



# The Balcones Woods Newsletter

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MAY 2004

## Calendar

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## Splash Day !!!



Patrick and Allison Manning Lorino were first in the pool this year.

*May 24*

## Bulky Items Collection

**Please have your bulky items at the curb by 6:30 a.m.**

For information, please call 494-9400 or visit [www.austinrecycles.com](http://www.austinrecycles.com).  
City of Austin, Solid Waste Services

## Balcones Woods 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 location may be changed to the pool/common area.

## Quarries Update

The next event in the Quarries will be held:

**May 30, 5:00 p.m.**- Dedication of the Christian Life Center.

This event will not draw a large crowd so no 'Special Events' planning has been put in place.

Tom Terry is our neighborhood committee contact. He can be reached at: e-mail: tomkterry@hotmail.com phone during day is 459-6820.

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## Balcones Woods Operating Committee Meetings

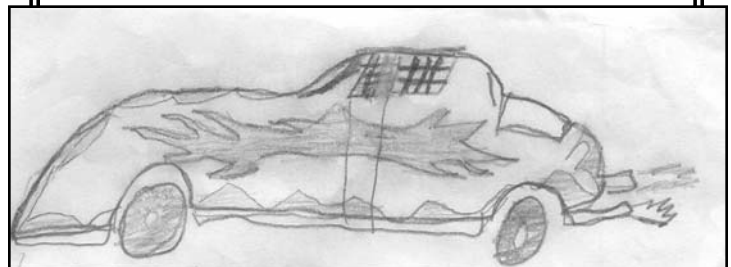
are held at 7:00 p.m., at 4001 Cordova Drive. Meetings are scheduled for the second Wednesday of the month. Join the Yahoo Groups email list to get email updates.

**Next Meetings:**

**June 9**

**July 14**

## Balcones Woods Artist of the Month



Thanks to Austin Hennig, age 9.

## Pool Hours and Reservation Information

The pool will be open weekends from 12:00-10:00 (9:00-10:00 adult swim) until the end of the AISD school year.

Once school is out, the pool will be open seven days a week 12:00-10:00 (with 9:00-10:00 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](mailto: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. A deposit is required to make sure the area is picked up after the party. A signed form and deposit are required at time of booking.

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

# Blue Wave

## Swim Team MEET Schedule

*Come Out and Show Your Support !!*

May 29	<b>HOME</b> vs. Great Hills/Jester
June 5	<b>HOME</b> - IntraMural
June 12	<b>HOME</b> - Tri-Mural
June 19	<b>AWAY</b> vs. Westover
June 26	<b>HOME</b> - Championship

## New Feature...Where Are They Now?

In the February issue, we featured former resident and current policeman Josh Blake. If you have a story about a former Balcones Woods resident, let us know at [newsletter@balconeswoods.org](mailto:newsletter@balconeswoods.org).

Thanks to Cindy Gilmer for the story idea!

## Balcones Woods Work Day

We missed some Thank You's last issue for the April Work Day at the Commons and Pool area. A Big Thanks to Jerry Winberry, Shayda Torabi, Sydney Torabi, and Mike Torabi!

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## Are you *NEW* to Balcones Woods?

Welcome to your new neighborhood--it's a great community in which to live. We hope you have found your neighbors friendly and helpful. If you need additional information, you will find it in the neighborhood directory (contact Nancy Reed, 338-4110, at: [welcometo@balconeswoods.org](mailto:welcometo@balconeswoods.org) for a directory).

There is a security gate at the Commons Area. You will need a key to get into the pool, playground, and sports courts.

We have two great adult parties every year in the pool area – one of them is Casino Night – always a big hit. We also have Splash Day, a party for all ages that officially opens our swim season. You won't want to miss the Fourth of July Parade either (it would be hard to!) Not everything happens during the warm weather, Santa comes to the park every December and the Easter Bunny never misses our Annual Easter Egg Hunt.

If you have any questions, please visit [www.balconeswoods.org](http://www.balconeswoods.org) or contact a Board or Operating Committee member.

**Welcome Home!**

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# There's a Bug in my Soup!

At home, having a bug in your soup most likely would be limited to dry instant soup mixes, but is possible. There are numerous insects that infest stored products and you will probably have to deal with them at least once in your lifetime. These pests are typically brought into the home by infested products.

The best way to eliminate a pantry pest problem is to locate and remove all infested food items. Removing the item is the easy part; finding the infestation is not always so simple. Begin with the oldest food items and make sure to inspect unopened food items since these can also be a source. If you find a box with an infestation, do not stop inspecting; more than one food item can be infested.

Sometimes infestations occur in areas that are not logical. I spoke with a woman who had rice weevils in her bathroom and didn't know how they got there. I recommended that she clean out under the bathroom sink to look for anything that might be a food item for the weevils- potpourri, dried flowers, etc. She called the next day to tell me that her aunt had made pouches to heat in the microwave to soothe sore muscles- they were filled with rice! Problem solved! Since she didn't want to throw away the pouches, I suggested to change out the rice or to freeze the item for about a week to kill the insects.

