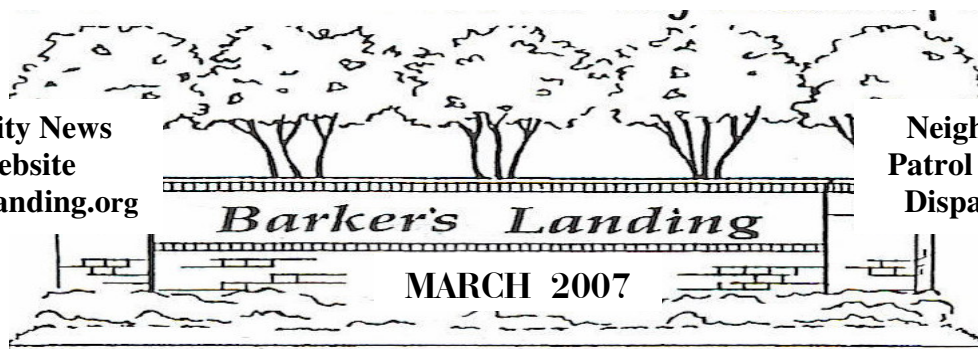


Barkers Landing Bulletin

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Greetings Neighbors !

It's springtime again. Let's get those flowers planted ... The Yard of the Month Ladies are on the prowl! Barker's Landing has two annual springtime events planned for your enjoyment. The officers are looking for your help for both the Spring Fling and Egg Hunt, and for the Style Show and Luncheon. For the Spring Fling, we need teenage and adult volunteers. Last year this event had 120 participants, and we expect the same big crowd again. Please look inside the newsletter for information and email your response ASAP. The annual Style Show and Luncheon needs your help too! We are looking for someone to chair the door prize category. If no one volunteers, we will only have a few prizes instead of the 30 or so that we normally have. Also, we need some of our sweet residents to volunteer to model. Call or email me!

There will be a Speaker Meeting and Coffee on March 8 at 10 a.m. at the Bucklin home with our guest Clark Martinson from the Energy Corridor. We are having our April Meeting at Grisby Grill at 11 a.m. You can order lunch (Dutch treat) or have a glass of tea on us. Our slate of officers for next year will be presented at that meeting. If you are interested, please call Ellen Zimmern or Tammy Shurn.

Thank you to Penny and Jack Uselton for hosting the Super Bowl Party ! It was great fun and very well attended. The Working Woman's Social was also a hit ! A big thank you goes to Ellen Zimmern for having the ladies over for this night time event. Many of you e-mailed me that it was a great idea, and so we have decided that since you want it, we'll do it again! If you'd like to volunteer your home, or have an idea for the Community Club for next year, just pass it on to one of your officers. We are hoping to find a volunteer to chair new events, the Coffee Club and the T.G.I.F. Group. See the article in the bulletin for more details.

Congratulations to Steve Shurn who was elected to the BLHOA Board of Directors. And let's give a big thank you from the neighborhood to Max Littwitz who served as treasurer for the past several years.

Again, I appreciate all of the positive messages and e-mails that the residents continue to send me and the officers about the BLCC events and the newsletter. Let's try to nurture our gardens, one another, and our souls, for life can be beautiful !!! I remain blessed and at your service.

Dottie Frank
BLCC President, email dottieblcc@aol.com



WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS

Jonathan and Amaris Phillips
 please refer to **BL Directory for Address**
 Ellen Fong
 please refer to **BL Directory for Address**
 Atir and Shatha Alattar
 please refer to **BL Directory for Address**
 Sam and Lina Jaoude
 please refer to BL Directory for Address

CONGRATULATIONS! YARD OF THE MONTH!

February

Charles and Jeanene Bare

please refer to BL Directory for Address *March*

Ron and Jill Cude

please refer to BL Directory for Address

THANK YOU to Marilyn Conn, her committee, and all of the block captains for the 2007 Barker's Landing Directory. It looks GREAT!

KATY I.S.D.

