



# BALCONES WOODS NEWSLETTER

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

## Balcones Woods New Clubhouse Groundbreaking Celebration

Jan. 25th, 3 pm:  
Groundbreaking Celebration  
Welland Circle

Jan 27th : The Annual Meeting  
is Tuesday, January 27, 2009 at  
Davis Elementary at 7pm.

Feb 2nd: Bulk collection is  
scheduled to begin on 2/2/09.  
Our crews start on Monday at  
6:30 a.m. and should finish by  
Friday evening. You will receive  
a flyer by mail a couple of  
weeks before reminding you of  
your collection week. If you  
have any further questions call  
311. Also, check out  
<http://www.austinrecycles.com>

On Sunday, January 25, 2009 at 3pm at the end of Welland Circle, a celebration of the start of the new Balcones Woods Clubhouse construction project will be held. Please join your neighbors for this long anticipated event. The Social Committee will be serving cake and beverages for all to enjoy. The park and parking lot are closed so the event will occur on the circle at the end of Welland Circle. There will be no parking available so please come on foot to the event. Everyone is encouraged to bring a shovel to participate in the ceremonial dirt toss to symbolize the start of construction. The idea to construct a new clubhouse started in 2002 and now is a reality after countless hours of planning. Thanks again for all who helped make this happen over the past seven years whether you are a resident who steadfastly pays homeowner's dues; served on the Board, Operating Committee, or Building Committee; or assisted the Blue Wave Swim Team with its "Make It Happen" campaign. Hope to see everyone there for this celebration.

See construction update information back page!

## Annual Homeowners' Association Meeting

Please make plans to attend the annual meeting on January 27th at 7 pm. It is your chance to hear first hand from the Board what is going on in the neighborhood! Meeting takes place at Davis Elementary. See you there!

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.

## Traffic Patrol

An urgent call to ATTENTION

Surprise!

The law still applies once you turn off the 183 access road. Posted speed limits and stop signs were erected for a purpose. Please stop ignoring them!

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## Drain Flies

Small flies in the home can become quite a nuisance. One type of fly that may infest the home is drain flies. Drain flies are small, have two wings and are a brownish or grayish color. Drain flies have

a fuzzy appearance and when at rest, the wings are held roof-like over the body making them look like tiny moths which is why they are also sometimes called moth flies.

Drain flies are often seen in kitchens and bathrooms near sinks and tubs. They tend to be more active in the evening. Female flies lay eggs in the thin film of organic matter that builds up on the inside of pipes. The larvae develop in the slime layer, feeding on fungi and other microorganisms. Killing adult drain flies will only temporarily solve your problem. To manage drain flies, the source should be treated to reduce the population of developing flies. To track down the source, place tape over one side (don't cover the drain completely) of the drains in sinks and tubs before you go to bed.

In the morning, check the tape for flies that emerged during the night to find out which drain is infested.

Once you locate the drain, take a stiff brush to physically clean out the drain and the flush the drain with boiling water. There is no need to treat the drain with bleach or ammonia. It may take several days to see a reduction of the adult flies once the drain has been cleaned; you have to allow the emerged adults to die off.

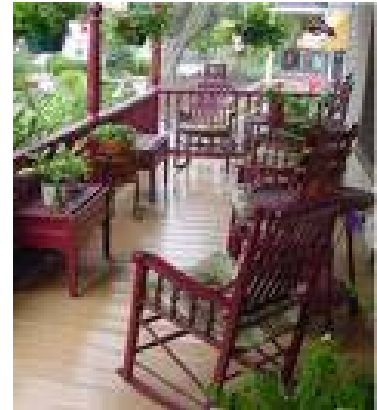
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## Join Our Neighborhood's Cyber Front Porch

