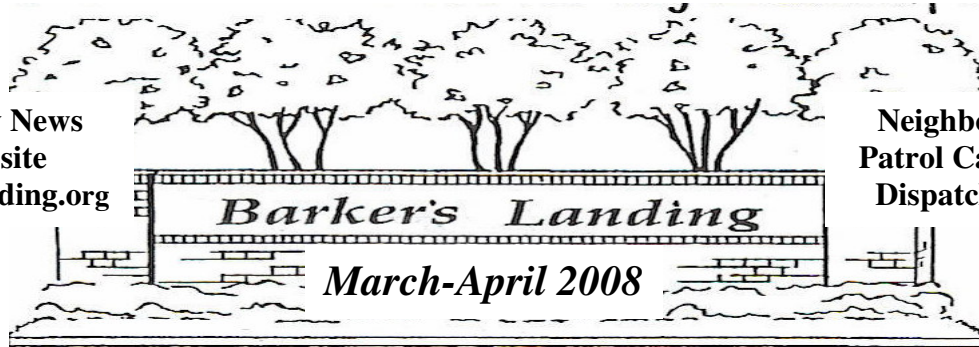


# Barkers Landing Bulletin

A publication of the Barkers Landing Community Club

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## GREETINGS TO ALL!

Can you believe it?? Spring is here - our azaleas are blooming and gardens are sprouting - and our two spring time events are fast approaching. We've had to get to work early planning our **Spring Fling and Egg Hunt**. This event is one of the two events hosted by the BLCC each year that is truly an event for the ENTIRE NEIGHBORHOOD. It is fun for children, teenagers, singles and families of all ages. We are expecting the same large crowd that we've had over the past 2 years. You don't need to have young children to enjoy this neighborhood event, and we need **VOLUNTEERS** and **PARTICIPANTS** of all ages. Remember that teenagers can often use these hours toward their school service requirements. The **Style Show and Luncheon**, planned for May 8, needs volunteers also. Call or email Tammy Roberts at taroberts98@comcast.net (281-920-2008) for the Spring Fling, and Susan Hopkins @ susanhopkins58@msn.com for the Style Show. We are actively seeking a **Bulletin Editor** for next year. This job is not as large as you might expect. Tammy has it down to a science. If you have questions, or are interested in this position, email or call Tammy Shurn at tammymshurn@sbcglobal.net (281-493-6442). If you'd like to volunteer your home for a day or night time event, or have an idea for fall, just pass it along to one of your officers. Remember, nothing, absolutely nothing, happens in any neighborhood without volunteers. And if you aren't able to volunteer, come enjoy!

There will be an **Evening Social and Meeting** on Thursday, April 10 at 7 p.m. at the home of Karen and Brian Horsley. Our last evening meeting was very successful with approximately 30 residents attending, and we are hoping for another good turnout. This venue gives all of our working residents a chance to participate and socialize with one another. We need appetizers, so please bring something with you to share. We had a very small number of residents attend our last daytime speaker and meeting, however those attending enjoyed visiting with one another and learning about computer safety. *Thank you* to Tammy Shurn for the use of her home.

*Congratulations* to Jeff Roberts who was elected to the BLHOA Board of Directors at the annual HOA meeting. And *thank you* from the neighborhood to Ted Winzeler who has ably served on the Board as Vice President and Director of the Recreation Center for the past several years.

I continue to appreciate all of the positive messages and support that the residents send to me and to the officers about the BLCC and its activities within this community. It was heartwarming to be told by two new neighborhood families that the reasons they chose this neighborhood over nearby ones were the activities and the common areas. Phase 1 of the **ACTIVITY CENTER** has been installed, and is currently being enjoyed by children ages 2-12. I drive by every day to check it out, and almost always see at least one family there, or walking on their way. The tennis players, as well as others, are enjoying the use of the benches that we contributed last year. We still need contributions for the swing set, the dip station, the adult swing, the ramp, etc. to complete the project for all ages. Then it will be time to move on to another one!! There seems to be great interest in updating the entry, so that may move ahead of the tree project!

We are a great neighborhood. I am blessed to be a part of it, and remain at your service.

Dottie Frank, BLCC President  
Email:dottieblcc@aol.com



## WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS

Ray and Valentina West  
611 Sandy Port

David and Myrtelene Kotze  
15696 Barkers Landing Rd.

