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MARCH 2004

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Spring Neighborhood Garage Sale

Saturday, April 24

Contact: Michele Champlin, 346-9213

A \$5 Donation includes your address on maps handed out at the entrance of the neighborhood, balloons and streamers on your mailbox, and a neighborhood ad in the *Austin American Statesman*.

JOIN THE BLUE WAVE SWIM TEAM



Registration:
Saturday, March 27th
10-2 at the Pool

1st Swimmer \$85; Add'l Swimmer \$80

(Prior swimmers will receive registration packets in the mail the 1st week of March)

For More Info, Please Contact:

Julie Vander Stoep
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Balcones Woods Board Of Directors Meeting

May 11
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
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If you are interested in having the officers visit you and your neighbors or any group you may be involved with, please let me know as soon as possible. I don't need a meeting date today only that you would be interested. We are working to set up these meetings as soon as possible.

Thanks,
Yolanda Buchman
Austin Police Department
Office of Community Liaison
974-4719
802-4150 pager

Or contact: Tom Terry at: tomkterry@hotmail.com

Balcones Woods Operating Committee Meetings

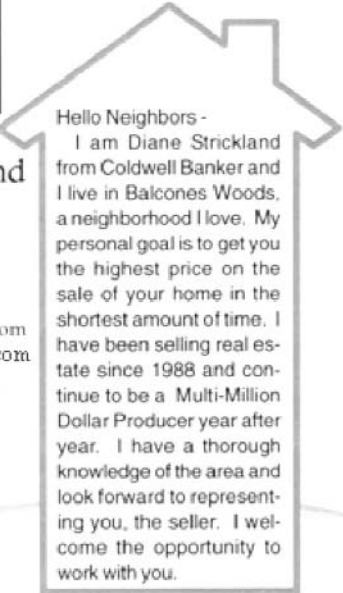
are held at 7:00 p.m., at 4001 Cordova Drive.
Meetings are scheduled for the second Wednesday of
the month. Join the Yahoo Groups email list to get
email updates.

Future dates:

April 14

May 12

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Are you *NEW* to the 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 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.

Wonder what goes on in Balcones Woods? Check the marquee at the entrance, go to the website, read the newsletter, or ask an operating committee or board member. There is always something happening.

Do you wish you hadn't packed everything when you moved? Don't worry, we have two neighborhood garage sales a year – in spring it is hosted by the Blue Wave Swim Team and in the fall by the Operating Committee. They do a lot of the work for you. For a \$5 donation, they list the event in the paper, put up signs, hand out maps, and put balloons on your mailbox so no one will miss your house.

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 or contact a Board or Operating Committee member.

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Meal Circle

*They really do bring meals
to your home!*

Renee Brandon was expecting a baby and had just moved into the neighborhood. She received a quick visit from Nancy Reed of the Welcoming Committee. Nancy told her of the Balcones Woods Meal Circle--a group of devoted neighbors who bring meals to your home. She mentioned that Renee should contact the Meal Circle after the delivery.

"People in the neighborhood could not be more welcoming," Renee thought. "But it was hard to believe people would actually deliver meals to your house when the time came." Then two weeks of delicious meals came, often double meals every other day. "It was fabulous!" Renee exclaimed. Her baby Sophia was an early delivery, which added to the tough move she and husband had made from Crestview. "It made us appreciate it even more," Renee says. Her favorites were the Italian Sausage and pasta, and certainly, the homemade pies.

"Meal Circle is a service that helps make this neighborhood very special," says Jodi Schrobilgen, who is the program's contact person. "It is neighbors taking care of neighbors in need of a helping hand." Maybe a neighbor has fallen ill or someone on your street has just had a baby. The Meal Circle is open to everyone!!! That includes EVERYONE who would like to cook--and we can always use new cooks. All we need is your e-mail address and you'll get an e-mail telling you when and who needs help. Neighbors are the eyes and ears for Meal Circle.

If you're interested in learning more, being on the Meal Circle e-mail list, or know of a family that could use this service, visit the web site (www.balconeswoods.org) or e-mail us at mealcircle@balconeswoods.org.

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Need a string quartet for a special occasion? How about a portrait in pastels or prismacolor? Contact All-State violist and award-winning artist Ellen Murray at 346-2901

Editor's Note: If you are under 18 and would like to post a free ad for work or a service, please e-mail us at newsletter@balconeswoods.org or mail/drop off your ad to: 11408 Calle Verde Cove, Austin, TX 78759. Be sure to include an ok or permission note from your parent and a telephone number or e-mail address. Because space is limited, we reserve the right to edit ads and will run them on a first come, first served basis. Thanks!



