

Barkers Landing Bulletin

A publication of the Barkers Landing Community Club and your HOA.

July - August 2008

Presidents' Note

Tammy Shurn & Monica White

Co-Presidents – BLCC

The new officers of the BLCC are in and we're working hard at scheduling and organizing the year's events. A schedule of activities will be posted in the next bulletin so get ready to fill your calendars. We still need homes and volunteers, so please call any of the officers to sign up.

It's dues time!! A remittance form is located on the back of this bulletin. We will also be sending out a dues flyer, so check your mail box in the next couple weeks.

We're looking forward to a fun and exciting year.

"See you around the neighborhood!!!"

Don Fleck

President – BLHOA

You all have probably noted the recently painted Memorial Dr. concrete block walls. A significant improvement with a balanced color to correspond with the brick entrances. You have probably noted the resurgence of repair activity on curb drives, and drains. We have our selected contractor, JrD Construction, Mr. Charles Austin, 281-491-2202 onsite and available to meet your needs. Call him with questions or an estimate. It will never be less in cost due to his bundling jobs for group savings. Also, the board will soon be issuing written notices to owners of property needing such repairs. So take advantage of this opportunity.

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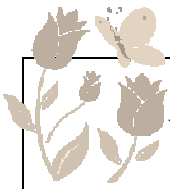
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YARD OF THE MONTH

May
Sid and Edna Smith
403 Barkers Ldg. Ct.

June
Mark and Margaret Marlin
502 Lee Shore Ln.

FLAGS AT THE ENTRY!!



Every year, for the 4th of July, the Memorial entrance gets decorated with a “gazillion” American Flags. Ever wonder who put them there?

Billie Love is her name!!!!

Thank You Billie, for the spirit and patriotism you bring to our neighborhood every year.

THANK YOU! *THANK YOU!* THANK YOU!

A HUGE THANK YOU goes out to **Dottie Frank** for all of her hard work, time, commitment, and dedication as BLCC President for the past 2-1/2 years. Dottie stays with us as Parliamentarian and will continue to bring her fresh ideas to the neighborhood.

Thank you also to our out-going officer **Ellen Zimmern** for serving as BLCC Parliamentarian. Ellen will continue to chair the Neighbors-Helping-Neighbors program.

SINGLES GROUP

...meets every second Tuesday of the month. We have a great crowd of ALL AGES!!! Check out the schedule of locations on the calendar at www.BarkersLanding.org. Hope to see you there!!

CLASSIFIEDS

THE PERFECT GIFT! Original art designs for laminated tags, wall hangings, and bookmarks. The tags are great for luggage, backpacks, diapers bags, or children’s school bags! See all of Laura Edwards designs at www.sisterartbylaura.biz.

SUPER SITTERS: Laura Edwards and Mary Catherine Edwards. Tender care for children or pets; responsible and hard working, call (281) 589-8015.

ROOF CLEANING/TEENAGE RATES: Do you need roof cleared of pine needles? Do your gutters need cleaning? Call Zach Hopkins: (281) 531-6823.

ASPIRING VETERINARIAN: Very reliable neighborhood teen will take loving care of your animals. Has many references from pleased residents. Call Lauren Hopkins at (281) 531-6823.

Zee PC REPAIR: Any problem big or small we can fix it all! Hard disk recovery, data backup, network setup, PC tune-up, we do it all. Simply give us a call, (281)691-4156, and ask for Zain ya’ll. We keep your wallet full and tall. References available.

HOUSEHOLD CHORES? NO TIME TO DO IT? Yard work – all phases; heavy cleaning – interior & exterior; cleans roofs & gutters; painting interior & exterior. Mon – Sun 8-4. Has worked in B/L for 6 yrs for your neighbors. Call: Mickey Fleck (281) 497-4565.

WATER EXCERCISES

... ARE IN PROGRESS!! FOR MORE INFO, CALL MARGARET AT (281) 920-0100 OR GAIL AT (281) 531-6774.

