

Barkers Landing Bulletin

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

September-October 2008

President's Note

Don Fleck

President – BLHOA

A sound hurrah to the activists that initiated and supported the defeat of the proposed Hwy 6 motel project. Thanks to Jeff Roberts, Steve Shurn, all that attended the city hearing and all that signed the written protests. It worked!

BP and Hwy. 6 construction: Our continued thanks and appreciation to Charlie Burckle and his contingent of many, for their attendance at numerous monthly meetings of these behemoths: you continue to support our neighborhood needs w/ these entities; your efforts have produced results for all!

Reminder of Curbs, Drains, Drives and their repairs: We have often advertised in this bulletin, of advantages of group participation in this work. We strongly suggest you call JRD Construction, Charles Austin 281-491-2202 NOW! Get your reduced cost estimate of repairs and be included in this final offer. Please be advised that you as the homeowner are responsible for the maintenance of these items - the City will not do it!

Lastly, remember the way we act can and will offend us all. Things of note: **Sunday work:** Reroofing a house w/nail guns and hammers. 8-6 p.m.; Is this being considerate? **Speeding on B.L. Rd:** - Our

patrol, as well as I, note it! Yes cars w/ parents & kids! Please, 30 or under!

Security: Light up your house; Lock up cars, garages & home. Patrol officers often lock up garages and turn off overwatering hoses. Let's keep vandals out.

Tammy Shurn & Monica White

Co-President's BLCC

Hello neighbors! The events calendar is now complete. You can find a schedule of meetings, socials and parties on the back of this bulletin. We look forward to the fun and seeing you there.

We want to remind everyone that club dues are due. Because of your faithful generosity, the kid's swings, the adult swing and the ADA ramp are paid for and are being ordered. But we still need you!! Break open those piggy banks so we can install the last bit of equipment and call this project complete!

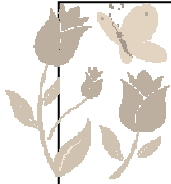
The bell has rung! Kids are back in school and summer is coming to an end. Heed the school zones, follow school bus laws, and watch for kids as they walk to and from school or bus stops. Children are our future. Let's make sure they get there.

"See you around the neighborhood!!"

WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS!

Ray and Deanna Comingore
606 Commodore Way

Eric and Harriet Westerman
611 Rock Cove



YARD OF THE MONTH

July

Jim and Sherry Cattan
15907 N. Barkers Ldg.

KID'S PLAYGROUP!!

Barkers Lndg 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 5 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 Sept-Oct schedule call Tammy Shurn at 281-493-6442 or Liza Gorham at 281-920-4147.

CONGRATULATIONS!!

BIRON GYMNASTICS SHOW TEAM

The Biron Gymnastics show Team, coached by our resident, Jodie Trncak, just returned from the National TeamGym Championships in Las Vegas. The team won First Place and earned the United States Association of Gymnastics National title for the highest level in the United States for Group Gymnastics. The team also placed 2nd with the next level teams. This is a remarkable title for this local club. The Show Team also earned the Gold Medal for their award winning Performance routine. The team recently appeared as an exhibition team at the Men's Olympic VISA championship at Reliant Center. They performed for Mr. Carmelo Mauro, the outgoing President of the Texas Restaurant Association, at the National Convention at George R. Brown on June 22. We applaud these ladies!

PATROL UPDATE

Submitted by: Noel Rando

There have been no further incidents to report since our theft alert bulletin was issued in mid August. However, vehicles are still driving through our neighborhood during the night and are being challenged by our patrol service.

We have been having difficulty staffing our Thursday-Sunday night shift. The previous officer lasted only a few weeks. From the information contained on the daily activity reports, we have noticed a lack of attention to details during the break-in period of the new officers, as evidenced by events that have happened during their subsequent shifts.

Let's all remember to be cautious and vigilant by keeping our garage doors closed and our alarms set even if you are going off for a short period of time.

IMPORTANT!!

E-MAIL DISTRIBUTION LIST

Please sign up to receive email notifications from the Barker's Landing Webmaster.

You may opt out of the distribution list at any time but it is the fastest way to alert our residents to important news and information.

Sign up is easy! Visit our web site at www.barkerslanding.org. The first item on the web site home page reads:

Barkers Landing Email system:
If you want to subscribe to our email notices please follow this link and fill out the required information.

Click on the words "this link" and a form will request your email address, name and residential address and allow you to check boxes to receive mail from one or both community organizations: BLHOA and BLCC.

Then click on the bar that says "subscribe to the selected email subscriptions" and your sign up is complete!