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## **CONGRATULATIONS! YARD OF THE MONTH!**

February  
Dick and Joan Gardell  
602 Anchorage

March  
Mike and Pat Saunders  
607 Rowlock

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**THANK YOU to Marilyn Conn, her committee, and all of the block captains for the 2008 Barker's Landing Directory. It looks GREAT!**

### **Do You Baby-sit?**

We are compiling a list of neighborhood babysitters of all ages for daytime and evening sitting. Teenagers and grandparent types please call Liza Gorham at (281) 920-4147.

### **FOUND:**

**Two adult all-white cats wearing pink collars  
Please call 281-584-9544**

## “Easter Egg Hunt & Spring Fling”



**Sunday March 16, 3 p.m.  
Recreation Center  
\$10. Per family**

- Looking for teenage volunteers
- Looking for help day of event
- Looking for help before the event

**Email: [taroberts98@comcast.net](mailto:taroberts98@comcast.net)**

**Rain date: Monday, March 17, 5:00 p.m.**

## “2008 STYLE SHOW AND LUNCHEON”

**Thursday May 8, 11a.m.**

- Looking for door prizes
- Looking for volunteers
- Looking for help day of the event
- Looking for help before the event

**Email: [susanhopkins58@msn.com](mailto:susanhopkins58@msn.com)  
Send in your reservation form located in  
this bulletin.**

# *Barker's Landing Community Club Style Show and Luncheon*



*Thursday, May 8, 2008  
Lakeside Country Club  
100 Wilcrest Drive*

*Fashions Presented by  
Coldwater Creek  
and  
Modeled by BLCC Members*

*10:30 a.m. - Hospitality  
11:00 a.m. - Style Show  
12:00 Noon - Luncheon  
1:00 p.m. - Installation of Officers*

**\$30. per person    Guests Welcome  
Wine \$7.00 per glass (tickets @ door)**

**Deadline for reservations: Monday, May 5**

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**Please mail your check for \$30. per person, payable to B.L.C.C. to:  
Monica White, Treasurer, 15600 Barker's Ldg. Rd. No. 7**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Guest(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

If possible, please seat me with \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Reservations \_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount \_\_\_\_\_

### "CLASS OF 2008 GRADUATES!"

Give recognition to your 2008 graduate. Send name, school, and accomplishments for publication in the April-May bulletin by April 20<sup>th</sup> to Tammy Shurn at [tammyshurn@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tammyshurn@sbcglobal.net).



### TEEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Hide eggs, face paint, shoot hoops. **You can get your mandatory school volunteer hours at this event !!!** E-mail Tammy Roberts at [taroberts98@comcast.net](mailto:taroberts98@comcast.net)

### LOOKING FOR DOOR PRIZES

Anyone willing to donate a door prize for our May Style Show and Luncheon, please call Susan Hopkins at (281)782-8633 or email [susanhopkins58@msn.com](mailto:susanhopkins58@msn.com)

### "SPRING BREAK 2008!!"

Don't forget to fill out your vacation watch forms and turn into the patrol service. You can download forms from the web site under resources, at [www.BarkersLanding.org](http://www.BarkersLanding.org), or call the patrol service 281-450-2052.

### Let's Talk Trash...

Just another reminder that Barker's Landing trash is picked up by Royal on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Trash should not be placed out for pickup prior to the eve of trash day. Please be good neighbors and ask your lawn maintenance crew to haul your lawn clippings away or to put the bags out of view until you can take them to the curb at the appropriate time. PCMI will be sending notices out to those that do not stow their trash properly.

### HEY KID'S, WANT TO PLAY TENNIS?!

E-mail Tammy Shurn at [tammyshurn@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tammyshurn@sbcglobal.net) with your name, age, and phone number. Parent's permission will be required before exchanging information with other players.

## CLASSIFIEDS

**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.

**SUPER SITTERS:** Laura Edwards (age 18) Mary Catherine Edwards (age 15) Tender care for children or pets; responsible and hard-working, call (281) 589-8015.

**GREAT EASTER BASKETS, MOTHERS DAY GIFTS AND END OF SCHOOL YEAR TEACHER GIFTS!** Laura Edwards, age 18, has created original art designs for laminated luggage/backpack tags, wall hangings, and bookmarks. Check out: [www.sisterartbylaura.biz](http://www.sisterartbylaura.biz)

**ZeePC 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.

**VACATION HELP:** Need someone to water the plants, feed the pets, or collect your mail while you're away? I'm a responsible neighborhood teen with references. Call Josh Babin (713)410-7698

**LAWN WORK & POOL MAINTENANCE:** Hard working neighborhood teen looking for yard work or pool maintenance. Mowing, edging, weed eating & clean up. **Pool:** chemical & water control, skimming. References available. Call Josh Babin (713)410-7698.