BARKERS LANDING HOA
MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
April 17, 2008

APPROVED

The Board of Directors of Barkers Landing Homeowners Association, Inc. (BLHOA) met for the scheduled meeting at 3:00 pm on April 17, 2008 at the office of Planned Community Management, Inc. The meeting was called to order by Don Fleck, President at 3:06 pm.

Present: Don Fleck, Noel Rando, Susanne Walsh
 Steve Shurn, Jeff Roberts

Also present were Dottie Frank of the Barkers Landing Community Club, Pat Gray, homeowner, and Bob Eaton and Kim Barker representing Planned Community Management, Inc.

A quorum being established, the meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m., with Don Fleck, President, presiding. Mr. Fleck welcomed Ms. Pat Gray. Ms. Gray addressed the board relative to the concerns she presented at the Annual Meeting. The board answered her concerns and commended her involvement. Ms. Gray raised questions on entry landscaping and accepted appointment to the Entry Landscaping Ad Hoc Committee. Mr. Fleck then invited Ms. Gray to stay for the remainder of the Board meeting; she did so.

Next, the minutes of the March 20, 2008 meeting of the Board were presented and after motion made, seconded and approved, it was

RESOLVED: to accept the minutes of the March 20, 2008 meeting of the Board of Directors as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

LANDSCAPING COMMITTEE (Suzanne Walsh – Report Attached)

Ms. Walsh reported that the azaleas have had a heavy cut-back in an attempt to get them to flush back out but they may not live. Also, the trees in the common areas of the community have been trimmed. The arborist noted that the scale on the Magnolia trees is prevalent on many trees around the city and is acceptable. They will not need to be sprayed this year and Komp will check on the infestation next spring. Ms. Walsh also reported that the spring color has been planted and should last until the late summer planting in July or August.

Ms. Walsh then requested an expenditure of \$264.00 to replace two (2) Coach Lights at the Recreation Center and additional monies for the installation of these lights. Mr. Rando will check with Scott Taylor for installation. After discussion and a motion made, seconded and approved, it was

RESOLVED: to allow expenditures of up to \$500.00 for the replacement of the Coach Lights on the Recreation Center.

Ms. Walsh also reported that she purchased new cord and clips for the Recreation Center flag pole and Security Officer Montez will change out the cord. Ms. Walsh then discussed National Night Out which occurs On October 7, 2008. She has contacted the BLCC to inquire about some type of gathering at the

Recreation Center. Ms. Walsh also noted that Mr. Rando has painted some color samples on the Memorial wall for review.

RECREATION CENTER (Jeff Roberts)

Mr. Roberts reported that the new removable pool steps will be received in about one week. Also, Mr. Roberts stated that the Gazebo has some rotted wood; he asked PCMI to request a bid for repairs.

Then Mr. Eaton presented the Board with the Barkers Landing HOA Pool Use Agreement. This agreement allows access to the pool by persons who are not members of the Barkers Landing HOA. Upon review, a motion was made, seconded and approved, it was

RESOLVED: to accept the Barkers Landing HOA Pool Use Agreement as amended to apply to the 2008 Season.

Mr. Eaton then presented the board with information regarding changing the pool to a salt water pool. Upon review by the board, Mr. Roberts stated that idea will be put on hold until next year as this topic needed further research.

The board then discussed the installation of a sanitizer in the men's restroom at the recreation center. Upon presentation of a quote from A-Beautiful pools, a motion was made, seconded and approved, it was

RESOLVED: to accept the bid of \$64.35 (tax included) from A-Beautiful Pool (Bid# 2377) to install an air sanitizer in the men's restroom at the recreation center. The price for this includes 3 refills for the sanitizer.

The Board also discussed installing a cabinet in the women's restroom to hold additional supplies. After some discussion, a motion was made, seconded and approved, it was

RESOLVED: to install a cabinet in the women's restroom to hold additional supplies.

