



A VIEW FROM THE HEIGHTS MARCH 2016



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City of Balcones Heights

2016



CITY ELECTION CANCELLED: CANDIDATES UNOPPOSED

The May 7 General Election will officially be cancelled at the regular City Council meeting on March 28. The three positions up for re-election - Mayor, Council Place 1 and Council Place 2 - drew only one candidate each. Incumbent Mayor, Suzanne de Leon, is unopposed as is Councilwoman Place 1, Linda Pohl. Former Councilman Miguel C. Valverde was the only candidate who filed for City Council Place 2, currently held by Councilwoman Madeline A. Slay. The official swearing in for these positions will be held during the regular City Council meeting on Monday, May 23rd.

COMMUNITY UPDATES

Congratulations Balcones Heights' Mayor Suzanne de Leon, for receiving the Texas Municipal League Institute (TMLI) Certificate of Recognition, recognizing her commitment to continuing education. This award was presented at the TMLI Awards Presentation at the Texas Municipal League and Texas Association of Mayors, Councilmembers and Commissioners Elected Officials' Conference on Saturday, February 20, 2016. This honor is presented to those individuals who completed 42 or more continuing education units during the 2015 calendar year.



Suzanne de Leon

Only 14 *Certificates of Recognition* were earned statewide.

The TMLI program is designed to enhance the leadership and problem-solving capabilities of Texas' elected city officials. Participants are offered educational sessions on legal issues, social media, governance, leadership, and more.

More than 200 elected officials from all over the state attended the three-day conference. TML is a voluntary association of more than 1,145 Texas cities. The City of Balcones Heights is a member of the Texas Municipal League. Mayor de Leon serves as TML Region 7 President.

In other TML News..... Balcones Heights will welcome TML elected officials for the TML Small Cities' Problem-Solving Clinic - the clinic will be held on April 8, 2016. Members of TML will discuss issues related to small cities, get legislative updates and participate in a round table discussion regarding key legal requirements for elected officials.

CAREER POINT COLLEGE SCHOOL OF COSMETOLOGY GRAND OPENING

Mayor Suzanne de Leon was a keynote speaker at the Career Point College School of Cosmetology Grand Opening held on Tuesday, February 23. The Cosmetology School is located in

Wonderland of the Americas, on the lower level. Students put on a show "Decades of Hair". Guests were treated to refreshments and a tour of the new facility. Senator Jose Menendez was also on hand to present a Certificate of congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Earle, Career Point owners.



CITY COUNCIL UPDATE -

Regular City Council Meeting

February 22, 2016



- Council approved and accepted the audit for Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2015.
- Council approved the bid for the replacement of the Fire Department Generator.
- Council adopted an ordinance amending the budget for Fiscal Year 2015-16 to include the city's contribution to VIA for the Wonderland Lofts project.
- Council adopted an ordinance amending Section 152.98 Right of Way Management by revising the Pavement Condition index range for repairs to city streets.

BRUSH/BULK COLLECTION BEGINS WEEK OF APRIL 25



Beginning the week of April 25 - Items may be put out no more than 10 days (April 25-29) prior to pick up week and everything must be put out by **7:00 a.m. on Monday, April 25.**

PLEASE DO NOT BLOCK SIDEWALKS

Bulk item collection covers: stoves, refrigerators, water tanks, washing machines, discarded bathroom fixtures, furniture, mattresses, television sets, and other bulky waste materials. Items such as swing sets, playscapes, basketball goals, trampolines etc. should be disassembled before being placed curbside.

Brush items: please place ALL brush on lawn next to trash can, making a brush pile. One tip is to cut the branches to small lengths and place them in a separate can from your garbage or use plastic bags to contain your small branches or trimmings. **PLEASE DO NOT BLOCK SIDEWALKS.**

BULK ITEMS collection **DOES NOT** cover: construction debris (waste building materials resulting from construction, remodeling, repair, or demolition operations), dead animals, brush, yard waste, hazardous waste, or stable matter with weights or volumes greater than those allowed for containers.

