

Barton Estates Neighborhood Newsletter

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**Happy Easter
Resurrection
Sunday on
April 4!**



A Message From Our President

Thank you Barton Estates members for placing your trust in me as your leader of our blessed association. I like to thank our officers, board members and volunteers that work with me to make this community a wonderful place to live.

We closed out 2009 on a great note with the Christmas Dinner; over one hundred neighbors came out for an enjoyable evening of food, fun and fellowship. This would not have been possible without the support of our great neighbors, friends and sponsors. I am excited about the plans this new slate of officers has

prepared for this year.

Our plans include putting together a newsletter that all of us will be proud of, painting a deserving family home, have an picnic, reactivate our crime watch, purchase new meetings signs, which has been made possible through the Partnership grant awarded \$750 from the City of Irving. This will be used for the meeting notification signs, newsletter, and paper

goods for National Night Out. I encourage you to continue working with the City to help make Irving the

best City to live, work and do business.

I want to give special thanks to my Wife and children for putting in so much work and

time in our community.

I also would like to give special thanks to our new neighbor, Milissa Kukla our

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President Johnny Jackson and his wife Mrs. Melba Jackson live on Beacon Hill.

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Irving Residents Make Your Presence Known!

The 2010 Census is currently under way. The population data collected during the next three months will determine the City of Irving's political representation, access to federal funds for schools and other programs, and its ability to plan for the

future needs of the community for the next 10 years!

Of all the cities in Dallas County, Irving currently has the lowest response rate to the surveys mailed out last week. If Irving residents do not respond to the Census, they cannot be included when

state representation in the U.S. Congress is calculated. Irving residents also will be underrepresented in Austin if residents do not make their presence known.

Fill yours out today!

Questions? Call 1-866-872-6868

From Our President...

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volunteer newsletter editor.

I encourage you to consider our sponsors when looking to have a service rendered; you can find them listed on our ad page.

Remember to get your yards in order; your yard just might be chosen "Yard of the Month" this starts in May.

The purpose of the Barton Estates Neighborhood Association shall be to form a positive coalition to support

project and programs which promote the common good of all our members; to inform, educate, and provide an open forum for the discussion of all issues which affect our neighborhood and promote cooperative action; to build a better neighborhood by reducing and preventing crime; to develop a cleaner, safer, healthier neighborhood and improve the quality of life for its' residents; to solve problems which exist or arise within

our boundaries; and to enable our members to work together to determine the needs of our neighborhood and fully utilize all available resources to respond to those needs.

As your president, this is what I am committed to doing.

Thank you,

Johnny Jackson

Barton Estates President

"Residents will go to the polls May 8 to vote on four proposed amendments to the city charter."

Charter Election Set for May 8

Residents will go to the polls May 8 to vote on four proposed amendments to the city charter. Early voting will begin April 26 and run through May 4.

The city charter sets forth policies and procedures by which the city governs itself in accordance with state and federal laws. A citizens' charter

review committee accepted input and recommended certain issues be placed before the voters. The City Council called the May election for voters to decide on the proposed changes.

The proposed amendments would allow for changes concerning signing contracts, repealing the position of treas-

urer, the issuance of bonds and warrants, and removing the cap on contributions for employee retirement benefits.

To View the proposed amendments, please visit: <http://www.ci.irving.tx.us/news-articles/0410-city-elections.html>

Disaster Planning Tips for Irving Residents

Here are some tips from the City of Irving to prepare your family for a natural disaster:

Create a Family Disaster Plan:

- Meet with family members and discuss the need to prepare for a disaster.
- Discuss the types of disasters that are most likely to happen. Explain what to do in each case.

- Pick two places to meet.
- Develop an emergency communication plan.
- Ask an out-of-town relative or friend to be a "family contact."
- Discuss what to do if authorities request evacuation.
- Be familiar with escape routes.
- Plan how to take care of

pets.

Learn More

To learn more about how to prepare for severe weather conditions, visit any Irving library and check out the free DVD produced by the Emergency Management Office. For other emergency preparedness materials, call the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) at (800) 480-2520, or visit www.ready.gov or www.knowwhat2do.com.



Earth Day Event Set for April 10

Celebrate the 40th anniversary of Earth Day from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 10 at Sam Houston Trail Park, 101 E. Interstate Highway 635. This year's theme, Earth Day ... Naturally, will come to life in the form of family entertainment, hands-on activities, demonstrations and healthy food.

Free parking and shuttle service will be available at the following locations:

Ranchview High School (south parking lot)-8401 Valley Ranch Parkway East

T.W. Richardson Trail Park-333 E. Interstate Highway 635

Entertainment will include:

- Brave Combo
- Drums Not Guns
- Dana's Dance Academy

(Stage powered by solar energy sponsored by Excel Tech and Texas Instruments)

Activities will include:

- Electronics recycling
- Clothing drive
- Housing fair
- Nature tours
- Eco-vendors
- Frisbee demonstrations

- Fire Safety House tours
- Segway rides

Learn about TXU's Solar Panel Lease Program as one of five eco-classes offered.



