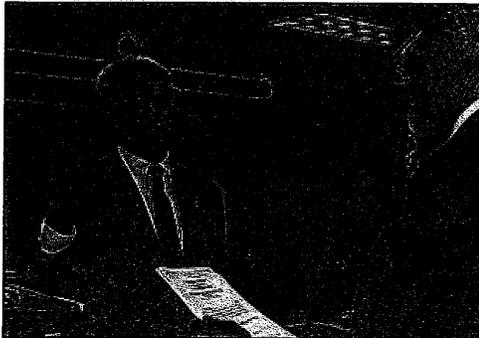


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May 7 Election Results

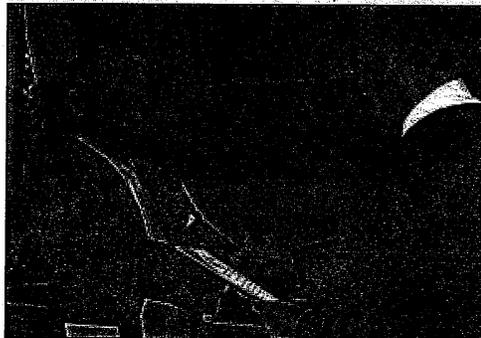


As a result of the General Election held in Balcones Heights on Saturday, May 7th, one new name has been added to the City Council, one incumbent has returned, and one past incumbent has returned.

Elected to City Council, Place 4 was Lamar Gillian. Mr. Gillian is a former member of the City's Board of Adjustment and Appeals and has lived in Balcones Heights since 1975 (30 years). Mr. Gillian is retired from Randolph AFB and has two children and one grandchild.

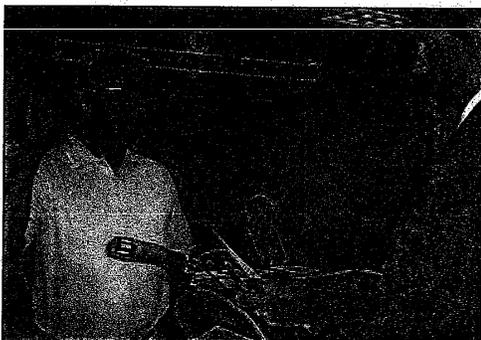
Elected to City Council, Place 3 is a familiar face to Balcones Heights, Steve Walker. Steve has served on the City Council for three past terms and was most recently on the Council from 2002 – 2004. Steve is a retired school-teacher for the Harlendale School District and has lived in Balcones Heights for 14 years.

Re-elected to City Council, Place 5 is Bill Johnson. Bill is beginning his eighth term (16 years) on the City Council and has lived in Balcones Heights for 30 years. Bill is employed at the former Kelly AFB by Lockheed-Martin and has one daughter who was raised in Balcones Heights.



Summary of Precinct Returns

Office	Candidate	Early Voting	Election Day	Total
City Council, Place 3	Steve Walker	63	44	107
	Salvador Mendez	62	41	103
City Council, Place 4	Lucille Wohlfarth	50	38	88
	Lamar Gillian	75	50	125
City Council, Place 5	William (Bill) Johnson	86	52	138
	Beryl Jones	38	32	70



Top left: Mayor Jim Craven, right, swears in newly-elected City Councilman Lamar Gillian.

Center: Judge Phil Hardberger, right, congratulates newly-elected City Councilman Steve Walker after Walker's swearing-in.

Bottom left: Mayor Jim Craven, right, swears in re-elected City Councilman Bill Johnson.

Spencer Road/Balcones Heights Road Intersestion Re-construction

The Balcones Heights City Council has identified the intersection of Balcones Heights Rd. and Spencer Lane in the Southeast section of the City as the worst paved intersection of the City.

At their regular meeting on Monday, May 9th, the City of Balcones Heights awarded a contract to R.L. Jones L.P. construction company for \$168,220.00 to re-construct this intersection. The old pitted, broken asphalt will be removed and the entire intersection will

be re-paved with concrete. The project is part of the handicap access ramp project funded by VIA local access fund monies, given to Balcones Heights by VIA.

The construction contract calls for the project to be completed in 75 working days and substantially completed by July 23, 2005. Construction should start immediately. The area will be congested and very difficult to drive during construction, but should provide a trouble-free intersection for many, many years after completion.

Captain Don Stephens Retires

After twenty-six (26) years of faithful community service, Fire Captain Don Stephens retired from the City of Balcones Heights Fire Department effective April 30, 2005. Don started with the Balcones Heights Fire Department in June 21, 1979. Don was promoted to Captain on April 30, 1983, and served as Acting Fire Chief for two years.

In congratulating Don, Fire Chief Ben Hoeffner said, "Don is a hard-working, dependable, and loyal fireman. He has been a

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Balcones Heights Fire Chief*

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Don is married to Delia M. Stephens and has 3 children. Don plans to work in the construction industry with HB Zachary and enjoy his retirement. Good Luck Don! We will miss you! Visit soon and often!

