



The Balcones Woods Newsletter

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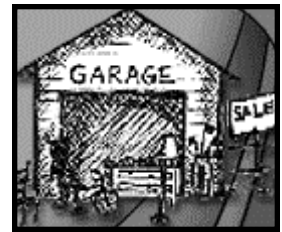
Editor's Note:
Sorry, we're running a little late with this issue. We wanted to get some last minute stories in and we appreciate your patience.

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Neighborhood Garage Sale

Yes, it's time to register for the Fall Garage Sale on November 13. For only \$5 we will handle all the promotion, you just have to get your stuff ready.

To register, contact Sheri Radomsky, 4803 Gerona Dr. Come by and pick up a packet, or email sheriradomsky@hotmail.com. Call 527-8581 for information.



Halloween Trick? No, but Harrison Smith had some fun after he found one of the original Nash Phillips Copus signs that were once in front of almost every home when the Balcones Woods subdivision first opened. Harrison received almost a dozen responses to buy his home and fooled several of his neighbors.



Congratulations to our neighbor Joseph Delarosa for being accepted into the New Mexico Military Institute, also known as the West Point of the West. Joseph also helped deliver the Balcones Woods newsletter to our doorsteps last year.

We also want to thank David Vineyard and Rachael Douglas for their excellent work in delivering the newsletter each month to you.



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Secrets of the Haunted House...

How does neighbor Ray Kohler and his family create the creepy house on Balcones Woods each Halloween? Stay tuned for the November issue to find out!

Balcones Woods Board Of Directors Meeting

The next meeting is:

**November 9
7:30 p.m.
11104 Alhambra**

Mark your calendars!

The next NW Area Commander's forum is scheduled for November 9 at 7:00 p.m. Join us at Covenant United Methodist Church, 4410 Duval Rd. (Intersection of Duval and Santa Cruz).

These forums are excellent venues to meet the APD police officers, leaders, and support staff who work our part of town. The meetings include presentations by the area staff on programs in our area and offer an opportunity for civilians to ask questions and voice concerns.

Tom Terry's tenure representing the Northwest Area on the Forum has expired and at least two new members from our area will be elected at the Commander's Forum on Nov. 9. Any interested persons should make their wishes known at the Forum.

This will be a budget meeting. Meetings are scheduled for the second Tuesday of appropriate months. Since meeting dates can change, please e-mail newsletter@balconeswoods.org, a board member, check the web site at [balcones woods.org](http://balconeswoods.org), or check the community message board.

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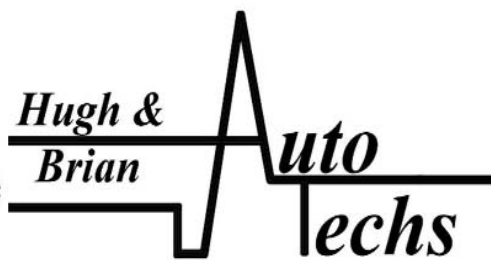
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Got news?

We're always looking for stories, announcements, and ads for your neighborhood newsletter.

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The deadline is usually the 5th of the month. Thank you!

Contact:

newsletter@balconeswoods.org
418-9722 evenings

Gym Equipment Needed

Dear Neighbors,

My church youth group visits an orphanage in Nuevo Laredo Mexico every year, and this year we would like to take gym equipment for their new facility. It doesn't have to be anything fancy or new, just working. Do you or friends have any equipment that you're not using? I would be happy to write a formal note of thanks with the estimated dollar value for tax purposes.

Thanks!

Mary Morales 241-1284
Balcones Woods Drive

P.S. Our deadline is November 5 for contacting me. Thank you!

Covenants Information

One of the benefits of living in a controlled neighborhood like Balcones Woods is the restrictions which keep our neighborhood one of the best looking in Austin. These restrictions are a part of the Deed of Trust for each lot in Balcones Woods, and as such are legally enforceable. One of the responsibilities of the Operating Committee is to identify and correct violations of these restrictions.

Penalties can range widely from a special assessment for the cost to correct the discrepancy to losing swimming pool and other common area privileges. Lawsuits are another option, but avoidable by compliance with the Deed Restrictions and Bylaws.