STUDENT SCHEDULE

MARCH 12-16..... SPRING BREAK
 APRIL 6 & 9.....STUDENT HOLIDAY
 APRIL 13.....EARLY DISMISSAL
 MAY 23.....LAST DAY OF SCHOOL/
 EARLY DISMISSAL

is already working hard to bring you a great season of swimming and social events. The Swim Team is open to all kids, big and small- we have swimmers from four years all the way up to eighteen. And you do not have to be a great swimmer- if the little ones can swim the width, from one side of the pool to the other, then they are ready to join. This is a summer swim league. The emphasis is on fun, fitness, and friendliness. Competition is kept low key.

Practices begin in the first week of May and are after school or early evening. We switch to the mornings after school gets out. If you cannot make early morning practices due to work schedule, we have an evening one. We want to make it easy, and we want the whole family to come out and have a good time. We have parties, ice cream socials, teen nights for the older swimmers, and, oh, did I mention fun?

The choice is here- a summer vacation spent bored and sluggish in front of a computer/nintendo/playstation/television screen or making friends, getting fit, hitting the parties and having a blast!

Check out our website at www.swimbarkers.org. Download the forms to join.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR SUNDAY MAY 6TH. THE KICK OFF PARTY AT THE POOL WILL HAVE BARBQUE, POOL GAMES, MUSIC, FACE PAINTING AND MORE. A GOOD TIME FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY! Any questions call Patricia McMahon (Swim Team President) at 281-293-8875.

THE BARRACUDAS ARE BACK IN THE WATER!

No, this is not a Fishing announcement, it's a Fun bulletin! The Barkers Landing Barracudas Swim Team is about to begin another season, and it is time to plan on joining up. The Swim Team



SPEAKER MEETING

Clark Martinson
 GM, Energy Corridor Mgmt
 District
 Thursday, March 8
 Coffee 10 am, speaker 10:30 am

Submitted by: Monica White

As General Manager of Harris County Improvement District #4 (the Energy Corridor Management District), Clark Martinson is responsible for an annual budget of \$1,000,000. He is in charge of planning and executing a service plan for the I-10 Reconstruction Project traffic control and enhancements, Eldridge Parkway Streetscape and Pedestrian project, and various landscape improvements and maintenance programs, among other things.

The Texas State Legislature created the Energy Corridor Management District in 2001 with the mission to improve, enhance and promote the area within its boundaries. The District consists of 1,500 acres that extend along both sides of Interstate 10 from Tully to east of Park 10 Boulevard and along North Eldridge Parkway from Interstate 10 to south of Briar Forest.

As a public entity the District can interact with other public agencies and economic interests as the collective "voice" for Energy Corridor property owners. The Energy Corridor Management District provides services to supplement those generally associated with public agencies.

In his former position as the Director of Urban Design and Planning, HNTB Houston, Mr. Martinson produced plans for a \$50 million capital improvement program to stimulate development in Houston's Old Chinatown and a \$1,500,000 Hardy Toll Road connection to the IAH Bush Airport. Before that, he was Assistant Director of the Houston Building Services Department and Director of Planning and Urban Design for the Uptown Houston District.

Spring Fling

**Sunday April 1, 3 p.m.
Pool Common Area**

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

Email: dottieblcc@aol.com

**Send in your reservation form located in
this bulletin.**

Rain date: Monday, April 2, 5:00 p.m.

"2007 STYLE SHOW AND LUNCHEON"

Thursday May 10, 11a.m.

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

Email: susanhopkins58@msn.com

**Send in your reservation form located in
this bulletin.**

"Easter Egg Hunt &



NEW EVENTS FOR NEXT YEAR



**“COFFEE SOCIALS”
CHAIRPERSON NEEDED**

The BLCC is looking to continue our tradition of our coffee socials next year, which are open to all residents and guests. They can be held any day of the week that the Community Club is not already having a speaker or meeting, which we think will be the second Thursday of September, April, and May of next year. We are looking for a chairperson to organize and structure it for the year. Give Dottie a call at 281 497-2800, or email dottieblcc@aol.com if you are interested in chairing it.

