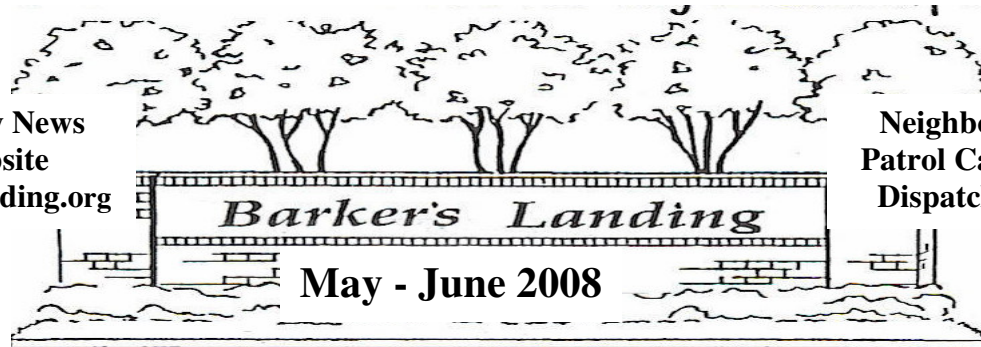


Barkers Landing Bulletin

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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

What a ride it's been! I am leaving the Office of BLCC President and will become the Parliamentarian as mandated by the by laws. It's time to pass the baton and I am leaving you in good hands. The nominating committee has nominated for the year 2008-2009: Co-Presidents - Tammy Shurn and Monica White, First Vice President – Susan Hopkins, Second Vice President – Liza Gorham, Secretary – Leslie Grass, Treasurer – Carla Rypien, Parliamentarian – Dottie Frank. Installation of the new officers will take place at Lakeside Country Club at our annual Style Show and Luncheon on May 8. This event must be paid for in advance and we need the final count no later than Friday, May 2. Look inside this Bulletin for a reservation form. We hope many of you will be able to attend this wonderful and fun event!

Permit me to give you a two year historical overview of the BLCC:

1. Membership: Approximately 50% of the neighborhood with total dues and donations of about \$17,400
2. Families actively participating each year in BLCC Activities: approximately 50%
3. New Special Interest Groups and Standing Committees: Book Club, Neighbors Helping Neighbors, Second Tuesday Singles Group, Special Projects, Water Exercise, Yard of the Month
4. New yearly events: Family Halloween Party, Family Spring Fling and Egg Hunt, Holiday Tour of Homes and Progressive Lunch, Holiday Kickoff Party, Adult Wine and Cheese Parties, Super Bowl Party, Holiday Yard Decorating Contest
5. Other new events: Holiday Hay Ride, Fish Fry, Working Women's Socials, Harwin Shopping, Adopting Families for the Holidays
6. The Activity Center Project began with kiddie cushion and main play structure in place; new benches; new signs

I've never been a President before. And probably will never be a president again. It's a difficult job and my husband has missed me! I have grown as a human being in this role as BLCC President - a volunteer position, a job without pay, sometimes thankless, often gratifying. I've tried to remember everyone to thank, all the right things to say. I've done some things right. But I'm only human. I've made some mistakes. All I can say is that I have tried. I think in a role as a leader, as a representative of people, it's just hard to please everyone. As I said, as a human being I have grown with this job. I've had fun. I have loved. I have laughed. I have cried. I have met countless residents, and made many new friends. I have so many of you to thank. We've been a team. We've accomplished a lot. I hope that my two and one half years of service have been of benefit to this community, but more than that, I thank you, my new friends for helping me become a better person and have a fuller life.

I think again of my mother this May. She would have asked me if I was crazy taking this job as a President. Now that it's over, I would have to tell her how many life lessons that I've learned. When she was alive, every time I would tell her that, she would say "Dotsie, how many of those life lessons do you need?" ...Mothers have a way with words, don't they?

May God bless you all this summer. Have fun. Be kind to one another.

Sincerely, Dottie



**CONGRATULATIONS!
YARD OF THE MONTH!**

April
Randall and Barbara Fleming
623 Flaghoist Ln.

EGG-CEPTIONAL SPRING FLING!!

