



# BALCONES WOODS NEWSLETTER

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 24th: Home swim meet vs. Great Hills
- May 31st: Home swim meet vs. Twin Creeks
- June 10th: Book Club Meeting
- June 11th: BWC Operating Committee Meeting, Balcones Woods Commons Area, 7PM
- June 13th: Wine Club meeting
- July 4th: PARADE 9:00 am, Commons
- July 8th: Book Club Meeting
- July 11th: Wine Club Meeting
- August 12th: BWC Board of Director Meeting, Seton NW Hospital room 3A, 7PM
- August 12th: Northwest Area Commander's Forum at Covenant United Methodist Church, 4410 Duval Road, 7PM

If you have an event you would like listed in the newsletter, please send the information to:  
[newsletter@balconeswoods.org](mailto:newsletter@balconeswoods.org).

The newsletter is published quarterly, with additional issues as needed based on amount of material received.

## WORKDAY THANKS!

Thanks to all the residents that helped on April 12 at the neighborhood workday. Volunteers cleaned, painted, and did a lot of deck repair/replacement. Annette Bohne, Lori Hunt, and the Myers served bagels for breakfast, pizza for lunch, and drinks all day. A special thanks to John Beckham, Gary Vander Stoep, and Bill Hennig who worked for 2 days prepping and leveling up the frame for the new tennis practice backboard. A huge thanks to Rob Propes, Mark Heinzke, Alan Heinzke, Bill Hennig, Chad Hennig, Grant Hennig, and Randy Smith who dedicated 2 days to replace the deck by the baby pool with "Trex" decking. The last enormous thank you goes out to Allie White, Katie Beckham, Austin Heinzke, Justin Heinzke, Alan Heinzke, Grant Hennig, and Chad Hennig who worked on the tennis practice backboard replacement for 5 Sundays to get it completed. These volunteers saved our neighborhood over \$10,000 by volunteering their time so we did not have to pay a company to replace the backboard and deck. The commons area is ready for the summer. Have a safe time playing at the park and remember to respect the property.



## Davis Elementary Welcomes Incoming Kindergartners

New kindergartners are invited to come experience the fun of Davis Elementary!

If you have a child who will be entering kindergarten at Davis Elementary in the Fall of 2008, the Davis PTA would like to invite you to join the Welcome to Davis club. The club sponsors playdates and activities to acquaint you and your child with Davis Elementary. It offers opportunities to meet other incoming kindergartners and their parents, current parents of Davis students, and (at some events) school administrators. If you are interested in joining, please RSVP for events at [welcometodavis@davisdolphins.org](mailto:welcometodavis@davisdolphins.org).

Events still on the schedule include:

- Ice Cream Social/Meet your Teacher on Aug. 21, 5:30 to 7 p.m.
- Splash into Davis Pool Party at Balcones Woods pool on Aug. 23 at 11:00 a.m.
- First Day of School on Aug 25 at 7:45 a.m.



## BRIDGE ANYONE?

We are trying to start a day-time bridge club in the neighborhood. If you are interested, please contact Sally Sassen at 517-4123, or e-mail [ssassen@austin.rr.com](mailto:ssassen@austin.rr.com). We will arrange a time to meet and discuss plans.

Also, since bridge is becoming a lost art, if anyone is interested in learning to play bridge, please contact Sally. She will be scheduling some beginner lessons for BW residents. She is not an expert player, but can help you learn the basic game and enjoy a fun and sociable pastime with your neighbors. And the lessons are free (beware: they are worth every penny!).



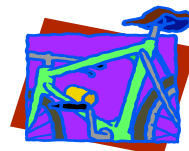
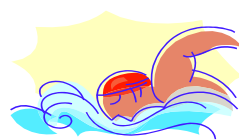
## Tennis Courts for Tennis Only

Please remember the tennis courts are only for tennis. Wheeled toys, suntan lotion, chlorine water from the pool, and shoes that cause black marks are damaging the courts. We need to protect our newly surfaced courts. These courts cost the neighborhood \$16,000 to resurface. Parents please supervise your kids at the park.

## Calle Verde Lot Redeemed



Balcones Woods Club with the help of former developer/owner Nash Phillips reclaimed the lot on Calle Verde Drive. Balcones Woods redeemed the property by paying all back taxes and fees to Travis County. The Board of Directors pursued this land to preserve the greenspace for Balcones Woods.



Good luck to our neighbors who are competing in the Danskin Women's Triathlon on June 8th! Go cheer them on at Walter E. Long Lake Metropolitan Park; race start is 7am.

## Farewell to a Great Neighbor!

On May 6, the Terry family sold their home of 32 years and moved to be closer to family. I just wanted to thank Tom Terry on behalf of Balcones Woods for his leadership. Tom served this neighborhood for years and helped us through some very important years when Hyde Park Baptist Quarries were starting construction plans. Tom dedicated countless hours negotiating with Hyde Park and Mesa Park to create the best plan possible to protect the livability of Balcones Woods. I wanted to thank Tom for all the advice he has provided me as I assumed my role as HOA President. Tom's mild manner and easy voice will be missed at neighborhood meetings. Thank you Tom and the Terry family for the years of service. You all will be missed.

