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# City of Balcones Heights

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## Dear Residents of Balcones Heights

Did you know we are at a crossroads for crime watch in our city? We are at a standstill since no one seems interested anymore. We started in 1990 with so much interest, but recently there seems to be little effort from residents to become more active. We shouldn't let this program dissolve after so long a time. Crime Watch is an important activity for us and has been a help to the police since 1990. It takes effort to prepare the flyers and then for block captains to hand them out on their block. Give us your ideas to help keep Crime Watch alive in Balcones Heights.

**NOTE:** In 2004 we went back to monthly meetings in an effort to increase interest, but it didn't work.

### IDEAS:

Have block captains survey their block for yes or no to keep Crime Watch.

Have block captains take their responsibility as stated in 1990 when started.

Any other suggestions from you?

For meeting dates call me at 732-6857.

Betty Bryant  
 Crime Watch Chairman  
 210- 732-6857



## Ask the Manager

### Q Can I build a storage building in my back yard?

A Yes you can, however, first obtain a building permit from the City Building Inspector, David Cadena, 735-9148 ext. 246. The permit will outline the building's setback requirements, 60 feet back from front property line, 10 feet from back & side property lines, and behind main structure), the construction standard requirements, the drainage, electrical and fire-safety requirements. You cannot install water and sewer lines in a storage (accessory) building, but you can provide electricity.

### Q Can I build a small house for my mother-in-law in my back yard?

A No, not in single-family zoning. Secondary homes are not allowed in single family zoning in Balcones Heights.

### Q Can I build a carport in front of my home?

A No, under the zoning ordinance, you can only build a carport beside or behind your home, if enough room exists on your lot to meet the setback requirements, (10 feet from rear and side property lines, and behind the front of the home, and) the carport must be attached permanently to the main building.

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### CITY OFFICIALS

Jim Craven, Mayor  
 Bill Johnson, Mayor Pro Tem, Councilman, Place 5  
 Lucille Wohlfarth, Councilwoman, Place 4  
 Melissa Castro, Councilwoman, Place 3  
 Suzanne de Leon, Councilman, Place 2  
 Bennie Cass, Councilman, Place 1  
 Lanny S. Lambert, City Administrator

### Balcones Heights Justice Center

735-9148

#### City Roster

City Secretary	Delia Flores	x236	City Administrator	Lanny S. Lambert	x227
Asst. Court Clerk	Michelle Garcia	x224	Municipal Court Clerk	Yvonne Baez	x223
Asst. Police Chief	Robert de la Garza	x238	Police Chief	Kenneth Menn	x237
Detective Sgt.	Joyce Pena	x232	Police Secretary	Gracie Lerma	x222
Dispatcher		x225	Special Investigator	Lee Powers	x240
Director of Tourism	Lorenzo Nastasi	x230	Accts Payable/Payroll Clerk	JoAnn Vidal	x244



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## Ask the Manager (continued)

**Q** Can I build a fence in my front yard in front of my house?

**A** No, the fence cannot be constructed closer to the front property line than the front line of the main building on the lot, or the front line of the main building on the abetting lot. A fence can be built in the rear yard and cannot exceed six feet in height.

For all your construction questions, **CALL BEFORE YOU BUILD!** You will save yourself a lot of time, money, and problems, if you call before you build. David Cadena, Building Official, 735-9148, ext. 246.



## Balcones Heights Fire Department

By Ben Hoeffner, Fire Chief

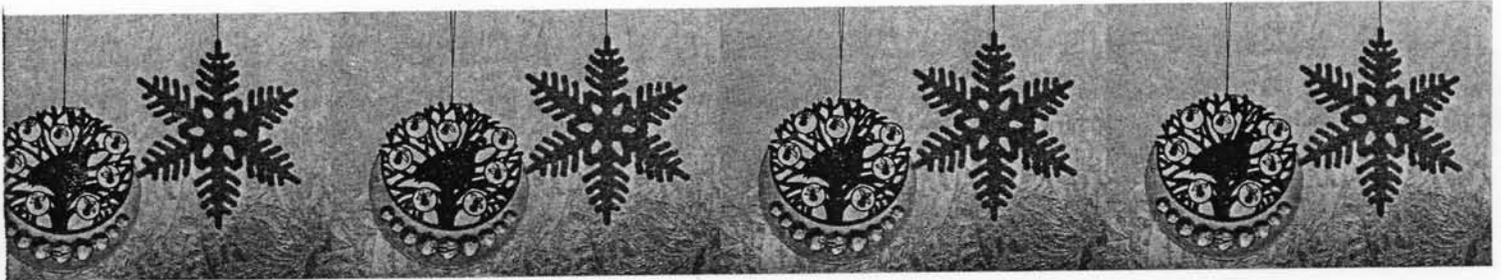
During the month of October the Fire Department responded to a structure fire at 203 Vivian. There was a substantial amount of damage. There were no injuries to residents or firefighters.

On Friday October 15, the Fire Department received a call for a woman in labor. Firefighters Mark Kight, Kevin Risner, and Raul Zamarripa assisted in delivering the beautiful girl prior to San Antonio EMS arrival. Mother and baby were transported to Methodist Hospital and are both doing fine.

The Annual Fire Safety Fair was held October 16, at Crossroads Mall. There were many participants. Thanks to San Antonio Fire Dept, Windcrest Fire Dept., Balcones Heights Fire Dept., Shertz Fire Dept., San Antonio Air Life, San Antonio Hazardous Materials Team and Via Metropolitan Transit. Also, a SPECIAL thanks to Coffee Cabana for donating coffee to the participants of this event. The coffee was good and greatly appreciated.