Is anyone interested in water exercises at our pool this summer? Apparently there has been such a program in the past and we can do it again if there is sufficient interest. Negotiations must be made with the pool management service well in advance so please call Margaret Parker at 281 920-0100 if you are interested

DINNER GROUP FORMING 
If you are interested in joining a dinner group, Jean Wendt would love to talk with you about your ideas. Several residents talked with her about it at our last Progressive Dinner. Call her at 281 679-9310.

**T.G.I.F. GROUP FORMING
CHAIRPERSON NEEDED**

Another idea being tossed around is a T.G.I.F. group. One of our nearby neighborhoods has one of these events on the last Friday of each month around 5:30p.m. Whoever can , just comes on by for a glass of wine and to catch up with neighbors. This event would be great for all of you working gals (guys too). Maybe you can make it one month, but not the next...no problem. Just like the Coffee Socials.... We are looking for a chairperson who would be in charge for the year. Interested? Call Dottie at 291 497-2800 or email dottieblcc@aol.com

**CHILDREN’S PLAYGROUP
FORMING**
Several mom’s in the neighborhood are interested in putting together a playgroup to meet for 2-3 hours one day a week. We will meet at our homes, parks, or other places of entertainment. This is a great way for our kids to grow up together and then eventually attend school together. It’s also a wonderful way for moms and dads, to meet other parents. Please call or e-mail Liza Gorham or Tammy Shurn if you are interested in joining. Liza at (281) 920-4147 or lghorham@yahoo.com, Tammy at (281) 493-6442 or tammymshurn@sbcglobal.net.

Book Study Starting
Interested in Studying " The Secret"
Email Dottie @dottieblcc@aol.com
or call 281 497-2800

WATER EXERCISE GROUP FORMING **TEEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**
Hide eggs, face paint, shoot hoops. You can get your mandatory school volunteer hours at

this event !!! Call Dottie at (281) 497-2800 or e-mail dottieblcc@aol.com.

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

"SPRING BREAK 2007!!"

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, 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.

"CLASS OF 2007 GRADUATES!"

Give recognition to your 2007 graduate. Send name, school, and accomplishments for publication in the next bulletin by April 20th to Tammy Shurn at tammyshurn@sbcglobal.net.



"National Signing Day"

Cory Houston, grandson of BL residents Jack and Penny Uselton, signed a letter of intent on February 7th for the **United States Airforce Academy** at Colorado Springs, Colorado. *"To say the least, we are delighted and so are his mom and dad!"* commented Penny. Cory will graduate this May from Westside High School. Congratulations Cory!!

KIDS CLASSIFIEDS

LAWN WORK: Hard working neighborhood teen looking for yard work. Will mow, edge, weed-eat, and sweep. Call Josh Babin (713)410-7698.



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

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 17) Mary Catherine Edwards (age 13 1/2) Tender care for children or pets; responsible and hard-working, call (281) 589-8015

Support a neighborhood entrepreneur: Laura Edwards, age 17, has created original art designs for laminated luggage/backpack tags, wall hangings, and bookmarks. GREAT for teacher or classmate end-of-year gifts. Check out: www.sisterartbylaura.com.



Newsletter Submissions

Submit copy, in black and white only, by the deadline, the 20th of the month preceding the January, March, May, July, September, and November issues, in the body of an e-mail or in a Microsoft Word e-mail attachment to Tammy Shurn at tammyshurn@sbcglobal.net

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Have you had an illness or death in the family and you are unable to cook? Just call our Neighbors Helping Neighbors program. We'll bring you a meal. Call Ellen Zimmern at 281-870-0667

March 2007

<u>Sun</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>Fri</u>	<u>Sat</u>
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K.I.S.D. SPRING BREAK						
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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April 2007

<u>Sun</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>Fri</u>	<u>Sat</u>
1 Egg Hunt & Spring Fling 3 p.m.	2 Rain Date Egg Hunt 5 pm	3	4	5	6 KISD STUDENT HOLIDAY	7
8	9 KISD STUDENT HOLIDAY	10	11	12 Lunch Bunch Meeting 11 a.m.	13 KISD EARLY DISMISSAL	14
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