Grant Hennig,  
Balcones Woods President

## Blue Wave News

Our Mighty Blue Wave team has taken the plunge for this year and made quite a splash! We have had a surge in the number of young swimmers this year. Many thanks to our ever-patient and talented coaches who make this endeavor possible.

Be there to cheer them on at the home meets, scheduled for May 24th and May 31st. We will have season results in the next newsletter, so bring your cameras and send those great photos in to [newsletter@balconeswoods.org](mailto:newsletter@balconeswoods.org). (And don't forget the grill puts out a mighty tasty lunch... Cash only!) See you at the pool - Go Blue Wave!

Contact Michelle Manning at [manning\\_mc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:manning_mc@sbcglobal.net) for more information on swim team happenings.

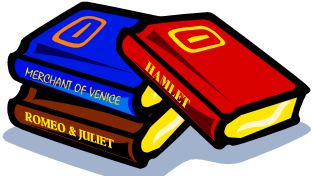


## New Amenity Center Update

The Balcones Woods building committee is still working with the architect and Board of Directors to finalize the layout and design. Once that process is complete, the project will go to bid with qualified contractors to get a price for the project. Plans and progress can be located on our website at [www.balconeswoods.org](http://www.balconeswoods.org).



Six and Unders at practice



# BOOK CLUB

**June 10th** - *When Elephants Dance* by Tess Uriza Holtze

Host: Brenda Mendiola

**July 8th** - *The Space Between Us* by Thrity N. Umrigar

Host: Cathy Olsen

**RSVP:** Members are asked to RSVP before each meeting just to help the host know how many people to plan for - to help get enough chairs/refreshments prepared. However, please remember that you are encouraged to come whether or not you have responded. Members are ALWAYS welcome at book club!

For more information and directions to the locations, email Sheri Radomsky at [sheriradomsky@hotmail.com](mailto:sheriradomsky@hotmail.com) or call at 963-6819.



The (very informal) neighborhood wine-tasting group meets on the second Friday of each month at neighborhood homes. Participants take turns hosting and tastings focus on a theme chosen by the host, often wine from a specific country or region, but other themes, as well. It is a nice way to meet and socialize with your neighbors. Everyone is welcome, no matter what your knowledge-level about wines. Each person is encouraged to bring either a wine or food reflecting the selected area. We also bring our own glasses so as not to put too great a burden on the host.

If you are interested in attending, please call or e-mail Virginia Hamilton, 569-1824, [vahamilton@juno.com](mailto:vahamilton@juno.com).

## BW Kids Classifieds

My name is Eric Price, I am 16 years old and very responsible. I will babysit kids of any age and will even take care of your pets if needed to. I am also available to take care of your pets while you are away. This includes walking, feeding, and anything else that your pet requires. I can also take in your mail and newspapers. If interested please call 346-8342 or 203-2958

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# White Grubs

May and June beetles are a common sight around porch lights at this time of year, but did you know they could lead to turf problems? The immature stage of these beetles is called a white grub, which in large populations can be damaging to turf grass.

White grubs are creamy-white, C-shaped larvae with six legs and a brownish-orange head capsule. Grubs feed on the roots of turf, causing it to lose vigor and turn brown. When there are heavy populations of white grubs, turf can be rolled up like carpeting because they eat all the roots so there is no attachment to the soil. To inspect for white grubs, cut several sections of turf approximately 6 inch square blocks. Make sure to include areas of suspected white grub damage. Examine grass plugs for grubs. Treatment is justified when there are more than 5-8 white grubs per square foot. It is possible that some lawns can withstand higher numbers of grubs without noticeable damage.

White grub treatments should be applied approximately 6 weeks after the heaviest flights of May and June beetles. Due to rainfall this time period can vary from year to year, but typically in Central Texas treatment falls in July.

Beneficial nematodes are available for managing white grubs, but need moisture to move through soil. Turf should be watered before and after nematode application. Nematodes are small worms that attack grubs and other soil-dwelling insects.

Insecticidal treatments may also be used to manage white grubs. You can spot treat infested areas instead of treating your entire lawn. If soil is very dry, water about 1/2 inch the day before treatment to encourage grubs to move closer to the soil surface. Liquid or granular formulations are available for white grub management with active ingredients such as carbaryl, imidacloprid, clothianidin or halofenozide. Do not apply if rainfall is expected and sweep up any spilled material on driveways, sidewalks or streets. Read and follow all label instructions and application rates.

For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist at 512.854.9600.

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throughout Balcones Woods.

Call **CHAD** at **346-6465**.