**ROOF CLEANING/TEENAGER RATES:** Do you need your roof cleared of pine needles ? Are your gutters filled ? Call Zach Hopkins 281 531-6823

**HOUSEHOLD CHORES? NO TIME TO DO IT**  
Yard Work - All Phases; Heavy Cleaning - Interior & exterior, roofs & gutters; Painting interior & exterior. Mon - Sat 8 - 4. Has worked in B/L for 6 yrs. Call: Mickey Fleck 281-497-45565 for an appt.

**Pet Lover:** 30 yr BL resident and owner of several pets. I can feed them and play with them while you're away. Take care of plants & newspapers etc. call 281-490-1395 or [service@all-gifts-online.com](mailto:service@all-gifts-online.com)

## Swim Team Registration Begins

### ***Anyone Can Join: Speed is Not Necessary***

The Barkers Landing Swim Team, the Barracudas, is set to begin its 23<sup>rd</sup> season of fun and fitness for neighborhood children. All children between the ages of 3 and 18 are invited to join in this excellent summer activity. If your child can swim the width of the pool, a distance of about 20 feet, without assistance, he's ready for the team. Speed is not necessary. The swimmers benefit from an excellent coaching staff that places the emphasis on fun, fitness, fellowship, and individual improvement. Competition is kept low-key and friendly.

### ***Newcomers Make Friends Quickly***

Each year, for the 120 or more neighborhood children who join, the cool place to be in the heat of the summer is with the swim team. Little swimmers make lifelong friends, as do their parents. The older kids can hangout and catch up with their pals, a great way for everyone to meet and mesh since our neighborhood children attend so many different schools. There is no better way for a newcomer to make friends quickly! This applies to the entire family since swim team is a family event in this neighborhood. Being part of the swim team engenders camaraderie for everyone involved. Additionally our team hosts several parties and events throughout the season including an ice-cream social, a Spirit Night party, weekly TEEN NIGHTS, a Volunteers Cocktail Party, and more.

### ***Visit Our Website: [www.swimbarkers.org](http://www.swimbarkers.org)***

Online registration begins on March 12, 2008 at [www.swimbarkers.org](http://www.swimbarkers.org). We will have a REGISTRATION DAY at 12- 2 pm, Saturday, April 5,

at Roadsters Ice House, 14610 Grisby Road. This is a good opportunity to meet several of the team's adult leaders, fill out your registration papers, get your questions answered, and meet other swim team parents and kids. We are offering an early bird incentive of \$5 off each child's membership if you sign up by April 28.

### ***Kids Love It! So Do Mom and Dads***

Swim team gets the kids off the couch. What parent doesn't love that? The kids get a great aerobic workout while having fun with their friends. And without realizing it, they become good swimmers, a skill they will enjoy all their lives. You'll find registration details, sponsorship opportunities and lots of useful information at our website plus an array of photos of fun from years.

### ***A Little More Info...***

The Barkers Landing Barracudas are part of the West Houston Aquatic League (WHALE), an umbrella organization with 22 teams on the west side including Thornwood, Briar Hills, Cinco Ranch, Green Trails, etc. The season runs from April 28 through June 29. Daily practices are held after school. Once school is out for the summer, practices are held in the mornings. However, for members with scheduling conflicts due to summer school, day camps, work, etc., we offer an early evening practice by special request. Our meets this year are set for June 7, 9 or 11 (TBA), 14, and 21. These are dual meets against the other teams in our division. The swim season ends with a division meet and a league-wide meet.

Come join us on April 5!

## **Make a Splash! Join the Fun!**

**Barkers Landing Swim Team!  
2008 Online Registration begins March 12**

**Registration Party  
(Come to register or just hang out with friends)  
12 – 2 pm, Saturday, April 5  
Roadsters 14610 Grisby Road**

**Please visit our team website at [www.swimbarkers.org](http://www.swimbarkers.org)**

**The season runs from April 28 through June 29  
Evening practices are available by request!**

**Go Barracudas!**

*MINUTES OF THE*  
**BARKER'S LANDING HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
**ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS**  
**JANUARY 29, 2008**

**APPROVED**

The Barker's Landing Homeowners Association, Inc. held its Annual Meeting of Members on Tuesday, January 29, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at Wolfe Elementary School, 502 Addicks-Howell Road, Houston, Texas 77079, pursuant to meeting notice attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

The following Directors were present:

Don Fleck	Suzanne Walsh	Steven Shurn
Noel Rando	Ted Winzeler	

In addition, Robert M. Eaton and Kim Barker of Planned Community Management, Inc. were present.

