

The Grapevine

A bi-monthly newsletter by the East Cesar Chavez Neighborhood Association & Planning Team

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Para info en Español, llame a Sabino 'Pio' Renteria 478-6770



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**Austin ISD Bond Election
is Saturday, May 11th!**

Su voto es su voz!

Call 414-BOND or

www.austinisd.org/bond



VIVA STREETS! is a FREE street festival. You can ride a bike, walk, skate, Zumba or do a Tango. The street is yours, and this day, it's closed to cars! It's a family-friendly event and pets on leashes are welcome too. Not the active type? Bring a chair and spend the afternoon watching all the fun! Local businesses and residents on E. 6th St. are encouraged to create sidewalk cafes or booths serving healthy snacks and drinks. Get a food handler's permit if you plan to sell food or drinks.

Info? Contact Lewis Leff, in Councilmember Riley's Office, lewis.leff@austintexas.gov or call him at 974-6055.

VIVA STREETS!

www.VivaStreetsAustin.org

Sun., May 19th, 12—5 pm

E. 6th (Brazos-Robert T. Martinez)

PeopleFund, a community nonprofit, is hosting our annual Junior Entrepreneurship Track (JET) a free program for 9th-12th grade students. JET is a FREE, year-long educational program designed to prepare students for life after high school graduation. Consisting of a 5-week summer curriculum and mentorship pairings for the following academic year, JET promises to provide practical skills while inspiring students to pursue meaningful careers. Each week will focus on a new content area, bringing in guest lecturers, subject matter experts, and community leaders in the areas of entrepreneurship, financial literacy, life skills, diversity, and workforce development. JET also features career simulations and hands-on field trips so participants can learn more about the wide scope of careers Austin has to offer. Participating students, depending on the school they attend, are eligible for community service hours, letters of recommendation, and course credit. Participants will also develop a benchmark project, and the most outstanding project will be awarded a small grant/scholarship.

Registration deadline is June 1st!

To learn more about JET and register or recommend a student, visit <http://peoplefund.org/programs/jet> or contact Laurie Annear, Business Assistance and Education Manager for PeopleFund at 512.222.1019 or via email laurie@peoplefund.org. Enrollment is open to all incoming 9th grade students through graduating seniors. All applications for registration must be received by June 1, 2013 for consideration.



Holly Shores Master Plan Workshop #4

Monday, May 20th

6 to 8pm

Martin Middle School

1601 Haskell Street

78702

Call Chris Yanez, 974-9470

or email him at

Chris.yanez@austintexas.gov

or www.austintexas.gov/

hollyshoresmasterplan

Crime and Safety Committee Report

by Lori C-Renteria, 478-6770 or lorirenteria@grandecom.net

Sound Complaints still a big problem in our area!

Continue to call 911 for noise complaints. Take the extra step by filing noise complaints via email to sound@austintexas.gov or call the Sound HOTLINE at 974-1000. The city staff who approve outdoor music permits log these complaints and can use them to restrict or deny outdoor music permits.

SPEAK UP ON SPECIAL EVENTS PERMITS!

The city is looking for input both on special events and the permitting process to put on these types of events. The Austin City Council passed a resolution to investigate a new way of permitting special events. Make your voice heard to shape special events and their permitting in Austin. SPEAK UP AUSTIN!

Take the survey at: <https://austintexas.granicusideas.com/surveys/special-events-in-austin> You will have to register once with an email and password and then you will be contacted via email on future SPEAKUP issues. Be sure to save your password and email login.

E. Cesar Chavez & Guadalupe areas

JOIN US AT OUR NEXT QUARTERLY FORUM

On the Eastside!

APD's DTAC Commanders' Forum

Tuesday, July 9@ 5:30 pm

North Door, E. 5th and Brushy St.

Info? For meeting notices,

contact [Edward](#) 974-5340 or 974-3822

Contact Edward Robinson to get on the notice list for APD meetings. Edward provided these contacts and helpful links:

Admin. Assistant: [Edward Robinson](#) 974-5340

G1 District Rep: [Officer James.Scoggins](#) 974-8393

DR's main number 974-3822 or dtac.dr@austintexas.gov

DR Supervisor: Sgt. John Spillers 974-5708

Commander: Jason Dusterhoff 974-

Team 1 - Persons Crimes - Main No. 974-5320 Assault, Deadly Conduct, Harassment, Terroristic Threats, Disturbances
Team 2 - Property Crimes – Main No. 974-5484 Burglary of or breaking into Vehicles, Criminal Mischief, Criminal Trespass, all types of Theft

Citywide Night Detectives – Main No. 974-5320

APD Home page: www.austintexas.gov/department/police

APD District Representatives: www.austintexas.gov/department/apd-district-representatives Commander's Forum: www.austintexas.gov/department/commanders-forums

Citizen Observer: www.citizenobserver.com/cov6/app/group.html?id=4117 Sign up: Citizen Alert Network and

Raids on-line alerts www.citizenobserver.com/ City Crime Information: www.austintexas.gov/GIS/crimeviewer/

[CrimeViewer_disclaimer.html](#) APD Incident Report Database: www.ci.austin.tx.us/police/reports/index.cfm Crime Prevention: www.austintexas.gov/department/office-community-

Welcome! Bienvenidos!

