

Waterman Crossing

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Board of Directors

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A Word from Your Board



Your Board of Directors has heard your questions and we have been working hard to improve communications here at Waterman Crossing. The first step was taken in December; with a new and improved newsletter distributed to all residents and mailed to the offsite homeowners.

The newsletter is scheduled to be distributed every other month with special editions published when appropriate. It is the editor's wish to keep this newsletter current and timely but, that requires some help of the residents and owners. If you have an idea, comment or something that might be of interest to all PLEASE let us know. You can do that by emailing watermancrossing@ymail.com or dropping a note by the office (just slip it under the door) or giving it to one of the Board members when you see them.

Where can you find a Board member? Most Tuesdays or Thursdays there is at least one of the Board members at the "coffee klatch" in the club house between 10:00 am (continued on Page 3)

ANNUAL MEETING and ELECTION

March is quickly approaching and so is the *Annual Meeting* and Election of Board of Directors. We are mandated by the Condominium Declarations to hold an *annual meeting* which has traditionally been held the last week of March. We are also mandated to inform all homeowners of the date, time and location of this meeting and that will be sent in March, please look for it.

In the past few years there has not been a quorum, 51% of the homeowners (153), either present or represented by proxy. Lenny Simmons, president of the board, said "the board will do everything possible to insure a quorum is obtained this year." Proxies will be mailed with the notice of *annual meeting* and the proxies will be simpler and easier to return. Also, in past years, there has been a bottleneck at registration and verification. This year the registration process should be quicker and simpler with the help of Jim Miller and the staff from Creative Management Company.

At the annual meeting, the election of members of the Board will be held. This year ALL seven (7) positions will be up for election. The board is currently working on the rules for the election in accordance with the Condominium Declarations and Bylaws and they will be published prior to the annual meeting.

Now it is up to YOU, the homeowners and members of the association, to determine what direction the property should take. BUT there is one important factor; WHO, will volunteer their time and run for these open (continued on Page 3)

Important News

WatermanCrossing.com

Have you registered yet?

Meet 'n Greet Updates

The gatherings at the clubhouse continue every Tuesday and Thursday from 10 am to 2 pm. There's a lending library and a small group of folks are trying to get a bridge game going.

Hope to see you there!



Items of Interest

The next Board Meetings is tentatively scheduled as follows:

February 26, 2009 @ 2:00 p.m. — subject to change. Watch the clubhouse doors for a notice to be posted.

The Annual Meeting and Board Elections is tentatively scheduled for March 30, 2009 @ 7:00 p.m. Official notice will be mailed in March.

Please join us!

Residents in the News

We are saddened to announce that Bernadine Graham has passed away. She will be greatly missed.

Best wishes and a speedy recovery to Bill Samco. He had heart surgery and is now at home convalescing.

After an extended stay in the hospital, Carol Castillio has been transferred to a rehab facility.

Hopefully they will recover quickly.

Constable Reports

As you know, we are in the Heatherlock Municipal Utility District and when there is a problem, we are served by Harris County Precinct Four Constable's Office. Crime statistics aren't available by address, only by Utility Districts. Shown below are the totals for 2008.



There were 4 burglary of a habitation, 3 burglary of a vehicle, 2 auto theft, 5 other thefts, 1 robbery, 7 assaults and 2 sexual assaults. There were also 8 criminal mischief, 13 family disturbances, and 37 other disturbances. Alarms totaled 103, 19 suspicious persons, 14 suspicious vehicles and 1 telephone harassment. Calls categorized as "other" totaled 367 for the year.

...Always a cop?

On January 13, 2009 there was a disturbance at one of our units. A former member of the Harris County Sherriff's Department, currently a member of the board, proved that once a cop...always a cop by subduing and detaining an individual allegedly involved in a domestic dispute. He had him cuffed and waiting for the quick responding Precinct 4 Constables.

Our thanks go out to him and our ever diligent homeowners.

Waterman Crossing Dresses up for the Holidays



To view the entire photo album please visit our website at WatermanCrossing.com

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and 1:00 pm. (See more about the “coffee klatch” on page 2 of this newsletter.)

Since the last issue of our newsletter there have been some interesting happenings around Waterman Crossing. The coffee klatch has been joined by a small group of bridge players. Our new lending library has grown by leaps and bounds and has expanded beyond the original bookcase. We are in need of an additional bookcase(s) and if you have a bookcase or two that you can donate, let us know.

Now for the BIG announcement! On January 16th, 2009 our very own website went live on the world wide web. Many have asked for some time why we did not have a website with pertinent information about Waterman Crossing and a way for the Board of Directors to communicate with homeowners and of course a better way for homeowners to communicate with the Board.

With that in mind our website was developed to allow everyone, including offsite owners, real estate people and even prospective purchasers, to learn more about Waterman Crossing. Areas of interest include association documents, financial statements, minutes of the Board of Director’s Meetings and a listing of properties for sale or rent here at Waterman Crossing. Also included is a section for classified ads if you want to sell something.

Some areas of the website have been restricted and you must register to access these areas. Registration is fast and only takes a few minutes and you will receive authorization very quickly. Please, if you do not get a registration response within about 24 hours, please check your spam box as it might have been directed there by your browser.

Another important aspect of the website is the “contact us” page. It will allow you direct communications to a variety of people important to Waterman Crossing. There is a link directly to Creative Management for your maintenance requests. Just fill out what needs to be done and please be sure to include your unit number.