A quorum was qualified, represented either in person or by proxy, by 129 owners out of a total eligible ownership of 368.

Don Fleck served as Chairperson and called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Mr. Fleck introduced the Board Members present and recognized Charlie Burckle of the Architectural Review Committee. Mr. Fleck welcomed the members and gave a brief description of the responsibilities of the Homeowners Association. He expressed gratitude to the people that had served the community in the past year.

The first item on the agenda was the election of two Directors to the Board for three-year terms each. Bob Eaton conducted the election; the candidates named on the ballot were Noel Rando and Jeff Roberts. Mr. Eaton noted that there had been one write-in nominee, Steven Sims. The floor was opened for nominations; there being none, Mr. Eaton asked that each candidates speak before the assembly to present their qualifications and state their intent to run. Mr. Rando and Mr. Roberts did so; Claudia Sims spoke for Mr. Sims. When completed, Mr. Eaton asked the members present to mark their ballots for the nominee of their choice. The ballots were collected and a committee comprised of two members from the assembly, with PCMI present, was asked to count the ballots and return the vote to the President, Mr. Fleck.

Mr. Fleck then called for the committee reports.

***COMMITTEE REPORTS***

***Landscaping and Trash Hauling – Suzanne Walsh***

Ms. Walsh reported that the community was much improved over the past year. She noted that a copper valve feeding the irrigation system at the entry had been stolen by "copper" thieves. She reported that the holiday decorations had been placed by Komp; we retain the decorations and store them in the community off-site storage. She thanked Noel Rando and Charlie Burckle for their assistance in decorating and working on some electrical problems with the lighting. She also remarked that Charlie Burckle had been working with the City of Houston on an application for a sidewalk for the community from Westlake Parkway to the Barkers Landing entry. She reported in detail about the improvements made to the entry, recreation center and the various islands in the community. She noted that the transition to the new trash hauling company was generally successful and reported that the inquiries made regarding re-initiation of recycling would likely not be fulfilled as the participation was only about 30% of the community but we had to pay for 100% participation.

### **Patrol – Noel Rando**

Mr. Rando reported that there were no major break-ins in the last year. There were minor thefts, from cars, and a bicycle, a ladder, some plants and the theft of a copper valve from the common area at the entry. He reported that there had been problems with a group attempting a magazine sales scam in the community. Mr. Rando noted that he had polled several other security companies during the year and determined that the fees being paid by Barkers Landing were significantly below market for the services. He reasoned that it was a likely reason that they had not been able to secure a qualified 4<sup>th</sup> man on the crew and retain him for long. As a result, the Board authorized an increase in the starting wage for a new crew member. He reported that the neighboring community, Fleetwood, had had a rash of vehicle break-ins resulting in theft of 4 laptops. He noted that there had been a recurrence of the technique of punching two holes in the garage doors, one for a flashlight and the 2<sup>nd</sup> to view the contents for potential theft. He also noted that the community continues to have bats present, principally noted on the streets off South Barkers Landing. He cautioned against handling any bats found on the ground; rather, report them to the Harris County Health Department. He remarked that there were 32 homes sold during the year and 10 currently on the market. He also noted that the patrol continues to report on the number of garage doors left open after 10:00 pm at night; they continue to contact owners who do not object to such calls. He finally remarked that the community participation in holiday gifts to the patrol staff reached a high of 52% during the recent holiday season.

### ***Recreation Center – Ted Winzeler***

Mr. Winzeler reported that the past year had been more successful than the prior year as there were no major problems with water quality. He remarked that the new pool company was performing well after some initial conversations about lifeguard performance. He noted that the windscreens on the tennis courts had blown down and would be replaced, by a new vendor at some cost savings. He noted also that there were still problems keeping the courts cleaned by the pool company in the off-season. He finally noted that his term was expiring but he wanted to remark favorably on the level of dedication and diligence exhibited by the Board as a whole in taking care of the affairs of the community.

### **Architectural Review Committee (ARC) - Charlie Burckle**

Mr. Burckle reported that there were further improvements on the number of forms and guidelines available for the community to use on the website, [www.barkerslanding.org](http://www.barkerslanding.org). He noted that there were very few applications submitted that were ever turned down, but occasionally some were modified through discussion with the owners submitting plans for changes to their property. He remarked that Spencer Landes had resigned from the Architectural Control Committee and Carl Johansson has been appointed to fill his position.