Mr. Eaton then discussed with the board the sidewalk by the pool/playground area that had been cracked by the mulch vendor when they delivered the mulch to the playground. The playground vendor agreed to have the area repaired by their concrete contractor. Mr. Eaton recommended the area be replaced with a handicap access ramp instead of being repaired to allow better accessibility to the area. He has requested a bid from JRD Construction for the replacement of the area and also the will request from \$200 from the playground vendor toward the replacement of this area in lieu of the vendor having their concrete company repair the area. The board will review the bid upon receipt.

The Board then discussed the replacement of the sign at the Recreation Center. Ms. Frank of the BLCC discussed a proposal to replace the sign but use the pole currently in place. The cost for the sign would be \$75.00 and would be donated by the BLCC. The Board heard Ms. Frank's proposal and upon a motion made, seconded and approved, it was

RESOLVED: to accept the donation of the Recreation Center/Playground signage from Barkers Landing Community Club and to use the existing pole currently in place.

The Board also requested a bid to add a slide to the pool area. They also asked PCMI to check with A-Beautiful on the safety issues regarding this addition. Mr. Eaton will forward information as he receives it.

PATROL COMMITTEE (Noel Rando)

Mr. Rando reported that he and Bob Eaton of PCMI met with the new Area Manager for Allied Barton to discuss the current staffing, costs of staffing and maintenance needs of the vehicle. Mr. Rando noted that the mileage on the patrol vehicle is high and discussed the lack of time off for the guards. He also requested that the monthly billing cycle be returned to a weekly billing cycle as it had been in the past. Mr. Rando reviewed board policy on starting salary for new guards that was discussed and approved last year. He informed the board that a \$0.25 per hour increase would result in a billing charge of \$0.38 per hour.

Mr. Rando then stated that the pool had been drained on March 26, 2008 and refilled on April 3, 2008 and was watched by the guards to prevent overflow. The Board requested PCMI to contact the water company and check on the possibility of a discount on the bill. He also noted that the mulch at the playground had been topped off but was not the same quality as the first load that was delivered. Suzanne Walsh will be checking into this. He then reported that the trash cans at the pool were not being properly handled and Mr. Eaton remarked that he had already spoken to A-Beautiful Pools regarding this subject and it should be remedied. On final note, Mr. Rando reported that the fence by the vacant lots on Whitewater is falling down. The board asked Mr. Eaton to get bid for repairs.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE (Charlie Burckle - Absent)

No report as Mr. Burckle is absent due to illness.

BP COMMITTEE (Charlie Burckle - Absent)

Mr. Rando reported that there will be no meeting of the advisory committee until June 5, 2008. He did state that the brick wall that appeared on the conceptual design next to the north side of Barkers Landing along Grisby is no longer being considered. However, BP may plant some trees. He also reported that a new traffic study may be appropriate after traffic patterns are established upon completion of the construction.

BARKER'S LANDING COMMUNITY CLUB (Dottie Frank)

Ms. Frank requested a refund of the \$100 left from the irrigation changes made and paid for by the BLCC for the installation of the playground equipment. She also requested that all information for the newsletter be sent to Ms. Shurn by Wednesday April 23, 2008 as they will be going to press early. She then requested that BLHOA write articles for the newsletter. Ms. Frank also noted that the BLCC By-Laws have been re-written and she will forward to Ms. Walsh for posting on the website. The Board then discussed with Ms. Frank the possibility of BLCC donating funds to help with the maintenance of the walls. As there are some differences in ideas of the ownership of these walls, Ms. Frank will review the idea with her board. Ms. Frank also informed the board that she will be changing her role with the BLCC. She will now become the Parliamentarian and two (2) other board members will become the Co-Presidents of the BLCC.

TREASURER'S REPORT – (Steven Shurn)

Mr. Shurn reported that in reviewing the delinquency report, the Association has a higher than average delinquency rate this year. However, the association's expenses remain under budget but as some of the patrol service payments and are still under discussion, this could change. Mr. Rando is working with Allied Barton to remedy this problem. Then, Mr. Eaton stated that the reminder notices have been sent and that

final notices will be going out shortly to all delinquent accounts. PCMI was also asked to check the status of the shared expense contributions from the adjoining neighborhoods.

