

Ok – It is just plain ‘ole HOT! So why not come to the neighborhood meeting, cool off and enjoy an evening with neighbors and friends??!! With school out, we will have our meeting this month at St. Mary’s Episcopal Church. Please note the date and time and come on over for a nice COOOOOOL glass of ice tea.....

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER – MR. TOM WAITS WITH ANIMAL CONTROL.

WHEN: Thursday, July 21st

WHERE: St. Mary’s Episcopal Church (corner of Story and Pioneer)

TIME: 7:00pm

Summer Recipe

Here is a wonderful COOL summer recipe. It is easy to make and delicious to eat!



Ingredients:

- 1 bunch of broccoli uncooked
- 3 pieces of cooked bacon
- ½ cup of cashews
- ¼ cup of craisins

Wash, clean and cut broccoli into bowl. After bacon is crisp, crumble into broccoli. Grind the cashews and craisins and add to bowl. Mix together: ½ cup of mayo, 1 T. splenda and 1 T. balsamic vinegar. Add this to the broccoli, toss all ingredients until coated. ENJOY!

Many families now find themselves with more cars than they have room for. All it takes is a couple of teenagers and before we know it, 5 cars are at our house! If this is the case at your home, please try and park cars either in the garage or in the driveway. Please DO NOT block sidewalks. This poses a danger to walkers and children who need to use the sidewalk and it is also a City of Irving Code Violation. AND if you find that you need to park cars on the street, please be neighborly and park them in front of your own home – not your neighbors..... Thank you!

ANNOUNCING.....BARTON ESTATES NIGHT AT AMERIQUEST FIELD!

Come join your neighbors for a fun filled evening of baseball at a very special price! We have set aside a group of tickets for the Sept. 12th game, section 39 (1st base area) for Barton Estates. Regular price for these tickets is \$27.50 per ticket. Barton Estates price: \$7.25 per ticket! If you would like to join in the fun, please send your payment, along with the number of tickets to: Karen Harmon, 717 Lexington Dr. Irving – 75061. Payments must be received by July 30th – please no exceptions. If you would like your tickets mailed to you, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your payment. OR – you can pick tickets up at Karen’s home by enclosing your phone number or email address.



Play ball!

A Huge Thank you once again to Minuteman Press for printing our newsletter. Please be sure and visit Minuteman Press for ALL of your printing needs.

Lately, Barton Estates has had its fare share of vandals trying to break into cars. Many of these incidents have taken place on Lawrence and Wyche. One way we can detour these crimes is by lighting up.... Turn on porch lights, install motion detectors. Crime decreases in well lit areas. Please also help by reporting any suspicious activity. You can either call 911 if it appears an emergency is in order, or call the non-emergency police number at: 972-721-2661.

FACT: More than 7 types of harmful pesticides and herbicides washed down storm drains are found in the Trinity River.

Over 90,000 storm drains in Dallas County (that’s us folks!) carry storm water and everything in it, including pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers, directly into our nearest creeks, rivers and lakes. Unlike wastewater, storm water doesn’t get cleaned and treated before it empties into these bodies of water. So if water goes into the storm drain dirty, it stays that way!

TIP: Use organic products and the exact amount as instructed. Never pour garden chemicals down a storm drain or manhole or let them run off your lawn into the street.



RECYCLE – RECYCLE – RECYCLE

The Barton Estates Recycle program is well under way. Each home in our neighborhood received a litter bag full of valuable information concerning recycling and City programs. Also included were 6 blue bags for curbside recycling. Remember, blue bags are **ONLY** for recycling – **NO** garbage! Our pick up days are the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month. If you do not already recycle, start **NOW!** As an added bonus to homeowners who recycle, we will have a **Grand Prize Recycle Winner!** During the month of August, volunteers will make notes of all homes that put out recyclables. A Grand Prize winner will be drawn from those that “blue bag it”! (Value of the prize is over \$75.00!) Start today – no excuses – blue bag and be a winner!

Note: Many hours went into stuffing and delivering the bags for the recycle program. A huge thank you goes out to all the volunteers in our neighborhood and the teens from teen court that helped with this project. Without volunteers, these types of projects would not be possible.



Congratulations to all of our Yard-of-the-Month winners!

- May – The Swindell’s 2935 Lawrence
- June – The Rivas’ 2822 Wells
- July – The Anderson’s 617 N. Briery

Thank you to Calloway’s nursery for their support of our neighborhood Yard-of-the-Month program. Please remember to visit Calloway’s Irving for all of your gardening needs.

Calloway's Nursery
4033 West Airport Freeway, at Esters, 972.258.1312

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2005

Once again, the Barton Estates Neighborhood will participate in National Night Out! Please come, bring a lawn chair (and the bug spray) and enjoy the evening out with neighbors. We will be gathering on Dixon where it intersects with Lawrence (at Wyche Park). We will have nice **COLD** watermelon and water available. A visit from our local Police Department is also in order along with invited City officials.

So, come.....**Tuesday, August 2nd7:00-9:00pm**

Volunteers: A person who performs or gives his services of his own free will. A person who assumes an obligation voluntarily.

Yes, volunteers. These are the good people that give of their time to serve as officers and board members; to hand out newsletter; to adopt-a-spot and pick up trash in our neighborhood. **Volunteers** – we would not have a neighborhood organization without these people. Why do people become **volunteers**? To share skills; to help someone; to gain leadership skills; to keep busy; to make friends; for fun; to have an impact; to be a part of a team..... the list goes on and on. Find a reason to get involved in our neighborhood. We need more **volunteers** to keep our neighborhood organization alive and well.

For more information on becoming a **volunteer** in the Barton Estates Neighborhood, please contact Doris Dickey or Karen Harmon. dadickey1@juno.com or kharmontx@aol.com
 Thank you.

Recently a fire destroyed thousands of pounds of food at a Ft. Worth Food Pantry. Help is desperately needed to help restock their food supply. We are asking Barton Residents to **HELP!** Please drop off non-perishable items at the home of Karen Harmon – 717 Lexington Dr. - by August 1st. Items will be delivered to the food bank on August 2nd. Thank you!

Interested in placing an ad in BART?
Contact Karen Harmon at:
kharmontx@aol.com

And the survey says..... We asked 100 Barton Residents to answer a neighborhood questionnaire – thank you very much to those that did. The top 3 concerns according to the surveys received are: crime, speeding and appearance of neighborhood. We also found that some residents are new...only 3 months and some have been here years (58!).... If you have not returned your questionnaire, please take a minute to do so. From the surveys that we did receive, 3 were drawn and received a year’s worth of blue recycling bags! **Congratulations to the Santo’s family, the Karne’s family and the Malloy family.**