The collection vehicles will pass down each street only once.

Questions or concerns contact: **C-6 Disposal Systems, Inc.**
 ☎:210-375-0066

**WELCOME
 LUIS ZAMARRON
 Code Compliance Officer**

Please welcome **Luis Zamarron** to the City of Balcones Heights. Luis has been hired to perform Code Compliance duties full time. He will be responding to complaints and patrolling the City for code violations. He comes to Balcones Heights with excellent code investigation experience and will be working with residents, businesses, and contractors alike to ensure that City Codes are being followed. He will assist and facilitate the most expeditious way to compliance.



Welcome Luis!

CITY OF BALCONES HEIGHTS

3300 Hillcrest Balcones Heights, Texas 78201
balconesheights.org 210-735-9148 Emergency: 911
Municipal Court: every Wednesday at 1:00 PM
Dispatch: 210-735-9212 Fire Department: 210-735-9206
Visitor Center: 210-732-0055 Justice Center: 210-735-9148
Dispatch: (Non-Emergency - Animal Control 210-735-9148 X 232
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Deputy Court Clerk: **Micaela Cenicerros ext. 221**
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Code Compliance Officer: **Luis Zamarron 210-347-4912**

Public Works Maint. Supervisor: **Ray Mackey 210-527-7617**

Maintenance: **Henry Aguilar 210-322-3299**

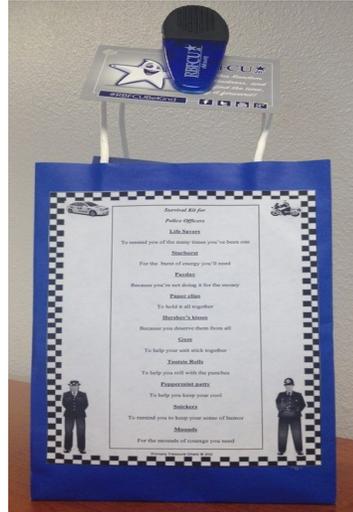
Red Light Camera Administrative Assistant: **Gloria Puente ext. 222**

Red Light Camera Review Officer: **Smitty Smith ext. 245**

Communication Supervisor: **Daphne Morales - 210-735-9212**

THANK YOU RANDOLPH BROOKS FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

Randolph Brooks Federal Credit Union (RBFUCU) stopped by the Justice Center on February 19 and dropped off "Survival Kits for Police Officers". What a great surprise. Thank you very much for your support RBFUCU! Sergeant/ Investigator Karen Switzer, Dispatch Supervisor Daphne Morales and Chief Darrell Volz accepted the "Survival Kits" on behalf of the Balcones Heights Police Department.



