Greetings to Barker’s Landing Homeowners
BLHOA Board of Directors— Steve Kole, Curtis Denison, Chuck Gray, Diane Whitlow, Ted Winzeler,

2017 HOA Annual Meeting – Monday, January 30

Retirement of Noel Rando
Our longtime BLHOA Director and President Noel Rando elected not to run for re-election this year after 18 years of service to Barker's Landing. Noel navigated many challenges during his tenure on our Board. Over the years, he has known just about all Barker's Landing residents and “everything there was to know” about our Community. He was often seen riding his bike through the neighborhood "checking things out". At this year's Annual Meeting, each Director shared personal reminiscences of Noel's hands-on help, experience, and wisdom imparted to them, and then presented him with a mug and plaque in appreciation of his service. Current residents may not know that Noel also advocated for our neighborhood for many years as a member of a BP Committee formed during the early development of that nearby campus. He and other BL neighbors participated in planting of trees along with BP employees to create a Green Belt bordering Barker's Landing along Grisby Rd. Noel continues to look after BL interests as a member of Super Neighborhood 16 and the Energy Corridor District. Thanks a million, Noel!!

2017 BLHOA Board of Directors
Steve Kole, President
Ted Winzeler, Vice President – Tennis, Rec Center/Playground, Gazebo
Diane Whitlow, Secretary – Landscaping, Trash, Communications
Chuck Gray, Treasurer – Pool, Irrigation
Curtis Denison, Director – Security, Community Liaison
Voting and Election for Two Open Board Positions
Ted Winzeler and Curtis Denison were elected to fill the two open board seats. The elections results were: Ted Winzeler - 201, Curtis Denison - 192, Doug Havlik - 60, Carla Rypien - 56.

Thanks to the many homeowners who participated in the Annual Meeting by voting in person or by proxy. Please be assured that Crest Management and your Board will continue to manage and govern our HOA in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Together, we are committed to holding fair and open elections in compliance with our governing documents and Texas HOA law.

Finances
Preliminary Year End financials were discussed at the Annual meeting. The 2015 and 2016 available total cash on hand comparison presented at the meeting was confirmed in our final Year End Financial Reports. 2016 revenues exceeded expenses by $27k. Five separate projects, documented on the Monthly Balance Sheets, were funded from Reserves.

The 2017 Audit was authorized at the February 2017 Board meeting and will be posted when finalized on our website barkerslanding.org. The Board also has been distributing a copy of Financials to all homeowners attending monthly Board meetings.

The last Professional Reserve Study was dated 2007. A new reserve study was authorized last year, and the report is expected to be completed in the first quarter of 2017.

Reserve Funding/Expenditures and Documentation
Since 2010, Reserves have been funded each year by Operating Surpluses. In 2013 our assessment was increased by $100 to $1150 and by $25 to $1175 in 2014. In the last three years, your Boards have worked hard to develop realistic budgets and have lowered assessments by $125 in 2015 and $100 in 2016. Your 2017 assessment remained unchanged - $950. Even with total assessment reductions of $225, operating surpluses were generated in both 2015 and 2016 because of effective expense management while improving both services and delinquent assessments collections. Your Board will continue to manage your money for the benefit of our entire Association.

The 2016 YE Reserve was reported as $135,050.71 on the Balance Sheet. Additional Reserves are included in Owners’ Equity along with Assessment Receivables and other Prepaid Assets. The Equity Reserve section of the Balance Sheet will continue to document cash flows to and from Reserves.

In addition to the $135,050.71 of cash designated as Reserve Funds, at December 31, 2016 BLHOA had $358,096.26 of other cash. Of this additional cash balance, $148,526.41 represented 2017 assessments that had been received before December 31, 2016. Excluding the 2017 assessments, BLHOA finished 2016 with approximately $210,000 of cash in addition to the $135,050.71 of cash designated as Reserve Funds.

Swimming Pool Slide Removal
Last year the Board removed the Water Slide because of its deteriorating condition and serious safety concerns after two incidents. The Board found that a partial replacement of the stairs was not feasible and that total replacement of the slide at more than $30k was not justified. Directors discussed their
efforts to examine the options of replacing all or part of the slide at the May 2016 Board meeting. At that Board Meeting, a group of homeowners volunteered to develop a project proposal for the Board to consider, believing that a safe slide could be installed for much less than $30k. The Board was informed at this year’s Annual Meeting that this homeowner committee work on the water slide replacement proposal had been delayed and would start after the end of the 2017 Swim Team Season. Their proposal will be considered as part of the 2018 budgeting process.