BLCC 2006 -2007 TENTATIVE CALENDER OF EVENTS

March 8, Thursday	10 a.m.	Speaker Meeting – Clark Martinson Energy Corridor District Hosts: Donald and Ann Bucklin <u>please refer to BL Directory for Address</u>
April 1, Sunday Rain Date April 2, Monday	3 p.m.	Family Egg Hunt and Spring Fling Community Common Area Event Chair: Dottie Frank e-mail reserv. To: <u>dottieblcc@aol.com</u>
April 12, Thursday	11 a.m.	Lunch Bunch Meeting Grisby Grill Owners: BL Residents Judi & David Coker
May 10, Thursday	11 a.m.	Annual Style Show and Luncheon Lauren's Boutique, 281-578-8003 Lakeside Country Club Mail in Reservation Form

LAST CHANCE FOR 2006-2007 DUES

Barker's Landing Community Club

Dues for July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007

Levels of Donation:

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

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

MINUTES OF THE
BARKER'S LANDING HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS
JANUARY 31, 2007

APPROVED

The Barker's Landing Homeowners Association, Inc. held its Annual Meeting of Members on Thursday, January 31, 2007 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	Max Littwitz
Noel Rando	Ted Winzeler	

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

A quorum was qualified, represented either in person or by proxy, by 126 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. He noted Tammy Shurn had recently undertaken the responsibilities of editing the community newsletter. Ms. Shurn presented a brief report on Barkers Landing Community Club activities on behalf of Dottie Frank, who could not be present.

The first item on the agenda was the election of a Director to the Board for a three-year term. Bob Eaton conducted the election; the candidates named on the ballot were Max Littwitz and Steven Shurn. At that time, 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. 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

Patrol – Noel Rando

Mr. Rando reported that there were no forced break-ins in the community during the year though five vehicles had been broken into. There was one instance of car graffiti. He reported that there had been a bat infestation and several birds with West Nile Virus had been found in the community. He reported that one garage break-in had been halted by the Patrol staff. He noted that the Patrol was reporting more frequent visits by HPD to the community at late night. Mr. Rando reported that there were still problems finding a permanent fourth member of the Patrol staff; there have been multiple attempts with replacements during the year but no one has stayed on the crew. He remarked that Allied Barton had purchased the parent company of Initial Security, with no major impact on the local operations. He noted that 29 homes had sold in the community in the last year. He reported that BP had stated that a Ford F150 truck had been stolen from a secured area on the BP site. He recognized and applauded the community participation in granting a holiday gift to the Patrol staff, with over 50% participation from the community.

Landscaping and Trash Hauling – Suzanne Walsh

Ms. Walsh reported that she worked closely with a small group of volunteers in putting up the Holiday decorations this year and asked for volunteer assistance next year. She recognized Noel Rando, Carl Johansson

and Lee Taylor for their participation. She reported that a website for the community, www.barkerslanding.org, had been established during the year and that it would carry the newsletter and the Barkers Landing HOA minutes as well as other information and forms of use to the community. She called for people to register their email addresses when they view the site so an email notification database can be built up. She also noted that a new trash hauling company had been engaged during the year, Royal Disposal, at some savings to the community over the prior contractor. Ms. Walsh reported that major tree trimming had been completed and several of the older trees removed. The esplanade and entry areas suffering tree removal were remediated and sod laid. She reported that azaleas would be planted at the entry to add color there.

Recreation Center – Ted Winzeler

Mr. Winzeler reported that there had been major problems with water quality at the beginning of the swim season, which were eventually worked out. He noted that the community would have a new pool contractor in 2007, A-Beautiful Pool Management. Mr. Winzeler reported that several of the trees over the tennis courts had been trimmed during the year to provide better light coverage on the courts.

Architectural Review Committee (ARC) - Charlie Burckle

Mr. Burckle reported that there were three members on the Architectural Control Committee, himself, Spencer Landes and Randy Trncak and their responsibility was to preserve the architectural integrity of the community. He noted that the committee had developed some sets of guidelines, which were approved by the Board, for such matters as fencing, curb cuts, lighting and basketball goal placement; all were detailed on the website, www.barkerslanding.org.