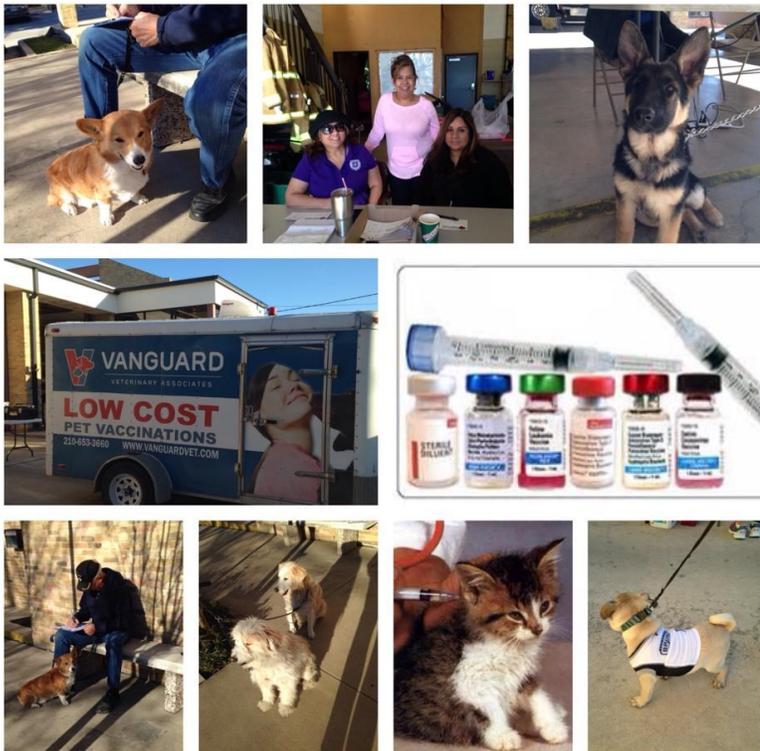
Thank you **Vanguard Veterinary Associates** for coming out to take care of immunizing our Balcones Heights pets! Thank you Balcones Heights Fire Department for your hospitality and thank you Delia Flores, Yvonne Baez, Peggy Ortiz and Micaela Cenicerros for making sure the Balcones Heights pets are registered. If you were unable to make this event, you may call Vanguard Veterinary Associates to get information regarding how you can obtain immunizations for your pet. Their number is 210-653-3660. **Please note that animal registration tags are available at the Justice Center, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please bring proof of vaccination and a photo of the animal when you register so that we can reunite the animal with the owner should he/she become loose. Cost is \$5 per pet, and all registrations will expire December 31st of each year.**

Goombas Pizza

Located inside the **Wonderland of the Americas**. The pizza dough is made fresh daily, and they use the finest cheeses, and carefully make the pizza sauce with the best spices and herbs. 4522 Fredericksburg Rd Suite A-51 (210) 731-9931 - goombasatwonderland@outlook.com



"Business has been incredible through February. We are staying open later every night. Our numbers match the summer numbers." said Owner and Manager Stephen Hinds (pictured above) . Come by for a slice!



ENHANCING BALCONES HEIGHTS

Rita Hoyl, Director of Community Development

Please keep your pets safe. Check your entire property for any openings in the fence. Your pets could get hurt, lost, or may cause harm to others. Also don't forget to have them vaccinated and registered with the City of Balcones Heights.

Animal registration tags are available at the Justice Center, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please bring proof of vaccination and a photo of the animal when you register so that we can reunite the animal with the owner should he/she become loose. Cost is \$5 per pet, and all registrations will expire December 31st of each year.

Section 90.30 Running at Large. It shall be unlawful for the owner or person in possession or control thereof to permit or allow any dog or cat to run at large within the city.

Section 90.33 Removal of Pet Excrement. No person shall appear with a pet upon the public ways or within public places or upon the property of another, absent that person's consent, without some means for the removal of excrement; nor shall any person fail to remove any excrement deposited by such pet. This section shall not apply to a blind person while walking his or her guide dog.

Section 90.55 Registration and Permit Required. 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.

Shop and Buy Balcones Heights!

New Businesses Now Open~

- Balcones Lofts, 3230 Hillcrest, Apartments
- Grady's Bar B Q, 4109 Fredericksurg Rd., Restaurant (new owner)
- Mi Vision, 4522 Fredericksburg Rd., Eye exams & eye glass sales
- Texas Premier Physical Therapy, LLC, 3026 Hillcrest Dr., #200, Physical Therapy
- Narrow Path Athletics, 4437 Fredericksburg Rd., Gym/fitness



IN MEMORIAM

Jack L. Nicholson
January 27, 1919 - February 10, 2016

Jack L. Nicholson, 97, was peacefully received into the arms of the Lord on Wednesday, 2/10/16, while surrounded by family. Jack is survived by his loving and adoring wife, Helen, children Judy and Dennis, 5 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren, and 1 great, great grandchild.

