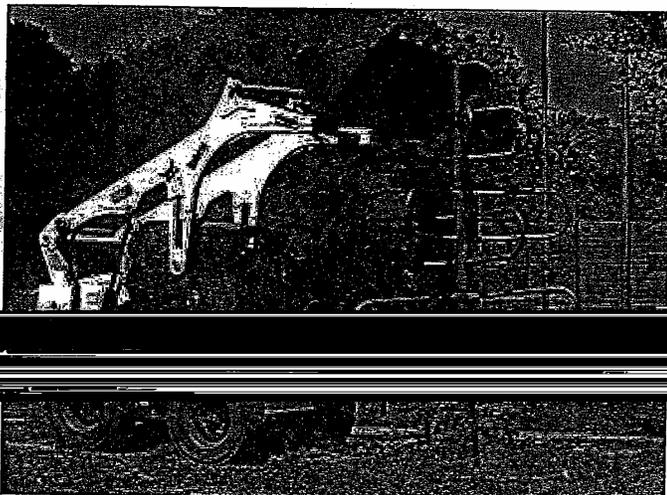




May 2005

City of Balcones Heights

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Rogiers Park Upgrade

In 2003 the City of Balcones Heights was awarded a \$43,000 Community Development Grant to install new playground equipment at Rogiers Park. The new playground equipment includes slides, swings, ladders and other features that are

upgrade of Rogiers Park is the latest example of City Council's ongoing efforts to improve the quality of life in Balcones Heights.

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Michael Tease Named GM at Norris Conference Center

Norris Conference Centers has hired Michael Tease as General Manager of the Norris Conference Center – Balcones Heights, located in Crossroads Mall. The new conference center includes the existing 30,000 sq. ft. Crossroads Convention Center and the Balcones Heights Ballroom, plus the new 40,000 sq. ft. Norris Conference Centers – Balcones Heights and Red Oak Ballroom scheduled for completion this summer. Tease brings more than 25 years of

experience in the industry to his position at Norris. His industry activities include serving as vice president of the local hotel association, as commissioner on the San

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Antonio Convention and Visitors Bureau, and he is president emeritus of the San Antonio Bed and Breakfast Association. Tease is also a member of the Board of Directors for the San Antonio Area Tourism Council and advisory board member at St. Phillips College's Culinary Arts Department.

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CVB Presents Quarterly Report to Council

Lorenzo Nastasi, Executive Director of the Balcones Heights Convention and Visitors Bureau, presented the bureau's Quarterly Activity Report to City Council at the Council's April 11 meeting. In addition to reporting that the CVB official Web site, www.reachfortheheights.org launched on March 18, Nastasi added that the site is a "work in progress" and that pages and design elements will continue to be added.

Mr. Nastasi reported that the first ad of the CVB's new advertising campaign was published in the March edition of *Texas Monthly* in a special Travel Planner section. Upcoming ads includes summer ads in *Texas Highways* and *Texas Journey*, the official magazine of AAA Texas.

The CVB participated in its first "trade show" on April 21: The Texas Travel Industry Association "Texas

Travel Fair" at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center in San Antonio. Attendees included travel counselors who work at Texas Department of Transportation Travel Information Centers, AAA offices, Visitor Centers, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, and *Texas Highways* magazine. These professionals give guidance to more than 4 million Texas travelers each year.

This year's Jazz Festival at the Amphitheatre at Crossroads of San Antonio Mall will take place on six consecutive Friday evenings beginning July 8. The event is now billed as the Balcones Heights Jazz Festival. The first annual Balcones Heights Bar-B-Que Competition sanctioned by the International Barbeque Cookers Association will take place Labor Day weekend on the grounds of Crossroads Mall. Details on both events will posted soon at www.reachfortheheights.com

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The Crossroads Convention Center has been hosting events for several months now. Typical events include health fairs, fundraisers, and small trade shows. New restrooms are being added as is additional air-conditioning capacity

and new signage, all of which will be completed May 1.