Our neighborhood has a new APD District Representative, Officer James Scoggins, and a new Commander, Jason Dusterhoff! We also extend a big thank you to our former DR, Officer Jason Huskins, and Commander Troy Gay who was promoted to Assistant Chief.

Anonymous Volunteers Needed!

Eastside Rangers: Neighbors on Patrol and Block Watch Team Leaders

Volunteers keeping our neighborhood safe & clean

Call Lori at 478-6770 to get involved

Keep our Neighborhood Safe & Clean while you walk!

Report Code Violations to 311

- Excessive Trash, Brush & Debris
- Illegal business operations
- Outdoor Music complaints

Info? www.austinrecycles.com/code.htm

or contact our dedicated Code Compliance Inspector, Barbara Boswell, at 974.9028 or email her

barbara.boswell@austintexas.gov

Join our neighborhood's online crime watch group:

<http://groups.google.com/group/east-austin-neighbors> You'll have to request membership to this private group. There's about 100 folks in the group doing crime watch.

Central East & South Central

(Holly and most eastside NAs and Montopolis)

APD's Commanders' Forum

Usually held the 1st Monday@ 6:30 pm

East Substation & Forensics Lab

812 Springdale Rd, 1st floor

Parking limited, share a ride or Bus #17 or #4

Get notices, info? Contact [Gwen](#) 974-8106 or 974-8578

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Joe Rodriguez, owner

512– 949-9733 or jrod512east@aol.com

Lifelong East Austinite

References upon request

APD seeing an increase in Home Burglaries in East Cesar Chavez & Holly 'Hoods

Our new District Representative, Officer James Scoggins, attended our last ECC meeting to warn us about increased home burglaries and car break-ins. The Region 3 District Representatives have walked the Holly Neighborhood to visit with residents and provide educational information about how NOT to become a victim of Home/Auto Burglaries and Robberies. Over 40 home burglaries in a few weeks were reported on streets south of 4th to the Lake, from I-35 to Anthony. Please prevent more crime. Don't feel bad to call 911 about strangers because you don't want the cops to stop neighbors you don't know. If something at your neighbor's house seems odd or strangers knock on your door looking for work, food, money or say they're lost, call 911. They going to knock on your neighbors' doors until they find no one home, then they go to side or back yard spots to break in. Some thieves are just taking jewelry and small electronics and others have backed up what looked like a legitimate work truck and clean you out! Crooks make it look like they're working—some even have fake uniforms, magnetic truck signs, or use stolen vehicles to haul off our stuff. And if you ever have people come up and ask if you want to buy their things because of some big emergency or tragedy, get a good description and call 911! They're hitting homes when people leave just get someone from work. They're watching us and they will leave if we all start watching them. Step up and be the crime watcher on your block. And, if you or someone you know are buying those stolen goods, shame on you!



**SPREAD
THE WORD!!!!!!**

You're cordially invited to join Chief of Police Art Acevedo, Assistance Chief Patrick Ockletree, and Central East/South Central Commander Fred Fletcher

IN

**CELEBRATING
COMMUNITY**

Join us and Central East Austin Neighborhood Associations, local businesses, churches and community workers as we

**CELEBRATE
SUCCESSFUL
PARTNERSHIPS**

Refreshments
Provided

CENTRAL EAST AUSTIN CommUNITY Walk

CELEBRATING SUCCESSFUL PARTNERSHIPS



**May 4, 2013
East 12th & Chicon St.
10am -11am**



Please Call (512) 974-5902
or (512) 974-8106 for
additional information.

www.austintexas.gov/departments/police

STOP THE SCHOOL TO PRISON PIPELINE! HELP FOR KIDS WITH CLASS C TICKETS

The Austin Lawyers Guild wants to represent youth (under 18) who are cited for Class C misdemeanors issued by any kind of police officer (APD, Travis County or AISD) which are tried in regular municipal court (not juvenile court). Without legal help, these students end up getting criminal records that will follow them all their adult lives and limit their future eligibility for good jobs, higher education, even housing options and getting a driver's license. Learn more and see good resources: at <http://www.austinlawyersguild.org/pipeline/>

To access this FREE program, bring your paperwork/ticket and go to Martin Middle School Legal Aid Clinic any Monday. First come, first served. People start lining up at 5:30 pm. Spanish language interpreters are available. **Info? Call Texas RioGrande Legal Aid at (512) 374-2700**, Monday through Friday, 8am-5pm. Thanks to attorney Virginia Raymond for reaching out to The Grapevine to spread the word.

