



The View from the Heights

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CITY ADMINISTRATORS UPDATE

David Harris

As you may be aware, the City cancelled its May election as all incumbents were unopposed. Mayor Suzanne de Leon, Councilmember Stephen Lara, and Councilmember Gloria Cantu were sworn in at the May 23 Council meeting. Also at this meeting, Councilmember Gloria Cantu was named Mayor Pro-Tem for the next year. Congratulations!



The City’s Economic Development Director Lorenzo Nastasi has announced keynote performers for the July installment of the Balcones Heights Jazz Festival:

- June 15: Rob Zinn/Jeff Ryan
- June 29: Peter White

TXDOT has replaced the two damaged sign on southbound Fredericksburg Road next to Jim’s Restaurant.

We had a great showing at Coffee with the Cops on May 19 at Whataburger as well as the City’s Cookout with the Cops on May 21. Special thanks to Chief Jahanara, Lt. Ortiz, and Lt. Acuña and families for putting this fun event together.

June 2, 3 PM is the next meeting on updating the City’s Master Plan: City Plan 2030. Residents are encouraged to attend to help shape the future vision of land use in the City.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or comments: dharris@bhtx.gov or 210-957-3541. Additional information may also be found on the City’s website at bhtx.gov.

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Residents, Whataburger #285 staff, and Balcones Heights PD personnel enjoyed “Coffee with a Cop” Thursday, May 19, 2022 in honor of National Police Week. Thanks Raul Marin





SUMMER UPDATES



SUMMER SAFETY

Safety First! Schools are out and temperatures have reached near 100°, a sure sign its summer! To keep people and pets safe, the city reminds residents and businesses about the importance of keeping an eye out for - and on - safety.

PEOPLE –

Hats/Sunscreen/Sunglasses

Sunscreen, hats and sunglasses should be used anytime you're outdoors. Even cloudy days offer the chance to sunburn. Protect yourself and your family from the Texas heat.

Walkability

Many of our residents and guests in Balcones Heights are walking for exercise, to access the VIA bus stops, to get to their place of employment, for shopping and for pleasure. Visit the website to learn how to make your next trip a little safer.

PETS –

Microchipping Pets

Microchipping greatly increases the likelihood of a lost pet being reunited with you and your family. City policy requires all pets be microchipped.

Hydration

Encourage your fur friend to stay hydrated by changing water several times daily. Warm water on a hot day does not quench thirst. Add a few ice cubes to keep the water cool for drinking.

PROPERTY –

Lawn Care

Use a mulching blade on your mower to allow chopped-up leaves and grass to remain on your lawn returning vital nutrients to the soil.

Protect Texas Waterways and Wildlife

Never blow grass clippings, leaves or other organic Materials into the roadways or storm drains. It is also a violation of the City of Balcones Heights stormwater code and may result in the issuance a court summons.

City Wide Clean Up

C6 Disposal Systems will host a city clean-up day Saturday, July 16, 2022; 8:00 am – 2:00 pm. Balcones Heights residents must show proof of residency and be current on the refuse account. Items may be dropped off at the rear of the Justice Center. For a list of items not accepted, please visit the city website.

Free Household Hazardous Waste Disposal

Call: 1-800-449-7587 or email: atyourdoor@wm.com to schedule a free home pick-up of any household unwanted batteries, motor oil, cleaners, solvents, paints, insecticides, herbicides, compact fluorescent light bulbs and other special disposal items.

Planning a Home Improvement Project?

Contact the Community Development Office at inspections@bhtx.gov or call Luther Perez at 210-957-3546 to see if a permit is required. Inspections are the most important part of the permitting process.

Newsletter is produced by the Economic Development & Public Affairs Office. A list of city contacts can be found at www.bhtx.gov/departments.



Additional information from this newsletter can be found on the city website: www.bhtx.gov or follow the city on social media:



Facebook and Instagram: [balconesheights](https://www.facebook.com/balconesheights)



COMMUNITY SENIOR CITIZEN SERVICES

Most of us are too busy in our lives trying to survive in these hard times with inflation and it is very easy to forget about our elderly parents and neighbors. Most of our elderly citizens could be alone, lonely, and possibly not well nourished due to living on fixed incomes.

Meals on Wheels is a public-private partnership that enables seniors to remain healthy and independent in their own homes, where they want to be, avoiding far more costly healthcare alternatives, such as unnecessary trips to the emergency room, hospitalizations, and nursing home placements. **Meals on Wheels** San Antonio prepares and delivers hot, nutritious meals each weekday to older and disabled community members living throughout Bexar County.

Other available services are:

- Meal Delivery
- Emergency Meals
- Nutrition Information
- Senior Center Meals
- AniMeals - Pet Food Delivery
- Friendly Visitor - Senior Friendship
- Comfy Casas - Home Safety
- Grace Notes - Alzheimer's Choir

For more information visit mowsat.org or call 210-735-5115 to find out what you or your loved seniors are eligible for.

Respectfully yours,
Miguel C. Valverde
 City Councilmember

CITY'S EDC HOLDS STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION

The Balcones Heights Economic Development Corporation (EDC) and members of City Council held the first Strategic Planning Workshop on Wednesday, May 18, 2022. The workshop, facilitated by Richard Lewis, Jr., Ph.D., was held to begin formulating the EDC's vision and mission statements. A key element of the workshop was the City's Strategic Plan 2022, with its goal of Future Sustainability and Livability.

City Council and EDC members identified strategic goals through brainstorming exercise led by Dr. Lewis. After two rounds of identifying goals, workshop participants individually selected five goals they considered to be the most important

Next steps include consolidating all the suggested goals into a "short list" of priority goals, and creating a vision narrative and mission statement based on the workshop discussions and input.

Residents and business owners are encouraged to share ideas. The City's EDC meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chamber at the Balcones Heights Justice Center, 3300 Hillcrest Drive.

For more information about the Balcones Heights Economic Development Corporation contact Lorenzo Nastasi, Executive Director, lorenzo@bhtx.gov or 210-957-2991.

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Mark your calendars!



**2022
BALCONES
HEIGHTS
JAZZ
FESTIVAL
28TH SEASON**

FRIDAY, JULY 15, 2022
 7:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, JULY 29, 2022
 7:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.

**THE AMPHITHEATER
 AT WONDERLAND OF THE AMERICAS**
 4522 Fredericksburg Road at I-10
 Balcones Heights, Texas




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2022 Summer Line-up

JULY 15



Rob Zinn/Jeff Ryan

JULY 29



Peter White







City of Balcones Heights
4522 Fredericksburg Rd., A-22
Balcones Heights, Texas 78201

Save the Date!

All events held at the Balcones Heights Justice Center/City Hall unless otherwise noted.

June 2	3:00 p.m.	Master Plan Update Workshop
June 14		Flag Day Observance
June 15	5:30 p.m.	Economic Development Corporation meeting
June 19		Father's Day
June 20		Juneteenth Holiday—City Offices Closed
June 27	6:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
July 4		Independence Day—City Offices Closed
July 15	7:30 p.m.	Balcones Heights Jazz Festival: Johnny P & the Wiseguys (The Amphitheater at Wonderland)
July 16	8:00 a.m.	City-Wide Clean Up Day
July 20	5:30 p.m.	Economic Development Corporation Meeting
July 25	6:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
July 29	7:30 p.m.	Balcones Heights Jazz Festival: Peter White (The Amphitheater at Wonderland)