

April 2005

City of Balcones Heights

*Serving the residents and business community
of the City of Balcones Heights*

**May Election ...
Candidates Draw Ballet
Positions; Early Voting
Starts April 26**

Candidates in the upcoming May City Council election have drawn for ballot positions. The candidates and

Spring Hill Suites by Marriott Celebrates Grand Opening





Updates from ...

The Balcones Heights Convention and Visitors Bureau

The Balcones Heights Convention and Visitors Bureau has launched the initial pages of its newly created Web site, www.reachfortheheights.com. This site is a work in progress and new pages will be added in the upcoming weeks. Additional pages will include a calendar of events, coupons, and a special

section for meeting planners.

The March edition of *Texas Monthly*, Spring Travel Planner section, featured a newly created ad promoting Balcones Heights. The ad can be found on page 239. Future ads are planned in summer editions of *Texas Highways* and *Texas Journey*, the official publication of AAA Texas.



CITY SPOTLIGHT

Miroslav Synek

He's very quiet, but this humble, unassuming neighbor has led a fascinating life. A kind man who took in two small, stray kittens and nursed them using a milk bottle, Miroslav Synek has lived in Balcones Heights since 1997, in Texas since 1971, and in the United States since 1958.

Mr. Synek was born in Prague, Czech Republic, in 1930, and witnessed the invasions of his country by the German and Russian armies during World War II. Often, the

German Gestapo, in an effort to keep the people ignorant of world events, particularly the looming demise of the Third Reich, would conduct inspections of homes suspected of listening to Radio Free Europe. Along with other boys his age, Mr. Synek would simply change the frequency crystals in the family radio before and after the inspections. By listening to the radio the people were more aware of the battle lines collapsing around them than the German soldiers.

After coming to the United States, Mr. Synek received his Ph.D. from the University of Chicago, where he studied under several Nobel Prize winners in physics. He is a former university professor, and is listed in the 2000 Millennium Edition of *Who's Who in America*. Mr. Synek is a Life Fellow of the American Physical Society, and a Distinguished Member of the International Society of Poets.

Mr. Synek's contributions to the world of science include the analytical relativistic self-consistent field theory, analytical calculations of electronic structures of laser-active lanthanides, and a host of others, too technical to detail here.

Balcones Heights City Officials

Jim Craven, Mayor
 Bill Johnson, Mayor Pro Tem Councilman, Place 5
 Lucille Wohlfarth Councilwoman, Place 4
 Sal Mendez Councilman, Place 3
 Suzanne de Leon Councilwoman, Place 2
 Bennie Cass Councilman, Place 1
 Lanny S. Lambert City Administrator
Balcones Heights Justice Center (210) 735-9148
Mayor Jim Craven x235

Balcones Heights Staff Roster

City Administrator Lanny S. Lambert x227
 City Secretary Delia Flores x236

Director of Tourism Lorenzo Nastasi x230
 Accts. Payable/
 Payroll Clerk Jo Ann Vidal x244
 Municipal Court Clerk Yvonne Baez x223
 Deputy Court Clerk Michelle Garcia x224
 Building Code
 Enforcement Officer David Cadena x246
 Police Chief Kenneth Menn x237
 Asst. Police Chief Robert de la Garza x238
 Police Secretary Grace Lerma x222
 Investigator/Sergeant Joyce Pena x239
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April's Mixer will be held 6 pm- 8 pm on the 14th.

All businesses are invited to attend. Call 732-5736 for more information.

	#1	\$20	2x3	Ad Sizes & Prices
	#2	\$35	2x4	
	#3	\$35	2x8	
	#4	\$50	4x4	
	#5	\$65	4x8	
	#6	\$75	6x8	
	#7	\$85	8x8	
	#8	\$100	8x10	

All sizes are approximate. Ad copy and payment must be to the Alliance no later than the 10th of the month prior to publication. Please call Lynn Calkin @ 669-9571 or Tiffany Gailan @ 669-5721.

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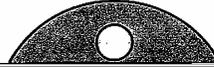


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Flood Study: Preliminary Results Are In

Preliminary findings from the City's first flood study were presented at the March 14 City Council Meeting. Mr. John Espinoza, an engineer from Halff & Associates, confirmed that the drainage ditch, installed 40 years ago, cannot handle the increased storm water volume and velocity that comes from north of Loop 410, and the runoff that comes off the freeway itself. Espinoza suggested seven initial options to address the problem of flooding in Balcones Heights. The seven options include construction of detaining ponds

on Hillcrest or Vivian, and/or reconstruction of the waterways to increase the capacity of the existing ditch. Pending receipt of more copies of the report, City Council will conduct a workshop to determine which option(s) will best solve the problem. Balcones Heights was among the first cities to participate in the Regional Group that will attempt to solve the many flooding issues in Bexar County, and was also among the first to obtain outside funding to actively pursue those solutions.

