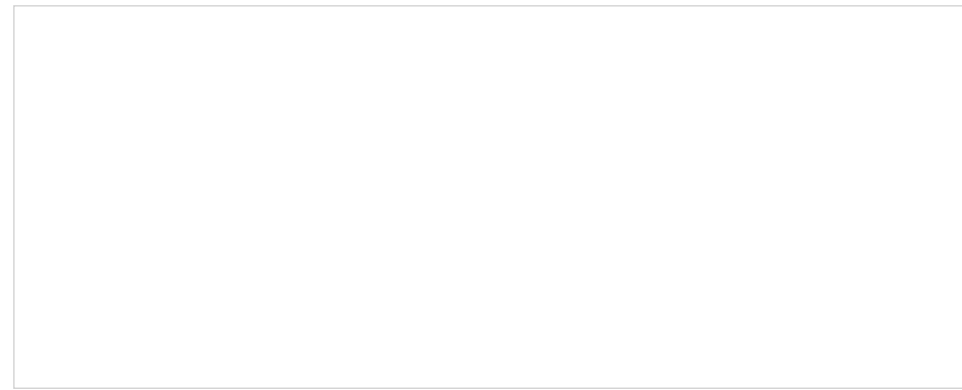


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NEWS-BLAST NEWSLETTER



FIRE DEPT. SAFETY TIPS

With the arrival of spring, most of us will be cooking outside. Who doesn't love the wonderful aroma of food on the grill? Let me share a few safety tips to keep your outdoor entertaining safe.

- Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- Never leave your grill unattended.
- Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.

CHARCOAL GRILLS

There are several ways to get the charcoal ready for use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel.

- If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
- Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.
- There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use.
- When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.

Remember, the City of Balch Springs does not allow outdoor burning at any time, however, grilling is permitted and we hope you enjoy! As always please, call us at 972-557-6040 if we can be of assistance to you. For all emergencies dial 9-1-1.

Stay Safe,
Sean Davis, Fire Marshal

JUNK VEHICLES SECTION 78-274

It is a violation of City Ordinances to have a junk vehicle located anywhere that such vehicle is visible from a public place or public right of way. A junk vehicle is defined as a motor vehicle that is self-propelled and:

1. Does not have lawfully attached to it either an unexpired license plate or a valid motor vehicle inspection certificate
2. Is either wrecked, dismantled, or partially dismantled, or discarded
3. Inoperable and has remained inoperable for more than 72 consecutive hours if the vehicle is on public property, or 30 consecutive days if the vehicle is on private property.

MAY 2019

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

4	May 4th General Election, 7:00am-7:00pm	3	Flood & Drainage Committee Mtg. - City Hall, 6:00pm Planning & Zoning Commissions Mtg. - City Hall, 7:00pm	2	Flood & Drainage Committee Mtg. - City Hall, 6:00pm Planning & Zoning Commissions Mtg. - City Hall, 7:00pm	1	THE ANNUAL 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION AND FIREWORKS SHOW will be held on Saturday, June 29th, 2019 at the Balch Springs Recreation Center (4372 Shepherd Lane), from 5:00pm - 11:00pm. The fireworks show will begin at approximately 9:00pm. Join us for music, entertainment, vendors, a fun Kid Zone and much more. Vendor opportunities are available! For more information please contact Linda Highwood at 972-286-4477 x214 or Jessica Casillas at 972-557-6090. See you there!	4	May 4th General Election, 7:00am-7:00pm
11	Neighborhood Services Day - Library, 9:00am-2:00pm	9	Economic Development (Type B) Mtg.- City Hall, 6:00pm	8	Economic Development (Type B) Mtg.- City Hall, 6:00pm	7	14 Economic Development (Type A) Mtg.- City Hall, 6:00pm	10	Neighborhood Services Day - Library, 9:00am-2:00pm
18	Library Board Mtg. - City Hall, 6:00pm Planning & Zoning Commissions Mtg. - City Hall, 7:00pm	16	Library Board Mtg. - City Hall, 6:00pm Planning & Zoning Commissions Mtg. - City Hall, 7:00pm	15	14 Economic Development (Type A) Mtg.- City Hall, 6:00pm	14	13 City Council Mtg. - City Hall, 7:00pm	17	Library Board Mtg. - City Hall, 6:00pm Planning & Zoning Commissions Mtg. - City Hall, 7:00pm
25	Parks & Recreation Board Mtg. - City Hall, 7:00pm	23	Parks & Recreation Board Mtg. - City Hall, 7:00pm	22	22 City Council Meeting - City Hall, 7:00pm	21	20 City Council Meeting - City Hall, 7:00pm	24	Parks & Recreation Board Mtg. - City Hall, 7:00pm
31	City Council Meeting - City Hall, 7:00pm	30	City Council Meeting - City Hall, 7:00pm	29	28 City Council Meeting - City Hall, 7:00pm	28	27 MEMORIAL DAY All City Offices Closed for Holiday	31	City Council Meeting - City Hall, 7:00pm

