



The Balcones Woods Newsletter

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NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

On June 14, there will be a general neighborhood meeting at the pool at 7:00 p.m.

We will have an open question and answer session with the Balcones Woods Board of Directors about the new pool/commons building project.

For information about the building, drawings are available at www.balconeswoods.org.

We hope to see you there!

Blue Wave

Swim Team MEET Schedule

Come Out and Show Your Support !!

- May 28 **HOME** - vs. Twin Creeks
- June 4 **AWAY** - vs. Great Hills/Jester
- June 11 **AWAY** - vs. Westover
- June 18 **HOME** - IntraMural
- June 26 **AWAY** - Championship @UT

For More Information:

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Davis Elementary

**RSVP for "Brunch in the Cafeteria" on
 Monday, May 16 at 10:15 a.m.**

Let your child experience the thrill of going through the food line and buying a meal in the Davis Cafeteria. Our choices for the day are pizza or a yogurt plate – or you are welcome to bring your own lunch. Menu choices are subject to change, so if your child has food allergies or sensitivities, you probably should brown bag it. Cost is \$1.65 for a child and \$2.50 for an adult.

Where: Davis Cafeteria
 Date: Monday, May 16, 2005
 Time: 10:15 a.m.

RSVP: E-mail your reservation to
welcometodavisclub@yahoo.com

Pool Reservations

Please e-mail us at
poolpersonnel@balconeswoods.org

To see the Pool Reservation Calendar, visit:
http://calendar.yahoo.com/bw_commons_area

Next Operating Committee Meeting

Our next operating meeting will be June 8 at
 7:00 p.m. at Seton NW, Room 3A.

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BW Board Meeting Highlights

On April 20, the Balcones Woods Board of Directors met at 7:30 p.m. at Seton Northwest in conference room 3A.

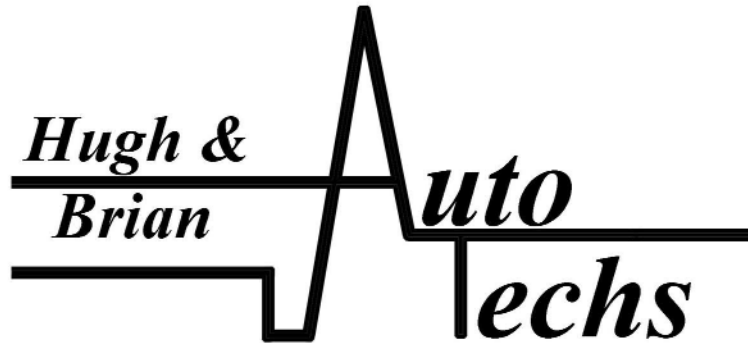
The Board discussed all the repairs to the pump system, sidewalks, and pool lights at the commons area that had been budgeted this year. All the pool repairs came in under budget. The new back privacy fence at the commons area is to be replaced in two weeks and should also come in under budget.

The Board heard from two neighbors offering other

plans and ideas for the new pool building. The Board considered these plans, but voted to stay with current proposed project plans.

The Board set-up a time-line for the new pool building with a neighborhood meeting set for June 14 at the pool at 7:00 p.m. At this meeting, questions will be answered by the Board. Bidding and financing time-lines were also set to provide information to the neighborhood in June. The covenant and bylaw rewrite committee will also give a report in June/July. The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

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Join our summer playgroup

We are happy to announce that Lauri Randall and Jill Lyszkowski will be the coordinators of our summer playgroup for incoming kindergarteners. Help your children make friends over the summer with the other kids who will be in their class. If you're interested in participating in this playgroup, please e-mail/call Lauri (prlhr3@aol.com or 331-2139) or Jill (918-1978) and they'll include you. You can also sign up for the playgroup at Kindergarten Round-Up. Thanks again, Lauri and Jill, for taking this on.

Also, we want to thank Jane Donart and Dana Stebler for agreeing to head up the Welcome to Davis Club for next year.

Oak Leaf Rollers & Cankerworms

There are various caterpillars that feed on foliage of trees and become a nuisance in the spring. The most common are oak leaf rollers and spring and fall cankerworms. All three caterpillars can be found this time of year munching on foliage of oak trees. Oak leaf rollers are creamy white to greenish with dark brown to black head capsules. Oak leaf rollers spin silken threads from which they dangle when dislodged from the tree. Cankerworms, also called inchworms, come in a variety of colors usually with longitudinal striping on their backs. Cankerworms also have 6 true legs and 4-6 prolegs at the end of the abdomen. Cankerworms also spin silken threads, but they use them to drop to the ground to pupate. These caterpillars are more of a nuisance than a true pest. Most healthy trees can withstand defoliation without significant damage. If a tree is defoliated year after year, then it could become stressed and possibly lead to death.

Control Hints:

- * Cankerworm female moths are wingless so banding trees with sticky material, such as tangle-foot, can trap adult females crawling up the trunk to lay eggs. Perform this task in the fall or spring depending on which species you have.
- * Treat with *Bacillus thuringiensis* var. *kurstaki*. Wait for all eggs to hatch, but treat before larvae obtain their full size.
- * Use horticultural oils to smother eggs laid on tree trunks and branches. Make sure the oil will not harm the plant-read the label.
- * Treat with a pesticide (spinosad, neem, cyfluthrin, permethrin, carbaryl). Read the label to make sure the product can be used to treat for cankerworms and that it will not harm the plant.
- * Note: If you have cankerworms & the larvae are dropping to the ground to pupate, it is too late to treat.

For more information, contact Wizzie Brown, Texas Cooperative Extension agent- IPM at 512.854.9600.



