



BARKERS LANDING BULLETIN

July – August 2010

A PUBLICATION OF THE BLHOA & BLCC

NEIGHBORHOOD SECURITY:

PATROL CAR: 281-450-2052

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800-942-9394

Noel Rando, President BLHOA

To answer the many questions I receive regarding how Barker's Landing operates, I offer the following: The Barkers Landing Community consists of three entities, Barker Place B/P, Barker Court B/C, and Barkers Landing B/L. Each entity has their Board of Directors and their unique maintenance fees. Each also has their own contracts with vendors, for trash hauling, lawn and irrigation maintenance, plumbing and electrical, pool maintenance and general repairs.

B/L pays the water bill for the entrance and the trees along Memorial Drive, the esplanade along B/L road and the recreation center as well as the light bill for the entrance and the recreation center and the weekly invoice for the patrol service. After year end, all the expenses are then allocated based on number of homes in each of the three entities, and a billing is prepared for the coming year based on previous year's expenses. These billings are payable in three installments during the current year. At each year end, the budgeted amount is compared to the actual and adjustments are made to equalize any differences.

B/C pays a proportionate share of the total expenses, but since B/P maintains their own pool and tennis court, they do not share any of the recreation center/pool, and tennis court expenses. They do however pay their proportional

share for watering and lighting the entrance as well as the patrol service billings. *

A NOTE FROM THE BLCC VICE-PRESIDENT:

Happy Summer to everyone! The end of the year Style Show was a great success. Thanks to all of our models, and to all of our neighbors for participating. And thank you to all of our outgoing officers for another year of service to our community: Carla Rypien, Monica White, Tammy Shurn, Liza Gorham, Ruth Fowler, and myself. We have added three new members to the BLCC Board who have never served before. They are Barbara Johnson, Tammy Roberts, and Julie Lewis. I'm sure it will be a fun year! We also have a new Bulletin Editor, Yuko Yamada. Please look in the Bulletin for an article about submissions. The Bulletin is a big job, and we are so grateful to Yuko for stepping up to the plate!

We will be sending out our yearly request for dues in August. We are again participating with the HOA, concentrating our efforts on replacing the trees on the esplanade. We have several "holes" where trees have become diseased with age, and with your help, we hope to be able to see the fruits of our efforts as we plant some new ones.

The new officers of the BLCC are gearing up for another active year. Again, we need YOU!! Please volunteer your

home for events by contacting Monica White by phone or email. Our Kick-Off Social will be Thursday, September 2 at the home of Ana Maria Bertamini. We hope to see you all there, and look forward to another wonderful year with our friends and neighbors. God Bless, **Dottie Frank**

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In addition to administrative duties, such as paying invoices, preparing monthly Financial Statements and being present at monthly and annual Board of Directors meetings, our Management Company (PCMI), a division of Severn Trent Services, performs a monthly neighborhood inspection to review deed restriction compliance. Notices regarding various violations are then sent to homeowners. There has been very good adherence to these notices.

While completing an application for tax exempt status, we were asked to furnish information on the population of our sub-division. A review of the B/L telephone directory revealed the following: B/L 363 homes and 2 vacant lots, 875 residents, B/C 40 homes 57 residents and B/P 24 homes 42 residents. These numbers will vary somewhat as home ownership changes. There have already been eleven changes in residents through June, eight of which are introduced in this bulletin.



New Neighbors

Don & Elaine Raith

510 Barkers Cove

Randal & Kathryn Oakes

15600 Barkers Landing Road #28

Tim Ande

327 Commodore

Frank & Sunny Liu

15807 So Barkers Landing Road

Ruth S. Watson

440 E. Fair Harbor

Dave & Debbie Blackburn

615 Flaghoist

Vikas & Anjali Jhingran

15919 Hidden Cove

Anita Jacobs

322 W. Fair Harbor

KISD School Begins

MONDAY, AUGUST 23rd

20 mph Zone



Wolfe Elementary classes begin at 8:20 and ends at 3:40. Please take extra precaution at these times when driving in and around the neighborhood. Watch for children crossing Addicks-Howell and walking home in the neighborhood. Please also remember to obey all bus loading and unloading laws.

September Social

Join your neighbors for Coffee and Conversation

Thursday, September 2, at 10 a.m.

At the home of Ana Maria Bertamini

15711Whitewater Lane

BLCC NEWS:

The BLCC is ready to begin a new with an awesome group of new Board Members. The new officers for 2010-2011 are as follows:

First Vice President **Monica White**

Second Vice President **Tammy Roberts**

Dottie Frank

Secretary **Barbara Johnson**

Treasurer **Julie Lewis**

Parliamentarian **Carla Rypien**

The Fashion Show at Lakeside Country Club was a tremendous success. We would like to thank Cold Water Creek for putting on a great show. Dottie Frank secured numerous door prizes so many attendees walked out with something special.

We have some great events planned for the coming months, so please check the bulletin for all the fun! Also, if you have not registered for email alerts please do so. It is a great way to get reminders for each event. Go to: www.barkerslanding.org to register.