Egg hunts, cookie decorating, bunny bowling, basketball, playing on the new playground equipment..... those were just some of the fun activities enjoyed by our BL residents at the annual Spring Fling in March. Thanks to Tammy Roberts for volunteering her time to chairing this event and donating all the great food. Thanks to all our teen volunteers from the neighborhood and Taylor High School who helped in set-up and clean-up. And thank you to Eva Izu, from Fleetwood, for the great pictures. **"The BLCC would like to thank Suzanne Walsh and the swim team for the use of their tables and flags for the Spring Fling."**

What a great way to celebrate Spring!!



THE CLASS OF 2008!!

Joshua Babin
Stratford Senior High School
Son of Steve and Tammy Shurn

Josh graduates from Stratford as an AP student, member of the Senior Men organization and lettering in Athletic Training. Josh also plays with the Katy Rugby Club. Josh was awarded an Academic Excellence Scholarship from the University of Houston where he will be attending the Honors College in September. He will be majoring in Biology and aspires to be a doctor.

CONGRATULATIONS JOSH!!

Laura Elizabeth Edwards
Stratford Senior High School
Daughter of William and Jan Edwards

Laura will graduate from Stratford HS where she was a member of the Spartanaire dance team and Tri-Theta senior girls' club -- she has also been an active member of the youth group at Second Baptist Church for the past four years. Laura was recently recognized by Governor Perry as a Finalist in the *TCU Texas Entrepreneur of the Year Award* for her success with her art business, www.sisterartbylaura.biz. Laura plans to attend either Baylor or A&M University to study Communications -- she appreciates all the neighbors who continue to support her through babysitting, pet sitting, and art jobs!

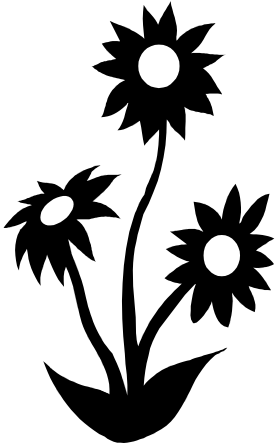
CONGRATULATIONS Laura!!

Jonathan Hicks
Texas A&M University
Son of Jerry and Kathy Hicks

Jonathan Hicks is graduating as a Master in Real Estate from the Land Economics department at Texas A&M in May, 2008. His undergraduate degree, December, 2007; is in Economics from Texas A&M. Jonathan is a 2003 graduate of Taylor High School, and of course, attended Wolfe Elementary.

CONGRATULATIONS JONATHAN!!

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

**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 _____

**BARKERS LANDING HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
P.O. BOX 219223
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77218
281-870-0585 – FAX: 281-870-9170**

March 18, 2008

To: Barkers Landing Residents

From : The Board of Directors

Re: Continuation of **Driveway, Curb and Drain Restoration Program**

Due to the community-wide response to last year's concrete restoration program, our neighborhood presents a more appealing appearance of refurbished drives curbs and drains for all neighbors and visitors. Unfortunately, not all owners who needed repairs did respond to the program request and approximately one-third of those houses are left with a few broken drives or curbs which diminish the overall neighborhood appearance.

The Board has asked, and JRD Construction has agreed, to continue the program for another round of work this spring and summer. You are urged to take advantage of this, the last round of "group" repairs program. It is each owner's responsibility to maintain the drives and curbs adjacent to their lot and the Board will be sending letters requesting such repair action from those owners still in need of concrete work. The City of Houston will only repair curbs where they have done prior work, or street "sinking", is the apparent cause of cracked curbs; curb penetrations needing repair are an owner responsibility.

Please call JRD at (281) 491-2202 to arrange for a bid at your home; pricing will be similar to last year unless the damage has gotten more extensive. We urge all to take advantage of this offer to get our curbs, drives and drains updated and do it now while the contractor is available at this special extended pricing. A very large number of your neighbors have already done so and you are now asked to do your part in enhancing the curb appeal of our community.