OLD BUSINESS

The Board had requested PCMI to again create a letter to be sent to all residents regarding the Concrete Program with JRD Construction; asking the residents that did not respond the first time (either using JRD or getting repairs from their own contractor) to consider taking advantage of the offer now or in the near future; all areas that have not been repaired will be receiving deed restriction letter stating that repairs must be made.

Mr. Eaton then presented the board with a Resolution for Director Authority for Operations. This Resolution outlines the areas of responsibility for each board member and grants the board member responsible for the area authority to authorize expenditures as necessary up to a set amount. Also, the Resolution does allow the directors to participate in projects outside their defined area(s) when necessary. The board will review the Resolution and discuss at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Roberts presented the Board with a Motion to change the starting time of the monthly board meetings from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm as he feels it would better serve the community a whole. After discussion, the motion failed to pass.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be scheduled for Thursday, May 15, 2008 at 3:00 pm at the office of PCMI. The meeting adjourned at 5:20 pm to the Memorial Wall area to review paint samples for the repainting of the wall.

Steven Shurn – Secretary/Treasurer

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY BOARD MEETING May 15, 2008

APPROVED

The Board of Directors of Barkers Landing Homeowners Association, Inc. (BLHOA) met for the scheduled meeting at 3:00 pm on May, 15, 2008 at the office of Planned Community Management, Inc. The meeting was called to order by Don Fleck, President at 3:06 pm.

Present: Don Fleck, Noel Rando, Susanne Walsh,
 Steve Shurn, Jeff Roberts

Also present were William Clark, homeowner, Charlie Burckle and Carl Johansson of the ARC Committee and Bob Eaton and Kim Barker representing Planned Community Management, Inc.

A quorum being established, the meeting was called to order at 3:06 p.m., with Don Fleck, President, presiding. Mr. Fleck welcomed Mr. Clark. Mr. Clark addressed the board regarding his recent submission to the Architectural Control Committee. The Board heard Mr. Clark's concerns with the decision of the

committee regarding his submission and then requested that he provide more information regarding his submission. Upon receipt, the board will again review his request.

Next, the minutes of the April 17, 2008 meeting of the Board were presented and after motion made, seconded and approved, it was

RESOLVED: to accept the minutes of the April 17, 2008 meeting of the Board of Directors as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

LANDSCAPING COMMITTEE (Suzanne Walsh – Report Attached)

Ms. Walsh reported that the brown toned color was selected by the Board and prep-work has begun. The painter has received his deposit and will forward an additional invoice for caulk when that portion of the work is completed. Also, the painter will pressure wash the entry brick to remove mildew, repaint about 13 siding shingles that were over pressure-washed previously, clean the street signs, indicate the step-down at the pool with paint and touch up the paint on the wrought iron gates and railing at the pool.

Ms. Walsh also reported that Komp trimmed the fig ivy and hollies along the Memorial wall and cut the fig ivy completely from the top of the frontage wall to prevent any scraping of the new paint.

RECREATION CENTER (Jeff Robert and Suzanne Walsh – Report included in landscape report)

Mr. Roberts reported that he does not believe the lifeguards performance is acceptable. He requested that they spend more on assigned duties when pool is not occupied and also to be more diligent about asking members to sign in upon arrival. PMCI will speak with A-Beautiful regarding the actions of the lifeguards. Mr. Roberts would also like a list of duties for the lifeguards.

Ms. Walsh then reported that the Kick Off Party was a success. She stated the furniture and pool deck were well cleaned prior to the party. However, Ms. Walsh has discussed several items with A-Beautiful, such as cleaning the picnic tables and deck in the covered area, additional cleaning of the deck near the bathroom gate, replacing the trash can liner with the appropriate size and the overall cleanliness of the restrooms. These items are being addressed. Ms. Walsh then stated that although the guards have tried to clean the lifeguard chair, they have not been very successful. As a result, she has requested a bid for a new chair from A-Beautiful.