Our Kick Off Social is Thursday, September 2nd at the home of Ana Maria Bertamini. Please come and join us. This is a great way to meet your neighbors. If you are interested in opening your home for a meeting, please let Monica White know. We always need hosts and hostesses!



CONGRATULATIONS!

YARD OF THE MONTH!

May

Randall and Barbara Fleming

623 Flaghoist Lane

June

Ashley and Lisa Yoder

603 Flaghoist Lane

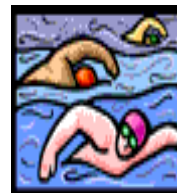
July

Mike and Pat Saunders

607 Rowlock Lane

A Great Swim Team Season!

Barracudas



Another excellent swim team season is winding to a close for The Barker's Landing Barracudas. The Awards Celebration is just days away!

The meets were festive and the team spirit was pumped up! We had a blast at the Kick Off Party, Ice Cream Social, Thursday Teen Nights, Swim A Cross for The Red Cross, Coach's Game Day (nothing beats a game of water baseball!), Fun Fridays and just socializing at practice ~ actually the socializing was before practice, during practice and after practice! With our kids scattered to the wind during the school year, swim team always brings us together!

Our swimmers, under the excellent instruction of Coach Rick Barker, Head Coach for the Taylor High School Swim Team, have vastly improved this season. The Barracudas finished the dual meet season with a respectable third place in Division Five; two wins and

two losses. We look forward to finishing strong at our divisional Meet of Champions at Morton Ranch High School. The top two swimmers from each of the five divisions along with the next six fastest times across the League in each event age-group, will qualify for the All Star Meet. The All Star meet will be held at Cinco Ranch High School on Sunday, June 27th! Go Barracudas!

The Barker's Landing Swim Team is celebrating our 25th year as part of WHALe! West Houston Aquatic League is made up of 25 area swim teams, consisting of just under 3600 swimmers.

Registration for next swim team season begins in late February or early March of 2011. Our team accepts swimmers of all abilities from age 4 through 18 - speed or experience is not necessary!

Swim Team is a great way to learn and improve your swimming, a great way to keep fit, a great way to prepare for high school team swimming if that's your thing and it's a great way to spend a bit of the summer!

Sign up with us next year!

LATE BREAKING NEWS ON SWIM

TEAM!!!



BARRACUDAS WON THE DIVISION

V MEET OF CHAMPIONS!

A fantastic day at Morton Ranch High School Natatorium ended with a victory and a huge bag of medals for The Barker's Landing Swim Team! Every swimmer rose to the occasion! The time improvements were awesome!

An amazing thirteen of our swimmers qualified for Sunday's All Star Meet at Cinco Ranch High School where we competed in 32 out of 63 events!

Here is the even more amazing part ...We are ranked 20th in size and we came in 10th place in the West Houston Aquatic League competition among 25 teams on Sunday! WAY TO SWIM BARRACUDAS! WAY TO TEACH US COACH BARKER!!

We toasted our success on Sunday night with a wonderful and well deserved party for coaches and volunteers, hosted by longtime swim team members Selina and Lee Taylor. The End of Season Awards Celebration followed on Monday evening at the pool! Even the bit of rain could not dampen our enthusiasm or wash away the smiles as the trophies, medals and words of congratulations were handed out!

It was agreed by all that this was one of the best seasons ever!

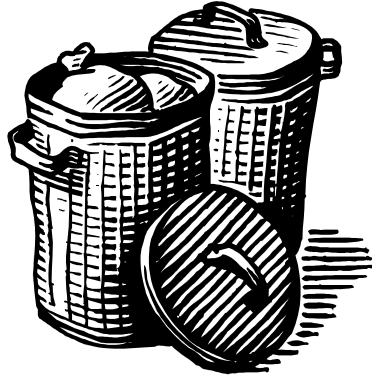
We're already looking forward to next year! Tell your neighbors, bring a friend, and join The Barker's Landing Swim Team!

PUMP THAT 'CUDA SPIRIT UP!

Go Barracudas!

Trash Day Reminder!

Trash Days in Barker's Landing are Wednesdays and Saturdays. Please do your part as a good neighbor and do not put your trash out until the night before trash pickup.



The lawncare services of many residents are leaving the bags of grass clippings, etc. at the curb for several days.

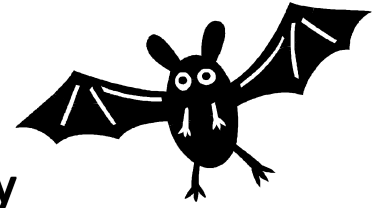
Rows of garbage cans and piles of plastic trash bags are unsightly. Kindly do your part to keep our neighborhood looking its best by putting your trash out only on the evening before or the morning of trash pickup days and retrieving the empty receptacles promptly.

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SIGN POSTINGS

Signs and fliers advertising various events and lost pets, should be monitored and removed after a reasonable period of time. The wind and rain cause the paper signs to become unsightly. It is important that the tape used to

secure signs to light posts also be removed to keep our community looking its very best.