BP Liaison Taskforce – Charlie Burckle

Mr. Burckle reported the latest information available from BP relative to development of the site along Grisby. He noted that the surface parking lot on the east end of the property is now in service and a new building near that area will be constructed before year-end. There will be a six-level parking garage going in; it will have solar panels on the roof. A building supporting energy trading will be built; BP plans for the site to generate all the energy it uses there on site.

Mr. Burckle reported that BP had the results of the survey they had conducted. He noted that BP said that there were no clear preferences established about the type of retail stores to go in at the west end of the property and that they were still trying to identify a major hotel to anchor that development. He reported briefly on some of the survey results but noted that when the full results were available they would be posted on the website. He reported that BP would be establishing a Commercial Advisory Panel, at the request of Councilmember Toni Lawrence, to have input on the overall development. The panel would have representatives from the area homeowner associations and businesses.

FINANCIAL REPORT - Max Littwitz

Mr. Littwitz noted that 2006 was a good year financially with no major expense overruns. At year-end, there was one delinquent account as a result of a foreclosure by the lender. He noted that, through judicious money management, over \$15,000 in interest was earned on association accounts. He reported that \$25,000 had been placed in the Association Maintenance Reserves at year-end, bringing the total reserves to \$131,635. He noted that the Board had authorized a professional Reserve Study be conducted in 2006. The last prior professional study was conducted in 1994; that study was updated in 2000 and 2003 and the Board felt it was time for another professional study to be completed. This most recent study recommended that a level of about \$25,000 in funding per year would be needed to meet all the anticipated future replacements and repairs to our capital assets.

Mr. Littwitz noted that the fees had increased to \$875 per year for 2007, the first increase in three years. He noted that a major project to be undertaken in 2007 was to be the painting of the wall along Memorial Drive. A resident noted that the perimeter walls are the specific responsibility of the adjoining owners and he felt that Association money should not be spent on that upkeep. The Boards of the three communities feel that they are charged with a responsibility to protect property values within the community and that the appearance of the entry walls and the entry monument area have a major impact on the property values of the homes in the community so money spent on the exterior appearance of the walls is well spent.

Another resident asked if a children's playground could be considered at the recreation center. Mr. Littwitz noted that a community survey conducted three years ago was not in favor of a playground being installed. It was noted that the new website had the capability of accepting suggestions.

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 2006, 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 2006 Annual Meeting at the first regular meeting of the Board of Directors following submission of the Minutes.

Mr. Fleck reported that, with the increasing age of the community, several of the drives and curbs were beginning to need repair. After much work with the City Permits Department, he received approval for repairs to be done without the need for permits. Work was re-initiated to have a contractor provide quotes to the individual homeowners in the community for repairs to be done to a large number of homes in a single time period, thereby benefiting from the larger volume of work to be done. Contractors have been approached and that information is being prepared; a program for owner participation will be announced in the near future in the newsletter and on the website. Owners are encouraged to participate before mandatory concrete repairs are required.

Mr. Fleck noted that our neighboring community Fleetwood had asked that trees along the private alley between the communities be trimmed by the owners living along that alleyway. After a period without noticeable trimming, they had the work done and have asked those owners affected to share in the payment of the associated costs. Fleetwood has also noted that there are multiple drains from Barkers Landing owners' yards draining into the private alley and have asked that those drains be redirected. Mr. Fleck noted that this was the same situation as if one neighbor was draining his pool or runoff into another neighbor's yard, and he urged compliance.

Mr. Fleck then announced that, with the ballot tally completed, Steven Shurn was elected to fill the Board position for the 3-year term 2007 through 2009.

He noted the appointment of Beverly Shobbrook and Bill Frank to the Nominating Committee for the year leading up to the 2008 Annual Meeting, whereat there would be two positions for Director up for election.

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 8:35 p.m.

Secretary / Treasurer