Then Ms. Walsh reported that the new light fixtures have been installed but were installed in the wrong area. However, the two old fixtures were broken and did need to be replaced. She requests authorization to purchase 2 additional fixtures at a cost of \$270.40 tax included and additional monies for installation. After discussion and a motion made, seconded and approved, it was

RESOLVED: to purchase and install two (2) additional Coach Light Fixtures at the Recreation Center.

Ms. Walsh also reports that several items have been or will need to be replaced at the pool facility. She has already purchased a new 100 foot heavy duty hose and reel at a cost of \$70.30 and would like to purchase another hose at a cost of \$43.26. Ms. Walsh has requested reimbursement of the costs for these items and the board agreed. Also, she reports that the buoy rope between the lap pool and deep end has fallen apart and

had to be replaced. A-Beautiful will invoice \$187.69 (Inv. # 2395) for the replacement. In addition, the NO DIVING sticker at the right end of the pool has to be replaced and as they no longer make this type of sticker, both will need to be replaced at a cost of \$120.00. The board also agreed to this expenditure. Then Ms. Walsh reported that the repairs to the baby pool were not completed as was first thought, but will be taken care of by A-Beautiful. Also, one umbrella needs repairs and the deadbolt at the pump room is sticking and may become inoperable. She requested a bid from City Maintenance to have this lock replaced and rekeyed to match the other keys. Ms. Walsh is also taking bids to replace the "Pool Rules" signs currently at the pool. The board requests that A-Beautiful assist with the wording of this sign as they are responsible for the safety and enforcement of the rules. Additional items, such as the black spots around the pool and possible sharp area in the lap pool have been addressed with A-Beautiful.

Ms. Walsh then reported that the new removable pool steps arrived and were found to be short. Due to an error in ordering, the steps will be replaced but the association will be billed for the shipping costs. However, the manufacturer of the steps does not want them returned so they may be sold to off-set the cost of shipping the replacements.

The board has requested PCMI get bids to repaint the floors in both the men's and women's restrooms. Also, PCMI has requested a bid from A-Beautiful for the addition of a slide at the pool.

Ms. Walsh also spoke with the playground vendor regarding the difference in the quality of the mulch in the two applications used to complete the playground. The vendor will investigate the quality and explain the differences and let Ms. Walsh know what to expect when replacement materials are ordered.

Issues have also been raised with the stocking and cleaning of the restrooms at the pool facility. Ms. Walsh believes that this will improve as the pool will be open full time for summer usage. However, as the issue will need to be addressed when the summer pool season ends, the board has requested bids to have additional service for trash removal and restroom cleaning during the off season. As many of these issues have been raised by the Tennis Committee, the Board wishes to invite the Tennis Committee to a future meeting to discuss these issues as a group. Mr. Eaton will also check with Mr. Ted Winzeler regarding the need to resecure the windscreens and possible need for replacement of the inside benches on the tennis courts.

Mr. Eaton has received a bid for concrete work to be done at the pool, along with a bid to alter the direction of opening of the pool gates. He is also awaiting tentative approval of the \$200 donation from Adventure Playground Systems for the damage to the walkway.

PATROL COMMITTEE (Noel Rando)

Mr. Rando reported that he, Bob Eaton and Kim Barker of PCMI again met with the Area Manager and Operations Manger for Allied Barton to discuss the current staffing and billing issues. After returning to a weekly billing cycle, the invoices are still incorrect. The Managers of Allied Barton have agreed to correct the invoices presented by Mr. Rando and will see that they are correct in the future. Allied Barton also suggested that a change in the contract may be appropriate. They discussed a flat rate schedule and a separate rate for the vehicle. Mr. Rando reviewed contract and refigured rate and feels that it may be to the Associations advantage. Mr. Fleck suggested keeping the current fee schedule in place at this time and the board agreed. Also, as no payment has been made in several months, the board discussed making an

estimated payment to Allied Barton and adjust the final amount as the invoices are corrected. After discussion and a motion made, seconded and approved, it was

RESOLVED: to make an estimated payment to Allied Barton in the appropriate amount owed with the understanding that the payment is subject to adjustment.

