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City Council Approves Five 2006 CDBG Applications

At the January 9, 2006 City Council meeting, the Balcones Heights City Council approved five grant applications to the Bexar County Infrastructure Services Department Community Development Block Grant program. This program has funded new playground equipment for Rogiers Park and a flood control study for Woodlawn Creek in 2004 and 2005.

For 2006, the Council asked for:

Application #1 - \$300,000 for phase III of the Woodlawn Creek drainage project. This grant would allow for completion of the expansion

of Woodlawn Creek in 2007.

Application #2 - \$300,000 for Rogiers Park. This grant would pay for renovation of the restrooms, fence, lighting, tennis court, handball court, basketball court, volleyball court, and jogging trail for Rogiers Park. This would return the park to its original condition.

Application #3 - \$300,000 for Gentleman Drive. This project would remove the existing asphalt and re-pave Gentleman Drive from Hillcrest Drive to Balcones Road.

Application #4 - \$390,000 for Bobbies Lane. This grant would

remove the existing asphalt and re-pave Bobbies Lane from Gentleman to Crestview Drive.

Application #5 - \$300,000 for Glenarm Place. This grant would remove the existing asphalt and re-pave Glenarm Place street from Fredericksburg Rd. to Balcones Road.

In the past, the County has only funded 1-2 projects per year, so all of these grants will probably not be funded, but the City Council hopes to fund at least one in 2006. For questions, call City Administrator, Lanny S. Lambert at 735-9148, ext. 227.

Medical Insurance Premiums For City Employees Up Twenty Percent

Because of the increasing cost of medical care and because of the number of medical claims during 2005, the cost of medical insurance for City employees is going up 20% in 2006. The City of Balcones Heights provides medical insurance for all full-time budgeted employees (42 positions in 2005-06 budget). In 2005 this cost \$170,447. In 2006 this will cost \$204,538, an increase of \$34,091. After much debate, and two City Council meetings discussing the costs the possibility of higher deductibles and higher out of pocket expenses for employees, the City Council decided to keep coverage the same and fund the increase out of the 2005-06 budget. Future medical and insurance costs will be a major topic of discussion in next year's budget and the future.

Council Condemns Property at 239 Shadyview

At the January 9, 2006 meeting, the Balcones Heights City Council voted to renew condemnation of the property at 239 Shadyview, and authorized the City Administrator to solicit demolition bids for removal of the slab, shrubs, and high weeds on this property. The City has requested the property owner to clean-up the property or to begin again the construction of the proposed home on the site. The property owner has not initiated either of these options, requiring the City to take action to protect the health and safety of the residents of this neighborhood.

Dr. Guerra Appointed Health Authority for Balcones Heights

At the January 9, 2006 regular City Council meeting, the Balcones Heights City Council re-appointed Dr. Fernando Guerra as the City's Health Authority.

Dr. Guerra serves as the Director of the San Antonio Health District, and as such, has served as the Health Authority of all the cities in Bexar County (San Antonio, Alamo Heights, Castle Hills, China Grove, Converse, Elmendorf, Fair Oaks Ranch, Grey Forest, Helotes, Hill Country Village, Hollywood Park, Kirby, La Coste, Leon Valley, Live Oak, Lytle, Olmos Park, Schertz,

Selma, Shavano Park, Somerset, St. Hedwig, Terrell Hills, Universal City, and Windcrest.)

Dr. Guerra was appointed originally by all these cities and Bexar County in 2001 and 2003, and is re-appointed for a 2 year term.

Bexar County Judge Nelson Wolff asked all the cities involved to use the same Health Authority, so that an effective defense can be mounted in the event of communicable or infectious agents, or any catastrophic occurrence ever arise in Bexar County.



2006 Dog/Cat Tag Registration

The City of Balcones Heights Code of Ordinance 90.55 states it shall be unlawful for any person to own, keep, or harbor

any dog or cat, more than four months of age, within the city without first registering said animal with the city and obtaining a valid permit and tag for such dog or cat. Section 90.43 states the owner of any dog or cat within the city is hereby required to have such dog or cat vaccinated against rabies by the time it is four months of age and within each subsequent 12 month interval thereafter.

Please bring proof of rabies vaccination and \$2.00 for your 2006 Dog/Cat Tags.

For further information, please call Yvonne Baez at 735-9148, ext. 223.

Waste/Brush Pick-up: Monday, March 6



The first of four annual clean-ups is scheduled for the residential areas of Balcones Heights on March 6, 2006.