Norris Conference Centers - Balcones Heights, including the new Red Oak Ballroom, will be completed in the July/August time-frame of this year. This new facility is modeled after Norris' successful operations in Austin, Houston and

Corpus Christi. Primary markets served include day business meetings, business social events and social celebrations such as wedding receptions. Booking activity for these facilities for August 2005 and beyond has been brisk.

For additional information, please phone 783-0040.

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
 Civilian Investigator Dianna Bowers x240
 Dispatcher x232
 Fire Chief/
 Fire Department Ben Hoeffner (210) 735-9206

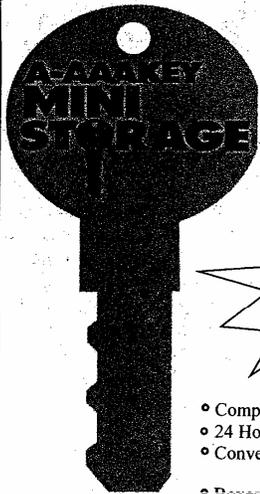


Balcones Heights Business Alliance

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 @ 857-9571 or Tiffany Gailan @ 669-5721.

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#2	\$35	2x4
#3	\$35	2x8
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CITY SPOTLIGHT

Olive Gaskins

At the young age of 12, and during the Great Depression, Olive Beeman's father died, leaving his wife to care for four daughters.

Descended from hearty German and Scottish stock

However, there was one problem: Frank's fair skin. After making it from Cincinnati, Ohio, to St. Louis, Missouri, Frank was hospitalized for second-degree sunburn. Staying temporarily in St.

So much more could

cation and grace, although at times it was indeed very difficult. Mrs. Beeman became an editor for a publishing house in Cincinnati to help support her family.

Graduating from an all-girl Episcopal convent, Olive began taking college courses in business. After three years, she left college to help her mother support the family, and found a job doing office work. During a casual walk (she still walks two miles each day) with her sister, she was introduced to Frank Gaskins. Six months later, Olive Josephine Beeman became the beaming bride of Franklin S. Gaskins.

In those years Frank and Olive rode bicycles or walked everywhere. So when it came time for them to migrate to Texas, they thought nothing of doing so on bicycles. In fact, Frank packed pots, pans and bedrolls onto their bikes, and with \$150 in their pockets they set out for the great state of Texas, hundreds of miles to the south.

**best be expressed
by the lines she
quotes by heart:
"Count that day lost
whose low and
setting sun
shadows thy hand
and no worthy
action done."**

Heights' third mayor, and served until 1958. Ever since Olive has raised her children and served her family, community and her church, serving on the City's Planning and Zoning Committee and Master Plan Committee. Neighborhood children have called her the "white angel", referring to her wonderful white hair. She has traveled extensively and loves to dance. So much more could be written here, but Olive's views may best be expressed by the lines she quotes by heart:

**"Count that day lost
whose low and setting sun
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and no worthy action done."**

effort, for by now, it was 1942. A few months later they continued, this time by train, to San Antonio.

In 1949, they bought their property in Balcones Heights, and began to build their home. Always adventurous, Olive learned to drive a car, and in 1954, Frank was elected Balcones

CITY NOTES

**Rabies Vaccination Clinic
& Pet Registration:
June 30**



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.

The next Rabies Vaccination Clinic and Pet Registration will take place:

Thursday, June 30, 2005

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Balcones Heights

Fire Department

111 Altgelt Ave.

Pet registration cost is \$2.00 per pet. The rabies vaccination cost is \$6.00 per pet.



The Alliance is looking forward to a busy schedule for the rest of the year and beyond.

We will be active in the Jazz Fest and other events coming to our city and Crossroads Mall, as well as the return of the Holiday Parade scheduled for December 3rd, and on to the Cowboy Breakfast in the new year. We will also be busy with a fundraiser beginning in June to strengthen the Alliance and to help with a donation to the Balcones Police Officers Association for their annual Christmas toy drive. If your business has an upcoming event, and the Alliance can assist, please call. We would love to help.