Please see the city website at CityofBalchSprings.com for more details on Events, News & Announcements

CITY SECRETARY

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCIÓN GENERAL)

To the Registered Voters of the City of Balch Springs, Texas:
(A los votantes registrados de City of Balch Springs, Texas):

Notice is hereby given that the polling place listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on Saturday, May 4, 2019, for the purpose of electing a Mayor and Council Members for Places 3, 5, and 7. (Por lo presente se da aviso que el sitio de votación indicado abajo estará abierto de las 7:00 a.m. a 7:00 p.m. el sábado, 4 de mayo, 2019 para votar en la elección general para elegir al Alcalde y a Concejales a los Puestos 3, 5, y 7).

Location(s) of Polling Places
(Ubicación(es) de sitios de votación):

- Precincts/Precintos:
3400, 3401, 3402, 3404, 3406, 3407, 3408, 3409, 3410, 3411
Hickory Tree Baptist Church
3200 Hickory Tree Road
Balch Springs, TX. 75180
- Precincts/Precintos 3405:
Ed Hodges Elementary School
14401 Spring Oaks Drive
Balch Springs, TX. 75180
- Precincts/Precintos 3314:
Horn High School
3300 E. Cartwright Rd.
Balch Springs, TX. 75181
- Precincts/Precintos 3015:
Kleberg/Rylie Crest Recreation Center
1515 Edd Road
Dallas, TX. 75243



RECYCLING MATTERS

DID YOU KNOW that plastic six pack harnesses can be lethal to birds, fish and other wildlife? Plastic entanglement has been the cause of death to dolphins, seals, birds, animals, etc. The plastic rings get caught on their bills and necks. Unable to untangle themselves they starve or choke.



Unfortunately recycling the plastic rings does not solve the problem. What can we do? Cut plastic harnesses into pieces. Don't

forget to cut the rings from your plastic milk and juice bottles as well. The simple act of cutting these harnesses will go a long way and can help solve the problem immensely.

Remember: Our fish and wildlife are important, and Our Earth Cannot Be Recycled



MUNICIPAL COURT

On March 28th, 2019, from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm, an Active Warrant Docket took place at the Balch Springs Municipal Court for anyone with active warrants that required a special payment plan or extension to pay. With the donation of 3 cans per warrant, The Municipal Court offered a reduction of \$50.00 on each of the case(s). The Municipal Court collected a total of 545 cans (708 lbs.) of food that was donated to The Opal J. Smith Food Pantry of Balch Springs.

NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES

NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES DAY

On May 10, 2019, from 9am - 2pm, at the Balch Springs Library, Theater (12450 Elam Road), you can speak to someone who can help you with housing resources and services: Minor Housing Repair and Rehabilitation • Repair Affair • Amy Young Barrier Removal Program (for persons w disabilities) • Dallas County Replacement Housing • Dallas County Veterans Services • Dallas County Home Loan Counseling and Upfront Cost Programs • Habitat for Humanity - A Brush with Kindness • Homebuyers • Neighborhood Pride Program • Code Enforcement • Safety • Fair Housing

SPRUCE UP YOUR HOME. FREE PAINT FOR RESIDENTS OF BALCH SPRINGS

Neighborhood Services is offering 1 gallon cans of interior paint for FREE! Limited supply, First come, first served basis. Select colors. Proof of ID w/address required. **MUST SCHEDULE A PICK-UP.** Call the Neighborhood Services Department: (972) 286-4477 ext 125.

FEDERAL FAIR HOUSING ACT

It is illegal to discriminate in the sale or rental of housing, including against individuals seeking a mortgage or housing assistance, or in other housing-related activities. The federal Fair Housing Act of 1968 and the federal Fair Housing Act Amendments Act of 1988 prohibit discrimination on the basis of the following criteria (called "protected categories"): race or color; religion; national origin; familial status or age—includes families with children under the age of 18 and pregnant women; disability or handicap, or sex.

The federal Fair Housing Acts apply to all aspects of the landlord-tenant relationship:

- A landlord may not advertise or make any statement that indicates a limitation or preference based on race, religion, or any other protected category
- Falsely deny that a rental unit is available
- Set more restrictive standards for selecting tenants or refuse to rent to members of certain groups.
- Before or during the tenancy, set different terms, conditions, or privileges for rental of a dwelling unit, such as requiring larger deposits of some tenants or adopting an inconsistent policy of responding to late rent payments
- Terminate a tenancy for a discriminatory reason

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) enforces the Fair Housing Act. a tenant who thinks that a landlord has broken a federal fair housing law should contact a local office. Check the HUD website at www.hud.gov or call the HUD hotline 1-800-669-9777

SUPPORT THE NEXT REPAIR AFFAIR EVENT

Saturday, June 8th, 2019 (9am - 1pm). Elderly and disabled neighbors need your help! Supplies & Refreshments provided.
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
Call Santosha Pratt, Neighborhood Services - (972) 286-4477 x125

PAY-BY-PHONE SYSTEM UPDATE

The City of Balch Springs is excited about the progress of our pay-by-phone system. As of March 2019, the system received a total of 2589 account inquiries. Of those inquiries, the system granted a total of 400 extensions and accepted 611 payments.