Jack was born to James Nicholson and Lucille Clark on January 27, 1919 in Anadarko, OK. In his early career, he was a ditch digger for an oil and gas company where he prepared the ground for pipelines. Later, he worked as an airplane mechanic at Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma City. Shortly thereafter, during WWII, he enlisted in the Marines. His decision to enlist came while he was walking in downtown Oklahoma City past a Recruitment Center and saw many young men under the age of 18 standing in line. It was then he decided that if he could take the place of at least one young man, it was his obligation to do so. His previous experience as an airplane mechanic led him to being assigned as crew chief aboard the twin-engine Curtiss Commando which was the largest propeller cargo plane at that time, ensuring that his brothers in arms were quickly and safely transported to safe harbors and awaiting hospital ships.

Following his tour, he returned to OK and the oil rigs where a steel beam fell on his head severely injuring him. During his prolonged hospitalization, he read a 2-line ad for a real-estate agent. As a result he became employed as real-estate salesman that evolved into a successful career as a nationally recognized commercial real estate developer specializing in regional indoor air-conditioned shopping malls. Jack played an integral role in the development of Cinderella City in Denver, CO followed by the development of Big Town Shopping Center in Dallas, TX and others. But his proudest accomplishment was the development of Wonderland Mall. Jack was also a member of the board of directors for Frost Bank-Colonnade and founding Director of the San Antonio Federal Credit Union (SACU). He continued to serve as an advisory director of Frost Bank until his passing.



IN MEMORIAM

Larry Gene Jurak
July 30, 1956 - February 11, 2016

The Lord welcomed Larry Gene Jurak into His loving arms on February 11, 2016. Larry's parents, Lillie Mae and August Jurak welcomed Larry into this world on July 30, 1956.

Larry's lifelong love and fascination with trucks and cars began when he was student at Edison High School and began working with his dad at Carnation. Larry exhibited a strong work ethic from the time he was a young man. While working at Carnation, Larry would drive to Victoria to work on a broken down truck, then bring it back to San Antonio that same evening, and then get up in the morning to attend class. In the end, his reward for his hard work as a teen was the purchase of his first Chevy truck which still sits in his driveway.

In 1979, his mom introduced him to her favorite server at Picadilly, Agnes. Agnes and Larry have been married for 36 years, and what wonderful times they have had over the years. There were his boys, Brian and Matthew, who made him so proud. Larry was there for Brian's band concerts, and Matthew's Special Olympics bowling competitions and Saddle Light riding lessons. There were the late night runs to Walmart, the car shows, the Z28 TransAm, the trips to Weimer, Walt Disney World, D.C. and Port Aransas, and of course, the George Strait and Reba concerts And, in line with his love of cars and things that go fast, he would often be found in his Lazy Boy watching Knight Rider and Air Wolf. There were the phone calls to Agnes during the day - just to stay in touch.

Larry worked at Ingram Park Auto Center for over 30 years. He will be remembered for his love of his family, his tireless work ethic, dedication and loyalty. Larry was the cornerstone of his family and will be missed.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents, Lillie Mae and August Jurak and his brother Michael Jurak. He is survived by his wife, Agnes, and his sons Brian Jurak (Brittany Gamel) and Matthew Jurak, his brothers Harlan Jurak and Dennis Jurak, mother-in law, Ann Jendrzey, sisters and brothers in law, Carol Jendrzey, Dr. Diane Jendrzey, Dr. Belinda Johnson (Scott), Charles Jendrzey (Ruth) and Edward Jendrzey (Elizabeth), and numerous nieces and nephews.

Fall Prevention

9:00 am - 10:00 am, Friday March 11, 2016
 Location: Santikos Bijou Cinema inside
 Wonderland of the Americas Mall

Description:
 Walker Wellness Program
 Seminar Topic: Fall Prevention



Presented By: Gina Dawson, PT, DPT
 Falls are a major threat to the health and independence of older adults. Gina Dawson, PT, DPT will discuss fall prevention and what steps you can take in your or a loved one's home to help lower the risk of falling. This seminar is **free**, but registration is required. Call the Methodist Healthcare HealthLine at 210-575-0355. Refreshments will be provided.

