



THE LANDING BEACON



February 2015

Greetings Neighbors! Well, we have sure been having some cold weather this month including ice and snow and what they call a "wintery mix" that makes it hard to get around on the streets. This is the February Newsletter for the Landing homeowners that provides news and information about some of the things currently happening in our community and helps us stay connected. If you have ideas or suggestions for future articles please contact the editor or our manager.



Joan Jones' grandson Tyler and friend Ryan at Lea Shore Park

There was lots of beautiful and fun snow in The Landing on February 27th -- well, unless you had to drive in it.

2015 LHOA Annual Meeting (Dick Ramser)

For those of you who were unable to attend our Annual Meeting on Feb. 2nd this year we would like to provide a brief summary to help keep everyone informed.

First of all, our new Board of Directors are as follows:

- Dick Ramser, President
- Ricardo Schulz, Vice-president
- Don Nikirk
- Patrice Abernathy
- Larry McCracken

Accomplishments for last year (2014) were:

- MARINA: Extended our walkway entering the Marina

- CLUBHOUSE & POOL AREA:

- New furniture, floor, French doors for office & adjacent room
- New Air Conditioner
- New computer for the office
- Pool expansion joints replaced
- Large tree adjacent to pool removed
- Don Nikirk helped keep our ice maker working

- ACTIVITIES:

- Social events well attended
- Clean up & volunteer actions continued.
- Crime Watch became more active and our National Night Out was held
- Two new housing starts

Thanks to all who participated and continue to make this a great neighborhood

- FINANCIAL: We were able to add \$5000.00 to our reserve account. Jumbo CD \$51,438 and Regular CD \$16,689.

Plans for 2015 include the following:

- Pool fence needs repair
- Painting the clubhouse exterior trim
- Replacement work in both bathrooms
- Continue work on landscaping
- Continue work on irrigation
- May need to replace 2nd Air Conditioner

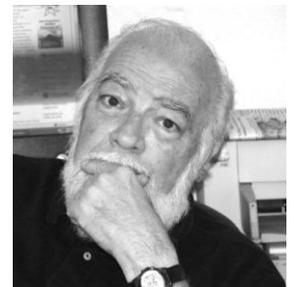
As always, we are available for any questions or comments.

Thank you,

Dick Ramser - President LHOA

Art Jones (1941-2015)

Our long time neighbor Art Jones passed away on Sunday February 8th. Art and his beloved wife and best friend Joan have lived in our Landing community for 36 years. According to Joan, Art never met a stranger and was a real character with a sharp wit. Art served our Landing community on the board, boat dock committee and rules development and enforcement, while Joan served as our Landing HOA manager for 9 years in the 1980's.



Leonard Arthur "Art" Jones, jr. was born in Freeport, NY and moved to Uvalde, TX with his family when he was 5. Art would say that he was a true Texan at heart and "I got here as soon as I could". Art had a long career in the broadcasting business that began in 1959 at KCLE in Cleburne. He also worked at KIOA in Des Moines, Iowa, KCMO in Kansas City, Mo. and returned to Texas in 1977 with KFJZ in Fort Worth. He later started his own business, HTM Productions, and produced radio and TV commercials. Art also produced an automotive air conditioning trade journal. At age 60, Art bought and published the NW Tarrant County "Times Record", a weekly community newspaper serving Lake Worth, Saginaw and other local Fort Worth communities. At Art's Celebration of Life service, the Lake Worth City Mgr., Brett McGuire, told some great stories about his relationship with Art, especially during the time when Brett had been Chief of Police. Journalists and police typically do not get along very well but he got to know Art as a good friend and a man of honesty and integrity who reported the facts and truly loved his family. He said that Art was known as a man with community spirit, insight and a sense of humor. Art was a true journalist who would search out the facts and stand up for what was right for the community. He was a great speaker with his "Big Boy" voice (as Joan put it) that would get the attention of his audience and public officials. Art was a prime mover in helping prevent Eagle Mountain Park land from being sold to developers and TRWD acquired it to keep it a park for the community.

For fun, Art and Joan enjoyed sailing their sailboat, a Clipper 26, and had some interesting experiences. One sailing experience took place in January 1978 when they were taking out some visiting friends from N. Dakota to impress them that they could sail in t-shirts and shorts in early January. They sailed up to Hogsett Island at the north end of the lake when a blue norther came in with strong winds and temps dropping below freezing and they had to tie off the boat and call for help. Red Barton of the Eagle Mt. Fire Dept. and Lake Patrol came to the rescue. This story has become a legend around the lake.

What Art and Joan enjoyed the most was their family with 13 grand-children and 15 great-grand-children. After their daughter Leslie passed away in 2010, Leslie's four children Micah, Tyler, Megan and Nolan have been living with Art and Joan. Art also has a son Leonard Arthur Jones III, daughter Terrice Jones, a brother Harry Jones and their families. Joan says that since they were married in 1975 they have always been in awe of their good fortune in finding each other and have always been a team. What a great example of what a loving marriage and family relationship should be. Art will be

a loss to our community but his wife and grand-children, his memories, family and the good things that he did will live on.

Social Committee (Carole Bond)

The Social Committee will be meeting to plan a *Spring Block Party in the Park* on Sat. Mar. 21 at 5pm. The purpose of the party is to meet our new neighbors and get more acquainted with others after the winter hibernation. The plan is to have a cookout and we will provide the burgers and/or hot dogs (or bring your own specialty), rolls, condiments, and drinks. It would be appreciated if each household could bring a side or dessert. The date will be in April and maybe in Lea Shore Park, weather permitting, so be looking for the flyer. Our other planned events for 2015 are:



- Pool Opening Party, June 20
- Luau Party, Aug. 22
- Fall Fest Party, Nov. 14
- New Year's Eve Party, Dec. 31

Also, we plan to work with the Crime Watch Committee on National Night Out in the Fall (TBD). If anyone desires to be part of the social committee for a limited time or full time, please contact me.

Crime Watch Committee (Cherie Hansard)

With spring right around the corner, I thought it would be a great time for the Block Captains to plan a Block Party for your street to get to know your neighbors and get us all outside again. We will coordinate with the social committee.

Block Captains, if any of your block information has changed, please send me your updates for your block:

- 1) Contact your neighbors/ new neighbors and provide me a list of names, addresses, email and phone numbers (prefer cell no. for contact when not at home).
- 2) Let me know the date of your block party or meeting/social and I will try to attend.

If you want to be involved in our Neighborhood Crime Watch program, please call me. Thanks again to those who have volunteered to help make our community safe. I can be reached at 817-675-4718. *Cherie Hansard*

Contact Us:

- The Landing HOA Website and Office phone: www.thelandinghoa.org and 817-236-8383. Manager's ofc. hrs. 8:30am-5pm Tue & Wed.
- Facebook: The Landing Home Owners Association
- Email address for the LHOA Manager or the Board of Directors is landinghoa@att.net
- The Landing HOA monthly board meetings are open to all residents and normally held on the 1st Monday at 7pm in the clubhouse. The next meeting is Mar. 2nd.
- Articles: If you have ideas for Newsletter articles, contact the Landing HOA or Jim Cronkhite (ed.) at jimcronkhite@hotmail.com

The Landing ... it's a way of Life!