THANK YOU!

HALLOWEEN PARTY!!



October 31, 5:30 Activity Center

COME JOIN THE FUN IF YOU DARE!!!

Join the costume parade.

Walk through the spooky castle.

Fun crafts and activities for all ages.

Enjoy the new swings.



To volunteer your time or donate a bag of candy contact:

Linda Seaver

281-920-5564 or linda.seaver@sbcglobal.net

BOO! BOO!

BLCC SPEAKER MEETING

Dr. Jake Leblanc
Wolfe Elementary Principle

October 16, 10:00 a.m.

The Backyard

14555 Grisby Rd. (formerly Grisby Grill)

ACTIVITY CENTER NEARING COMPLETION

The swings and ADA ramp are ordered and we're expecting them to be installed before the Halloween party. Please remember to send in your dues so that we can order the last piece of equipment. Once the activity center is complete, we can move on to our next special project.

RECYCLING

Take your old magazines, newspapers, cereal and food boxes, and flattened moving boxes up to Wolfe Elementary. (No glass, plastic, or aluminum) Bins are located in the parking lot and all proceeds go directly to the school.

That's 2 ways you can make a difference!

Halloween Safety Tips

1. Always use common sense.
2. Young children (under 10) should always go with an adult.
3. Plan your entire route and make sure your family knows it.
4. Don't eat any candy until a parent checks it.
5. Visit only houses with lights on.
6. Walk on sidewalks and driveways.
7. Carry a flashlight.
8. Cross the street only at a corner or crosswalk.
9. Don't play around lit pumpkins.
10. Always say thank you for your treats.
11. Stay away from strangers.
12. Never enter a house for treats.

BULLETIN EDITOR NEEDED!!

We are actively looking for someone to take over the publication of the bi-monthly bulletin. It's fun and easy to do! You do not have to write the articles. Mostly cut/copy and paste. Please contact Tammy Shurn

281-493-6442 or
tammyshurn@sbcglobal.net

BARKERS LANDING HOA
MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
June 19, 2008

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
Absent: Steve Shurn Jeff Roberts

Also present were Charlie Burckle 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 3:05 p.m., with Don Fleck, President, presiding.

The minutes of the May 15, 2008 meeting of the Board were presented and after motion made, seconded and approved, it was

RESOLVED: to accept the minutes of the May 15, 2008 meeting of the Board of Directors as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Ms. Walsh reported that the new steps had been installed at the pool and the hoses and trash cans had been replaced at a cost of \$143.80. She stated that she and PCMI had investigated the pricing on umbrellas and recommended a purchase of 4 new umbrellas and after motion made, seconded and approved, it was

RESOLVED: to purchase four new blue pool umbrellas from Texacraft at a cost not to exceed \$901.00.

Ms. Walsh reported that the deck lights were out at the pool as well as some tree lights; she would have Taylor Electric out to repair these items. She noted that she had quotes on replacement of the dive and pool rules signs and after motion made, seconded and approved, it was

RESOLVED: to purchase new pool rules and dive stand rules signs at at cost not to exceed \$169.95.

She reported that the replastering of the baby pool was complete with some minor rework remaining to smooth the bottom needed and replacement of a pool light that was too small for the opening. She noted that some dead grass near the pool would be replaced by Komp. She reported that the painting of the Memorial Drive wall was complete and extra paint stored in the pool room. She commented that she would obtain bids for the painting of the walls in the restrooms. The Board approved the purchase of new brooms for the tennis courts. Ms. Walsh will work with City Maintenance to repair the padlocks, tie up the windscreens and repair the clogged water fountain at the tennis courts. She finally commented that a problem with chinch bugs was observed and treated. It was suggested that a notice be put in the newsletter about the chinch bug problem and treatment; it was also noted that a comment should also be placed in the newsletter about speeding within the community.

RECREATION CENTER (Jeff Roberts)

No report at this time (items covered by Suzanne Walsh in report above).

PATROL COMMITTEE (Noel Rando)

Mr. Rando reported that the errors in invoicing from Allied Barton had been corrected but he was awaiting accounting of latest invoices to be able to adjust the advance made against the corrected invoices. He noted that Allied Barton was using their “roving” guard for shift work with the Patrol staff until a new guard could be hired by the patrol company.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE (Charlie Burckle)

Mr. Burckle reports very little activity; he asked for follow-up on the changeout of materials on the play structure and arbor at the property on Rock Cove.

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)

No financial report was made; copies of the current financial statements were presented to the Board.

The Board discussed the present delinquencies and issued specific instructions to PCMI on actions to be taken relative to the delinquencies.

