

November 2005

# City of Balcones Heights

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## First Mayor of Balcones Heights Dies

**O**n Tuesday, October 11, part of Balcones Heights history passed away. The very first Mayor of Balcones Heights, Clyde Curnutte Crews died. Mayor Crews owned the first home in Balcones Heights on Crestview.

Mayor Crews obituary reads:

Clyde Curnutte Crews was born on July 4, 1916 in Dallas, Texas to Clyde Crews and Augusta Curnutte Crews, and passed away Tuesday, October 11, 2005. He is survived by his wife, Sara Jane Crews. He attended Trinity Heights Grade School, then Sunset High School in Oak Cliff and graduated in 1928, during the great depression. During his high school years he took music lessons, learning to play the violin and played in the Dallas Junior Symphony. He played the drums in the ROTC Band at Sunset High School and loved it so much he put together a group called 'C.C. Crews and his Rhythm Crew'. Their music was broadcast over WRR radio located at the top of the Jefferson Hotel in Dallas, as well as a Minneapolis station. They played for high school and college dances from Greenville to Ft. Worth and were eventually put on the stage at the Bison Theater. He went to Metropolitan Business School which enabled him to get a job at the law firm of Bell, Goode and Howard, working for no pay for six months to prove himself. This led to entering Southern Methodist University, where he was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha. He worked for the Pan American

Production Company Land Dept., but entered the Navy in 1942 with duty in the South Pacific aboard the U.S. Barnstable. After the war, he worked on the Paleface Ranch and Southwest Texas Wholesale Credit Association. He later worked for Frost Bank for many years and retired as Vice-Chairman of the Board as well as a consultant to independent banks around San Antonio. He was a valued and close advisor to many of his friends. Mr. Crews was Past President of the San Antonio Country Club, the Argyle, Oak Hills Country Club, St. Luke's Lutheran Health Ministries, Alzheimer's Association and Robert Morris Associates, Texas Chapter. He was on the Board of Trustees of St. Luke's Lutheran Hospital, and was Past National Director of the National Association of Credit Men. Clyde was a member of the San Antonio Founder Lions Club, a Mason/Shriner, a member of S.A.L.E. and Cystic Fibrosis. He was a member of the Majestic Club, the Plaza Club, Former Board Member of Texas Lutheran College and Lutheran General Hospital. Mr. Crews also served as the first Mayor of Balcones Heights. He was former Executive Vice-President of the Wholesale Credit Associates, Advisory Director of the Baptist Memorial Hospital Association and former board member of Ecumenical Center of Religion and Health. He was preceded in death by his parents, Clyde Crews and Sarah Augusta Curnutte Crews.



## Ordinance Prohibits Loose Animals



**C**hapter 90 of the City Code specifically addresses the City's restrictions on animals.

### 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 90.30

### Maintaining Certain Number of Dogs or Cats Restricted

It shall be unlawful for any person to keep, shelter, maintain, or harbor at his household or business more than four adult dogs or cats or any combination of the two species exceeding a total of four, providing however, that litters of puppies or

kittens may be kept until they reach an age of four months at which time they become adults for the purpose of this chapter. In addition, any person keeping, maintaining, or harboring more than four dogs or cats on his household or business premises shall be deemed to be operating a

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# City Council News

## Park Grant Renovation Grant

**A**t the October 10 Balcones Heights City Council meeting Council members approved an application to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for a renovation grant for Rogiers Park.

The application is for:

1. Multi-purpose Sports Court Renovation ..... \$ 35,000.00
2. Lighting Renovation ..... 25,000.00
3. Group Barbeque Pit ..... 1,000.00
4. Picnic Tables ..... 2,000.00
5. Restroom Renovation ..... 30,000.00
6. Jogging/Walking Trail ..... 10,000.00
7. Signage, Landscaping, Administration ..... 7,000.00
- TOTAL..... \$ 110,000.00**

The Council has made a concerted effort to renovate this park this year, with new playground equipment and has almost doubled the size of the park with the purchase and demolition of 208 Vivian. If funded, construction will begin in late summer of 2006 and be complete in the spring of 2007. The Council looks forward to the complete renovation and update of this beautiful park!

## Council Approves EMS Contract

**A**t its regular meeting on Monday, October 10, the Balcones Heights City Council approved a new contract with the City of San Antonio to provide EMS services for Balcones Heights citizens.