Many of us grew-up in a time where front porches were the form of communication neighbors used to get the word out about events, happenings in the community, or refer someone they knew to help a neighbor with a task. Some even still dream of having a wraparound porch someday. Today, unfortunately, front porch talk is a dying pastime. Oh, we see some of you in driveways keeping watch or walking the dog or riding a bike, but for the most part we are creatures on the move. This fast-paced life we have created has caused a lot of us to lose contact with our community. Balcones Woods has created another way to stay informed on the happenings around our community and that is through the Yahoo Group. Not all residents are members of this group, but if you have the internet it is an easy way to stay a little more connected in today's busy world. If you go to [www.balconeswoods.org](http://www.balconeswoods.org), you will find a link on the front page to join this group. We know sometimes responders can get a little spirited, but all are reminded that the group is a valuable neighborhood information tool. Thanks to all that are members of the Yahoo Group and if your neighbor is not, please keep them updated on postings and new information. All residents are encouraged to join, so please stop by our modern day front porch and participate in our conversation. Please do not stop sitting in the driveway or taking that walk. We love to see residents out and about enjoying this great neighborhood we all get to call home. We just want to see you on the Yahoo Group, too!



## Directory Updates Coming Soon!

As soon as the new operating committee and board have been voted in I will be completing the Directory updates and publishing the new directory. If anyone is new to the neighborhood and has not updated their information please fill out the directory update form on the Balcones Woods website ([www.balconeswoods.org](http://www.balconeswoods.org)) or send the information directly to me at [directoryupdate@balconeswoods.org](mailto:directoryupdate@balconeswoods.org). I need to have the information by 2/1/08.



Also, I am looking for advertisers for the directory. If you or any business you know would like to advertise please contact me at [directoryupdate@balconeswoods.org](mailto:directoryupdate@balconeswoods.org) and I will send you more information. The advertisers help defray the cost of the directory for the neighborhood. The more we get the better. Cost to advertise: 1/4 page - \$25.00, 1/2 page - \$50.00, full page \$100.00. Any help soliciting business to advertise is greatly appreciated.

Thanks  
Sandra Walker



# Do you have an incoming Kindergartener? Join the Welcome to Davis Club

The Welcome to Davis club sponsors events for incoming Kindergarteners (and their families). These events are designed to help children ease the transition to our school plus meet some future classmates.

Mom and Dad get to meet future and current Davis parents and ask questions. These events are helpful and fun! We plan to host playdates, storytime, tours, and breakfast in the cafeteria!

Join the Welcome to Davis Club email list to learn more about our activities.

Contact us at:

[welcometodavis@davidolphins.org](mailto:welcometodavis@davidolphins.org)



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# Thank you

to all the volunteers who helped Santa make his appearance in December!  
The holiday spirit was definitely in the air for kids and their families! See you next year!



# CLUBHOUSE CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The Balcones Woods Club, Inc. Board of Directors voted on November 18, 2008, to move forward on the construction of the new commons area building and all related site work at 11204 Alhambra Drive, Austin, Texas 78759.

The following items were completed in the past month:

- Construction contract signed 12-3-08.
- Bank loan closed 12-17-08.
- Demolition permit issued 12-22-08.
- Building permit issued 1-2-09.

The hired contractor, TCV Construction, is preparing to start demolition and construction soon. Over the next several months, expect to see and hear significant construction activity at the Commons Area. The Board of Directors has asked TCV to keep neighbor impact to a minimum. Daily construction is planned to begin at 7-7:30am and end at dusk. Due to cement deliveries, there will be a few days when work will start earlier and residents will be notified of those dates. Please remember the Commons Area is closed and no access is allowed for safety and security reasons. After completion, Balcones Woods Club residents will have a new clubhouse, parking lot improvements, new sidewalks, and numerous upgrades to enjoy for many years.

Thanks again for your understanding and patience through this major improvement project. Please check [www.balconeswoods.org](http://www.balconeswoods.org) for construction updates and plans.

## All About Landscapes

Balcones Woods Neighborhood  
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## BW Kids Classifieds

Residents ages 18 and under are welcome to post a free ad. To submit an ad for the 2009 calendar year, please e-mail us at [newsletter@balconeswoods.org](mailto:newsletter@balconeswoods.org).

Because space is limited, we reserve the right to edit all submissions.  
Thanks!