Sincerely,

The Board of Directors

Presented by...
**BARKERS LANDING
HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION**

**SWIMMING POOL KICK OFF
PARTY/BBQ**

For all neighborhood families
Catered by Demeris' BBQ and Hosted by your swim team, The Barracudas

4-7 pm, Saturday, May 3*+

- **FOOD, FUN, MUSIC, FRIENDS**
- **POOL TAGS AVAILABLE**
- **CHECK OUT THE NEW PLAY STATION**
- **BARRACUDAS SWIM TEAM REGISTRATION**

-----**ORDERS**

MUST BE PRE-PAID BY APRIL 30, 2008

NAME _____

_____ Of Adult Meals @ \$12.00 each

_____ Of Kid Meals @ \$7.50 each
(Children 10 years and younger)

TOTAL ENCLOSED _____

Payable to *Barkers Landing Swim Team*. Mail to Claudia Sims, 610 Timber Circle, 77079
Dinner is catered by Demeris's famous BBQ and includes 3 meats, 3 sides, all the fixin's, drinks and dessert.

*Food will be served 5 – 6 pm
+Rain or shine. No refunds please.

**BARKERS LANDING HOA
MINUTES OF THE
MEETING OF THE BOARD
February 21, 2008**

APPROVED

The Board of Directors of the Barkers Landing Homeowners Association, Inc. (BLHOA) met for the scheduled meeting at 3:00 pm on February 21, 2008 at the office of Planned Community Management, Inc. The meeting was called to order by Don Fleck, President, at 3:00 pm.

Present: Don Fleck Jeff Roberts
 Noel Rando Suzanne Walsh
 Steve Shurn

Also present were Charlie Burckle of the Architectural Control Committee, Max Littwitz, former Board Member, and Bob Eaton, representing Planned Community Management, Inc.

The minutes of the January 29, 2008 meeting of the Board were presented and after motion made, seconded and approved, it was

RESOLVED: to accept the minutes of the January 29, 2008 Annual Meeting of the members of the BLHOA.

President Don Fleck introduced Max Littwitz and thanked him for his prior work with the Board and presented Max with a plaque in recognition of his service. Mr. Litwitz graciously accepted the plaque and made a recommendation to the Board that a committee, probably the Architectural Control committee, be assigned the task of reviewing the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions, which are approaching 30 years old, to see what modifications are needed to update them to accommodate technological or societal changes over the term of their existence. President Fleck agreed and asked Charlie Burckle, Jeff Roberts and Steven Shurn to serve on that committee.

The Board proceeded to elect officers for the upcoming year and upon motion made, seconded and approved, it was

RESOLVED: **that Don Fleck serve as President, Noel Rando serve as Vice-President, and Steve Shurn serve as Secretary/Treasurer for the 2008 year.** It was noted that Jeff Roberts would assume responsibility for Recreation Center matters (pool and tennis court) and that other areas of responsibility would remain as previously assigned, Suzanne Walsh/Landscaping and Trash Contracts, Noel Rando/Patrol Staff and Steve Shurn/Financial matters. Mr. Roberts suggested that PCMI draft a resolution to officially delegate these responsibilities and authority to the individual directors.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE (Suzanne Walsh reporting, report attached)

Ms. Walsh opened discussion of the painting of the wall along Memorial Drive and noted that she had obtained a bid from the Morris Companies for the painting. The Board asked that PCMI draft a letter to Barker Place securing their concurrence with the project. Mr. Rando noted that the homeowner bordering the wall along the west side of the entry would be repairing the crack in the wall in the near future. Ms. Walsh commented on the presence of new signage in the community, placed by the City of Houston, regarding speed limits in the community and the approach to stop signs along North Barkers Landing.

Ms Walsh reported that bids for the tree trimming in the community had been obtained and after motion made, seconded and approved, it was

RESOLVED: to allow expenditures of \$4500 plus taxes for the trimming of 53 trees and the removal, with stumps ground, of 7 trees within the community common areas.

After discussion concluding that the community landscaping had reached a “mature” state, it was decided that Ms. Walsh would solicit bids, for consideration by the Board, for the overall replacement of the landscaping in the entire community. It was suggested that BLCC might be approached for interest in supporting this upgrade of common area landscaping.

Ms. Walsh noted that some rutting of the lawn near the entry was repaired and that the spring mulching would be completed in the next two weeks, weather permitting.

Mr. Eaton remarked that PCMI had requested bids on repairs to the light poles and replacement of the lighting fixtures with high – efficiency, down-light type lighting.
RECREATION CENTER (Jeff Roberts)

Mr. Roberts suggested that a resolution be drafted to assign responsibility and authority to Directors in the areas mentioned previously, and for which they each have liaison responsibility. PCMI was asked to draft such a Resolution. Mr. Roberts asked to be given a copy of the current pool operations contract.