If you need a copy of the Deed Restrictions etc., it is online at www.Balconeswoods.org or if you have misplaced your copy, replacements are available.

We should all exercise common courtesy to our neighbors, and respect their adherence to the rules by doing the same. We can all benefit from a desirable neighborhood where the appearance can result in higher resale values.

BYLAWS OF BALCONES WOODS CLUB, INC.

ARTICLE VIII

POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Powers. The Board of Directors shall have the power to:

(h) Cause the exterior of any dwelling to be maintained when such is deemed necessary by the board of directors and to levy a special assessment against each lot for the cost thereof, provided that the member is given due notice and opportunity to correct any maintenance deficiency.

Here is a list of the most frequent complaints received by the Covenants and Restrictions volunteer:

1. Garbage cans left out before/after pickup. Receptacles should not be visible from the street when being stored.
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- *add on to the outside of your home a porch or room,
- *erect a new fence or replace yours with one that is different from the original, or
- *pour concrete, build a pool, etc.

you must contact the Architecture Committee for approval.



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Editor's Note: If you are 18 or under and would like to post a free ad, please e-mail us at newsletter@balconeswoods.org or call 338-4971. Because space is limited, we reserve the right to edit and will run ads on a first come-first served basis.

Thanks!

Anderson Swim Update

Round Rock was the place as the Anderson girls finished fourth and the Anderson boys finished in fifth on October 8. Twenty six teams competed as Anderson Coach Brian Churchin was pleased with the results of his young team's first foray in Class 5A competition. "We had the Lady Trojan 200 Medley Relay Team record fall when Maddie Tarantolo, Shayda Torabi, Lesley Murray, and Randalyn Johnson teamed up to destroy the previous record (set last year at State) by three seconds and also place second overall," Coach Churchin said.

"The Trojans 200 Freestyle Record (set last year at Regionals) was demolished by two seconds, as the team of Ryan Rivette, Stephen Larson, Kevin Frankenfeld and Lee Bohne posted a time of 1:35.82, breaking the old record of 1:37.10," he added. "Unless I find a time faster than this one, the school record in the 100 Breaststroke was set by Shayda Torabi in a time of 1:13.37."



Thanks to Zack Rivette for story and photos.



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Casino Night a Great Success!

The annual Casino Night was a smashing success. We had a great turnout....good weather (no rain for a change)...fajitas...and a moderate amount of libations, which made for a fun evening.

Thank you to those that volunteered to help as blackjack dealers (Brian Anthony, Terri Fann, Kelly Folts, Chris Grunski, Peggy Miller, Tom McCready, Gary Vander Stoep, and Ed Weiss)

Additionally, a big thank you for the generous prizes donated by the following local area merchants (Please show our appreciation by frequenting their establishments):

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Millipedes!

Millipedes live in humid, moist environments and are commonly found in soil, leaf litter, compost piles, under mulch, rocks or wood. They are more of a nuisance than a destructive pest, but may occasionally damage seedling plants by feeding on stems and leaves.

Millipedes have long, worm-like bodies with a single pair of antennae. Their body is cylindrical and usually brown in color. Millipedes have one pair of legs per body segment and often curl into a spiral for protection.

Millipedes feed on decaying organic matter, though some are carnivorous. Large numbers of millipedes can move into homes after heavy rainfall or during periods of drought.

Tips to prevent millipedes from moving indoors:

- * Move objects providing harborage (compost piles, firewood, stones) away from structures
- * Create a band of gravel between the home foundation & flower beds
- * Occasionally turn mulch so it dries out
- * Seal accessible areas where millipedes can move into the home- around doors & windows; pipe penetrations
- * Ventilate crawl spaces to allow for air flow

Perimeter sprays (outdoor active ingredients- deltamethrin, permethrin, bifenthrin or cypermethrin) around a building's foundation may help keep millipedes from moving indoors. Inside the home treat crack and crevice areas, baseboards, and other hiding places.

Indoor active ingredients include lambda-cyhalothrin, cypermethrin or permethrin. Wall voids may be treated with boric acid or diatomaceous earth. There are also plant-derived pesticide formulations with active ingredients such as d-limonene (citrus extract), clove oil, thyme oil or sesame oil.

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