For several years, the City of San Antonio Fire Department has provided EMS (ambulance) service to Balcones Heights with an average response time of 5 minutes from Fire Station #19 on Vance Jackson or Fire Station #27 on Hillcrest. Cost to the City for this service from San Antonio for the 05-06 Fiscal Year is \$82,740, up from \$72,000 last year. San Antonio also bills the user (patient) for this service.

**“We receive excellent, high quality EMS service from San Antonio...”**

*– Ben Hoeffner,  
Fire Chief*

Fire Chief Ben Hoeffner said, “We receive excellent, high quality EMS service from

San Antonio. Because they have done so well in the past, I recommend that we continue to use them, however, because of their high costs, at some point in the future we should closely exam private EMS operations. I will look at this for the 2006-07 Fiscal Year.”

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR for these UPCOMING EVENTS!**

**SENIOR CITIZEN CHRISTMAS DINNER**  
Thursday, Dec. 1, 2005, 6:00 p.m.  
Balcones Heights Community Center

**SURPLUS CITY EQUIPMENT AUCTION**  
Saturday, December 10, 2005, 9:00 a.m.  
Balcones Heights Justice Center, 200 Hillcrest  
Calls 679-2143 x227  
to obtain a list of items to be sold.

## 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

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Payroll Clerk ..... Albert Y. Solis ..... x244  
Municipal Court Clerk ... Yvonne Baez ..... x223  
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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  
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Fire Chief/  
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The Balcones Heights Business Alliance bids welcome to new businesses to our city. Pretty Petals opened this summer after a major renovation of A Rose Works on Hillcrest. Fredericksburg Rd now has Garibaldi's Mexican Restaurant after saying good bye to long-time resident Bonanza. Also new on Fred Rd is Farmer's Insurance, located in the North Point Shopping Center. O'Brien's Tax Service recently set up shop on Babcock Rd.

The Mall welcomed Retoucherie de Manuela, the Norris Conference Center, and now a new bank-Wachovia. The TexSan Heart Hospital expanded its efforts with a 60,000 sq ft office building. A-AAKey Mini Storage opened The Box Shoppe. Diamond Shamrock blossomed into Valero on the resurrected corner where Fred Rd, Balcones North, and Spencer Lane intersect.

We encourage support of these fine establishments, as well as the established businesses in Balcones Heights. As you drive or walk through our city, stop in at Crossroads Mall, North Point Shopping Center, Wonder Plaza, Fredericks Circle or Estrella Mall and do a little shopping. Grab a bite to eat or a cold drink at any of the eateries along Fredericksburg Rd., where businesses offer food in American, Mexican, Italian, Chinese, or Indian; from land or ocean, served with a welcoming smile.

Don't forget Hillcrest!! Begin piano lessons at Pianos Today or talk to the folks at Little Profit Sprinklers for a little TLC on your lawn. Need an oil change? XpressLube on Babcock and Hillcrest, Super Tune or Jiffy Lube on Fred Rd can help. New tires from Firestone, hubs and accessories from Wheel & Tire Store, and tinted windows from Mother's will spruce up that ride.

Balcones Heights offers places to live along Hillcrest Drive, Gentleman Rd and Fredericksburg Rd. Call any of the apartment complexes in our area for competitive prices in a quiet environment. Or, if you are spending just a night or two, call SpringHill Suites by Marriott, Comfort Suites or Siesta Motel. Stop by Babe's or Dave & Buster's for a fun night out, or the Bijou Theater at Crossroads Mall and take in a movie.

Another 20 pages, we could do justice to the story of all Balcones Heights has to offer.

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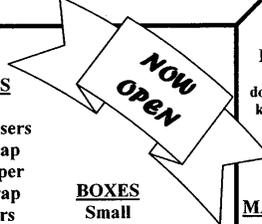
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November 16 at 11:45 a.m.  
at **Garibaldi's Mexican Restaurant**  
on Fredericksburg Rd.