Please visit WatermanCrossing.com, you’ll be glad you did!

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positions. If you are one of our civic minded citizens and would like to volunteer your time please notify the president, secretary or Jim Miller at Creative Management, by sending an email through our website watermancrossing.com, an email to watermancrossing@gmail.com or in writing to Waterman Crossing c/o Creative Management by close of business Wednesday March 4th, 2009.

And for our volunteers, please provide a brief (300 to 400 words) statement that will be published in a special edition of this newsletter. Your statement can be a summary of your experience, your qualifications, a political statement or anything you would like, within common decency.

Everybody needs to be watching their mailbox in March for the official notice of the meeting and make plans to attend either in person or by proxy.

Just a Reminder

Today’s subject is dogs. They are wonderful creatures that greet you at the door with a wagging tail and an expression that looks like a smile. They love to play and going for a walk, no matter what the weather conditions, is a treat even while it is also a necessity. Dog owners enjoy the walks too – it’s good exercise for both the dog and the owner – but everyone needs to remember that as a pet owner, you have a responsibility to clean up after your pet.



WOW! I wish I could teach my dog to do this!

Did you know that there’s lots of history behind cleaning up after your dog? That task inspired Japanese inventor Takeki Narita to create the first pooper scooper which was patented in 1969. Today there are numerous patents for various pooper scoopers and even services all over the country that clean up after pets for a price. They even have their own trade organization: the Association of Professional Animal Waste Specialists (aPAWS).

Leaving the mess behind is much more than just un-neighborly. Everyone knows that stepping in dog poop is disgusting and smelly, but did you know that the parasites and bacteria found in dog feces can be transmitted to people and other pets, causing significant health problems? In addition, countless people end up in emergency rooms because they slipped and fell from stepping on dog waste.

However you do it, please clean up after your pet. It will help keep Waterman Crossing a wonderful place to live and your neighbors will appreciate it!



Contact Information

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Report Maintenance Issues – ext 105 or 137
Collection Issues – ext 116
Resale Certificates – ext 104

Constable Precinct 4 Dispatch
281-376-3472

CenterPoint Energy
713-207-2222

TXU Energy
1-800-242-9113

AT&T
1-800-288-2020

Comcast
1-800-COMCAST (1-800-266-2278)

And in Conclusion...

This is your newsletter and is intended to keep you informed of what is happening in the Waterman Crossing community.

If you have questions or comments please make your voice heard by sending an email.

And of course if you have something you'd like to see in your newsletter, send your ideas to:

WatermanCrossing@ymail.com

We look forward to hearing from you!

Newsletters are published bi-monthly so look for the next issue in April/May!

See y'all then!

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Re: *Cause No. 2008-24132; Randy Yeske and Tamara Bruce vs. Waterman Crossing Condominium Association, Inc., et al.; In the 270th Judicial District Court, Harris County, Texas*

Dear Robert:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated February 19, 2009, and your proposed "Order Granting Election of Directors." While I was not at the February 6th hearing, Kristi Slaughter from my office who was present at the hearing, relates and confirms that the Court did not "after examining the pleadings and summary judgment evidence presented, (was) of the opinion that Plaintiffs are entitled to the following relief as ordered." [see proposed Order, ¶ 1] Nor did the Court "make findings" as you have set forth throughout your proposed Order. As to a Master in Chancery, that ship has sailed - the Association made a lengthy, specific and fair offer (more relief that Plaintiffs' could have ever received from a lawsuit), which offer was DECLINED by Mr. Yeske and Ms. Bruce. The Association's offer will not be resurrected.

Mr. Yeske, as recently as at a hearing in front of the J.P. Court Precinct 4 this past Monday, continues to falsely represent that he/Plaintiffs "won" an injunction in October 2008 and "was granted a Summary Judgment" this past week. Inasmuch as this letter may well be made available to Association owners, let me make several points perfectly clear to Mr. Yeske and Ms. Bruce - **Judge Brent Gamble (1) refused to hold a Temporary Injunction hearing in October 2008 as requested by Plaintiffs, (2) declined to enter any affirmative relief as requested by Plaintiffs in October 2008 or subsequently, (3) ruled against Plaintiffs in seeking documents for a nine year period,(4) refused Plaintiffs numerous of categories of documents sought from the Association, and, after the Court limited documents to four years, the Association AGREED to provide documents to Plaintiffs, (5) there exists not one Order signed by the Court in favor of Yeske or Bruce, and (6) the Court did not grant any portion of Plaintiffs' Motion For Summary Judgment.**

Now, these representations are being put in writing and signed by me to be true. If Yeske

or you believe any of these statements are inaccurate, you are free to prepare your own letter and forward to me with respective signatures so that liability will attach to all those persons whom rely on your express representations.

Mr. Yeske's repeated lies and fabrications will no longer be tolerated and will be challenged when made.

Your proposed Order does not accurately reflect either the Court's ruling or discussions with the attorneys at the February 6th hearing. I will prepare a proposed Order. If disagreement remains, we will have to set a hearing which I will be present, and this time, we will have a record; and, the record will be made available at the Association's offices to anyone requesting accuracy of Court rulings.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

William S. Chesney, III, Esq.

cc: Jim Miller
✓ Lenny Simmons