

Barkers Landing Bulletin

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

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Don Fleck



BLCC
Tammy Shurn and Monica White

To: Barkers Landing Residents:

The five members of the board, in consultation w/our suppliers of services, have been meeting over the past months, in anticipation of our annual budget review and preparation. All vendors, patrol service, landscaping, pool services, and trash have indicated increases for '09. We therefore anticipate a small increase in your annual HOA memberships.

We have other items needing attention: The many tall lighting standards at the community center are in dire need of partial or complete replacements; there is a real need for storage of auxiliary pool service equipment, supplies, and items for out-of-season storage; also storage of BLHOA records which require archiving. We are studying these requirements.

Thank you all, who have turned out for many of our school and civic meetings; your attendance signifies interest and support for continued improvement to our subdivision.

Hello Friends! The holiday season is beginning and we have several events coming up. Check the calendar on the back for event dates and don't forget to send in those reservations where required.

The neighborhood is now enjoying the new kids swing and very relaxing adult swing. It's wonderful to see the activity center growing into the hub of our neighborhood. Your dues and contributions make this happen so please don't forget to fill out and send in the dues form on the back page. We still need you to continue to make this the place for everyone to hang out and play, picnic, relax and just enjoy the day.

We have so many "Thank You's" for this edition that we've had to dedicate a whole page to them. See page 6 for a tribute to our neighborhood hero's. If you have someone you'd like to thank for doing something wonderful in our neighborhood, please send an e-mail to tammyshurn@sbcglobal.net, for publication in the next bulletin.

Have a wonderful holiday and we look forward to seeing you at the coming events!

WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS!

Steven and Natalie Nove
15707 Island Grove

YARD OF THE MONTH

September

Victor and Joan Varner
519 Hidden Harbor

October

Robert and Diane Whitlow
15811 Hidden Cove

November

Curtis and Sally Denison
506 Sea Smoke

For the latest update from the
Community Advisory Panel, please
visit barkerslanding.org under BP
Project News.

HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST

Decorate your yard or door.

Judging is on December 18, 7 pm

Look for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd, place yard signs on
December 19

Barkers Landing to be featured in
November issue of Absolutely
Memorial Magazine. Look for article
showcasing the home of David and
Carla Rypien, 611 Barkers Cove.

SECURITY SAFETY TIPS

Submitted by: Officer Mark Montez

LIGHT UP BARKERS LANDING

Leave exterior lights on at night – thieves hate light.
Use timers or solar light sensors/motion lights.
Place bells or chimes on all gates. Keep gates
closed.
Set car alarm and remove all items of value.

Set home alarm at all times when sleeping or away
from home. Keep garage doors closed at all times
when not in use.

Always notify security and neighbors before you
leave for vacation so we can all monitor your home
together.

Program security phone number in all phones and
always carry cell phone with you as you leave your
home to walk, ride bike or visit recreation area. A
resident suggests entering the number in your phone
as *security so that it will be the first number to
come up in your directory.

Walkers and bike riders should always carry cell
phones with security phone number programmed in.
Wear bright clothes and walk against traffic. Carry
flash light at night. Bike riders need to use side of
street, wear bright clothes, have lights/reflectors and
observe stop signs and traffic laws. All vehicles
should slow down for bikers/walkers.

Always call security anytime for unusual activity
near your home or neighbor's home.

"Neighbors Helping Neighbors"

..is a volunteer program to promote a safety line
when one of our Barker's residents needs help with
meals. It could be due to an operation or any type
of illness where the usual food provider cannot shop
and/or prepare meals. It may be for a day, or a
week. Contact Ellen Zimmern if you or someone
you know could benefit from this program 281-870-
0665.

BLCC Holiday Party for Adults

Friday, November 21, 7 p.m.

Kick off the 2009 Holiday Season with your friends in Barkers Landing.
Bring a bottle of wine or an appetizer to share.

Hosted by: Donald and Ann Bucklin
610 Sea Smoke

No RSVP required.



Holiday Tour of Homes
Tuesday, December 16, 2008

11:00 a.m.

Light Lunch

Hostess: Jodie Trncak
414 Sandy Bluff
(281) 497-6630

1:00 p.m.

Dessert and Coffee

Hostess: Denise Soileau
15600 Barkers Landing Rd.#22
(281) 531-8489

Please let the hostesses know what dish you plan to bring. Deliver your food, in plastic containers, to the hostesses' homes before 10 a.m. on the date of the luncheon. The hostesses will arrange the presentation of the food. The \$10 per person charge will cover paper goods, wine, coffee and a door prize to be given at each home. If you can't make it to both homes, then come to whichever one you can. All Barker's Landing, Barker's Court and Barker Place residents are invited to come and enjoy the holiday decorations and fellowship.

Reservations are required by Saturday, December 13.

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Holiday Tour of Homes Reservation Form
Tuesday, December 16, 2008, 11:00a.m.

Charge: \$10.00 per person, plus a dish (either savory for lunch or sweet for dessert)
Deadline for reservations: Saturday, December 13.