PATROL COMMITTEE (Noel Rando)

Noel Rando reported that he was again having trouble with the Allied Barton firm relative to getting service and supplies for the patrol truck and had sent an email to the District Manager to complain about their responsiveness. He noted that some of the staff had complained to him about not being paid for vacation from the prior year that was not taken. Mr. Rando also noted that there was a continual problem with the accuracy of invoices sent in from the payroll department; he noted that the District Manager repeatedly had to generate new invoices from a spreadsheet he maintained.

He noted that the community continued to have reports of bats, especially in the areas on the southwest streets of the community, nearer to Addicks-Howell. He noted (without endorsing them) that the company Lindhurst’s Construction (713-981-9576) had successfully removed bat colonies from homes in the community.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE (Charlie Burckle)

Mr. Burckle reported routine applications for the season, landscaping inquiries and tree removal.

BP COMMITTEE (Charlie Burckle)

Mr. Burckle reported he would be chairing the CAP meeting on March 5 and would have a speaker from TXDOT to address the meeting.

BARKER'S LANDING COMMUNITY CLUB (Dottie Frank)

No report this month.

TREASURER'S REPORT – (Steven Shurn)

Mr. Shurn reported that the community is operating under budget for the brief period of operations to-date.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Fleck noted that the concrete program undertaken in the summer and late fall of this past year resulted in significantly improved appearance of drives and curbs in the community but also noted that there remained many other drives and curbs remaining in need of repair; he asked that a notice be placed in an upcoming newsletter urging the community to continue the program.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was raised for discussion. The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be scheduled for Thursday, March 20, 2008 at 3:00 pm at the PCMI office.. There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Steven Shurn – Secretary/Treasure

**BARKERS LANDING HOA
MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
MARCH 20, 2008**

The Board of Directors of Barkers Landing Homeowners Association, Inc. (BLHOA) met for the scheduled meeting at 3:00 pm on March 30, 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

Absent: Jeff Roberts

Also present were Marjorie Bowstrom, president of Barker Court HOA, Charlie Burckle, BLHOA ARC Chairman, and Bob Eaton, Planned Community Management, Inc.

The minutes of the February 21, 2008 meeting of the Board were presented and after motion made, seconded and approved, it was

RESOLVED: to accept the minutes of the February 21, 2008 meeting of the Board of Directors as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

LANDSCAPING COMMITTEE (Suzanne Walsh - report attached)

Ms. Walsh reported in detail the activities involving landscaping during the month; see the appended report for specific information.

RECREATION CENTER (Jeff Roberts - absent)

Ms. Walsh noted that she had obtained information relative to replacement of the removable pool steps (currently in need of repainting and having a warped side support) and upon motion made, seconded and approved, it was

RESOLVED: to purchase a new set of steps for the pool at a price of \$670 plus taxes and delivery charges.

Ms. Walsh also noted that the Swim Team would be having two meets at the pool this year, on June 11 and June 21, 2008. The Swim Team committee places bandit signs restricting parking to one side of the street during meets to assist traffic flow in the area. In review of work needed in the area, the repairs to the cedar beams were discussed and upon motion made, seconded and approved, it was

RESOLVED: to accept the bid from JRD Construction to repair the beams at a cost of \$750 plus taxes.

The Board wishes to have the caulking completed in areas needing the work and asked PCMI to obtain a specific bid from JRD. To continue preparation work for the new swim season, the Board further discussed work proposed by A-Beautiful Pools and upon motion made, seconded and approved, it was

RESOLVED: to accept the bid (A-Beautiful # 2226), all work except for the work on reversing the gate opening direction, at a cost of \$1334.19, less the \$390 and taxes for the gate work.

PCMI will also seek renewed bids on the parking lot lighting and pole repair.

PATROL COMMITTEE (Noel Rando)

Mr. Rando reported that he and Bob Eaton of PCMI would meet with the new Area Manager for Allied Barton in the next week to discuss the current staffing, costs of staffing and maintenance needs of the vehicle. He noted that the Patrol Staffing was just recently brought back up to 4 members on patrol. He also stated that the Patrol reports noted that the fence on the vacant Whitewater lots was leaning/falling down. They also noted that the light switch in the men's room at the Recreation Center was in need of repair and that the cord on the flagpole needs to be replaced.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE (Charlie Burckle)

Mr. Burckle noted that the normal, seasonal applications were being process, with no matters of specific note.