EASTER EGG HUNT

Have your picture taken with the Easter Bunny!
"Egg"stra Special Prizes!

Sunday, April 4

Promptly at 2:00 pm
Balcones Woods Commons Area

for ages up to 8 years old

Neighborhood Online--Join the Group Email list!

Visit the Balcones Woods Group Page at: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/balconeswoods>. You can sign-in or subscribe.

We Sell Ad Space Here

The Balcones Woods newsletter rates are as follows:

Display Ad Dimensions and Rates

- Full page 7 3/4" wide x 10" deep \$100 per issue
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(horizontal only)
- 1/4 page 3 3/4" wide x 5" deep \$ 40 per issue
- Business card size ad \$ 20 per issue

All ad copy is subject to approval by the publisher, and no political ads will be accepted. As space is limited, placement is on a first come, first served basis. For more information, please contact us at 476-8463 (work) or newsletter@balconeswoods.org. Thank you!

Anderson Trojans in UIL 4A State Swim Finals

Once again, Balcones Woods swimmers propelled the Anderson Trojans in swimming competition. At the Texas Swimming Center in Austin, February 20-21, the girls' team finished in sixth place of 47 teams while the boys' team finished 37th of 51 teams. Complete state results can be found at:
http://www.tisca.org/2004UILStateMeetFiles/4a_uil_state_swimming_Results.htm

This event marked the final Anderson swim for our graduating seniors: Katelyn Erickson, Stephanie Guariglia, Analise Herrera, Tina Smith, and Jordan Deathe. We wish them all the best and hope they will return to cheer us on in "5A." They have set a high standard for future Anderson swimmers, and we would be remiss if we did not acknowledge the contribution of our captains - Katelyn Erickson and Jonathan Rigg - who provided leadership and inspiration for our team particularly at the District, Regional, and State meets.

Finals Results

Girls 200-Yard Medley Relay: Anderson "A" - Analise Herrera, Stephanie Guariglia, Kara Armstrong, Randalyn Johnson (11th)

Boys 200-Yard Medley Relay: Anderson "A" - Ryan Rivette, Jonathan Rigg, Jordan Deathe, Lee Bohne (11th)

Girls 200-Yard Free: Katelyn Erickson (10th)

Girls 200 Yard IM: Kara Armstrong (7th)

Girls 50-Yard Free: Lesley Murray (10th), Randalyn Johnson (15th)

Girls 100-Yard Fly: Lesley Murray (7th)

Girls 200-Yard Free Relay: Anderson "A" - Katelyn Erickson, Randalyn Johnson, Kristina Syvarth, Lesley Murray (2nd)

Girls 100-Yard Backstroke: Katelyn Erickson (8th)

Girls 400-Yard Free Relay: Anderson "A" - Lesley Murray, Kristina Syvarth, Randalyn Johnson, Katelyn Erickson (5th)

Thanks to Zack Rivette for the article.

Balcones Woods Swimmers Qualify for South Texas Age Group Championships

Shelby Kiser
Shayda Torabi

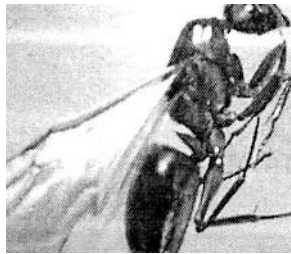
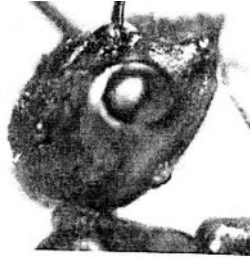
Timmy Murray (adopted BW'er)
Sydney Torabi

Lesley Murray
Laura Wagner

We hope we didn't overlook anyone. Thanks to Huddie Murray.

Carpenter Ants... tearing down the house?

Carpenter ants nest outdoors in dead wood (tree stumps or dead limbs, fences, firewood). Indoors, they can be found in wood siding, beams, joists, fascia boards or trim. Damage is usually limited since carpenter ants tunnel and nest within in the wood; they do not eat wood. However, wood can become weakened by the ants' excavation. Carpenter ant excavation may be identified by the clean, smooth walls. Galleries are excavated following the grain of the wood. Nest locations may be discovered by searching for piles of sawdust-looking material under exit holes. Sawdust piles may also contain soil or sand, uneaten insects as well as dead ants from the colony.