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“Thank you” for Clean-up Day Helpers

We had another successful Balcones Woods Clean-Up Day on Saturday, April 23.(see photos on page 6)

A huge "Thank You!" goes to:
Annette, Doug and Lee Bohne
Peggy Miller
Pete and Stephen Larson
The Vander Stoep family
Sam Myers
Hayden Oldham
Steve Atwell
Suzanne Koneman
Michael Macaluso
Ed Weiss
Regan and Ryan Rivette

If we missed you in this list, please let us know.

Scam Warning!

A new group is conducting phone solicitations for money, claiming to support the police department. This is a SCAM. The Austin Police Department can not and will not call for money. So if anyone says they are with the Austin Police Department and want money ... be assured it's not APD. If anyone has any questions, please let me know.

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Helping our neighbors...

Meal Circle

We are always looking for neighbors interested in participating in the Balcones Woods Meal Circle.

For anyone interested in joining the Meal Circle, here is a brief overview. It is currently a group of about 40 neighbors who take turns cooking meals for other neighbors in need. Participation is done via email, and you only sign up when the dates are convenient for you. There is no pressure and no obligation! You just check your email and if someone needs a meal on a date that works for you, you sign up. If not, you just wait for the next opportunity. We have averaged about one family who could use a hand per month.

You can also help by being the eyes and ears for the group. Please let me know if you think someone would benefit from this type of help from their neighbors in Balcones Woods (death in the family, extended illness, new baby etc...).

Email me at dschroilgen@austin.rr.com with any information or if you want to join the effort.

Thanks! Jodi

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Contact David Vineyard 794-5870.

Amanda's Sitting Service

I will sit your plant, pets, and kids. I will also gather up mail. I am a very reliable and responsible 17 year old. I am great with kids at any age.

Call Amanda Roam at 241-1380.

Responsible 15-year old boy seeking yard work. I'll mow, rake leaves, edge, and weed eat. I promise, you'll be satisfied. Please call Kyle Unnasch at 794-0629.

Babysitting & Petsitting--I'm in 8th grade and live in Balcones Woods. I have a babysitting certificate from a babysitting class that I took a

few years ago. I'm very responsible & own 3 hamsters & 2 dogs so I'm pretty much an expert in cleaning small animal cages! Please call 338-4160, ask for Shir.

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Please call Amanda at 241-1601.

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Spring is here and for many Central Texas residents that means spring-cleaning and yard work. The City of Austin Solid Waste Services Department has a request for those ready to get rid of unwanted cleaning and maintenance items. Please properly dispose of any dangerous and toxic materials. Bring unused paint, cleansers, pesticides and more to the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) facility.

When disposed of improperly, hazardous waste pollutes the air, soil and water. Dangerous materials in the trash cart can interact with other substances to produce volatile reactions that threaten the health of workers and pose community hazards.

Bring your pool and lawn care chemicals, solvents, fluorescent light tubes, batteries, motor oil, thermometers, herbicides and more to the HHW facility, where the materials will be reused, recycled or disposed of properly. City of Austin and Travis County residents may drop off up to 30 gallons or 300 pounds of hazardous waste in containers of 5 gallons or less free of charge. The HHW facility is located at 2514 Business Center Drive and is open Tuesdays and Wednesdays from noon to 7:00 p.m. It is designed for individual drop-off and does not accept hazardous waste from special collection events organized by neighborhood associations or other groups.

Once hazardous waste materials have been disposed of properly, consider purchasing less toxic products in the future. If you must buy a dangerous item, buy only the quantity you will use and resist the urge to supersize. See our website at www.austinrecycles.com for a list of less toxic house and lawn alternatives and for more information on what the HHW facility accepts.

If you have any questions about the Household Hazardous Waste facility, please call our HHW staff at 974-4343.

If you would like a department representative to speak at your neighborhood meeting concerning household hazardous waste disposal or any other Solid Waste Services program, call Jerry Hendrix at 974-3556.

William E. Rhodes, P.E.
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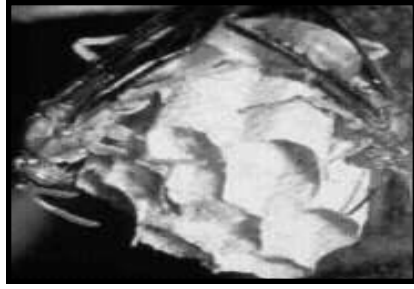
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Paper Wasps & Yellowjackets

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Wasps are beneficial predators of insects and pollinators of plants. Wasps can be dangerous though; female wasps are capable of stinging multiple times with a modified egg-laying structure. There are various kinds of wasps found around or near the home. Paper wasps are usually reddish-brown with yellow markings. Their nest is made from chewed wood fibers and hangs from a single filament. Nests have a single layer of hexagonal cells in which young develop. Paper wasp nests usually have 20-30 adults.

Yellowjackets are often confused with paper wasps. Yellowjackets are yellow with black markings. Their nest is constructed from paper-like material and is completely enclosed except for a single opening. Typically yellowjacket nests are located within the ground, but can sometimes be aerial. Yellowjacket nests can have 10-20,000 workers depending on the size and maturity of the nest. Mud daubers come in a variety of colors, from black with yellow markings, to iridescent blue-black. They have a very slender, thread-like waist. Mud daubers are solitary and build nests out of a mud-like substance.

Control Hints:

- * Only control wasps that are a threat; if they are nesting away from the structure, leave them be as they are beneficial.
- * Paper wasp nests can be treated with a contact kill pesticide; treat nest in the evening when wasps have returned from foraging; remove nest once wasps are dead.
- * Underground nests are best treated using a dust; dust the opening lightly and let the wasps carry the insecticide into the nest and disperse it; be careful, yellowjackets can be aggressive.
- * Mud dauber nests can be scraped off with a putty knife a disposed of; mud daubers will not defend the nest.

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