We invite the residents of Balcones Heights to volunteer your time with these and other community projects. Please contact us @ 857-9571.

2005 MEETING SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
4/28/05	6:00 PM	CALL 857-9571	PARADE PLANNING
5/11/05	11:00 AM	CROSSROADS MALL A-45	BD o DIR MEETING
5/11/05	11:45 AM	CROSSROADS MALL A-45	MEMBERSHIP MTG
5/19/05	6:00 PM	CALL 857-9571	PARADE PLANNING
5/12/05	6:00 PM	CROSSROADS FOOD COURT	JAZZ FEST PLANNING
6/9/05	6:00 PM	CROSSROADS FOOD COURT	JAZZ FEST PLANNING
6/15/05	11:00 AM	LUBY'S	BD o DIR MEETING
6/15/05	11:45 AM	LUBY'S	MEMBERSHIP MTG
6/16/05	6:00 PM	CALL 857-9571	PARADE PLANNING
7/7/05	6:00 PM	CROSSROADS FOOD COURT	JAZZ FEST PLANNING
7/8/05	6:00 PM	CROSSROADS PAVILLION	JAZZ FEST
7/14/05	6:00 PM	TBA (GRAHAM CENTRAL!!)	MIXER
7/15/05	6:00 PM	CROSSROADS PAVILLION	JAZZ FEST
7/20/05	11:00 AM	TBA	BD o DIR MEETING
7/21/05	6:00 PM	TBA	PARADE PLANNING
7/22/05	6:00 PM	CROSSROADS PAVILLION	JAZZ FEST
7/29/05	6:00 PM	CROSSROADS PAVILLION	JAZZ FEST

Membership meetings are open to all businesses in Balcones Heights and the surrounding areas.

We enjoy lunch and welcome a guest speaker at each meeting.

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Balcones Heights Balance Sheet

The following Balance Sheet Report is published to help inform citizens of Balcones Heights and local businesses of the City's financial status as of March 31, 2005. This is an internal report taken from the City's financial records at the mid-point of the City's fiscal year.

The report is a broad overview of the City's assets, liabilities, revenues, expenditures and fund balances at this specific point in time. Questions concerning this report may be addressed to the City's Finance and Accounting Department, 735-9148 ext. 244.

Balcones Heights Balance Sheet as of March 31, 2005

	Governmental Funds*	Debt Service Fund	Special Funds**	Sewer O&M Fund	Total All Funds
<u>ASSETS</u>					
Cash	\$1,254,142.02	\$34,479.66	\$5,314.98	\$150,062.30	\$1,443,998.96
Taxes Receivable	\$201,413.73	\$11,229.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$212,643.03
Other Receivable	\$3,502.90	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,502.90
Due from other Funds	\$27,364.74	\$25,818.42	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$53,183.16
Due from other Governments	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Investments	\$1,124,990.41	\$90,729.49	\$20,524.92	\$341,663.22	\$1,577,908.04
Net Fixed Assets	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$99,611.89	\$99,611.89
Total Assets	\$2,611,413.80	\$162,256.87	\$25,839.90	\$591,337.41	\$3,390,847.98
<u>LIABILITIES</u>					
Accts Payable	\$1,041.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,041.60
Bonds Payable	\$2,240.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,240.00
Taxes Payable	\$884.54	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$884.54
Due to other Funds	\$25,818.42	\$0.00	\$27,364.74	\$0.00	\$53,183.16
Due to State	\$52,888.07	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$52,888.07
Due to City	\$7,178.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,178.50
Due to MSB	\$655.81	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$655.81
Due to Target	\$197,366.79	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$197,366.79
Deferred Revenue	\$201,413.73	\$18,619.81	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$220,033.54
Total Liabilities	\$489,487.46	\$18,619.81	\$27,364.74	\$0.00	\$535,472.01
<u>REVENUE/EXP</u>					
Revenues	\$1,804,034.64	\$19,767.20	\$5,902.24	\$188,952.24	\$2,018,656.32
Expenditures	\$1,546,554.31	\$93,211.88	\$32,455.21	\$177,659.59	\$1,849,880.99
Net Revenue/Expend	\$257,480.33	-\$73,444.68	-\$26,552.97	\$11,292.65	\$168,775.33
<u>FUND BALANCE</u>					
Reserved Fund Balance	\$1,446,914.65	217,081.74	-\$4,347.19	\$0.00	\$1,659,649.20
Unreserved Fund Balance	\$417,531.36	0.00	\$29,375.32	\$580,044.76	\$1,026,951.44
Total Fund Balance	\$1,864,446.01	\$217,081.74	\$25,028.13	\$580,044.76	\$2,686,600.64
Total Liab & Fund Balance	\$2,611,413.80	\$162,256.87	\$25,839.90	\$591,337.41	\$3,390,847.98

* GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS include: (1) General Fund, (2) Capital Fund, (3) Street Fund, (4) BHCCD Fund, (5) Hotel/Motel Fund and (6) Library Fund

** SPECIAL FUNDS include: (1) Federal Asset Forfeiture Fund, (2) State Asset Forfeiture Fund, (3) LLEBG Grant Fund, (4) AANFT Grant Fund, (5) COPS More Grant Fund, (6) Unclaimed Money Fund and (7) Child Safety Fund

Civic Center Rates

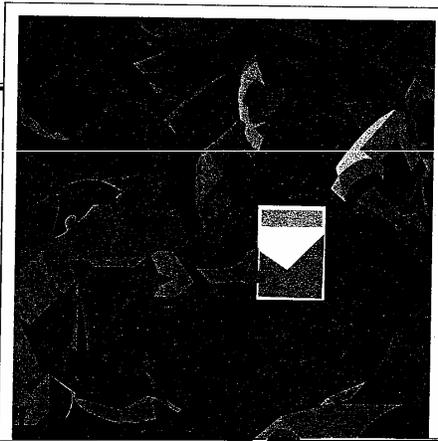
Balcones Heights City Council issued new rates for the rental of the Civic Center located at 107 Glenarm

at their April 11th meeting. Posted below are the new rates to be implemented beginning April 25, 2005.

Balcones Heights Civic Center Rates Approved April 11, 2005

Facility	Weekdays		Sat, Sun, & Holidays		With Kitchen
	2-4 Hrs.	4-8 Hrs.	2-6 Hrs.	6-12 Hrs.	
COMMERCIAL:					
750 Sq. Ft	\$80	\$90	\$90	\$130	\$50 addl.
1500 Sq. Ft	\$110	\$160	\$160	\$185	\$50 addl.
PRIVATE:					
1500 Sq. Ft.	\$110	\$160	\$160	\$185	\$50 addl.
RESIDENT:					
1500 Sq. Ft.	\$60	\$75	\$60	\$75	\$25 addl.
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1500 Sq. Ft.	\$60	\$75	\$85	\$110	\$50 addl.

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Sadly, Ana Rasmussen from Dave & Busters has had to step down from her Special Events Coordinator position. Ana did a great job and will be missed as an officer, but will remain a member in good standing.

The Alliance is happy to welcome Yolanda Sancho from Career Point, who will fill the position.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Early Voting 9:00a - 6:00p Justice Center <small>Tentative - P&Z Meeting 6:00 p.m. Civic Center</small>	3 Early Voting 9:00a - 6:00p Justice Center	4	5	6	7 ELECTION DAY Justice Center 7:00a - 7:00p
8	9 City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. Justice Center	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 Canvass Election & Installation of Newly Elected Officials 6:00p - Justice Center 2nd Floor	17	18	19 CVB Board Meeting 5:30 p.m. Justice Center	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Senior Citizens Dinner 6:00 p.m. Civic Center	27	28
29	30 Memorial Day City Offices will be closed.	31	 <p>Don't Forget! Thru May! It's Free! Paints • Cleaners • Aerosols • Pool Chemicals Pesticides • Garden Chemicals Motor Oil & Filters • Hobby Chemicals 1-800-449-7587 Call for Hazardous Waste Disposal Pick-up!</p>			