Carpenter ants are able to enter homes through tree branches or utility lines touching the home, cracks and crevices around windows and doors, cracks in foundation walls, ventilation openings or heating and air conditioning ducts.

Here are some tips to reduce the chance of a carpenter ant infestation:

- * replace wood that is water damaged
- * repair plumbing leaks
- * prune trees & shrubs that touch the home
- * remove wood debris & firewood that is near the home
- * provide good ventilation under the home & in the attic
- * keep exposed wood in good condition
- * drain water away from the home

For more information, contact Wizzie Brown, Extension Agent-IPM, Travis County, at (512) 854-9600.

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Balcones Woods Neighborhood Clubs

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- *Babysitting Co-Op
- *Book Club
- *Bridge Club
- *Meal Circle
- *Friday Preschool Playgroup

For more information, visit www.balconeswoods.org, and click on clubs.

“Welcome to Davis Elementary Club”

Marine Activities, Resources and Education Ocean Week Tour - Tour the hallways at Davis and view our school's incredible transformation for Marine Activities, Resources and Education Ocean Week. It starts **April 1 promptly at 2:00 p.m.**, so please be on time. After the tour, we'll have snacks and drinks at the picnic tables. Siblings are welcome. **Where:** Davis Elementary School, 5214 Duval Road, in the front lobby. **RSVP:** By March 29, 2004 to dianadworin@mindspring.co, Diana Dworin, 336-3939.

Science Lab Experiment with Judy Okimura, Science Lab Teacher and one of the friendliest folks at Davis---Judy will lead students in a special experiment designed for preschoolers. **When: April 16, 2004** from 2:00-2:30 p.m. **Where:** Davis Elementary, Science Lab portable building. **RSVP:** By April 1, 2004 to jdaniels6@austin.rr.com, Jenny Daniels, 345-1454.

Kindergarten Round-Up for the upcoming 2004-2005 school year. **When: May 4-5** at 8:00 a.m. at the Davis Elementary school cafeteria. **RSVP:** Amy Wassel or Cindy Garza, 414-2580. To make your reservation on-line, choose one of the dates and e-mail davis179@austin.isd.tenet.edu
FYI: This important event is designed for parents to register their preschool children for the upcoming school year. Please watch for more information in upcoming weeks about what to expect at Round-Up.

NEW EVENT! "Countdown to Kindergarten" Party- A celebration at Inflatable Wonderland to kick off your child's enrollment in the 2004-2005 kindergarten class. Refreshments for this event will be provided by "The Tile Guy," our group's wonderful Partner in Education! ("The Tile Guy" is a tile supply store owned by Kevin Lorino and Michelle Manning, who are the parents of Patrick Manning Lorino. Patrick is an incoming kindergartener.) **When: Sunday, May 9** (Mother's Day) from 1:00-3:00 p.m. **Where:** Inflatable Wonderland at Northcross Mall, 2525 West Anderson Lane. **RSVP** to the E-Vite invitation that will be sent to your e-mail address. *FYI: Join us for this fun event at the "hopping-est" place in town! Inflatable Wonderland has several jumping tents, slides and other air-filled attractions designed for bouncing and climbing. Admission is \$5 per child -- a special discounted rate for Davis families. Siblings and friends of Davis are welcome to attend! * For more information about Inflatable Wonderland, please visit: <http://www.sock-hop.com/wonderland.html>. * For more information about products and services by The Tile Guy, please visit: <http://www.thetileguy.com/index.html>*

Playdate at Davis on the Davis playscape on **May 23** from 3:00-5:00 p.m. (weather permitting). Join us on the north side of the building and bring a blanket to sit on and your own drinks and snacks. Siblings are welcome.

Links to Davis and AISD websites

- * Davis Elementary School website: <http://www.austinschools.org/davis/>
- * Austin Independent School District website: <http://www.austin.isd.tenet.edu/>

The first day of school is Tuesday, August 17, 2004. The bell rings at 7:45 a.m.
For a complete 2004-05 district calendar, please visit: <http://www.austin.isd.tenet.edu/k12/calendars/>

To contact the Pre-Kindergarten Outreach Committee for Will Davis Elementary School, please e-mail or phone:
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