## Officer Lee Powers Retires

After 26 years of loyal service to the City of Balcones Heights Police Department and Fire Department, Special Investigator Troy L. Powers retired from active duty effective October 1, 2004. Investigator Powers was recognized by Mayor Jim Craven and the City council at the October 11, 2004 City Council meeting and awarded a plaque. Lee, thanks for a job well-done.



## FAMILY AND FRIENDS VISITING FOR THE HOLIDAYS?

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# Balcones Heights Business Alliance

The Alliance meets the first Wednesday following the City Council meeting. The next meeting will be November 10, 2004 at noon at Bonanza Family Steak House. Officers and Board members meet at 11:00 AM, prior to the membership meeting.

We will announce the results of the election of officers for the 2005 calendar year. TexDot is scheduled to give an update on the I10/410 interchange.

Dues are \$100 per year plus \$10 per month for each additional associate or \$10 per month per associate.

As well as being published in the monthly newsletter, meeting dates, places and times are advertised via e-mail. Please contact Mel Villarreal @ 229-1800 or Ana Rasmussen @ 515-1515 to be added to the notification list.

## The Cowboy Breakfast

The Business Alliance will be volunteering at the Cowboy Breakfast at Crossroads Mall in January 2005.

Businesses interested in joining the Alliance's various activities should contact Elizabeth Wells at 737-6086,

Lynn Calkin at 857-9571,  
Tiffany Gailan at 669-5721,  
Mel Villarreal at 229-1800 or  
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# Balcones Heights Business Alliance

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*Treasurer-Rodney Carr*

## *Board of Directors*

**Mike Alcoces**  
**Ana Rasmussen**  
**Lynn Calkin**

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**Mel Villarreal**

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#8	\$100	8x10

All sizes are approximate. Ad copy and payment must be to the Alliance no later than the 20th of the month prior to publication. Ads requiring a proof 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.

**Businesses are invited to participate in the 100 New Move-In packets distributed to apartment complexes each month. Coupons, flyers, brochures, small gifts are accepted.**

**Please contact Lynn Calkin @ 857-9571, Mike Alcoces @ 732-3039 or Tiffany Gailan @ 669-5721.**

***The Balcones Heights Business Alliance wishes you a safe and happy Holiday Season.***

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**Business Alliance meeting on November 10, 2004 at noon at**

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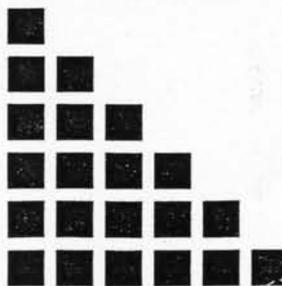


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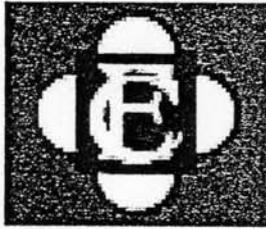
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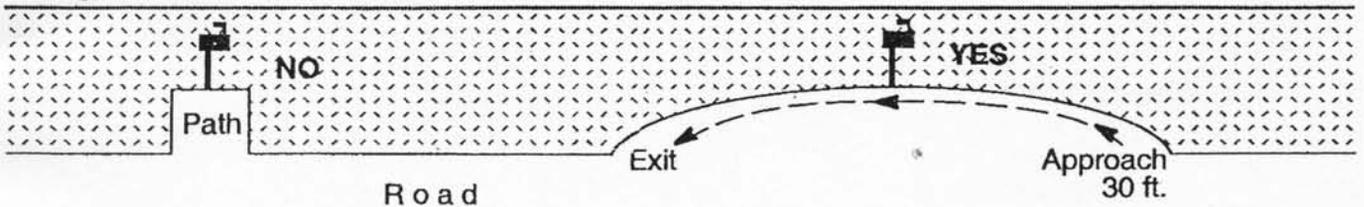
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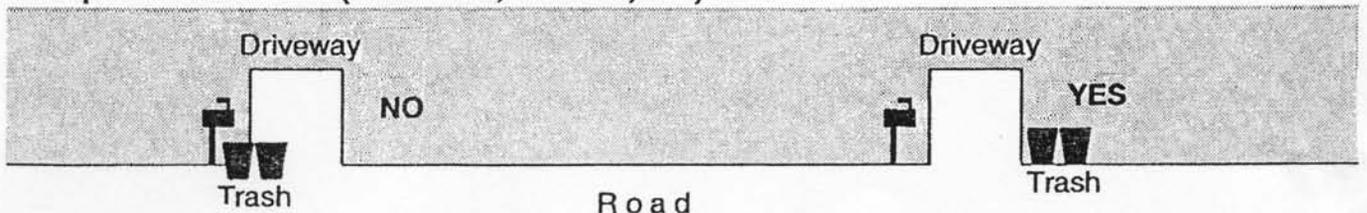
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### Example: Snow Removal



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## November 2004 Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <i>Planning and Zoning Meeting</i>  6:00 p.m. Justice Center	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. Justice Center	9	10	11 <i>Veterans Day</i> City Offices Closed	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 Convention and Visitors Bureau Meeting 5:30 p.m. Justice Center	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 <i>Thanksgiving Day</i> City Offices Closed	26  City Offices Closed	27
28	29	30				