



The Balcones Woods Newsletter

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Fireworks on the 4th !



On Sunday, July 4, look for the spectacular fireworks display at the Quarries area next to our neighborhood. The fireworks will begin at 9:30 or when adequately dark.

The Independence Day celebration, hosted by Hyde Park Baptist Church, begins at 6:00 p.m. with food service and kids activities. Worship service is at 8:00 p.m. and ice cream will be served at 9:00.

This event is open to the public, and there is a nominal fee for the meal. If you are planning on attending and dining, please e-mail bob@gottesmanco.com so the food servers can get an accurate head count.

Pamela Villars of Mesa Park lists a web site that has helpful hints for dog owners whose dogs are afraid of loud noises:
www.uwsp.edu/psych/dog/lib-prob.htm#loud

Please remember that except for July 4th, the Quarries is officially still not open to the public due to construction insurance limitations.

July 4th BW Parade and Pool Activities

As we went to press, the parade and pool party details were being worked out. So please be sure to check www.balconeswoods.org or the message board at the front of Balcones Woods as we get closer to the 4th. Thanks!

Davis Elementary Playgroup

Just a quick note to let you know that an informal summer playgroup is forming NOW for children who will be entering kindergarten in the fall. If you would like to learn more about this group and the activities planned for the summer, please contact Debbie Bergvall at dbergvall@earthlink.net.

Swim Team Results

Did you know you can get results of the Swim Team on www.balconeswoods.org? The Balcones Woods Blue Wave Swim Team, a member of the Austin Aquatic League, is a summer swim team open to Balcones Woods residents and employees who are younger than 19 as of June 1. It's been one of the most successful neighborhood swim programs in Austin!

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Balcones Woods Operating Committee Meetings

are held at 7:00 p.m. at 4001 Cordova Drive. Meetings are scheduled for the second Wednesday of the month.

**Next Meeting:
July 14**

Board Of Directors Meeting

**July 13
7:30 pm - 9:00 pm
Seton Northwest Hospital**

Meetings will begin at 7:30 p.m., Conference Room A on the 3rd floor of Seton Northwest Hospital.

Meetings are scheduled for the second Tuesday of appropriate months. Meeting dates may be changed as necessitated by circumstance. Summer meeting locations may be changed to the pool/common area.

Pool Hours & Reservation Info

The pool will be open seven days a week 12:00-10:00 with the last hour reserved for adult swim. After swim team season, the pool hours will change to 10:00am-10:00pm (9:00-10:00 adult swim).

Reservations for Park/Pool

Parties: Park and Pool parties must be reserved through the pool manager. You may contact Ryan Perez (Pool Manager) via email at poolmanager@balconeswoods.org

Balcones Woods policy is one party at a time, for two hours. More time will be allowed if the pool/park is not reserved. The party gets access to the pool and the park. For fees and deposit information, see below:

Fees Charged [Swim Season Only]: Parties with only residents or 1-10 non-residents will not be charged. A \$25.00 fee will be charged for 11-31 non-resident swimmers and a \$50.00 fee for 32-52 non-resident swimmers. All parties with greater than 52 non-residents must have board approval at least two weeks prior to date of reservation. Fees will be collected at time of party. Deposit Required [Swim Season/Non-Swim Season]: A \$100.00 deposit will be required when reservation is made for parties of 11 or more non-residents or \$25 for parties of 10 or less non-residents. This deposit will be forfeited if proper clean up is not completed.

For more information or to download the form, please visit: www.balconeswoods.org (click on: Commons Area>Commons Area Reservation Form)

Blue Wave Swim Team

June 26 HOME Championship

It's the last swim meet...

Come out and show your support!



Upcoming Balcones Woods Parties

August 7- BW Adult Party at the Pool 7PM-10PM. BBQ, Beer, Margaritas and Soda will be there. Bring a side dish to share!

September 18- Casino Party at the Pool 7PM-10PM. We need volunteers to help at the tables.

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directory@balconeswoods.org for more information.

Deadlines for submission is June 30.

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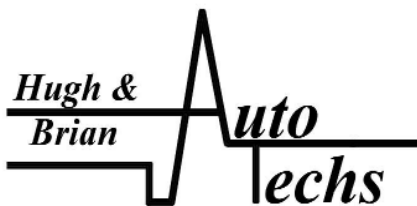
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I have heard that we are a pretty welcoming community, but I am surprised to find out that someone has moved in 2 or 3 houses away from you and you have not introduced yourself to them. This does not pertain to all-- I have some wonderful street greeters who let me know the minute some new residents appear. Please call me whether you have welcomed a new resident or if you notice someone moving in.

