



# The Balcones Woods Newsletter

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## Great web site links

If you have Internet access, information about Balcones Woods is at your fingertips. Here are some good links to the Balcones Woods web site at [www.balconeswoods.org](http://www.balconeswoods.org).

**Balcones Woods Operating Committee and Board Members:**  
[www.balconeswoods.org/bwc/Volunteers/Board%20and%20Operating%20Committee.html](http://www.balconeswoods.org/bwc/Volunteers/Board%20and%20Operating%20Committee.html)

**Balcones Woods Board and Operating Committee Meeting Schedule:**  
[www.balconeswoods.org/bwc/Calendar/Meeting\\_Schedules.html](http://www.balconeswoods.org/bwc/Calendar/Meeting_Schedules.html)

**General information about Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions:**  
[www.balconeswoods.org/bwc/Covenants/Covenants\\_and\\_Restrictions.html](http://www.balconeswoods.org/bwc/Covenants/Covenants_and_Restrictions.html)

**Architectural Control Committee Guidelines:**  
[www.balconeswoods.org/architectural.htm](http://www.balconeswoods.org/architectural.htm)

**Neighborhood Clubs:** [www.balconeswoods.org/clubs.htm](http://www.balconeswoods.org/clubs.htm)

**Commons Area general rules/reservations & Security Key request info:**  
[www.balconeswoods.org/commons\\_area.htm](http://www.balconeswoods.org/commons_area.htm)

**Neighborhood Newsletters:** [www.balconeswoods.org/newsletter.htm](http://www.balconeswoods.org/newsletter.htm)

**Balcones Woods Pool Notes:** [www.balconeswoods.org/pool.htm](http://www.balconeswoods.org/pool.htm)

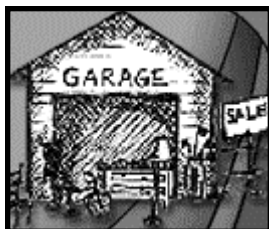
**Balcones Woods Swim Team:**  
[www.balconeswoods.org/bluewave/index.html](http://www.balconeswoods.org/bluewave/index.html)

**Volunteer/Committee Page:** [www.balconeswoods.org/Volunteer.htm](http://www.balconeswoods.org/Volunteer.htm)

**Neighborhood Yahoo News Group:** <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/balconeswoods/>

## 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](mailto:sheriradomsky@hotmail.com). Call 527-8581 for information.

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## Don't Mess With...

We've received several notes from neighbors about owners not picking up after their dogs. For you dog owners, please pick up after your pet. Take along a little plastic bag, and the problem is solved.

Thanks!

## Balcones Woods Board Of Directors Meeting

At the September 14 meeting, the Board voted 3-2 against a proposal for the Anderson Trojan swim team to rent/use the Balcones Woods pool. Also discussed but, not voted on, was an idea to heat the pool.

The next meeting is:

**October 19  
1104 Alhambra**

This meeting will focus on the budget and will begin at 7:30 p.m.

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

## The next Balcones Woods Operating Committee Meeting

is scheduled for October 13, 7:00 p.m., at the pool. Meetings are usually scheduled for the second Wednesday of the month. Join the Yahoo Groups email list to get email updates.

**Next Meeting:  
October 13  
Community Pool**

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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.

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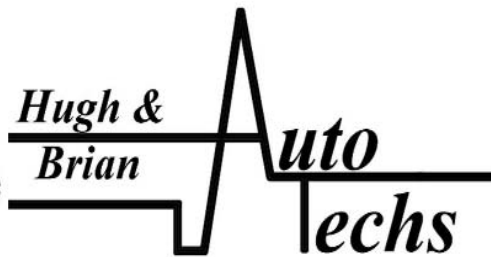
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## Got news?

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

Contact us, and we'll even write it for you. We're always accepting ads too!

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

Contact:

[newsletter@balconeswoods.org](mailto:newsletter@balconeswoods.org)  
418-9722 evenings

## VIN Etching Schedule

The etching of a VIN on the windows of a vehicle helps to deter thieves because it is more difficult to dispose of property that is identifiable. All vehicles have a federally assigned vehicle identification number (VIN). The program is funded through the Texas Automobile Theft Prevention Authority. If you would like to participate as a volunteer and help with the etching, please contact Diana Amaro at 974-5713.