Here are some tips for pantry pest infestations:

- Inspect food at the store before you buy it.
- Do not buy broken or damaged products.
- Immediately clean up all spilled food, including in the cupboard or pantry.
- Vacuum food debris from cracks on pantry shelves periodically.
- Discard old food items.
- Try to use food within 2 to 4 months.
- Seal items that will be used for longer periods, such as spices, in airtight containers.
- Store pet food and birdseed in sealed plastic, metal, or glass containers.
- Use heat or cold to treat food items.
- Place in oven at 130o F for one hour.
- Place in freezer for one to two weeks.

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## How I spent my Spring Break (and lived to tell about it)

It was the call every parent fears.

A law enforcement officer was calling Jackie Balsam to inform her that her daughter was found safe--but her Ford Explorer had been washed into an onrushing torrent of water at the crossing. The thankful mother's emotions turned quickly. The officer had said "your daughter was safe." But **both** of her daughters were together! Frantically, Jackie called 911 and learned that both were found but shaken up.

Melissa Gimenez, 20, and her sister Laura, 18, were spending their spring break at Garner State Park. Around 8:30 in the evening, as they were settling into their shelter, heavy rains began to creep into the cabin. The young women grabbed their belongings and threw them into their SUV. They checked with the park ranger about the safest route and decided to head for higher ground. Not far from the park, they suddenly found themselves floating in

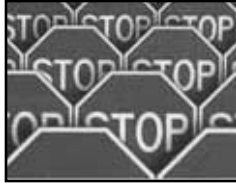
a pasture---in four feet of water! The water reached the bottom of their windows. Their Explorer moved back and forth. Immersed in water, the electrical system was failing. The horn groaned, and the lights were barely visible.

Unknown to Melissa and Laura, another family was trapped in a nearby vehicle. Suddenly the vehicles collided, forcing the Explorer hood down in the water. The interior began filling with water, and the electric windows were useless. Breaking a window, the women abandoned their SUV and climbed into a tree. Emergency workers found the Melissa, Laura, and the family around 11:30 p.m. The lucky survivors were treated for hypothermia, cuts, and scrapes.

Melissa and Laura have encountered a few apprehensive periods during rainy weather since their rescue, but have gratefully returned to normal lives.

Story by Scarlett Spivey

# Balcones Woods Drivers



We continue to receive e-mails from our neighbors about the speeding and running of stop signs in our small area.

“I would urge, no plead, with my neighbors in Balcones Woods to drive in our neighborhood in a more friendly law abiding fashion. I am out on the streets of Balcones Woods quite a bit and observe blatant disregard for speed limits, stop signs, and general courtesy.”

“These driving habits endanger other folks lives, set very bad examples for the younger folks, and, get this, break the law.”

“I have been nearly hit while jogging or walking several times by drivers running stop signs. I have observed incredibly dangerous and aggressive driving and have heard many stories of the same from other neighbors.”

“I truly beg you to drive more safely within our own neighborhood. After all you and your family live here.”

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- \*Book Club
- \*Bridge Club
- \*Meal Circle
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## Cello Lessons and Beginning Piano Lessons

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# Anderson Trojans Post-Season Honors

## All State 4A

Analise Herrera -200 Medley Relay  
Katelyn Erickson -200 Medley Relay, 200 Freestyle, 50 Freestyle, 200 Free Relay\*, 100 Backstroke, 400 Free Relay  
Lesley Murray -200 Medley Relay, 50 Freestyle, 100 Butterfly, 100 Freestyle, 200 Free Relay\*, 400 Free Relay  
Randalyn Johnson -200 Medley Relay, 200 Free Relay\*, 400 Free Relay  
Kristina Syvarth - 200 Freestyle, 200 Free Relay\*, 400 Free Relay  
Kara Armstrong -100 Butterfly

## The girls 200 Freestyle Relay Finished Second at the State Championships.

Ryan Rivette -200 Medley Relay, 400 Freestyle Relay  
Jonathan Rigg -200 Medley Relay, 100 Breaststroke  
Jordan Deathe -200 Medley Relay  
Lee Bohne - 200 Medley Relay, 400 Freestyle Relay  
Bailey Fellows -400 Freestyle Relay  
Steven Larson-400 Freestyle Relay

## Members of the All Region Team include the previous swimmers plus:

Randalyn Johnson - 500 Free, 100 Free  
Stephanie Guariglia-200 IM, 100 Breaststroke  
Tina Smith -200 IM, 100 Butterfly  
Analise Herrera - 100 Backstroke, 500 Free, 400 Free Relay  
Kara Armstrong -200 Medley Relay, 200 IM  
Kristina Syvarth -200 Freestyle, 500 Freestyle  
Zac Sarich -200 Freestyle, 500 Freestyle  
Adam Harlow -100 Breaststroke, 200 Free Relay  
Ryan Rivette -100 Backstroke, 200 Free Relay  
Jordan Deathe -200 Freestyle Relay, 100 Butterfly  
Jonathan Rigg -100 Butterfly  
Lee Bohne - 100 Freestyle, 200 Free Relay

**Members of the All District Team include all of the above plus:** Becca Covington, Sean Carroll, Dallas Olsen, Matt Kennedy, Allison Gilmer, Andrew Woelke, Kathryn Isaacson, Chris Hoffman, Katie-Rose Newton, Kara Denney, Liz Cline, Alecia Koach, Casey Collier, Jillian Tijerina

Thanks to Zack Rivette for the information.

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