and for donating these for others to enjoy!



Mosquito Season

Recent rain and warm weather has created ideal conditions for mosquitoes to thrive. In addition to being a nuisance, there are also serious health concerns that arise for humans and pets. Harris County Public Health & Environmental Services has tips on how to help reduce the mosquito population: Wear repellent when outdoors, sweep up lawn clippings, leaves and tree limbs from sidewalks and driveways to prevent storm drains from clogging, and remove/empty containers that hold water such as flowerpots & buckets. For more information on mosquito education and prevention, please visit <http://www.hcphes.org/>.

Message from the President

As we get ready for the summer break, the board wanted to thank everyone who contributed to our many, many projects this year. There are too many to name in the space I've been allotted, but please know that each of you are all highly regarded and appreciated for everything you have done. We cannot possibly thank you enough for the time you have contributed. The Civic Association has been incredibly active and it's all because of you.

Just some of the many fun activities we hosted included a community National Night Out at the park, starting section parties to get to know each other better, a festive holiday in the park, and hosting an eggcellent Easter Egg hunt in the park. But we are not just all play, we also came together for many area improvements including conducting a MASSIVE esplanade clean up, planting NINE new trees in the park, planting beautiful wild flowers in the park, working with neighboring communities to deter the high-speed rail line, as well as convincing METRO that the best use of the abandoned Pinemont Park and Ride land was to sell it to Harris County for the use of all area residents. Additionally, behind the scenes wonderful volunteers have worked tirelessly on the Architecture Review Committee helping protect our deed restrictions, while other dedicated residents conducted an esplanade tree census so that we know exactly what needs to be replaced in the event that construction removes our mature trees. And of course, we have to give many, many thanks to our amazing newsletter writers and DELIVERERS!

You ALL have really set the bar high for next year and I am confident the community will only continue the momentum of coming together to socialize and improve our neighborhood in so many ways large and small. Have a happy and safe summer!