Safety and Security

Vandalism Alerts!
- The Irrigation Control Box at the Rec Center was vandalized last week. If any resident has observed individuals who may be responsible, please notify Security.
- The Swim Team storage box was also vandalized recently.

Reminder: Please contact one of our Security officers if your Emergency Contact Number changes. Many residents now rely solely on a cell phone, so if your home number is no longer valid, please be sure to update Security so that you can be contacted promptly in an emergency.

Theft of a motorcycle from the back of a truck in the driveway of a residence on Barker’s Landing Rd. was reported on March 4. A pocket knife is believed to have been used to cut the tie down straps securing the bike in the truck.

Opossums seen in BL – Animal Control has advised not to leave pet food outside as it may attract these nocturnal animals. Visit http://opossumsocietyus.org/general-opossum-information/opossum-in-my-yard/ for more information.

Message from Curtis Denison – Director, Security
Some of our residents may be unfamiliar with typical activities of the Director in charge of Security and some of the responsibilities of our Security Officers. Barker’s Landing contracts for 24/7 security services in the form of an armed officer patrolling in a marked Security vehicle. The BL Director responsible for Security reviews “Daily Activity Reports” produced by each Officer and checks mileage driven by each Officer to ensure they are patrolling all areas of Barkers Landing.

On behalf of the residents, the Director also monitors “Post Orders” of the Officers, such as,
- Completing daily vacation watch
- Escorting school bus and monitoring kids walking home from school
- Monitoring homes for open garages and notifying Homeowners of same
- Assisting homeowners with security issues, emergencies, and locating lost pets
- Monitoring recreation area (Pool, Tennis Courts, Gazebo, Play Ground, etc.)
- Monitoring suspicious vehicles and people
- Escorting emergency vehicles coming in and out of Barkers Landing

Security Camera Project Status
As the Director responsible for Security, I have taken over the Security Camera Project. I have some catching up to do on work done in the past by the Ad Hoc Security Committee and understanding the scope of this project. Proposals were solicited from three different contractors and one was recently received. The other two contractors have been contacted and have advised that their proposals will be sent soon. Once the three proposals are reviewed and evaluated, I expect to have a recommendation to the Board no later than the May Board Meeting.
Communications

“Neighbors Helping Neighbors!”: 2017 Barker’s Landing Directory
Thanks to Donni Blair and the Block Captains who are already hard at work gathering updated information for this very important project.

“Neighbors Helping Neighbors!”: Tennis Players Help
When severe weather damaged wind screens at the courts, tennis players generously assisted with repairs. Thank you!

Barkerslanding.org
• The Barker’s Landing HOA website is complete and accessible. BLHOA Homeowners, please visit http://www.barkerslanding.org and register to gain access to HOA documents, Quarterly Bulletins, upcoming HOA events, etc.
• Monthly Board meeting minutes are found on our website. Minutes are approved and signed at the Board meeting of the following month, and they are posted shortly thereafter, providing more timely availability than when this website did not exist.

Landscaping News

Hello Spring!
Thanks to residents for your positive feedback on our efforts as we progress our Spring landscaping cleanup and updates. Recent warm weather has jump-started the recovery of our flowers and shrubs. IMS Landscaping is now back to weekly service. You will see them in yellow bibs servicing our grounds. The IMS irrigation team works as needed independently of the maintenance schedule.

This quarter, plants will be replaced and mulched as necessary and sod will be put down on various islands. At the Memorial entrance, recently planted seasonal color will be enhanced, and the Agapanthus and Mondo grass border will be restored. Coral roses and Viburnum are now in place along both the Pool Entrance and Exit. The Pool center end cap and a few other Rec Center areas are being refreshed. At the Timber Circle entrance, Lantana lost in the freeze was replaced, as was the missing Savannah Holly on Memorial. All Hollies along the East and West Memorial Drive walls will continue to be allowed to grow out to re-take their natural shape.

Irrigation
• At the entrance to Timber Circle, the irrigation system has been split into 3 zones to separate and better control the water for the entrance landscaping as well as the South Barkers Landing grass strips along the brick wall. Sod will soon be placed along that strip.