For more information, please call the **Balcones Heights Business Alliance**  
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**857-9571.**



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## Mayor to Forego Salary

**C**utting the salaries of other San Antonio suburban cities, Balcones Heights Mayor Jim Craven proposed that his salary of \$350.00 per month be eliminated in the 2005-06 Budget and the 2006-08 mayoral term. Mayor Craven pointed out the mayoral salaries of the following cities:

Helotes .....	\$ 0
Hill Country	
Village .....	\$ 0
Castroville .....	\$ 40 per mtg.
Alamo Heights .....	\$ 1 per year
Terrell Hills .....	\$ 1 per year

Shavano Park .....	\$ 0
Castle Hills .....	\$ 0
Grey Forest .....	\$ 0
Hollywood Park .....	\$ 0
Leon Valley .....	\$ 0
Olmos Park .....	\$ 0
Poteet .....	\$ 0
Schertz .....	\$ 6 per mtg.
Selma .....	\$ 0
Elmendorf .....	\$ 0

The City Council agreed with the Mayor's request and voted to eliminate the Mayor's salary in the 2005-06 budget year and in the 2006-08 mayoral term of office by

a vote of 4 to 1 at the September 19 Council meeting. Voting against this action was Councilmember Steve Walker, who argued that Mayor Craven could voluntarily return his salary without affecting the next mayoral term.

The Mayor proposed that the money, \$4,200, be transferred to the City's Fire Department and used to purchase a new fire hose. The Council agreed and amended the budget by \$4,200 to add the purchase of the new fire hose to the Fire Department budget.

## Ordinance Prohibits Loose Animals

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kennel, and must then comply with all other city, county and state requirements for such operation, including permits and fees required by this chapter. – *Section 90.32 Permit Required*

All dogs or cats over the age of four months must be registered with the city and have a current vaccination against rabies. After payment of fees, (\$2.00) the City Secretary will issue to the owner a permit and

numbered tag for the dog or cat.

The tag is good for 12 months and must be affixed to the animal's collar throughout the year. The tag will be good for one year and must be renewed annually (with proof of rabies vaccination.) – *Section 90.55 Impoundment Procedure*

Dogs and cats running at large may be impounded by the City Animal Warden or a City Police Officer.

Dogs and cats impounded by the City Animal Warden or City Police Officer shall be kept by the City Veterinarian for a period not to exceed three days. Dogs and cats that remain unclaimed after three days

may be disposed of by a painless and humane method. – *Section 90:31 Vicious Animals*

It is unlawful for any person, firm, business, corporation or partnership to keep or harbor any dog or cat deemed to be vicious within the City. (Excluding guard dogs under control or in adequate fencing or enclosures).

Any dog, cat or other animal found running at large and attacking, or attempting to attack or bite, the City Animal Warden or City Police Officer may immediately and summarily destroy said dog or cat, or other animal. – *Section 90.18*



## Balcones Heights Hosts Alamo Pizza Festival

**“W**hen the moon hits your eye like a big pizza pie, that's amore,” goes the song made popular by singer Dean Martin. There was a full moon and crowds of pizza lovers at Crossroads Mall October 14-16 as Balcones Heights hosted the first annual Alamo Pizza Festival.

The festival kicked off on Friday evening with a reception featuring demonstrations by the United States Pizza Team and honoring San Antonio Red Cross volunteers. Saturday's events included a pizza eating contest, Alamo City Pro-Style Cheerleader Search competition and awards, free pizza samples, and the Best Pizza Competition. Sunday's events included the Biggest

Pizza Stretch, more demonstrations, more free pizza samples, and the Fastest Pizza Competition. In addition to competitors from San Antonio, participants included pizzeria pros from Austin, Fredericksburg, Houston, Spring, Amarillo, Ohio, and Indiana.

The event was sponsored by the Balcones Heights Convention and Visitors Bureau, Crossroads of San Antonio Mall, Texas Events Group, Pizza Management Quarterly, Roma Foods, Domino's Pizza, and Real California Cheese.

Media coverage included a segment on WOAI's San Antonio Living, KSAT-TV news, WOAI radio, Telemundo, and articles in the *San Antonio Express-News* and *San Antonio Current*.

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		1	2	3	4 	5
6	7	8 Planning and Zoning Meeting 6:00 p.m. Justice Center	9	10	11 Veterans Day City Offices will be closed.	12
13	14 City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. Justice Center	15	16	17 CVB Meeting 5:30 p.m. Justice Center	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Thanksgiving Holiday City Offices will be closed.	25 Thanksgiving Holiday City Offices will be closed.	26
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