Bat Activity

We'd like to remind our residents to be cautious when outside during evening and early morning hours. There have been reports of atypical bat activity throughout the sub-division.

Any abnormal bat activity including bats in the home, bats dead or sick on the ground, should be reported to BARC (Bureau of Animal Control) immediately. Never ever touch a bat, call BARC AT 713-229-7300! They will tell you what to do until an officer can pick up the bat!

If exposure occurs or is possibly suspected, please contact a physician immediately.

Further details can be found on the BAT REPORT tab of our web site at

www.barkerslanding.org.

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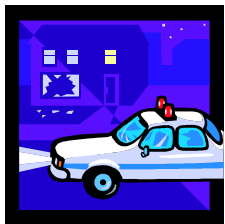
ROOF AND GUTTER CLEANING, TEENAGE RATES: Do you need your roof cleared of pine needles? Do your gutters need cleaning? Call Zach Hopkins: (281) 610-6342.

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.

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.

SUPER SITTERS: Laura Edwards and Mary Catherine Edwards. Tender care for children or pets; responsible and hard working. Call (281) 589-8015.

PATROL SERVICE - By Noel Rando



For the first time in over two years, we have experienced two break-ins, one in late May and the other in early June. A sliding glass door was pried open at one home and a window was broken at the other.

Please remember to set your security alarm when away from your home and have your alarm company call the cell phone in the patrol vehicle when the

HOUSEHOLD CHORES? NO TIME TO DO IT? Use Bill, the handyman! All kinds of yard work, cleans roofs & gutters, tubs & shower walls – excellent painter, interior & exterior. Mon–Sat, 8–3. Has worked for neighbors for 8 years. Call Mickey Fleck at (281) 497-5565.

alarm is tripped. The B/L patrol officer will call HPD, if required.

Almost nightly, an unwanted roaming vehicle is detected by our neighborhood patrol vehicle. During this increased period of activity, we are continuing to have an inordinate amount of open garages past the 10:15PM patrol check. The resident is contacted and if no answer, that house is continually monitored throughout the night by the patrol.

Attached garages left open are a more serious problem since they offer access to the home if the connecting door is unlocked. A feeling of security is a great thing but we must not let complacency creep in which aids and abets unlawful entry.

Officer Jesse Guzman has resigned from our patrol staff and has been replaced by a new officer, Tim Marshall, for the Monday-Tuesday night shift and the Saturday-Sunday day shift.

IN MEMORIAM

1963-2010

Barker's Landing has experienced a terrible and heartbreaking loss with the passing of Captain Mark Montez on Saturday, June 25, 2010 following a seven month battle with cancer. Mark was a most courteous, considerate and caring individual, always looking out for the welfare of our homeowners. His dedication to Barker's Landing is evidenced by his fifteen year tenure with us.

Captain Montez was loved by many in our community because he was always available when homeowners called for assistance. On the morning

after Hurricane Ike, he was at his post before the storm had completely passed, assessing damage and ready to help clear roadways of debris and assist homeowners in any way he could.

He will be sadly missed by his wife, family and many of his longtime friends in Barker's Landing. Let perpetual light shine upon him and may he rest in peace.

BLCC 2010-2011 TENTATIVE CALENDAR OF EVENTS



August 23, 8:20 AM

Monday

KISD School Begins

September 2, 10 AM

Thursday

BLCC Kickoff Social

Host:

Ana Maria Bertamini

15711 Whitewater Ln.

October 5, 6PM-8PM

Tuesday

National Night Out

Recreation Center

October 31, 5:30PM

Sunday

Halloween Party

Recreation Center

November 13, 7PM

Saturday

BLCC Holiday Kickoff

Hosts: David & Carla Rypien

611 Barker's Cove

December 6, 11AM

Monday

Holiday Tour of Homes

Hosts:

Entrée: Debra Magee

602 Barker's Cove

Dessert: TBA

February 26, 7PM

Saturday

Evening Happy Hour

Hosts: Ray & Deanna Comingore

606 Commodore Way

March 30, 11:30AM

Wednesday

BLCC Lunch Meeting

Café Benedict

***April 17, 3PM**

Sunday

Egg Hunt & Spring Fling

April 18, 4PM (in case of rain on the 17th)

Recreation Center

May 12

Thursday

Luncheon/Style Show

Lakeside Country Club

Use Security Vacation Watch Forms

Don't forget to fill out your vacation watch forms and turn them into the Security Guards before you leave on your family vacation. The forms are available on the website at: BarkersLanding.org or by calling the Patrol Service at: 281-450-2052.

Newsletter Submissions

Submit copy, in black and white only, by the deadline, **the 20th** of the month. Deadline dates are February 20th, April 20th, June 20th, August 20th, and November 20th. Please submit your articles in the body of an e-mail or in a Microsoft Word e-mail attachment to: Yukoymd@aol.com

2010 – 2011 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, 2010 to June 30, 2011

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:
Julie Lewis, 607 Barkers Cove, Houston, TX 77079**

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ e-mail _____