• In January, another $940 credit to our HOA water bill was received from the City of Houston due to the Board’s persistence in collecting on a leak adjustment request and other billing errors.

Mosquito Spraying
The contract has been renewed for the coming season with Cypress Creek Pest Control. Service twice a week will start March 15th and run through November 15th.
Recreation Center

Pool
2017 Pool Schedule (also posted at www.barkerslanding.org)

May 2017: 6th, 7th, 13th, 14th, 20th, 21st, 27th, 28th, and 29th
Day(s) Pool Times
Saturday 10am – 8pm
Sunday Noon – 8pm
Memorial Day 10am – 8pm

June 2017: Full time beginning June 2nd
Day(s) Pool Times
Monday Closed
Tues – Fri & Sun Noon – 8pm
Saturday 10am – 8pm

July 2017: Full Time
Day(s) Pool Times
Monday Closed
Tues – Fri & Sun Noon – 8pm
Saturday 10am – 8pm
July 4th Noon – 8pm

Day(s) Pool Times
Monday Closed
Tues – Fri & Sun Noon – 8pm
Saturday 10am – 8pm

September 2017: 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 9th, 10th, 16th, 17th, 23rd, and 24th
Day(s) Pool Times
Saturday 10am – 8pm
Sunday-Labor Day Noon – 8pm

*Revised 3-1-17 for KISD school start date- August 16

Barracudas Swim Team -2017 contract discussions are underway and expected to be completed in April. Patricia McMahon is the contact, and Sign-up has already started!

Playground
• Security light was replaced.
• Mulch will be refreshed this Spring as part of annual maintenance.

Tennis Courts
• As is normal during cold weather, there were issues with our wind screens. Fortunately, we had tennis players available to help re-attach the snap tie plastic holders after a cold, windy episode.
• The center court screen will be replaced this month due to old age and lots of wind which caused damage.
- We are experiencing instances of tennis court gates left unlocked after play. Locking up when leaving is very important in maintaining our tennis courts for the benefit of all. Thanks to all tennis players for helping with this.
- There has been at least one incident where we had residents using skateboards on the tennis courts. The issue is that skateboard usage on courts shortens the time before resurfacing is needed. This cost affects all homeowners.
- Please sign-in to play as requested, and be considerate of other players and residents.
- Remember, we welcome guests, but please sign-in and always accompany them. Never lend your tennis court key if you cannot be present.

Please Observe the Tennis Court Rules and Be Kind to Your Neighbors…
When Using the Tennis Court Lights at Night,
Turn the Light Timers Backward to Zero Upon Leaving;
Lights Out at 10:15 PM!
And Please Don’t Light Both North and South Courts if Only One Side Is In Use!
Again, Please Be Kind to Your Neighbors!

Please Welcome New Residents!
Stuart and Casey Falknor 15600 Barker’s Landing Rd. #15
Benny and Leanne Goodwin 15711 Steamboat Ln.
Corey and Stevie Leonard 411 Sandy Bluff
Anne Monty 409 E. Fair Harbor Ln

Security Special Watch Forms
Don’t forget to fill out your Special Watch forms and turn them into the Security Guards before leaving BL for your vacation. The Forms are available by calling the Patrol Service at: 281-450-2052.

Newsletter Submissions
Submit copy, in black and white only, by the deadline, typically the 20th of the month before publication. Please submit your articles or classified ad in the body of an e-mail or in a Microsoft Word attachment to: blhoacommunications@gmail.com
Interests & Events

Wolfe Elementary PTO Startastic Carnival
- **Save the Date! Donations accepted.** Wolfe Elementary Parent Teacher Organization’s **Startastic Carnival** is scheduled for April 28th. Barker’s Landing residents can send donations to Wolfe Elementary School, 502 Addicks-Howell Rd., Houston, TX 77079, Attn: PTO Carnival Donation, by April 14th, 2017.
  *Please Note: BL residents can also support Wolfe by patronizing Josephine’s Day Spa on Eldridge. Just mention Wolfe Elementary when checking out. See our Classifieds section below for more details.*

Wanted! Bridge Players - couples and singles. Our group meets in members’ homes on the second Thursday of each month from 6:30 to 9:30 PM. We play party bridge while we enjoy each other's company and often a glass of wine. Monthly sign-up is by email on the first of the month, so you sign up to play just on the dates that work for you. If you would like to be on our email list to get an invitation to play, or if you might like to sub occasionally, we want to hear from you! Please contact Ted Winzeler at lmwinzeler@gmail.com or 281-734-2084.