MANAGER’S REPORT - (Bob Eaton)

Mr. Eaton reported that JRD was receiving requests for bids on further concrete work within the community and would proceed with repairs. The Board instructed PCMI to issue letters on all curbs or drives needing work on the next deed restriction inspections driveby.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

It was noted that the wing walls at the entry were affected by black mildew and in need of cleaning; after motion made, seconded and approved, it was

RESOLVED: to allow expenditure of up to \$600 for pressure washing of the wing walls.

Discussion of cleaning of the street name signs, painting of the pool railings, restroom floors and exterior shingles was tabled until the next meeting.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be scheduled for Thursday, July 17, 2008 at 3:00 p.m. at the office of PCMI. The meeting adjourned at 4:39 pm.

Steven Shurn – Secretary/Treasurer

National Night OUT

2008

Tuesday, October 7th 6 – 9 pm

AMERICA'S NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME

The 25th annual National Night Out (NNO), sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW), is scheduled for Tuesday, October 7th – (Only in Texas!) Your Homeowners' Association and Community Club think it's a great opportunity for Barker's Landing residents to get together!

Last year's National Night Out campaign involved citizens, civic groups, law enforcement, businesses, neighborhood organizations and local officials from over 10,000 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases worldwide. In all, over 35 million people participated in National Night Out 2007.

National Night Out is designed to:

- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness;
- Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs;
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and
- Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Please begin to plan for this fun evening with your neighbors. The event will take place at the Recreation Center from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. A family dinner will be provided and we hope to have some representatives from the Police Department and Fire Department on hand (though we can make no promises) to talk about ways to keep our residents safe.

Keep your eyes and ears open for news from your block captains regarding party plans.

Break out those secret family recipes for desserts or appetizers. Prizes go out to the top dish from each category. YUMMO!!

A few generous souls have pledged their assistance with this event but there is still room for more helping hands.

For information or to volunteer:

Contact ~ Suzanne Walsh (BLHOA) and Carla Rypien (BLCC)

- Donate a bag of candy for the Halloween Party. Bring to NNO.

CLASSIFIEDS

SWIM TEAM SEASON FINALE

Submitted by: Suzanne Walsh

Well, our team didn't get to push the coach in at the end of a single dual meet, a rite awarded for victory, but boy it was close enough each time to wait poised at the edge of the pool for the score. And like they say, *A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL!* Just wait 'till next year!!

Goggles and ribbons may be tucked away but swim team Executive Board is already making plans for next year. Mark your calendars now for all the fun and fitness your kids can stuff into the front end of summer!! Practice will begin the first week of May and extend through the second week of July. Summer swim league season will culminate in the Meet of Champs and All Stars, the weekend of July 12. The team will have the Awards Party on Monday, July 13.

And, for those of you that held a stop watch, scooped a sno-cone or lent your precious time and energy to help facilitate a swim team event for this season, we would like to say Muchas Gracias! ~

The Swim Team Volunteers' Party will be A Mexican Fiesta at Casa de Rypien! ~ Saturday, September 20. 7:00 P.M. - RSVP: Rypien@sbcglobal.net

Invitations will go out this week!

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.

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

OUR WEB SITE: WHAT'S NEW?

Visit www.barkerslanding.org

News update: 8-30-08



There's lots of upcoming growth in the area!

Barkers Ldg - Ladies Tennis Association

Pease come join us as a member on the Memorial Tennis League and/or the West Houston Ladies Tennis Association. We practice in the summer if you like and we begin the leagues in September. We would love to have you join our team in the subdivision. We have great fun and we are very social. For more information contact: coachjodie@hotmail.com.

BLCC 2008-2009 TENTATIVE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sept. 10, Wednesday	10 a.m.	Morning Social and Coffee Host: Carla Rypien 611 Barkers Cove
Oct. 7, Tuesday	6 p.m.	National Night Out Activity Center Commons
Oct. 16, Wednesday	10 a.m.	Speaker / Business Meeting Dr Jake Leblanc, Wolfe El Principle The Backyard, 14555 Grisby Rd
Oct. 31, Friday	5:30 p.m.	Halloween Party! Costume Parade! Activity Center Commons Chairperson: Linda Seaver
Nov. 21, Friday	7 p.m.	Holiday Kick-off Party! Host: Ann Bucklin 610 Sea Smoke Ln.
Dec. 9, Tuesday	11 a.m.	Holiday Tour of Homes Main course: Jodie Trncak 414 Sandy Bluff Dessert: Denise Soileau 15600 Barker's Ldg. Rd.

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 _____