Name of Attendees _____

Number _____ at \$10 each Total enclosed: \$ _____

MAIL COMPLETED FORM AND CHECK MADE OUT TO BLCC TO:
Carla Rypien, 611 Barker's Cove, Houston, TX 77079

BARKERS LANDING HOA

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

October 2, 2008

Draft

The Board of Directors of Barkers Landing Homeowners Association, Inc. (BLHOA) met for the scheduled meeting at 3:00 pm on October 2, 2008 at the office of Planned Community Management, Inc. The meeting was called to order by Don Fleck, President at 3:02 pm.

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

Also present were Charlie Burckle of the ARC Committee and Bob Eaton representing Planned Community Management, Inc.

A quorum being established, the meeting was called to order at 3:01 p.m., with Don Fleck, President, presiding.

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

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

LANDSCAPING COMMITTEE AND RECREATION CENTER (Suzanne Walsh – Report Attached)

Ms. Walsh reported that, prior to the hurricane, A-Beautiful had secured all the pool furniture and equipment. After the hurricane, the cleanup was started immediately by securing Adam's Tree Service to immediately start removal of fallen and unsafe branches within the neighborhood; they did not grind stumps. An HLP truck was spotted in the community and their help was used on initial power return. Officer Montez also kept in contact with the Power company to report all outages. City maintenance was brought in immediately after the hurricane to secure the fallen light pole at the pool and they helped clear the pool deck. A-Beautiful came in shortly after to begin a series of efforts to clear the pool of debris and return the water to a healthy, clear level. The Tennis Club helped to clear the tennis courts.

Jeff Roberts questioned the extent of the charges from Komp to clean-up in the community and asked that PCMI get full back-up data on the hours charged and the work done.

Ms. Walsh reported that the pool signs that had been ordered will be reordered as the original company ceased doing business; there should be no added cost. Ms. Walsh reported that the Houston Fire Department will have a truck on-site for the National Night Out activities on October 7, 2008. She confirmed the budget of \$500 for activities in support of the event.

RECREATION CENTER (Jeff Roberts)

Mr. Roberts noted that there is some surface damage on the northeast corner of the tennis courts and asked that it be inspected and repairs quoted. Mr. Roberts expressed his discontent with the current pool company as it regards their attitude on the work provided, especially as to the amount of work done by the second guard at the pool and asked that the service be reviewed.

PATROL COMMITTEE (Noel Rando)

Mr. Rando reported that the new fourth guard was a no-show during the hurricane and Officers Montez and Zeppenfeldt again did a good job for the community in the aftermath of the hurricane. Mr. Roberts reported at this time that there appeared to be some clean-up at the El Yucatan premises on Hwy. 6 that had been previously abandoned and was having undesirable activity on site.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE (Charlie Burckle)

Mr. Burckle reports only routine activity, requests for roofing and painting. He requested that the Board authorize a letter to the Rock Cove property that still has not made the corrections required by the Architectural Review Committee.

BP COMMITTEE (Charlie Burckle)

No Report at this time.

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

No report at this time.

TREASURER'S REPORT – (Steven Shurn – Report attached)

Mr. Shurn briefly reported that the Association was operating within budget parameters. The Board briefly reviewed the Delinquency statements and asked that the Association attorney be instructed to send demand letters to owners delinquent in payment of assessments.

The Board discussed and made revisions to the draft budget and broadly discussed possible capital repairs and improvements for the upcoming year. Final Budget approvals will be completed at the next meeting.

MANAGER'S REPORT - (Bob Eaton)

All items were covered in prior discussion,

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be scheduled for Thursday, October 16, 2008 at 3:00 p.m. at the office of PCMI. The meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm.

Steven Shurn – Secretary/Treasurer

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

There are so many people who need to be recognized in this issue for their contribution and dedication to Barkers Landing and its residents. Each one of them is a hero.

AFTER THE STORM

Security Officers – Captain Mark Montez and Alon (Zep) Zeppenfeldt. On Friday September 12, the night of Hurricane Ike, officer Zeppenfeldt remained in the neighborhood until 10 pm when it was no longer safe for him to be out. At 6 am the next morning, in high winds and rain, officer Montez returned to patrol BL. These 2 wonderfully dedicated men continued to alternate shifts for the next 4 days to insure the safety of our neighborhood. Please remember to thank them personally when you see them out on patrol. These guys always go above and beyond to keep us safe.

Captain Mark Montez, Steve Shurn, and Robert Norwood. Many homes were without power after Hurricane Ike. On the Sunday after the storm officer Montez located the cause of the outage. Residents Steve Shurn and Robert Norwood worked together to remove the tree limbs from the power lines and track down Centerpoint Energy so that they could “flip the switch” to restore power.

Suzanne Walsh. On the Saturday after Hurricane Ike, Ms Walsh had crews out early to remove debris from gutters and sewers, thus preventing the streets from flooding. Ms Walsh also had a tree service out to remove hazardous trees including the one that fell across Barkers Landing at the Memorial entrance.