Memorial Super Neighborhood-16 (MSN-16)
Website: [www.memorialsn.org](http://www.memorialsn.org)
Barker’s Landing HOA is a member of MSN-16 along with 28 other HOAs which meet monthly to “work together to identify, plan, and set priorities to address the needs and concerns of our communities” in West Memorial. Representatives from Houston Police, our Constable’s office, City Council Representatives, and others, present information which is available on the website noted above and highlights are summarized quarterly in our Barker’s Landing Bulletin. Thanks to BL residents Noel Rando and Sandie Parker for attending meetings for many years and passing along important information to us. Below is some recently available news from MSN-16.

Terry Hershey Park
From Harris Country Flood Control District:
Construction sites within open park space have led to dangerous situations involving pedestrians and bike riders. To minimize these risks, Terry Hershey Park will be closed on the North side of Buffalo Bayou between Beltway 8 and Kirkwood effective immediately for the duration of HCFCD’s bank stabilization construction project. Harris County Constables will be patrolling the closed area and issuing citations to trespassers. For more info, visit [www.hcfcd.org/THPRepairProject](http://www.hcfcd.org/THPRepairProject).

Crime
Always be mindful of your surroundings. Robberies are occurring in open parking lots along Katy Freeway as well as in Mall parking garages. Purse snatchings continue at gas stations while the driver is out of the car pumping gas. Lock the car and stash your valuables out-of-sight on the floorboard of the car.
Memorial Drive Paving and Drainage Improvements Project – WBS# N-000798-0001-4
This project is about 1/3 complete, which projects completion out to Summer 2018. Construction began at Eldridge earlier than scheduled due to continuing problems with the intersection at Kirkwood/Memorial. At the intersection of Memorial and Eldridge, a change in the timing of the traffic light is being considered so that left turns would again be possible for west bound traffic turning south on to Eldridge. Until a decision is made later this month, additional law enforcement is expected to be present to issue warning citations to left turn offenders.

Energy Corridor District
ECD maintains a website to keep area residents aware of its activities and overall plans for the development of the Energy Corridor, as well as other general news. Recent articles summarized the implementation of 2017 Unified Transportation Plan Projects. Below is a flyer announcing the new Farmer’s Market. Read more at www.energycorridor.org.
**Classifieds**

**ARBONNE REPRESENTATIVE:** My name is Ingrid and I’ve been with Arbonne for 20 yrs. We have a large variety of skincare regimens. Visit my website at: [http://www.swissskincare.com](http://www.swissskincare.com) or call 281-496-4495. Call me to get a 10% “Neighbor” Discount and/or be sure to check the list of “My Specials” to get anywhere from 15% to 35% off!

**MARY KAY CONSULTANT:** Hi, my name is Sandra Varesic, a 30-year “seasoned” Mary Kay Consultant. It would be a great pleasure to serve any of your personal or gift giving needs (free delivery and gift wrap!) Feel free to check out all the great Mary Kay products (and even place an order) on my personal website at [www.marykay.com/sscott49](http://www.marykay.com/sscott49), email me at smv1949@gmail.com or call me at 832-262-1663.

**PAMPER YOURSELF AND PAMPER WOLFE, TOO!**

**JOSEPHINE’S DAY SPA AND SALON** will make a donation to Wolfe PTO when BL residents purchase services and products and mention they are a friend of Wolfe Elementary. JOSEPHINE’S DAY SPA AND SALON, 1127 Eldridge Parkway. Call 281-870-0083. 10% of the proceeds on all.

**PET SITTING:** Vincent Rypien, 17 years old, is a great pet sitter, or house watcher. He loves animals of all varieties and will make sure to take good care of them while you are away. Neighborhood references are available. He can be reached at 281-589-8180.

**POWER WASHING AND PAINTING**
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St.John Vianney Catholic Church,
625 Nottingham Oaks Trail
Accepting donations:
M-F (10 to 4); Sat (10 to 2:00)