BP COMMITTEE (Charlie Burckle)

Mr. Burckle noted that he had chaired the recent CAP meeting wherein matters relating to BP were discussed. He reported that the assistant from Councilmember Toni Lawrence's office was present and reported that the sidewalk application (along Memorial) had been approved but that the normal process on these matters would take as long as 2 years before the project would be placed with other similar projects under consideration. A representative from the Texas Department of Transportation spoke and reported that the project at the state Highway 6 and I-10 intersection would likely be completed by mid-July.

TREASURER'S REPORT – (Steven Shurn)

Mr. Shurn reported that the Association is operating under budget thus far in the year. We have a large amount of funds, having just completed assessment collections and money is invested in CDs, which will be monitored to maintain good yields. He asked that PCMI send out the Reminder Notices to delinquent accounts and send a special letter to those accounts that had mistakenly paid the lesser amount noted on the (erroneous) initial invoice. Upon motion made, seconded and approved, it was

RESOLVED: to waive the interest on those accounts that had paid within less than a month of the due date.

The Board noted the great response to the Concrete Program last year but felt that several more residents should take advantage of the offer (or secure repairs from a different contractor) and asked that PCMI draft a letter to residents announcing re-initiation of the Concrete Program.

Mr. Fleck noted at this time that Max Litwitz and Eddie Dugger volunteered to serve on the CCR Revisions Study Committee and asked that copies of the documents be sent to them. Steve Shurn and Suzanne Walsh requested that complete new Director packets, similar to the one sent to Jeff Roberts, be sent to them.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Rando mentioned that since the playground equipment has been installed, the equipment should be added to the insurance policy; Mr. Fleck asked that PCMI notify HRH Insurance to that effect. Consideration of the Directors authority Resolution was deferred to the next meeting. No other old business was raised for discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Eaton noted that many communities participated in the National Night Out program and asked if the community would be interested. Mr. Fleck suggested that the information be placed at the disposal of the Barkers Landing Community Club to see if they would be interested in hosting such a meeting. The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be scheduled for Thursday, April 17, 2008 at 3:00 pm at the office of PCMI. There being no further business raised before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 4:58 pm.

Steven Shurn – Secretary

Non-Resident Pool & Tennis Memberships for 2008

Beat the heat and join the fun!

Barkers Landing is again offering family swimming/ tennis memberships to non-residents for use of its recreational facilities. The whole family can enjoy swimming and tennis for just \$350 for the entire summer.

For information, please contact Jeff Roberts at 281-920-2008 or PCMI at 281-870-0585. You can download the contract from our web site at www.barkerslanding.org.

Fee Schedule: Prorated by Month: May - \$350; June - \$300; July - \$250; August - \$200

Your completed contract with notarized signature along with the appropriate membership fee may be delivered by mail or in person to a Barker's Landing Board member or to the offices of Planned Community Management, Inc. at 15995 N. Barker's Landing Road, Houston, Texas 77079.

Found - Twin white cats wearing pink collars. Desperately trying to find their way home. Please call if you know where they live.

Claudia Sims
281-584-9544

Electric lawn mower for sale.

3 yrs. Old
Jan Anderson
713-977-7543

CLASSIFIEDS

END OF SCHOOL YEAR TEACHER GIFTS!!!

MOTHERS DAY GIFTS!! Laura Edwards, age 18, has created original art designs for laminated luggage/backpack tags, wall hangings, and bookmarks. Check out: www.sisterartbylaura.com

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.

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

BLCC 2008-2009 TENTATIVE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 8, Thursday	10:30 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
September 10, Wednesday	10 a.m.	Morning Social and Coffee Hostess Needed!!
Oct. 8, Wednesday	10 a.m.	Speaker / Business Meeting Hostess Needed!!
Oct. 31, Friday	5 p.m.	Halloween Party!!
Nov. 21, Friday	7 p.m.	Holiday Kick-off Party !! Hostess Needed!!
Dec. 8, Monday	11 a.m.	Holiday Tour of Homes Homes Needed!!

Barker's Landing Community Club

Dues for July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009

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!