### Security Key for the Commons Area

If you need a key for the commons area, contact Robin Beger (345-8909). The fee for a new key is \$6. Keys must be used at all times to gain access to the pool or park. Please do not climb fencing. We spent over \$500 last year to repair fencing damaged by kids climbing into the park. Also, a big thanks to Dan Frank for volunteering his time and welding machine on workday to repair more fencing newly damaged by climbing people.



### Join Our Balcones Woods Yahoo Group!

Go to the website and click on "Join the BWC Yahoo Group" to be added to the list and share information with other neighbors in Balcones Woods. A direct connect to the group is <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/balconeswoods/>. This is a good place to trade references, ideas, items for sale, concerns, etc with neighbors. It is a great way to stay informed and updated.



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## Welcoming Committee



Remember as you see new neighbors move-in to Balcones Woods let the Welcoming Committee know so they can greet the new members. Contact Committee Chair-Scarlet Spivey 418-9722.

### Architectural Control Reminder

We have a lot of new neighbors in Balcones Woods and a lot of home improvements. Just a reminder that all exterior improvements or changes need to be approved by the Architectural Control Committee.

An application is available on the website at [www.balconeswoods.org](http://www.balconeswoods.org) or call committee chair Jennifer Heinzke at 407-9325.

### Covenants Reminder

Balcones Woods is a deed restricted neighborhood. There are numerous rules listed in your new directory recently mailed. Make sure you read over your covenants section of your directory. The most common violation is the visibility of trashcans. Please remember that all trashcans, recycle bins, and yard waste need to be stored out of sight. Thank for helping make Balcones Woods a beautiful place.

### TENNIS LESSONS AVAILABLE

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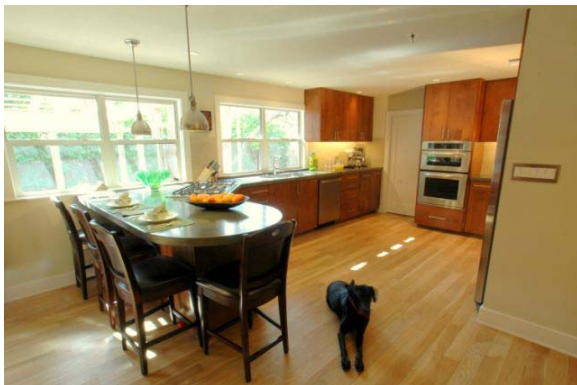
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## Neighbor in the News:

Congratulations to Balcones Woods resident Matt Risinger who won two Home Builders Association's 2008 MAX (Marketing and Advertising Excellence) awards. The first award was for his own home on Madrid which won for the category of **Remodeled Project \$200,001 – \$300,000**. He did a 3-Star Austin Energy Green Building Program remodel last year and moved into the house in October. The project included upgrading all the plumbing, wiring, HVAC, baths, kitchen, added a tankless water heater, concrete countertops, all new windows/doors, energy efficient lighting, new hardwoods, and added another full bath to the home. Photos:



Matt also took home another award for **Best Green Home – Custom** for a Tarrytown home at 2006 Elton Lane which received a 5 Star rating from Austin Energy Green Building Program. Kudos!

## SAFETY FIRST!

School is almost out for summer, and that means more foot and bike traffic in our neighborhood. Please be vigilant in your driving. Remember that these are your NEIGHBORS that you are speeding past! We need to look out for each other.

Parents, please review pedestrian and bike safety rules with your children, especially as they start heading to and from the park and pool area.

And for those who need a drivers' safety review, highlights!

1. The speed LIMIT is 30, but it IS possible to travel more slowly on our residential streets. Give it a try!
2. Pedestrians have the right of way at intersections.
3. "STOP" and "YIELD" are two different actions.

**HAVE A SAFE SUMMER!**

## POOL ETIQUETTE REVIEW

The pool is a fun place, but we need to remember the rules to KEEP it fun.

### Remember:

1. Behave respectfully. No spitting, “chicken fighting”, running on the deck, rough-housing, boisterous language, or inappropriate public displays of affection are permitted.
2. Clean up after yourself. Keep any food, drink, and gum away from the pool and deck surfaces. (OK to have in the grassy areas and under the cabana.)
3. Glass is strictly prohibited.
4. Pool toys: Inflatable balls and Nerf balls are allowed. Tennis balls and other types of balls are not allowed. Balloons are not allowed. Large inflatable toys are allowed in the deep end at the lifeguards’ discretion.

### Age Restrictions:

1. The wading pool is reserved for the exclusive use and enjoyment of those children below the age of six (6).
2. Any child under nine (9) years of age, who is using either the swimming pool or the surrounding grounds, must be closely watched by a responsible person.

More detailed General Rules for the Pool can be found in your directory or on the website. Remember: The lifeguards are there to help preserve a safe environment. Please be respectful of their instructions!



## FOURTH OF JULY- PARADE!

**Decorate your bike,  
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