Also, if you notice a For Sale or Lease sign go up, please let me know. There are a lot of people moving in and moving out, so my job becomes like detective work.

A HUGE THANK YOU to Scarlett Spivey, Loretta Vineyard, and Shannon Shaw, who have been so helpful in welcoming people.

Besides being a safety patrol sponsor at Davis, welcoming is one of my most favorite jobs!

-Nancy Reed, 338-4110, nellie@austin.rr.com
Welcoming Committee

Quarries Update

The Five Neighborhoods United/Hyde Park Baptist Church coordinating committee met May 17.

Construction

Phase III (Christian Life Center, CLC). Project is in the city permitting and construction bid evaluation stage. Construction could start during late June. Completion of construction is not known at this time.

Access

Please remember that the Quarries is officially still not open to the public due to construction insurance limitations.

The next committee meeting is scheduled for August 8 at 7:00 p.m. at Seton NW. For additional information or issues please contact:

Tom Terry 459-6820 day tomkerry@hotmail.com

Booklovers

Every month, on the second Tuesday, in our neighborhood there is a gathering of like people ...Booklovers!

The Balcones Woods Book Club has been meeting for nearly four years. From best sellers to award winners to Oprah picks to biographies, the list of books that have been reviewed so far is impressive. Hosts volunteer their homes as meeting places, and some even attempt to tie in the snacks with the theme of the book. The discussion is often prompted by probing questions available on the book publisher's website. Come and join the fun. Here is a look the book club calendar for the next few months.

For the month of July (13th), the group selected a fun and easy to read novel by Jennifer Weiner called *Good in Bed*.

August has its own tradition of joining the One Book/One City Program sponsored by the Mayor's office and Austin Public Libraries. The classic *All the Pretty Horses* by Cormac McCarthy is this year's selection. On the 10th of August, our meeting will be poolside at the Commons Area.

In September we will be reviewing a current Pulitzer Prize winner, *Middlesex*, by Jeffrey Eugenides.

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Please call 345-9450 to register to plan/host a block party for National Night Out. You will receive a goodie bag to be used on August 3 that includes freebies to give away. Your party will also be registered with APD for a visit from an officer!

Davis Elementary

"Splash into Davis" Party

What: A swim party at the Balcones Woods Pool. When: Saturday, August 7 from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. RSVP to: Debbie Bergvall, 335-8359 or dbergvall@earthlink.net

Ice Cream Social

What: An ice cream social to let you meet your child's classmates. Find out who your teacher will be the school year and pick up your school supplies (if you pre-ordered them this spring from the school's PTA). When: August 12 at 5:00 p.m. and ends at 6:30 p.m. Look for the "Kindergarten Table" at this event. We need a couple of "volunteer families" to serve as table greeters -- if you can volunteer, please e-mail Diana Dworin at dianadworin@mindspring.com


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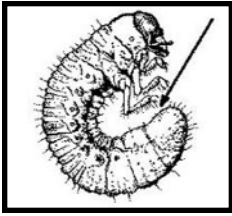
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Large grubs found in early spring do not warrant treatment. Grubs found in the spring are preparing to pupate and then turn into adults. Grub treatment should be applied mid-June through mid-July to target newly hatched grubs of beetles flying in May and June.

Check for white grub damage and presence before deciding to treat. Cut soil sections at various areas of the yard, including suspected grub areas. Treatment is warranted when 5 white grubs per square foot are counted. Consider performing a spot treatment in heavily infested areas to save on costs. Preventative treatments are not recommended.

Beneficial nematodes are available for managing white grubs, but need moisture to move through soil. Turf should be watered before and after nematode application. Insecticidal treatments may also be used to manage white grubs. If soil is very dry, water about 1/2 inch the day before treatment to encourage grubs to move closer to the soil surface.

Liquid or granular insecticides may be used for white grubs. Do not apply if rain-fall is expected and sweep up any spilled material on driveways, sidewalks or streets. Read and follow all label instructions and application rates.



For more information, contact Wizzie Brown at 512.854.9600.

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