Permit Fee Reductions

At the March 14 City Council meeting, Code Compliance Officer David Cadena proposed a list of certain fee changes for City Council to consider. City Council voted to adjust designated fees, creating a fee structure that was in line with fees assessed by other cities. The changes either reduce or eliminate many of the permit fees charged by the City

residential. Included are permit fees for concrete and stucco work, accessory buildings, roofing, and fences. A list of the revised fees is below. All other fees established by ordinance are in line with fees assessed by other cities and are in keeping with established fee schedules. If you have questions about permit fees, please call David Cadenas, 735-9148 x 246.

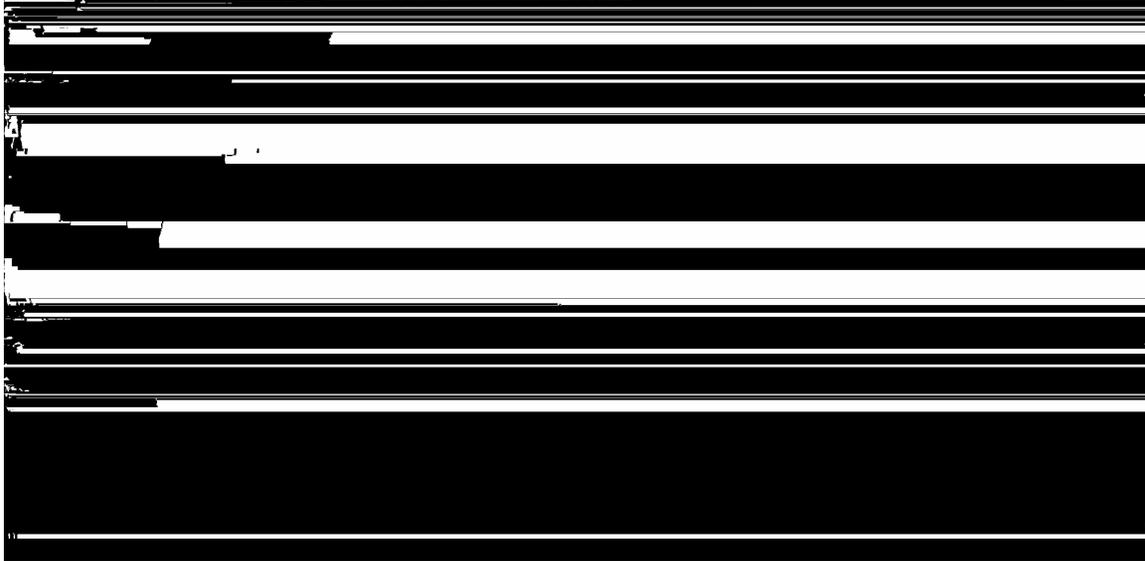
CITY NOTES

Rogiers Park Work to Begin

We have waited for many years, and now it will begin. The CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) funds set aside for Rogiers Park refurbishing will soon be put to good use! Seven applicants submitted bids to replace park equipment, and the contract was awarded to F.W. Harper & Associates. Work should begin soon!

Senior Citizens' Dinner

The Balcones Heights Senior Citizens' dinner is held the third Thursday of every month (except during the summer) at the Balcones Heights Civic Center, 109 Glenarm. You can check the date and time on the calendar included in every edition of the City newsletter. Everyone is welcome! If you plan on attending please be sure to notify Edna Moellering at 733-8718 so that she will know how many will attend and enough food can be prepared. Cost of the dinner is \$5 per person. Bingo games follow the dinner. For many years, Edna,



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
					1	2	
3	4 Planning and Zoning Meeting 6:00 p.m. Justice Center	5	6				
10	11 City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. Justice Center	12	13				
17	18	19 CVB Meeting 5:30 p.m. Justice Center	20 Early Voting 8:00a - 4:30p Justice Center				21 Early Voting 8:00a - 4:30p Justice Center
24	25 Early Voting 8:00a - 4:30p Justice Center	26 Early Voting 8:00a - 4:30p Justice Center	27 Early Voting 9:00a - 6:00p Justice Center	28 Early Voting 9:00a - 4:30p Justice Center Senior Citizens' Dinner 6:00 p.m. Civic Center	29 Early Voting 9:00a - 6:00p Justice Center	30	
May 1	May 2 Early Voting 9:00a - 6:00p Justice Center	May 3 Early Voting Ends 9:00a - 6:00p Justice Center	Early Voting ends on May 3, 2005 at 6:00 p.m.			Senior Citizens' Dinner	