About 55PLUS® Walker Wellness Program:
 Walker Wellness is offered on the second Friday of every month at Wonderland of the America Mall, 4522 Fredericksburg Road. Seminars are held at 9 a.m. in the Santikos Bijou Cinema inside Wonderland of the Americas Mall. Seminar attendees are encouraged, but not required, to walk the mall before or after the seminar. Wonderland of the Americas encourages guests to exercise indoors in their safe, air-conditioned environment.

Thank you, Wonderland of the Americas Mall and Santikos for your continued support and partnership.



3rd ANNUAL BALCONES HEIGHTS SUMMERTRASH BASH! SATURDAY, April 16 (Time to dispose of your Hazardous Waste materials)



Come celebrate summer at the 3rd Annual Balcones Heights Summer Trash Bash!!! Start gathering your hazardous materials to "Trash" and plan on enjoying some time with your neighbors for food and fun at this Saturday "Bash"! On Saturday, April 16, C-6 will be collecting hazardous waste for Balcones Heights residents only. A mobile collection site will be set up behind the Balcones Heights Justice Center, 3300 Hillcrest. Drop off your materials between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

Starting at 11 a.m. booths will be set-up with food*, fun, music, face-painting, prizes and more! Come out and spend some time with your Mayor, City Council Members, Balcones Heights Administration, Police and Fire Departments and much more.....

*While supplies last

See below for more information, including acceptable hazardous waste materials and materials that are not acceptable

HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION



On **Saturday, April 16**, C-6 will be collecting hazardous waste for **Balcones Heights residents only**. A mobile collection site will be set up behind the Balcones Heights Justice Center. You can drop off your materials between the hours of **9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.** You must have proof of residency. For example: Texas Driver's License, current utility bill, voter registration card.



Below is a list of hazardous waste material items that can be collected at the mobile site: **Acceptable Items, included but are not limited to:**

Drain cleaners, Oven cleaners, Metal polish, Arts and crafts supplies, Photo chemicals, Floor cleaners, Dry cleaning fluid, Radiator cleaners, Rust preventatives, Wood preservatives, Wood strippers, Oil based paint, Paint thinner, Solvents, Degreasers, Sealants, Gasoline, Antifreeze, Brake fluid, Engine and radiator fluids, Transmission fluid, Old chemistry sets, Pesticides, Herbicides, Insect sprays, Rodent killers, Pool chemicals, Hydrochloric acid, Cesspool cleaners, Creosote, Fertilizer, Batteries, Kerosene, Moth balls, Bleaches, Ammonia.

Items that are **NOT ACCEPTABLE for drop-off are included by not limited to:**

Biological/Infectious Waste (i.e., sharps/needles), Radioactive Materials/Smoke Detectors, Unlabeled or Unknown Items, Tires, Appliances, Non-Propane Cylinders, Fire Extinguishers, Fireworks/Explosives/Ammunition, Reactive Materials Requiring Stabilization, DEA Regulated Substances – pharmaceuticals and illegal drugs, Commercial Chemicals/Cleaners, Containers containing chemicals over 5 gallons in size.

“PUT HAZARDOUS WASTE IN THE RIGHT PLACE”



BALCONES LOFTS

PLEASE JOIN US FOR
THE GRAND OPENING OF BALCONES LOFTS

5:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.
ON
TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2016
AT
BALCONES LOFTS
3300 HILLCREST DR.
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS 78201

ENJOY AN EVENING OF HORS D'OEUVRES, LIBATIONS
AND JAZZ MUSIC PROVIDED BY LUVINE & FRIENDS

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO RSVP,
CONTACT US AT (210) 254-9160 OR EVENTS@AGUILLON-ASSOCIATES.COM

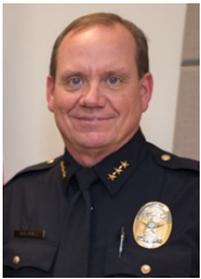
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Darrell Volz
Chief of Police

City of Balcones Heights Police Department



Darrell E. Volz
Chief of Police

The Mission of the Balcones Heights Police Department is to provide the community with a safe and fear free environment in which to live, work and play and to do so with an emphasis on **PRIDE** – Professionalism, Respect, Integrity, Dedication and Excellence.