Residents all over the neighborhood were offering up help to each other to clean yard debris, remove small limbs from homes and fences, storing perishable foods and offering a place to stay to those without power.

Please share your story of “Thanks” for someone in the neighborhood by sending an e-mail to tammyshurn@sbcglobal.net for publication in the next bulletin.

National Night Out

On Tuesday, October 7th our neighbors gathered together to celebrate Barkers Landing’s First participation in National Night Out. National Night Out is a 25 year old tradition in which neighbors step outside and meet the people living around them. We had a tremendous turnout for our first celebration of National Night Out, it was a huge success. The Firemen from Station 78 came out with their pumper truck and ladder truck for the children to climb on and see firsthand. The Fire Captain also gave a talk on fire safety, checking the batteries in your smoke detector and having a fire drill in your home in case of a fire. An Officer from the Houston Police Department also gave the children tours of his Police car and safety information.

Thank you to Dave Devine of George’s Pastaria & Devine Catering for helping us out with the catering of the pasta dinner. Thanks also to Suzanne Walsh, Carla Rypien and Ellen Zimmern for setting up the event and serving dinner. We appreciate you coming out and bringing your appetizers and desserts which we all enjoyed. We hope to see you next October!

Halloween Party

What a spooky good time!! Approximately 200 people came out to enjoy craft making, games, food, and the new swings. Thanks to resident Linda Seaver for doing a marvelous job at chairing this annual event. Thank you also goes out to the volunteers who helped Linda with set up, running tables, and clean up.

Activity Center Fund Raiser

Residents Jodi Trncak, Ladel Gorham, and Eileen Ogier held a garage sale on October 17th. Residents donated items to the sale where proceeds of \$400 went towards the activity center. Thank you to these awesome ladies for hosting the sale and benefiting the neighborhood.

WOLFE EL. TOWN HALL MEETING

Katy ISD held a town hall meeting on October 13 to discuss the future of Wolfe Elementary. Audience members came to microphones and expressed opinions about Wolfe and its problems. Many parents, teachers and volunteers delivered emotional tributes to the fine education and homelike atmosphere at Wolfe. Some of those and many others emphasized the disrepair of the physical plant, with special mention of serious, long-standing roof problems.

Complaints centered on the lack of spending on Wolfe compared to other Katy elementary schools. The school's parking lot is unpaved, the school lacks the same level of security as other elementary schools, and the district had so far done no cleanup of the debris after Hurricane Ike.

In July of this year, KISD refused to help local neighborhoods block a City of Houston variance for a small hotel to be built on Hwy 6. Over many years, KISD's acceptance of Wolfe's deteriorating condition has fed suspicions that the district intends to close the school and sell its valuable property. KISD Superintendent Alton Frailey stated that although the district has been approached about selling Wolfe's site, it was not his "preference" to close the school and sell the land.

An issue of concern Mr. Frailey had regarding building the new school is the area's demographics. According to KISD's study, the surrounding area did not support the enrollment requirements to justify a new school. The audience questioned the age of KISD's study saying that BL and Fleetwood do indeed have the required amount of students and that that number will only increase as younger families move in and BP continues to bring more employees to this area. Mr. Frailey then offered to initiate a new demographics study.

Mr Frailey also requested a Steering Committee, made up of members of the community, be formed to develop a "concept and process" of rebuilding to take to the KISD board for approval by January 2009. With the boards go ahead, the committee would begin the "actual design". Eric Duhon, board President, closed the meeting by stating that Wolfe "deserves to be treated the same as the rest of Katy."

CLASSIFIEDS

ROOF CLEANING/TEENAGE RATES: Do you need your roof cleared of pine needles? Do your gutters need cleaning? Call Zach Hopkins: (281) 610-6342.

ASPIRING VETERINARIAN: Very reliable neighborhood teen will take loving care of your animals. Has many references from pleased residents. Call Lauren Hopkins at (281) 610-8535.

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.

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

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

THE SWINGS ARE IN!!

The kids can now fly to the sky on the newly installed swings. Tuck the little one into one of the bucket swings for beginners. Relax on the bench swing while watching the kids or tennis players. The activity center is turning into the hub of the neighborhood. It's a great place for the kids to play and a wonderful area to meet your neighbors for a picnic. Have fun!!



BLCC 2008-2009 TENTATIVE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Nov. 21, Friday	7 p.m.	Holiday Kick-off Party! Host: Ann Bucklin 610 Sea Smoke Ln.
Dec. 16, Tuesday (notice date change)	11 a.m.	Holiday Tour of Homes Main course: Jodie Trncak 414 Sandy Bluff Dessert: Denise Soileau 15600 Barker's Ldg. Rd.
Dec. 17, Wednesday		Holiday Decoration Judging
May 14, Thursday	11 a.m.	2009 BLCC Style Show and Luncheon Lakeside Country Club Fashions presented by JoAnn's

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:

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

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 _____