



# City of Balcones Heights

Serving the residents and businesses of Balcones Heights

## Council Rejects Parking Ordinances

The City Council considered two ordinances limiting parking in the public street and limiting the number of non-owned cars on a residential lot, as a result of a petition with twenty (20) names submitted by Lilly Cruz at the February 13 City Council meeting.

The petition stated "As a resident of Balcones Heights, I see a growing

*problem with the aesthetics of my community. Problems such as cars in the street and numerous junked cars parked in yards. I support ordinances which would help alleviate these problems."*

A citizens group of vocal opponents came to the March 13, 2006 City Council meeting to oppose the parking restriction

on these two ordinances and the City Council rejected the proposals with a unanimous vote.

Presently, the City's Code of Ordinances requires that all vehicle parking in the front or side of a residential structure must be on a paved surface. Please call Code Enforcement Officer, David Cadena at 735-9148, ext. 246 with questions.

## 2006 General Election

The General Election will be held on Saturday, May 13, 2006 from 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the Balcones Heights Justice Center located at 3300 Hillcrest Drive.

The following are the results of the drawing for place on ballot that took place on March 16, 2006 at 1:00 p.m.



**Mayor:**  
Steve Walker  
Jim Craven  
**Council Member, Place 1:**  
Bennie F. Cass  
Lucille Wohlfarth

**Council Member, Place 2:**  
Suzanne de Leon  
(No opponent – no drawing)



**EARLY VOTING**  
May 1 – 9, 2006,  
2nd Floor, Justice Center  
May 1 – 2, 2006 from  
8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
May 3 – 9, 2006 from  
8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

For more information contact:  
Delia Flores, City Secretary at  
735-9148 Ext. 236

## Council Considers Dog Restraint Ordinance

At the request of City Council Member Lamar Gillian, the City Council considered an ordinance at the March 13 City Council meeting to require all dogs to be enclosed in a dog-proof fence.

Councilman Gillian remarked that as he walked or jogged through the City he had seen several large dogs that were tied on a rope or a tether instead of being confined behind a fence. Mr. Gillian said he would hate for the dog to get off the rope and attack any citizen walking the side-

walks of the City and for that reason, he is suggesting an ordinance that would require all dogs in the City to be confined behind a dog-proof fence.

The ordinance was tabled at the March 13th City Council meeting because of the lack of Council agreement on appropriate language, but the ordinance will be re-considered at the April 10, 2006 City Council meeting.

Please call City Administrator, Lanny S. Lambert at 735-9148, ext. 227 with questions.



# CVB NEWSNET: Norris Conference Center Filling Hotel Rooms

In the first two months of 2006, the Norris Conference Center and Crossroads Convention Center at Crossroads Mall have generated 176 room nights in local hotels. The impact of the conference center was reported by Lorenzo Nastasi, Balcones Heights director of tourism, at the March 13 City Council meeting.

The report was based on information provided by local hotels. Mr. Nastasi also reported that on March 10, the Conference Center hosted the *San Antonio Business Journal's* "Top 50 Private Companies" awards banquet, drawing more than 230 attendees from San Antonio's top companies to Balcones Heights.

## Web Site Traffic Increases 600 Percent

Mr. Nastasi reported that January visits to the CVB Web site, [www.reachfortheheights.org](http://www.reachfortheheights.org), soared more than 600 percent over the previous month.

Mr. Nastasi attributed the phenomenal spike to the ad in the January issue of *Texas Monthly*. Another ad has been published in the March edition of the magazine in its special Spring Travel Planner Section.

## Visitor Center Update

The CVB is still evaluating potential locations for the creation of the Balcones Heights Visitors Center and is optimistic that a final location will be selected soon.



## Ads Target Meeting Planners

The CVB will be partnering with Norris Conference Centers in a new advertising campaign targeting meeting planners. The ads will appear in the Texas Municipal League's April edition of *Town and City* magazine. This issue highlights travel, tourism and meeting venues. Additional ads are scheduled in

upcoming issues of the *Texas Society of Association Executives* magazine, *Association Leadership*, and in *Lone Star News*, the official publication of the Texas Lone Star Capital Chapter of the Society of Government Meeting Professionals.

