

# BARTON CREEK

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*The Newsletter of Barton Creek North Property Owners Association*

## BARTON CREEK ANNUAL MEETING SUMMARY

The Barton Creek North Property Owners Association's annual membership meeting held on April 27, 2011 was a successful and informative meeting. We were able to establish quorum fairly quickly given the number of proxies that were sent in prior to the meeting. There was also a good turnout of homeowners at the meeting itself. Thank you to all those who participated!

- For those of you unable to attend, there was a lot of information disseminated to the membership by the committee chairs and special guests.
- Karen Huber, County Commissioner, updated the audience on her activities and the current budget issues.
- Ron Meyer reviewed the 2010 audit and notified the membership that the association's financials were in good order and the management company and association had good accounting practices in place.
- Captain Frank Lofton reviewed the prior and current year activities pertaining to law enforcement activities in the neighborhood. He indicated that crime issues have been lower since regular patrols began. Captain Lofton also provided information (included in this newsletter) on how to get text updates on issues in the area as well as sign up for close patrols.
- Fire Marshal Mike Lacey provided an update on the recent fire incidents in the area and gave tips on how to reduce your risk. He encouraged everyone

to visit the fire department's website (included in this newsletter) to learn more about reducing fire danger, planning exit strategies and getting information about specific risks in your area.

- The various committee chairs also provided reports on the association's committee structure, financial health, landscaping master plan and installation projects, and security issues.
- A development update of the areas in and adjacent to Barton Creek was also provided by Stratus Properties.

In addition to the informational reports provided, two new Board members, Evie Feltoon and Tom Vickers, were elected replacing Karl Stewart and Steve Paulson. Honors were also given to Richard "Dick" Walker, long-time chairman of the Master Architectural Control Committee (MACC) for his steadfast dedication and service to the committee.

To the right: Richard "Dick" Walker receiving award at Barton Creek North annual meeting.



## TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF'S WEBSITE - NEW SPOTCRIME FEATURE!

The Travis County Sheriff's Office website has a new link to [www.spotcrime.com](http://www.spotcrime.com). This website provides crime data in Travis County, is easy to use, and is free! Certain offenses can be reported via this link without having to meet with an officer or speak with one. Check out this new feature today by visiting [www.tcsheriff.org](http://www.tcsheriff.org) and clicking on the SpotCrime link on the main page.

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# WILDFIRE PLAN OF ACTION AND EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT

By leaving early, you give your family the best chance of surviving a wildfire. You can also help firefighters by keeping roads clear of congestion, enabling them to move more freely and do their job.

## When to Leave

Leave early enough to avoid being caught in fire, smoke or road congestion. Don't wait to be told by authorities to leave. In an intense wildfire, they may not have time to knock on every door. If you are advised to leave, don't hesitate!

## Where to Go

Leave to a predetermined location (it should be a low-risk area, such as a well-prepared neighbor or relative's house, a Red Cross shelter or evacuation center, motel, etc.)

## How to Get There

Have several travel routes in case one route is blocked by the fire or emergency vehicles and equipment. Choose an escape route away from the fire.

## What to Take

Take your emergency supply kit containing your family and pet's necessary items.

## Emergency Supplies

The American Red Cross recommends every family have an emergency supply kit assembled long before a wildfire or other emergency occurs. Use the checklist below to help assemble yours. For more information on emergency supplies, visit the American Red Cross website at [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org).

- Three-day supply of water (one gallon per person per day).
- Non-perishable food for all family members and pets (three-day supply).
- First aid kit.
- Flashlight, battery-powered radio, and extra batteries.
- An extra set of car keys, credit cards, cash or traveler's checks.
- Sanitation supplies.
- Extra eyeglasses or contact lenses.
- Important family documents and contact numbers.
- Map marked with evacuation routes.
- Prescriptions or special medications.
- Family photo and other irreplaceable items.
- Easily carried valuables.
- Personal computers (information on hard drives and disks).
- Chargers for cell phones, laptops, etc.

Note: Keep a pair of old shoes and a flashlight handy in case of a sudden evacuation at night.

For more information on how to prepare your home for potential wildfires please visit [www.co.travis.tx.us/fire\\_marshall](http://www.co.travis.tx.us/fire_marshall).

**Source:** Travis County Fire Marshal



# READY, SET, GO!

Please use the below checklist to find out how prepared you and your family are in the event of a wildfire. If there are areas where you could improve, please use the information you gain from this checklist to make improvements.



## Home

1. Does your home have a metal, composition, or tile (or other non-combustible) roof with capped ends and covered fascia?
2. Are the rain gutters and roof free of leaves, needles and branches?
3. Are all vent openings screened with 1/8 inch (or smaller) mesh metal screen?
4. Are approved spark arrestors on chimneys?
5. Does the house have non-combustible siding material?
6. Are the eaves "boxed in" and the decks enclosed?
7. Are the windows made of at least double-paned or tempered glass?
8. Are the decks, porches and other similar areas made of non-combustible material and free of easily combustible material (e.g. plastic furniture)?
9. Is all firewood at least 30 feet from the house?

## Defensible Space

1. Is dead vegetation cleared to the recommended defensible space area? (Consider adding distance due to slope of property.)
2. Is there separation between shrubs?
3. Are ladder fuels removed?
4. Is there a clean and green area extending at least 30 feet from the house?
5. Is there a non-combustible area within five feet of the house?
6. Is there separation between trees and crowns?

## Emergency Access

1. Is the home address visible from the street?
2. Is the home address made of fire-resistant materials?
3. Are the street signs present at every intersection leading to the house?
4. Are street signs made of fire-resistant materials?
5. Is flammable vegetation within 10 feet of the driveway cleared and are overhanging obstructions removed?
6. If a long driveway is present, does it have a suitable turnaround area?

**Source:** Travis County Fire Marshal

For more information and to download the entire Wildfire Action Plan packet visit [www.bartoncreeknorth.com](http://www.bartoncreeknorth.com) or [www.iafc.org/ReadySetGo](http://www.iafc.org/ReadySetGo).

## HELPFUL PHONE NUMBERS

Oak Hill Fire Department - Barton Creek Station  
512-288-5534

Travis County Sheriff's Office (non emergency)  
512-974-0845

Texas Disposal Systems  
512-421-1300

IESI  
512-282-3508

Crossroads Utility Service (MUD 3, 4)  
512-246-1400

Travis County WCID #19  
512-402-1990

Certified Management of Austin  
512-339-6962

WatersMark  
512-328-2858

RealManage  
512-219-1927

Barton Creek Country Club  
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Please note the BCNPOA assessment payment address:  
**2633 McKinney Avenue #130-502**  
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Be sure to change the address with your online payment companies.  
Residents can also pay via the Resident Portal at the Barton Creek North Property Owner's Association website.

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## Be The First To Be In The Know



Currently, our intent is to continue mailing the quarterly newsletter to residents, but we are requesting your email addresses for use in circulating the newsletter to all residents in the future, as well as for security updates. Residents will receive email "blasts" covering time sensitive and emergency news. The recipients' list will not be disclosed to any third parties.

Please send your email address to the BCNPOA association manager at: [sara.huff@realmanage.com](mailto:sara.huff@realmanage.com).

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