Mr. Rando then reported that the patrol truck will be in the shop for some time and as a result the guards will have the use of the SUV until the truck is repaired or replaced. Also, repairs to the fence on the vacant lot on Whitewater are underway but the progress has been slow.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE (Charlie Burckle)

Mr. Burckle reports very little activity.

BP COMMITTEE (Charlie Burckle)

Mr. Burckle had not report as the committee will not meet again until June 5, 2008.

BARKER'S LANDING COMMUNITY CLUB (Tammy Shurn & Monica White)

No Report

TREASURER'S REPORT – (Steven Shurn)

Mr. Shurn requested PCMI to check status of the payment of the shared expense contributions from the adjoining neighborhoods. The association's expenses remain under budget but with an estimated payment about to be made to the patrol service, this may change. The board also reviewed the past due maintenance fee accounts and agreed to speak with the overdue residents.

Mr. Eaton has verbally contacted the residents who have not paid the \$50 due on the maintenance fees because of the erroneous initial billing. At his time, one has paid, one will pay on receipt of further notice and two have not been reached.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be scheduled for Thursday, June 19, 2008 at 3:00 p.m. at the office of PCMI. The meeting adjourned at 5:20 pm to the Memorial Wall area to review paint samples for the repainting of the wall.

Steven Shurn – Secretary/Treasurer

COMMUNITY UPDATES FROM OUR HOA

PATROL SERVICE

By Noel Rando

On June 18th, we were operating once again with three patrol officers having lost an officer who had been with us since Sept 2007. Our latest addition is Officer Jerry Brewer who joined us on May 2nd and is working the night shift. We are grateful for the dedicated and continued services of Capt Montez and Lt Zeppenfeldt.

Home owners, who walk alone or with their pets, have complained about speeding on North & South Barkers Landing Road and Addicks Howell. Speeding is being done by our own residents as well as others. The HPD Westside Command Center has been notified and has agreed to assign a patrol car to periodically check out this area. PLEASE BE FOREWARNED and observe the speed limit which is 30 MPH unless otherwise posted.

A homeowner reported being followed home from the bank. He noticed a gentleman standing in front of the bank as he entered and the same man was still there when he exited the bank. He noticed a car following him, so he pulled in his driveway but did not open the garage door. While he was calling the patrol service, the vehicle backed up and took off before the patrol service arrived. This is a reminder to all – Be aware of your surroundings. Check your rear view and side mirrors constantly.

BAT REPORT

From: BLHOA

Several neighbors have recently reported both live and dead bats that have found a way into homes and pools.

If you find a bat, alive or dead, immediately cover it with a can or other container and call the **Bureau of Animal Regulation and Care (BARC) at 713-229-7300 to pick it up**. Do not touch the bat. Keep children and pets away from the area. If you see a bat hanging in a shrub or other place near the ground do not touch it. Call BARC for

instructions as to what to do until BARC can send an animal control officer to pick up the bat. Keep children and pets away from the area.

More information is available at the Bureau of Animal Care (BARC) web site:

<http://www.houstontx.gov/health/quicktips/bat.htm>
BLHOA

LANDSCAPE UPDATE

By: Suzanne Walsh

Barker's Landing common area trees were trimmed and shaped in the spring. A few diseased trees were removed which included the lanky, mildewed crepes in the shadows of pines at the Rec. Center flag pole, along with a small tree soon to be on the resident's fence and a couple of large ball moss ridden trees on a Barker's landing Road esplanade. The Ball Moss was also picked by hand where possible during the tree trimming. The spraying for Ball Moss done the prior year and the added mechanical remediation has had good effect.

The entry Azaleas that suffered from an irrigation coverage issue, have received quite a heavy trim and will be given a fair chance to flush back out. Komp Horticulture will replace the plants at their own expense if satisfactory recovery does not occur.