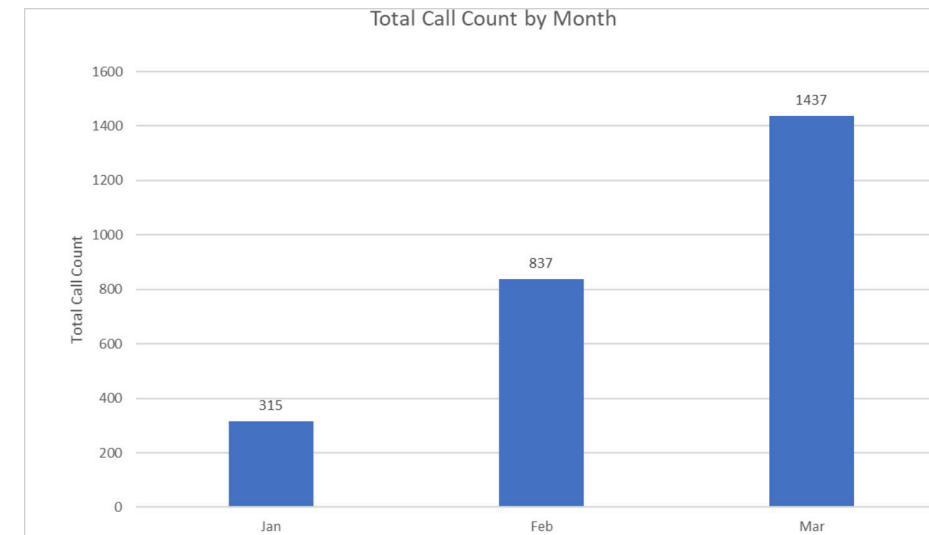
EXTENSIONS & PAYMENTS THROUGH IVR

Extensions Granted:

Jan 2019	50 extensions
Feb 2019	160 extensions
March 2019	190 extensions

Payments Accepted:

Jan 2019	54 payments
Feb 2019	181 payments
March 2019	376 payments



All you need is your 13-digit account number and credit or debit card (5% convenience fee applies). Extensions granted to current water accounts.

PAY-BY-PHONE SYSTEM 855-202-3000

BALCH SPRINGS DAY AT THE CAPITOL



On Tuesday March 26, 2019 the City of Balch Springs City Council, Executive Staff, EDC Boards (Type A & Type B), Planning & Zoning and City Staff attended the Balch Springs Day at the Capitol in Austin. The day consisted of recognition in the House by the Honorable State Representatives Toni Rose and Rhetta Bowers, recognition in the Senate by the Honorable Senator Bob Hall. The group also visited both State Representatives in their respective offices in the afternoon. The event was sponsored by the Economic Development Corporations.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

THE BRE (BUSINESS RETENTION EXPANSION) PROGRAM

in Balch Springs is coordinated and implemented through the Economic Development Department. The Balch Springs Economic Development Department has made great strides on growing and expanding the BRE program. For the past four fiscal years, Economic Development has contracted in partnership with the Balch Springs Chamber of Commerce to facilitate the program.

The BRE Team visited the following companies:



PPG Paints is located at 3621 Shepherd Lane in the Balch Springs Plaza Shopping Center. The 6,325 SF store has three employees. PPG

has been providing quality paints and stains for homeowners and professionals alike for well over 100 years. Today, PPG's line-up of well-respected residential, commercial and industrial paint brands offers a wide range of choices to meet the varying needs of consumers, interior designers, painting contractors, property managers, developers and architects around the globe. PPG Paint is open to the public. Please visit their website at www.ppgpaints.com for more information regarding their products.



Binford Fence Supply is located at 2815 Hickory Tree Road and has 130 employees at the Balch Springs location. Binford

Fence Supply has eight locations including Balch Springs, McKinney, Carrollton, North Houston, South Houston, Odessa, Oklahoma City, and Tulsa. One third of the supply of the distribution is from the Balch Springs location. In 2017 Binford Fence moved its corporate offices to Balch Springs at 11218 Limestone Drive. For more information please visit the Binford Fence Website at www.binfordsupply.com.



Fox Fuel open its doors in Balch Springs in 2016. The Balch Springs location is the largest of all the stores they operate with 80 gas dispensers. The 17,500SF building sits on 4.5 acres. This location has 30 employees and also has a restaurant and laundry mat. Fox Fuel is located 4290 S. Beltline Road.

If you would like to have the BRE team visit your business please contact Effie Donaldson, Economic Development Administrative Services Manager at 972-913-3004 or edonaldson@cityofbalchsprings.com.

For more information please contact:
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