



# A VIEW FROM THE HEIGHTS AUGUST 2018



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City of Balcones Heights ~ Monthly Newsletter

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## MESSAGE FROM MAYOR

**SUZANNE DE LEON**

Balcones Heights ~  
A City on the Move

Dear Balcones Heights Residents and  
Business Owners:

I hope that you have taken notice of the many positive changes that have been made to our city over the past years. I have and I am so proud of our staff for keeping our vision in the forefront to make Balcones Heights a great city so we can all be proud of where we live.

As you know, the Balcones Lofts was the catalyst to this movement of positive change. Then the tear down of the old Travis Motel and the construction of the largest Chick-fil-A in the metropolitan area, adding about 60 employees to the workforce. Methodist TexSan Hospital is currently reinvesting in our city with the expansion of the Emergency Room, adding a parking garage and office buildings including *The Center for Sleep*, and the *Center for Orthopedic Surgery and Sports Medicine*. We have had some revitalization of existing homes in the neighborhood that definitely helps our property values. Wonder Plaza is undergoing a facelift with more improvements to come. So, what's next??? We have many projects in the works and many great leads that are too premature to discuss; but we know new growth is coming that will help to stimulate our economy and bring more interest and reinvestment to our city.

As we continue to redevelop and revitalize Balcones Heights, we are mindful that the City Council's decisions always should be to give better services to our residents and the public at large. Hold us to this! We are accountable to you and we want to hear from you about your vision for your city.

On a safety note - please be aware of the IRS phone scams that continue to happen. There have been a rash of telephone scammers pretending to be IRS bill collectors seeking payment over the phone for unpaid taxes. The recording demands immediate payment for back taxes and threatens a warrant will be issued for your arrest if you do not comply. Not to worry, **THIS IS COMPLETELY FALSE!** The real IRS says it never conducts business over the telephone, and all collections are handled via mail. They will not call you or come to your house; there is no warrant for your arrest. If you get these calls, hang up immediately!

Peace and Blessings,

Suzanne

P.S. We hope you like the new look to our monthly newsletter. Be sure to like us on Facebook or visit us on the web at [www.bhtx.gov](http://www.bhtx.gov)!

## REGULAR CITY COUNCIL UPDATE - CITY COUNCIL MEETING - JULY 23, 2018

- ◆ Council held a public hearing regarding Crime Control & Prevention District's proposed annual operating budget for the period of October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019.
- ◆ Council approved a Resolution authorizing 30% collection of debts and accounts receivable such as unpaid fines, fees, court costs, forfeited bonds, and restitution ordered paid by a municipal court serving the city. *Passed 4-0. Lara, Burton, Gillian & White - Yea*
- ◆ Council adopted a Resolution approving FY 2018-19 Balcones Heights Crime Control Prevention District Budget. *Passed 4-0. Lara, Burton, Gillian & White - Yea*
- ◆ Council adopted an ordinance with proposed amendments to Ordinance 2018-04 Parking and Storage of trailers and vehicles. *Passed 4-0. Lara, Burton, Gillian & White - Yea*
- ◆ Council approved business temporary sign permit fees, use and registration. *Passed 4-0. Lara, Burton, Gillian & White - Yea*
- ◆ Council approved supporting City Administrator David J. Harris's nomination as a candidate for the Board of Trustees of the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool to serve through Oct. 1 2024. *Passed 4-0. Lara, Burton, Gillian & White - Yea*
- ◆ Council met in Executive Session pursuant to Economic Development for business around Fredericksburg Rd., Wonder Plaza, and consultation with Attorney regarding 303 Crestview possible litigation and lawsuit with check cashing business. Action only on Wonder Plaza, no action taken on other items. *Passed 4-0. Lara, Burton, Gillian & White - Yea*

*Please note: Council votes are unofficial until approved by Council.*

## August 2018 Calendar

- Aug. 13 Special City Council Meeting - Budget - 6 p.m.
- Aug. 13 SAISD First Day of School
- Aug. 20 Special City Council Meeting - Budget - 6 p.m.
- Aug. 21 Planning & Zoning - 6 p.m.
- Aug. 27 Regular City Council Meeting 6 p.m.
- Aug. 27 NEISD First Day of School

## September 2018 Calendar

- Sept. 3 Labor Day Holiday - all City Offices Closed
- Sept. 18 Planning & Zoning - 6 p.m.
- Sept. 24 Bulk/Brush Pick-up - for more info. go to [bhtx.gov](http://bhtx.gov)
- Sept. 24 Regular City Council Meeting - 6 p.m.

**National Night Out - October 2 - 6:00-9:00 p.m.**  
**Balcones Heights Justice Center**

## AUGUST 2018 EVENTS

8/1	Wonderland Loteria	12pm-2pm
8/3	Artsy Fartsy Painting Party	7pm-9pm
8/4	Christmas in August	10am-6pm
8/8	Arts & Crafts Show	10am-6pm
8/8	Wonderland Loteria	12pm-2pm
8/11	Back to School Bash	10am-4pm
8/11	Back to School Giveaway Begins	
8/15	Wonderland Loteria	12pm-2pm
8/17	Wonderland Arts & Crafts	12pm-2pm
8/18	Artsy Fartsy Painting Party	7pm-9pm
8/22	Wonderland Loteria	12pm-2pm
8/24	Wonderland Arts & Crafts	12pm-2pm
8/25	UFO Fest	11am-5pm
8/29	Wonderland Loteria	12pm-2pm
8/31	Wonderland Arts & Crafts	12pm-2pm

## TEXAS TAX-FREE WEEKEND AUGUST 10TH-12TH, 2018



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## National Night Out Balcones Heights Justice Center October 2, 2018 ~ 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.



The 2018 National Night Out is going to be the best ever! Make plans to come out and enjoy time with your neighbors, Balcones Heights City Council and staff! Bring your children, grandchildren and friends! You don't want to miss this wonderful night of fun! There will be Face Painting, a Magician, Food, Games, Fun and much much more!



For more information, or if you would like to participate or make a donation, please email Jessica Faz, Communication Supervisor [jfaz@bhtx.gov](mailto:jfaz@bhtx.gov) or Corporal Joey Sepulveda, [jsepulveda@bhtx.gov](mailto:jsepulveda@bhtx.gov) or call 210-957-3170.



### August 13

Special City Council Meeting 6 p.m.  
 Council Budget Workshop  
Public Hearing #1 on Proposed Budget & Property Tax Rate

### August 20

Special City Council meeting 6 p.m.  
 Council Budget Workshop  
Public Hearing #2 on Propose Budget & Property Tax Rate

### August 27

Regular City Council Meeting 6 p.m.  
 Vote on adopting FY 2018-19 Budget  
 Vote on adopting the Tax Rate

### October 1

Adopted Budget and tax rates go into effect



## NEWSLETTER CHANGE

Due to cost cutting measures, the city is reducing the newsletter to a smaller format with important information. Also listed are links to the city website. For example, get detailed information regarding *Brush/Bulk pick-up*, as well as the *FY 2018-19 Proposed Budget and Tax Rate*. These can be found on the main website page: [www.bhtx.gov](http://www.bhtx.gov). You can also visit the city's FB page: <https://www.facebook.com/BalconesHeights/>. If you have comments or questions, please contact Chrissie Kolb - [chrissie@bhtx.gov](mailto:chrissie@bhtx.gov)



## YOUR SAFETY MATTERS!

When crossing Fredericksburg Rd. you must go to the crosswalk. After over a year of warnings, the Balcones Heights Police Department will now be issuing citations.