

April 2005

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The official newsletter of the Barton Estates Neighborhood Association

Greetings! Spring has sprung in Barton Estates. Flowers are blooming; roses are budding and no mosquitoes! Well, not yet anyway. April is a wonderful month to enjoy the outdoors, so why not get out to our next neighborhood meeting?! Please come join your neighbors and friends on Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup> for another great neighborhood gathering. Our guest speaker will be Ms. Fran Witte. Ms. Witte is the Solid Waste and Environmental Manager for the City of Irving. She will fill us in on new ways to get more involved in recycling and other environmental issues. We will also have a new event taking place at our neighborhood meeting! A 50/50 raffle! Buy a raffle ticket for \$1.00 and you may end the evening a little richer! So, mark your calendar and come join the fun!

**WHAT?** – Neighborhood Meeting

**WHEN?** – Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup> – 7:00PM

**WHERE?** – Barton Elementary School Cafeteria

**BINGO & pot luck  
dinner! May 13<sup>th</sup>!  
Mark your calendars!  
Details coming soon!**

## **YARD - OF - THE - MONTH**

It's back! This year our Yard-of-the-Month program will run from May- September.

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners will be chosen throughout Barton Estates with some very nice gifts going along with the honor of having a beautiful yard! So, get those yards in tip top shape...the judges will be out soon!

Interested in knowing if your favorite restaurant got an A or an F? Check out all area eateries at: [www.ci.irving.tx.us/inspections/restscores/index.htm](http://www.ci.irving.tx.us/inspections/restscores/index.htm)

## **Greet The Troops!**

DFW Airport Terminal B  
gate 39 ..Call 972-574-0392  
for flight arrival times!

## TELL US WHAT YOU THINK!

Random surveys will be distributed soon throughout the neighborhood. Your input concerning issues that pertain to our neighborhood is needed. Please be sure and return your survey and you will be entered into a drawing for a year's worth of blue recycling bags!

THANK YOU TO **MINUTEMANN PRESS** FOR ONCE AGAIN PRINTING OUR NEWSLETTER. THEIR ONGOING COMMITMENT TO OUR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION IS GREATLY APPRECIATED. IF YOU HAVE ANY PRINTING NEEDS, WE SUGGEST YOU VISIT THEM 1<sup>ST</sup>!

## **Trees- Trees-Trees!**

As part of our Community Grant Program from the City of Irving, we have planted 17 shade trees around our neighborhood! Thank you to Wanda Anderson for heading up this beautiful project.....

*Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has. -Margaret Mead*

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## CRIME ALERT

Recently, there have been quite a few vandalisms in the neighborhood. Cars have been broken into, tires punctured and another try at burning the playground equipment at Wyche Park. We REALLY need all of you to be the eyes and ears of the neighborhood. Many of you are already on the Crime Watch list. Please: if you spot anything suspicious going on in our neighborhood, report it to the Police.

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On May 7<sup>th</sup>, we are asking that ALL of you get out and vote. Voting is a privilege that many forget about from year to year. Making your voice heard is very important, especially this year. If you missed the mayoral candidate forum, sponsored by Barton Estates & Sherwood Forest Neighborhood Associations, we urge you to do your homework before you cast your vote. There are many sources available to get information concerning each Mayoral candidate along with City Council candidates. Running our City is an important job, so please make an educated choice and get out and VOTE!

**Note: Early voting continues through May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Election Day voting for Barton Estates takes place at Barton Elementary School from 7am to 7pm.**

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EMAIL INFORMATION: If you have not provided the association with your email information, please do so now. We can send out alerts, update you on projects & events and include you in the monthly email sale! Your email will only be used for Barton Estates information and always blind copied. Please forward your email info to: [kharmontx@aol.com](mailto:kharmontx@aol.com)



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## **Mosquito Season Returns Soon!**

Those pesky critters will be on their way to our homes all too soon! Please remember to keep fresh water in bird baths and empty any containers that might have standing water. Keep grass mowed. They love to hide in tall grass. If you want a natural approach to DEET, try using Avon's skin-so-soft or vanilla extract as a way to detour mosquitoes from biting.

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*Thank  
you*

This grant is being used to help beautify the yards of some of our most senior neighbors. Area teens will be pitching in to help along with many of you. A huge THANK YOU goes out to all who are volunteering their time and services.

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### **Recognition Corner**

Thank you so much to Barton's resident, June Duggins for her very generous donations to the "WE CARE" senior food assistance program.

### **Gardening Tip**

**Fire ants will soon start appearing. Fight these nasty creatures the natural way. Think oil...orange oil that is. Available at local nurseries.**