## Jazz Festival

Planning underway for this year's Balcones Heights Jazz Festival. The festival kicks-off Friday, July 7. Headliners will be announced in May. Special promotions highlighting Balcones Heights will appear again this year on [www.mytexasvacations.com](http://www.mytexasvacations.com), in partnership with Clear Channel Communications, Soft Rock 101.9, and local hotels.

## Cowboy Breakfast

On March 2, organizers of this year's Cowboy Breakfast presented a \$4,000 scholarship gift to the Culinary Arts program at St. Philips College. The Balcones Heights CVB is very proud to have played a role in this event and the resulting gift to St. Philips College.

## Balcones Heights City Officials

Jim Craven, Mayor  
 Bill Johnson, Mayor Pro Tem . . . . . Councilman, Place 5  
 Lamar Gillian . . . . . Councilman, Place 4  
 Steve Walker . . . . . 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 . . . . . Albert Y. Solis . . . . . x243  
 Municipal Court Clerk . . . . Yvonne Baez . . . . . x223  
 Deputy Court Clerk . . . . . Jo Ann Vidal . . . . . 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  
 Dispatcher . . . . . x232  
 Fire Chief/  
 Fire Department . . . . . Ben Hoeffner (210) 735-9206

## Community Survey

The Balcones Heights City Council is interested in your opinion on issues that affect our City. Please answer the following survey and mail back to:

Lanny S. Lambert  
 City Administrator  
 3300 Hillcrest Drive  
 Balcones Heights, Texas 78201

<b>Scale: 1-Very Satisfied</b>	<b>2-Satisfied</b>	<b>3-Dissatisfied</b>		<b>4-Very Dissatisfied</b>
				Scale Number (1-4)
1. How satisfied are you with the quality of life in Balcones Heights?				
2. How satisfied are you with EMS?				
3. How satisfied are you with Police?				
4. How satisfied are you with Street Maintenance?				
5. How satisfied are you with Planning and Zoning?				
6. How satisfied are you with the Fire Department?				
7. How satisfied are you with Building Inspection?				
8. How satisfied are you with Code Enforcement?				
9. How satisfied are you with Water/Sewer?				
10. How satisfied are you with Solid Waste Collection & Brush Pick-up				
11. How satisfied are you with Electric Service?				
12. How satisfied are you with overall city maintenance?				
13. How satisfied are you with city parks (Rogiers & Novak)				
14. How satisfied are you with community safety?				
15. How satisfied are you with adequate community events?				
16. How satisfied are you with the monthly city newsletter?				
17. How satisfied are you with VIA?				
18. How satisfied are you with community and neighborhood safety?				
19. How satisfied are you with recycling?				
20. How satisfied are you with appearance of the city?				
21. How satisfied are you with City Administrator?				
22. How satisfied are you with City Council?				
23. How satisfied are you with quality of life?				
24. How satisfied are you with cable TV?				
25. How satisfied are you with city web page?				

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## Community Survey

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26. How long have you lived in Balcones Heights?	
27. What do you like the most about Balcones Heights?	
28. What would you say is the most critical issue facing Balcones Heights today?	
29. Do you vote in city elections?	
30. How would you define the quality of life in Balcones Heights?	
31. How would you improve the quality of life in Balcones Heights?	
32. What services would you like to see the city provide?	
33. Do you own or rent?	
34. Anything else you would like to say?	

The results of this survey will be provided to the City Council and published in future editions of the newsletter.

THANK YOU!

## Council Restricts City Holidays

**A**t the regular meeting on March 13, 2006, the Balcones Heights City Council voted to reduce the number of official city holidays from 12 to 10 for the 2005-2006 fiscal year for the Police Department union contract. The vote was 4-1 with Steve Walker voting against.