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 Jo Ann Vidal x244
Municipal Court Clerk Yvonne Baez x223

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



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, including the BBQ cook-off Labor Day weekend, 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>
6/9/05	6:00 PM	CROSSROADS FOOD COURT	BALCONES HEIGHTS 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	BALCONES HEIGHTS JAZZ FEST PLANNING
7/8/05	6:00 PM	CROSSROADS PAVILLION	BALCONES HEIGHTS JAZZ FEST
7/14/05	6:00 PM	TBA (GRAHAM CENTRAL!!)	BHBA MIXER
7/15/05	6:00 PM	CROSSROADS PAVILLION	BALCONES HEIGHTS 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	BALCONES HEIGHTS JAZZ FEST
7/29/05	6:00 PM	CROSSROADS PAVILLION	BALCONES HEIGHTS 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.

For more information, please call Lynn Calkin @ 857-9571 or Elizabeth Wells @ 737-6086.

City Receives Homeland Security Grant

The Alamo Area Council of Governments (AACOG) has notified the City of Balcones Heights of the awarding of a \$50,000 Homeland Security Grant to the Balcones Heights Fire Department. The Balcones Heights City Council voted to accept the Grant at its May 9, 2005 City Council meeting and authorized the

Mayor to sign all documents related to the grant on behalf of the City.

Fire Chief Ben Hoeffner is to be commended for his perseverance and the patience required to procure this grant.

Authorized by the grant are:

	Qty.	Unit Cost	Ext. Cost
100 watt repeater – 100 watt VHF radio repeater w/preselect and duplexer	1	\$9,500.00	\$9,500.00
AC/DC 35 Amp power supply – AC/DC power supply to convert mobile radio to desktop unit for EOC	1	\$200.00	\$200.00
Barrier tape Dispenser – Used to dispense scene tape with various wording	6	\$5.00	\$30.00
Barrier tape – various lengths and types or wording	12	\$8.00	\$96.00
Base station – Motorola – CM300 base station radio	1	\$499.00	\$499.00
Dell laptop computer – minimum Pentium 4	1	\$2,200.00	\$2,200.00
Digital BP kit	1	\$50.00	\$50.00
Respiratory Protection – ISI – LP 30 Minute Carbon Cylinder (2216 psi), #LPCARBON	6	\$752.00	\$4,512.00
Respiratory Protection – ISI – Viking DXL SCBA With Facepiece, Nomex Head Harness, and Voice Amplification (2216 or 4500 psi) – VIKINGDXL	3	\$3,500.00	\$10,500.00



CITY SPOTLIGHT

Ken Harris

By his own admission, Ken Harris is a blessed man. Born and raised in San Antonio, he graduated from Edgewood High School in 1942, and, like so many of his generation, registered for the draft and enlisted in the service. He wanted to learn to fly, and chose the Navy for his teacher. He studied hard to pass his exams. Often, after "lights out" in the barracks, he would sneak his texts to the bathroom and study there. His first flights were at what is now the Kerrville Airport, in a 65 horsepower Piper Cub. Eventually, he learned to fly the legendary 2000 horsepower "Hellcat" into combat.

Ensign Harris was assigned to the

aircraft carrier Wasp, famous for having taken part in the assault upon the Japanese islands during the final months of the war. He was aboard the ship when a kamikaze's bomb penetrated the upper decks, inflicting horrific casualties, and forcing the carrier to dry dock for several months of repairs.

Having flown many missions, Mr. Harris made it through them all without a single bullet hole in any of his planes, and no injury to himself. He had several "close calls," and credits the sovereignty of God for his safe delivery through them all.

He returned home to settle with his bride in San Antonio, working at

Kelly AFB, and later beginning his career at the Post Office. About 1949, they bought lots from Mr. Wick in the newly incorporated town of Balcones Heights. With the help of his co-worker, friend and neighbor, Mr. Srubar, Ken Harris built a home that remains one of Balcones Heights' loveliest. He and his wife raised two fine sons there, and at the young age of 48, Ken Harris retired from the Postal Service.

In 1993, Mrs. Harris passed away due to heart failure, and, for the first time in his life, Mr. Harris found himself alone. Soon, he was visited by a relative, accompanied by a friend. As providence would have it, the friend had also lost her mate of many years. This month, Ken and Ann Harris will celebrate 11 happy years of marriage!

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CVB News & Updates:

New Board Members, Multi-state Exposure, Events Update

The Balcones Heights City Council has appointed two new members, and reappointed one member to the City's Convention & Visitors Bureau Board. Carrie Anne Silvers, Special Events Manager at Dave & Buster's was appointed to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Martha Kleine, the former Sales Director of Norris Conference Center – Balcones Heights. In April, Robert Cantu, General Manager of Springhill Suites by Marriott resigned his position on the CVB Board. Renee Storrie, Property Manager of Crossroads of San Antonio Mall, was appointed to fill this vacancy. Both Ms. Silvers and Ms. Storrie bring a wide perspective of experience in special events, entertainment and tourism related activities to the CVB Board. Nancy Jeffreys, President of Nancy J's Gifts, was re-appointed to the CVB Board.