Finally in this list of the highlights, the frontage wall along Memorial drive was scraped, caulked and repainted at long last.



KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR CINCH BUG

From: BLHOA

The hot and dry run of weather we've had is perfect for cinch bug. No tell-tale damage to our common area grass has been spotted but perhaps residents are not so lucky. Some brown patches seen in homeowners' yards are likely not just from lack of water.

Try the "tin can test". Take a teaspoon of liquid detergent, dish or laundry, and mix it with a quart of water. Then remove both ends of a tin can to make a

tin tube. Push one end of the tin tube into the ground, about 2-3 inches. Pour about 1 cup of the solution into the can. Wait about 5-10 minutes and watch for anything climbing or floating to the surface. You may be surprised at what you see coming up.

Cinch bugs tend to infest when there is a thick thatch, poor nitrogen content and deficient water. They'll colonize in areas of the lawn that are drier and are in open sunlight several hours daily. Areas near sidewalks and driveways are especially susceptible.

The southern chinch bug is the most damaging insect pest of St. Augustine grass. Easy to use pest sprays are readily available at your local lawn and garden or home improvement store.

BLHOA

Baracudas Swim Team

by: Suzanne Walsh

The swim team in Barker's Landing is winding up a fantastic 2008 season. The team had four dual meets, one divisional and one all league meet. We had a lot of fun and were very competitive as part of Division II in the West Houston Aquatic League.

Summer League swimming is a great way for kids to make new friends, improve swimming skills, and stay fit! Barker's Landing had 130 registered swimmers participate this year, ages four to eighteen. In addition to swim meets and daily weekday practice with quality coaching, the team also enjoys social activities throughout May and June such as the Season Kick Off Party, Spirit Night, Ice Cream Social, Speeding Ticket Party, Juvenile Diabetes Swim A Long, Coach's Game Day and weekly Teen Nights!

Registration generally begins in March each season and details can be found on our team web site at www.swimbarkers.org so we invite your children to dive into the fun with us next year!

KID'S PLAYGROUP!!

Barkers Landing and Fleetwood families!!

Come and join the fun!! Every Friday at 10:30 a.m. We're a great group of moms, dads, and kids from newborn to 4 years. Swimming, playing at the park, skating during toddler time at the Roller Rink, BBQ's, occasional afternoon play or dinner out. Great play time usually followed by great nap times!!!! , For the July-August schedule call Tammy Shurn at 281-493-6442 or Liza Gorham at 281-920-4147.



BEAT THE HEAT AT THE POOL!!

POOL HOURS

MONDAY	CLOSED
TUES-FRI	12 PM – 8 PM
SATURDAY	10 AM – 8 PM
SUNDAY	12 PM – 8 PM

SECURITY WATCH FORMS

Don't forget to fill out your security watch forms before going on vacation. Download forms from the BarkersLanding.org web site under resources, or contact the security officers. Have a great and safe summer!!

BLCC BY LAWS!!!!

THE BLCC BY LAWS HAVE BEEN
UPDATED AND ARE POSTED ON THE
BARKERSLANDING.org WEB SITE
UNDER RESOURCES.

BULLETIN EDITOR

NEEDED!!!

If you are interested in taking over the job of
Bulletin editor, please call Tammy Shurn at
281-493-6442



2008 – 2009 BLCC Member Dues

Please use the form below to mail in your payment. All monies are used for neighborhood events and special projects. We appreciate the support and dedication that the neighborhood has given us over the years. We look forward to continuing to make this a fun and exciting neighborhood.

Barker's Landing Community Club Dues for July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009

Levels of Membership:

Ensign	\$ 10.00
Captain	\$ 25.00
Commodore	\$ 50.00
Admiral	\$100.00

**Please mail your dues check payable to B.L.C.C. to:
Carla Rypien, 611 Barkers Cove, Houston, Texas 77079**

Name _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ E-mail _____

I would like to volunteer my home _____ or time _____