**No household hazardous waste
No appliances with freon**

All discarded items such as old furniture, appliances, brush, etc. must be placed at curbside in front of the residence to be serviced no later than 7:00 a.m. on Monday, March 6, 2006.

ITEMS SHOULD NOT BE PUT TO THE CURB EARLIER THAN TEN DAYS PRIOR TO THE PICK-UP. (Friday, February 24, 2006)

Since the collection vehicles will pass down each street only once, pick-up cannot be assured if bulky waste items are placed on the curb after 7:00 a.m., Monday, March 6, 2006.

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Balcones Heights Staff Roster

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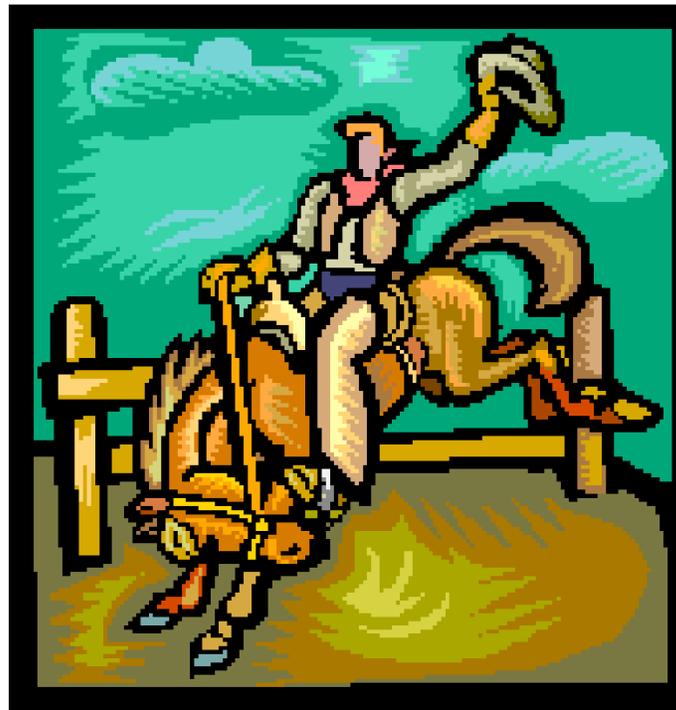
2006 COWBOY BREAKFAST

Thousands and thousands of hungry visitors converged on Balcones Heights January 27 for the 2006 Cowboy Breakfast held for the third year at Crossroads of San Antonio Mall. This free event, the official “unofficial” kick-off to the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo has become a tradition that is known across the state. In 2001 the Cowboy Breakfast gained entry into the Guinness World Records for serving 18,941 people breakfast in one hour. Sponsors of the event included Toyota, the Balcones Heights Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Balcones Heights Business Alliance, Sunbelt Marketing, Rinco of Texas, San Antonio City Employees Federal Credit Union, and the China Grove General Store.

The event kicked off at 5:00 a.m. with the National Anthem and a moment of silence honoring the late Cecil Lankford, former chairman of the Cowboy Breakfast. Live music was provided by Steve Burch & Honky Tonk Kings, the Josh Peek Band, and the Leo Stokes Band.

In addition to the countless volunteer hours that make this event possible, there are some Texas-size donated ingredients that make this breakfast possible including: 10,000 Kiolbassa Sausage & Egglands Best egg tacos, 6,000 Kiolbassa Chorizo sausage & egg tacos, 2,500 servings of Pioneer Biscuits, 8,000 Pioneer Biscuit and Johnsonville Sausage sandwiches, 10,000

Grady's B.B.Q. beef tacos, 8,000 Mrs. Baird's Sweet Rolls, 5,000 pints of Oak Farms milk and



orange juice, 200 gallons of Folger's coffee, 200 gallons of McDonald's coffee, 20,000 packets of San Antonio Farm's Picante, 28,000 Mission Flour tortillas, 500 pounds of Kiolbassa chorizo sausage, 10,500 Pioneer biscuits, 18,600 Eggland's Best eggs, 8,000 Johnsonville sausage patties, 200 loaves of Mrs. Baird's bread, 1,000 pounds of Grady's chopped

BBQ, 50 pounds of Crabby Jack Cheese.

Proceeds from this event fund culinary arts scholarships at St. Phillip's College. If you missed this year's spectacular event, make sure to mark your calendar for next year's event. It will take place, Friday, January 26. More information about the event can be found at Balcones Heights Convention and Visitors Bureau Web site: www.reachfortheheights.org.

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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 City Council Meeting Justice Center 6:00 p.m.	14  Valentines Day	15	16 CVB Meeting Justice Center 5:30 p.m.	17	18
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