The Balcones Heights CVB participated in its first travel trade show at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center on April 21. Pictured left to right, CVB Board Member Nancy Jeffreys, Board Chair Pamela Hodges, and Board Member Elizabeth Wells.

Ms. Jeffreys original one-year term expired in April.

Balcones Heights was one of several Texas cities featured in the May/June issues of AAA publications in Texas, New Mexico, Colorado, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Mississippi,

and Louisiana. The publications featured a special section on Texas and Balcones Heights was highlighted with editorial copy and an advertisement. The combined circulation of the five magazines is 1.4 million. Requests for information have already been received as a result of this ad and editorial.

Plans are progressing for this year's Balcones Heights Jazz Festival. The free Friday night concerts will commence on July 8 at the Amphitheater at Crossroads Mall.

The first ever Balcones Heights Bar-B-Que Competition will take place over Labor Day weekend, September 1-3. This event is sanctioned by the International BBQ Cookers Association and the American BBQ Association.

For more details visit the CVB Web site, www.reachfortheheights.org

Waste/Brush Pick-Up: 2005 Schedule

June 20 – 24, 2005

Actual Pick-up: Monday, June 27, 2005

September 12 – 16, 2005

Actual Pick-up: Monday, September 19, 2005

November 28 – December 2, 2005

Actual Pick-up: Monday, December 5, 2005

No household hazardous waste
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All discarded items such as old furniture, hot water heaters, 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 of the actual pick up week.

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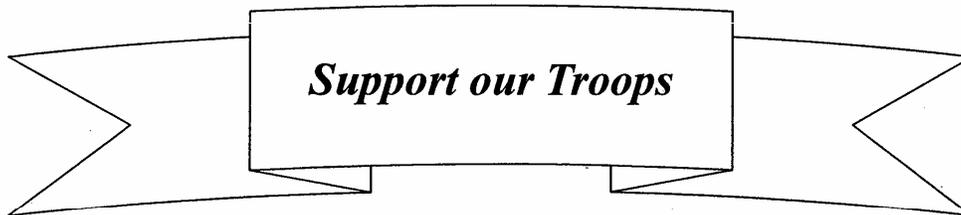
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<i>Liason</i> Mel Villarreal	<i>Executive Director</i> Lynn Calkin

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.

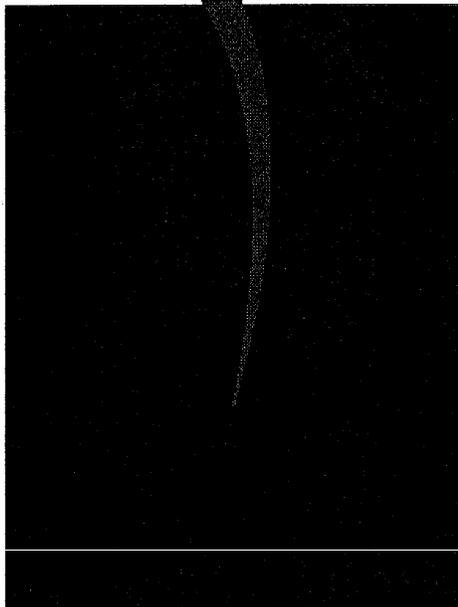
Do you know ? There are between 300 and 2000 new Air Force Personnel graduating in San Antonio every week. Families and friends of the graduates travel to the San Antonio area for a 3 or 4 day stay on area hotels, visit area eateries, shop in area malls, and take in the sights and history.

Jeremy Neesham, the new Sales Director at Comfort Suites has come up with a way Balcones Heights businesses can congratulate new troops for the challenges they have faced over the past weeks and thank them for all their efforts defending the freedoms we enjoy in this great country.



The idea is to gather coupons, brochures, donations, etc for the troops and their families to help with costs associated with their stay in our city. We urge all businesses in the Balcones Heights area to get involved with this effort. Please call Jeremy at 738-1100 or Lynn Calkin at 857-9571 for further information. Please plan to attend the City Council meeting at the Justice Center located on the corner of Gentleman and Hillcrest on June 13 at 6 PM and the Balcones Heights Business Alliance meeting at Luby's, Fredericksburg Rd., on June 15 at 11:45 AM.

Balcones Heights JAZZ FESTIVAL 2005



The 12th Annual Balcones Heights Jazz Festival is slated to kick off on Friday evening, July 8 at The Amphitheatre at Crossroads Mall. This year's event promises to be bigger than ever and you won't want to miss it!

Headliners

- July 8 - Will Donato
Smooth Jazz Saxophonist
- July 15 - The Brew
Latin Jazz
- July 22 - Slim Man
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- Aug 5 - Michael Ward
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			1	2	3	4
5	6 Planning & Zoning Meeting 6:00 p.m. Justice Center	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. Justice Center	14	15	16 CVB Board Meeting 5:30 p.m. Justice Center	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 Brush Pick-Up Have brush out by 7:00 a.m. 	28	29	30 Rabies Vaccination Clinic & Registration 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Balcones Heights Fire Department 		