Receive an eco-friendly gift while supplies last for being green. Keep Irving Beautiful will provide recycling containers. For more information, please call (972) 742-2296.

Get Connected!

Many hands make for light work! We want to connect with you, our fellow neighbor.

I would like to volunteer in the following way(s):

- Passing out Newsletters on my street
- Learning more about the Secretary position
- Helping solicit sponsors for our Newsletter
- Helping setup for meetings
- Serving as a Crime Watch Block Captain
- Baking cookies for new neighbors
- Other (Please indicate here):

Comments:

Name _____

Address _____

Email Address _____

Phone _____

Please return this form to:

Mr. Johnny Jackson
President
621 Beacon Hill

Phone: 972-986-9494
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Please keep the families of the following recently deceased residents in your prayers:

- Curtis Snetchen, Resident on Beacon Hill
- Karl Green, Resident on Wyche

Congratulations to the new babies!

- New baby girl on Beacon Hill
- Baby Grace on Hosanna

Pictures from the March Crime Watch Meeting, where 48 people came:



Barton Association to Reactivate Crime Watch

Our Neighborhood Association will be activating our pre-existing Neighborhood Crime Watch.

One of the best deterrents to crime is the watchfulness of your neighbors. There are currently over four hundred of these groups meeting throughout our city.

Neighborhood Watch was created to obtain citizen involvement in discouraging and preventing residential crime. The program uses citizen involvement to secure

their own homes and personal property and to report any suspicious activities to the police. Since its creation approximately ten years ago, it has brought a dramatic drop in the local residential crime rate.

Neighborhood Watch operates to educate participants in the principles of deterrence, delay, and detection. The program depends on a communication network organized with three levels of participants - the resident,



block captains and co-captains, and a local law enforcement representative.

We are currently recruiting Block Captains for the program. If you are interested, please contact Bruce D'Ostroph at 214-549-1555.

"The Heritage

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through April 15."

Tax-Aid Volunteer Program



The Heritage Senior Center will offer free tax help for residents filing 2009 tax returns through April 15.

The program, sponsored by

the AARP, will be offered from 8 a.m. to noon on Mondays and Thursdays.

Appointments are required.

To schedule a meeting, call (214) 770-5599.

An intake sheet must be completed prior to the appointment and is available at the Heritage Senior Center,

200 S. Jefferson St.

The program is not restricted to seniors. For more information, call (972) 721-2496.

Neighborhood Turns into Winter Wonderland

February brought a record setting 12 1/2" to Irving. It was a welcome rarity, and our children certainly enjoyed the snow day!



Christmas Dinner 2009 a Smashing Success

Our Christmas Dinner was amazing this year, as over 100 of your fellow neighbors gathered to spend time together during this sometimes chaotic season. As you can see, a good time was had by all!

Thank you to all the vendors who donated to help us make the Christmas Dinner

a great success: Walmart, Walgreen, Kroger's, Fred's Barbecue, Spring Creek, Lowe's, and Sam's Warehouse.

And also special thanks to Melba and the kids for pound-

ing the pavement and going door to door for donations.



Barton Walking Club Starting... Now!

Looking for a way to shed a few pounds, while enjoying some fellowship with your neighbors? Then join the newly formed Barton Walking Club. Everyone is welcome, and we encourage mothers to come out with us and bring their children.

If a daily fitness walk could be put in a pill, it would be one of the most popular prescriptions

in the world. It has so many health benefits. Walking can reduce the risk of many diseases — from heart attack and stroke to hip fracture and glaucoma. These may sound like claims on a bottle of snake oil, but they're backed by major research. Walking requires no prescription, the risk of side effects is very low, and the benefits are numerous.

A steady routine is the most important factor in getting the most out of your exercise program. Walking for at least 30 minutes a day, 5 or more days a week is recommended.

The Club meets Monday through Friday, at 9:00 a.m., and also at 6:30 p.m. at The Jackson Residence, 621 Beacon Hill.

Source: AARP.org

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City Readies Texas Stadium for April 11 Implosion

With the sunrise implosion of Texas Stadium on the horizon, work continues to prepare the site for the historic event set for 7 a.m. April 11. Asbestos abatement is nearly complete and residents will begin to see noticeable changes to the exterior of the stadium during the coming weeks.

Public viewing of the implosion will be available in the Red Lot at Texas Stadium



on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who would like to attend the family friendly event may access the lot from the entrances located on Spur 482 and the Loop 12 frontage road. Cost information and suggested

arrival time will be available in mid-March online at www.cityofirving.org/texas-stadium.

Several webcams are positioned at the site to offer Internet users from all over the globe an opportunity to witness the final moments of Texas Stadium. To access the live webcam feed, visit www.cityofirving.org/texas-stadium.





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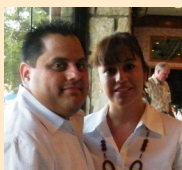
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Please join us for our next meeting Monday, May 10, at 7:00 p.m. in the Barton School Cafeteria. For questions or comments, please contact us at barton.estates@gmail.com or 972-986-9494.

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