March 2, 2016 marks my one year anniversary as your chief with the Balcones Heights Police Department. It has been an exciting first year and I have met and made many new friends. This first year I reached out to the business community and have personally contacted 98% of the businesses in Balcones Heights. The remaining businesses were not open when I stopped by. If we have not met, please call and let me know so I can stop by for a visit.



This second year I am going to concentrate on the residents. I have begun reaching out to several residents and I would like to meet with as many of the residents as possible. My hopes are for each street to unite and gather in someone's front yard and meet with us for an hour or so to discuss issues that may be affecting you. I feel it is not only important that you meet your police department but also get reacquainted with your neighbors.

The IRS Scam continues and probably will at least through the end of tax season. Keep in mind, no government office or reputable business will call threatening you if you do not provide them with money or bank information.

I have also noticed an increase in someone calling pretending to be with Microsoft and are asking that you allow them access to your computer to fix issues you are having with Microsoft Windows. Do not provide them with any information. You have tons of information on your computer they can use against you.

Then there is the fairly new way of stealing your property called "Sliding". While you are at a service station or some other place where you leave your valuables in an unlocked vehicle, while filling up with fuel for instance, and a vehicle will drive up next to yours and the thief will get out staying low, open you passenger door on your vehicle, reach in and steal your valuables. And then speed off in the waiting vehicle.

SAFETY FIRST



- Be Careful
- Be Aware
- Be Safe

If you see any suspicious activity, call the police.

The number of followers we have on Facebook continues to grow. Make sure to like us on Facebook to keep up with things happening with your police department- <https://www.facebook.com/Balcones-Heights-Police-Department-155805194453045/>



As always, if you have any questions or concerns please stop by for a visit or give me a call and I will come to your home or business to visit. 210-735-9148 x 242 or email me dvolz@balconesheights.org

BALCONES HEIGHTS
SERVICE AWARDS DINNER
FEBRUARY 1, 2016



A special "Thank you" for your service to the
City of Balcones Heights



"Coming together is the beginning. Keeping together is progress, working together is success".
- Henry Ford

MARCH 2016 CALENDAR

- March 8 Balcones Lofts Grand Opening - 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- March 11 Walker Wellness Program - Fall Prevention Seminar - Wonderland of the Americas - 9-10 a.m.
- March 13 Daylight Savings - Spring Forward
- March 28 Regular City Council Meeting 6 p.m.

For more information please visit
balconesheights.org
and find and like us on
[facebook.com/BalconesHeights](https://www.facebook.com/BalconesHeights)



APRIL 2016 CALENDAR

- April 16 Household Hazardous Waste Collection - 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
(See page 5 for more information)
- April 16 3rd Annual Trash Bash - 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- April 22 Battle of Flowers - All city offices closed 1/2 day
- April 25 Regular City Council Meeting - 6 p.m.
- April 27 Administrative Professionals Day
- April 25-29 Brush/Bulk Collection - All brush and bulk must be out by 7 a.m. on Monday, April 25. - See page 2 for more info.



BALCONES HEIGHTS MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL
From left to right back row - Councilman Lamar Gillian Place 4, Councilman Jack Burton, Mayor Pro-Tem Place 3, Councilman Charles White, Place 5 - front row left to right - Councilwoman Madeline Slay Place 2, Mayor Suzanne de Leon, Councilwoman Linda Pohl Place 1