The Police Department volunteered to give up two holidays in exchange for a 20 percent increase in medical insurance premiums in the 2005-06 fiscal year budget,

with the decrease in Police Department employee holidays, City Administrator, Lanny S. Lambert, is reducing all employees holidays to 10. The holiday schedule for 2005-2006 are:

New Year's Day	Labor Day
Martin Luther King	Veteran's Day
Presidents Day	Thanksgiving Day
Memorial Day	Day after Thanksgiving
Independence Day	Christmas Day

## Alternative Disposal Sites and Recycling Drop-Off Centers



### ABC Recycling

267 Old US Hwy 90W  
Mon-Sat: 9:00am-5:00pm  
Items recycled:

Aluminum Cans, Scrap Metal, Brass, Radiators and all types of Copper.  
Call: 210-436-5222



### Abitibi Recycling

5008 Space Center Drive  
Mon-Fri

8:00am-12:00 noon

Items Recycled: Mail, Newspapers, and Magazines

For locations of recycle bins by Zip Code log on to web:

<http://www.paperretriever.com/>  
Call: 210-662-7446

### Ashley Salvage Co.

4918 Roosevelt Ave

Mon-Fri: 8:00am-5:00pm

Sat.: 8:00am-12:00 noon

Items Recycled: Aluminum Cans  
Scrap Metal,  
Iron, Steel, Tin, Copper  
Call: 210-922-7631



### AutoZone

All Locations  
Item Recycled: Used  
Motor Oil  
and Auto Batteries



### BFI-ACCO Recycling Center



400 Probandt St.

Mon-Fri:

7:30am-4:30pm

Sat: 7:30am-11:30am

Items Recycled: Cardboard, Office Paper, And Household Recyclables  
Call: 210-223-2618

### Bitters Mulching Facility

1800 Bitters Road

Open daily:

9:00am-6:00pm

And 8:00am-5pm

(Summer and Winter)

Item Recycled: Clean Brush



### City of San Antonio Curbside Collection Program

is provided to City residential solid waste ratepayers. Call 311 for more information.

### Furniture For A Cause



5254 Blanco Road

Mon-Sat:

10:00am-6:00pm

Pick up gently used items.

Please allow one-week for pick up

Call: 210-442-2440



### Gardenville

10685 W Loop 1604N

Item Recycled: Will accept clean brush for a small fee.

Call: 210-695-1911

### Great Northwest Recycling

386 Grissom Road

Mon-Fri 8:00am-5:00pm Sat.

8:00am-12:00 noon



Metal Only; Items Recycled: Scrap Computers (Excluding monitors), Refrigerators, stoves, car parts, copper, brass  
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Most Store Locations

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Call: 210-826-6774, Option No. 5



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to locate facilities that accept cellular phones for recycling or reuse log on to [www.cleanup.org](http://www.cleanup.org)  
Call 1-800-253-2687

### Pilgrim Cleaners

All locations; Drycleaner Hangers

### Rechargeable Batteries

For a complete listing of community and retail collection sites log on to

<http://www.rbrc.org/>.

Call: 1-800-822-8837

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**Balcones Heights, Texas 78201**

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9	10 <b>City Council Meeting</b> Justice Center 6:00 p.m.	11	12 <b>Business Alliance Mixer</b> Springhill Suites 6:30 p.m.	13 <b>CVB Meeting</b> Justice Center 5:30 p.m.	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	1	2	3	4	5	6

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NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
Balcones Heights, TX 78201

TELEPHONE    day \_\_\_\_\_ evening \_\_\_\_\_ cell \_\_\_\_\_

I am not a member of City Council or the Balcones Heights Business Alliance, and I am not a relative of any member of City Council or the Balcones Heights Business Alliance.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Entries must be signed to be considered valid.**

Entry deadline is 9:00 PM 4/15/06. Only entries submitted before the deadline are eligible for judging.  
Entries must be submitted in the collection box located @ Crossroads Mall.  
Entries mailed, faxed or delivered to any site other than the Crossroads Mall official collection box will not be valid.  
Entrants must reside within the city limits of Balcones Heights.  
Family members, including spouse, brother, sister, mother, father, cousin, aunt, uncle, niece and nephew of any member of City Council or Balcones Heights Business Alliance are not eligible.

Contest will be judged April 25-30, 2006. Winners will be contacted before the May 2006 City Council meeting for official presentation of awards and photo op for June 2006 Newsletter.

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Call for listing.  
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