October 10 at Wal-Mart NE, 1030 Norwood Park Blvd., 10am - 1pm

October 14 at TxDot, 200 E. Riverside Dr., 10am - 1pm

October 30 at Barton Creek Mall, 2901 S. Capital of Texas Hwy  
10am - 2pm

For more information call 671-8035 or e-mail  
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*-Thanks to Tom Terry for the info.*



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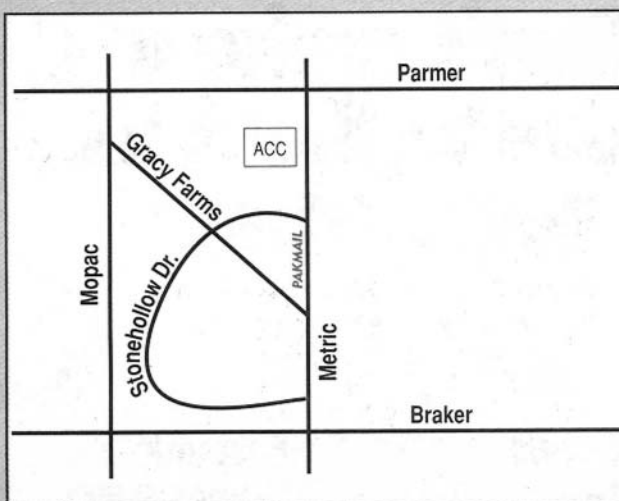
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Because space is limited, we reserve the right to edit  
and will run ads on a first come-first served basis.  
Thanks!*

# Sports Courts Update

Many hours and much expense has been put into trying to resolve the sports courts lighting problem. As of this date we are waiting for Control Security to research and locate relays that may be the bottom line to the problem. Hopefully we will have some good news to report in the near future.

A by-product of the lighting problem: many other electrical problems and fire hazards have been found and corrected.

Thank you for your patience.

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# New Anderson Swimmers



The Anderson Trojan Swim Team welcomed new swimmers as well as some familiar faces on Sunday, August 29 at the Balcones Woods Pool. A round of introductions and a short presentation by Coach Brian Churchin preceded fajitas and festivities. Practice started September 1 at the Jewish Community Center with expectations of success in class 5A. Go Trojans! *Front row from left to right - Seniors Randalyn Johnson, Lee Bohne, Nick Himmel and Jonathan Rigg speak to Anderson Booster Club members about the upcoming season. Sophomores (background) Ryan Rivette and Stephen Larson listen attentively.*

*Thanks to Zack Rivette.*

# New to the Neighborhood?

At Balcones Woods, we actually have a welcome group who delivers a neighborhood directory and house-warming gift to you. So contact us at [capitol@io.com](mailto:capitol@io.com) or at 418-9722 if you are new or know of a new neighbor.

**A Big Thank you to Nancy Reed** who has organized and sometimes single-handedly run the Welcome Committee for years!

**As a resident of Balcones Woods, you can post FREE classified ads on:**  
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## Balcones Woods Neighborhood Clubs

Become active, and get to know your neighbors in Balcones Woods. Join a neighborhood club!

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## Don't let the bed bugs bite!

The U.S. is seeing the reemergence of an old foe- bed bugs. Bed bugs are spread through clothing and luggage of travelers, but may also be spread via beds, bedding, laundry or furniture. These insects feed on blood, typically that of humans.

Bed bugs are wingless, dark brown and between 1/4 and 3/8 an inch long. Their size and color can change depending on the amount of blood they've taken in. When engorged, their body becomes swollen and the color changes to a dark red.

Bed bugs feed at night, piercing the skin while people sleep. They inject a fluid into the skin that allows them to withdraw blood. This fluid often causes skin to become irritated, inflamed and itchy. Usually spindle-shaped welts form where bed bugs have fed. After feeding, bed bugs will crawl into a hiding place to digest their meal.

To locate hiding places, look for black or brown spots of excrement on surfaces. Check seams and folds of mattresses and covers, headboards and bed frames. With large infestations, inspect behind baseboards, window and door casings, pictures hanging on walls, in furniture and behind loosened wallpaper.

Vacuuming and removing bugs by hand can help reduce populations. Chemical use may be necessary, but select products specifically for bed bug treatment. Do not treat mattresses unless the product provides specific instructions. Realize that control will not be immediate and a second application may be necessary.

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

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## Let's Help our Walkers

Some of our neighbors are having to walk out in the streets when cars and trucks are blocking the sidewalks. The sidewalks offer our walkers, especially our children and older neighbors, some protection from the cars that zoom around Balcones Woods. Please make it easier on them and don't block the sidewalks with your vehicles.

Thank you!