Mr. Burckle remarked that he had submitted an application to the City of Houston, at the request of the Board, for an extension of the sidewalk along Memorial Drive from Westlake Parkway to Barkers Landing Road, on the north side of the Memorial Drive. He noted that a separate application had been made for a walkway on the south side of the road. He reported that the City states that the application is being processed but that it takes 18 months for all the studies, reports and approvals to be obtained through the City procedures.

### **BP Liaison Taskforce – Charlie Burckle**

Mr. Burckle reported that the BP office building under construction; is approximately 4 weeks behind schedule, due to weather delays, but they anticipated making it up during the spring/summer season. He noted that they continue to plan on an independent commercial development of the west end of the BP campus, that area near the U.S. Post Office, but have yet to choose the developer. They maintain that it will be high-end development. They have a Citizens Advisory Panel that meets every 3 months and the community voice is heard through this means; Mr. Burckle and his committee represent the Barkers Landing community at these meetings. He remarked that Energy Corridor Development has a new traffic survey underway as the initial survey was regarded as being based on old data that needed a fresh look to be definitive. The new north garage is now open and all BP employees that were parking in the

temporary lot are now using the new garage. The temporary lot is now used for parking of construction workers and material storage. Plans are that the Child Development Center construction will begin soon.

#### **FINANCIAL REPORT - Steven Shurn**

Mr. Shurn reported that the 2008 budget contained planned expenses of \$390,000 up from \$380,000 in 2007. The largest expense would be \$175,000 for the Patrol contract with Allied Barton, with the trash hauling contract for \$60,000 being the next-largest single expense. Taxes (on interest earned) should run about 1% of the total. The total expenses for Maintenance and for pool services will run about \$76,000, utilities should be \$30,000 and professional services should be about 5% of the total expenses. An owner suggested that the pool ought to be "privatized" and let use be by owner choice. Mr. Fleck explained that the pool was an asset of the community that could not be relinquished and the presence of the recreational facility lent worth to all the homes in the community. Another owner questioned whether a Reserve Study of the community assets had been conducted and was being followed. Mr. Eaton remarked that a study by professionals had been conducted three years prior and funding for future maintenance of assets was voted annually by the Board.

#### **PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS**

President Fleck noted that it was recommended that steps be taken to protect net positive revenue in any year from taxation to the extent possible under the laws. To that end and after discussion and upon a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously approved, it was:

**RESOLVED**, that any excess assessments for the taxable year 2007, which are over and above the actual expenses paid or incurred for said year, shall be applied against the following year's assessments for operating expenses.

Further, in order to have the actions taken at this Annual Meeting ratified at the earliest opportunity, after discussion and upon a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously approved, it was:

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Directors of Barker's Landing H.O.A., Inc. be authorized to review and approve the minutes of this 2008 Annual Meeting at the first regular meeting of the Board of Directors following submission of the Minutes.

Mr. Fleck then announced that, with the ballot tally completed, Noel Rando and Jeff Roberts were elected to fill the Board positions for the 3-year term 2008 through 2010.

He appointed Ladell Gorham, Bill Frank Pat Gray and himself to the Nominating Committee for the year leading up to the 2009 Annual Meeting, whereat there would be two positions for Director up for election. Ms. Gray had suggested more variation in the nominating committee and was invited to participate. She also provided a list of questions that she felt the Board ought to respond to (list attached).

#### ***OLD BUSINESS***

There was no old business to report or act on.

#### ***NEW BUSINESS***

There was no new business to report or act on.

There being no further business and, upon a motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

## **BLCC 2008 TENTATIVE CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

March 16, Sunday	3 p.m.	Family Egg Hunt and Spring Fling Community Commons Area Event Chair: Tammy Roberts
April 8, Tuesday	6 p.m.	Second Tuesday Singles Group Meet at Lamontes
April 10, Thursday	7 p.m.	Social and Meeting Hosts: Brian & Karen Horsley 506 Commodore Way
May 8, Thursday	11 a.m.	Annual Style Show and Luncheon Coldwater Creek Lakeside Country Club
May 13, Tuesday	6 p.m.	Second Tuesday Singles Group Meet at Lamontes

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### **Barker's Landing Community Club**

**Dues for July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008**

#### **Levels of Donation**

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

**Activity Center "Angel" Supplemental Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Please mail your dues check payable to B.L.C.C. to:**

Monica White, Treasurer, 15600 Barkers Landing Rd. #7, Houston, Texas 77079

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to volunteer my home or my time: \_\_\_\_\_ Home \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you for Joining!**



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