Join our Affordable Housing Committee! Call Sabino Pio Renteria, 478-6770 or pio@grandecom.net
Update on the RBJ Senior Residential Center Master Plan: See www.rbjcenter.org

A small selected group is reviewing proposals by potential master developers to increase the number of affordable apts for seniors and to create retail spaces to serve RBJ seniors and nearby residents. Representing the ECC Team is Ken Johnson, our chair and a leader of the non-profit Architecture for Humanity. Representing the RBJ seniors is resident Jo Staton, who is also a member of the ECC Team. Contact info for Ken and Jo can be found on [page 6](#).

TROUBLE GETTING AROUND YOUR HOME?

Has age or a disability made it harder for you or a loved one to enter or leave your home or to comfortably access the kitchen or bathroom? Is it difficult to hear or see when someone is knocking at your door or to hear the telephone ring? Our free programs modify those areas of your home so they can be easier for you to use. If you or someone in your home is age 62 or older or severely disabled (as defined by federal regulations), call us to learn about you can get free home improvements such as grab bars, wheel chair ramps, handrails, door widening, elevated toilets, accessible sinks and more. Ask about the Architectural Barrier Removal program.

HAS YOUR HOME SEEN BETTER DAYS?

We're helping eligible homeowners bring their homes to building code standards with repairs to the foundation, roof, plumbing, HVAC system, electrical work and other major interior and exterior repairs. **The Homeowner Rehabilitation Loan Program (HRLP) is a 0% interest home loan program.** We will repair your home or build a new home for you.

Visit www.austintexas.gov/empower for details about free home repair and financial empowerment programs, or call (512) 974-3100. Se habla espanol.

Progress Update on Historic Preservation Projects by Amy Thompson, Historic Preservation Chair

The historic preservation committee is actively engaged in three exciting projects for the neighborhood: 1) collaborating with Festival Beach Community Gardens on a project to re-purpose an historic ECC home as a meeting room for the garden and its community partners and 2) completion of a draft proposal for a local historic district in the neighborhood, and 3) planning the neighborhood's 3rd Annual Historic Home and Business tour.

community meeting room - This dynamic project involves the relocation of early 19th century batten board cottage, currently in danger of demolition, from 5th St. to the garden on Waller. Once the structure is established at the garden, project partners intend to use it as storage while they develop resources to convert the historic structure into an example of a sustainable work space that relies on alternate energies and technologies.

local historic district proposal - Work on the draft ECC local historic district proposal is currently focused on completion of the district's design guidelines. Meetings involve good food (and wine) and lots of hearty debate. Once the draft is complete, the committee will submit the proposal to the team for review.

historic home and business tour - Since 2011, neighbors having been learning more about their homes, the community's history, and each other through ECC's annual tour. This tour will be in the fall, and incorporate public art spaces, homes and businesses.

Interested in learning more about, or joining in, any of these initiatives? please contact Amy Thompson at mankin76@gmail.com or 499-0780.



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Call us or email: linda.crockett@austintexas.gov

or bernardino.miranda@austintexas.org

A Tribute to Sor Juana 2013

Art Exhibit: 04/13/2013-06/29/2013 Featuring Exhibits by Margarita Cabrera's "Brought Us with Me" in the Main Gallery. & Paloma Mayora's "Organic Tendencies" in the Community Gallery Exhibit Hours: M-Th 10am-6pm, Fri 10am-5:30pm, Sat 10am-4pm, Sun- closed. **More info? Call (512) 974-3772**

April 25, 26, 27: Black Box Theatre, 8 PM (Tickets at door)

Performance: "Telling Stories" Script and scenes created based on interviews with veterans and their families. NOTE: FREE ADMISSION for "Telling Stories" on, May 2, 3, 4

April 30: Senior Program Cine de Oro - FREE ADMISSION

9:30 am "Marcelino, Pan y Vino/ Miracle of Marcelino

Following the movie seniors get a healthy, free lunch.

This program occurs on the last Tuesday of every month!

May 4: AUDITORIUM, 7 pm – FREE ADMISSION

Film Screening: "Texas Before the Alamo"

Arrive early, seating is limited.

May 19: AUDITORIUM, 2 pm – FREE ADMISSION

Puerto Rican Folkloric Dance Recital

May 28: Senior Program Cine de Oro - FREE ADMISSION

9:30 am – "Carol's Journey/El Viaje de Carol" Following the movie seniors get a healthy, free lunch. Last Tuesday of month!



Cinco de Mayo Fiesta Gardens Friday & Saturday May 4th-5th

www.cincodemayoaustrin.com

- Pets not allowed but Service animals are OK
- Lock up bikes inside the park by fence line
- Capitol Metro has routes 17, 21, and 22
- Bring your lawn chair and dancing shoes

Booth Space Info? Low Rider Car Show? Music Lineup?

See website, email Julius or call the Hotline at 512-538-1351



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Eeyores

50th Annual Birthday Party

Saturday, April 27

11:00 a.m. until dark.

LIVE MUSIC 12-6pm

With Surprise guests

Children's Area from 11am until 4pm

FREE ADMISSION

Rain date is Sat, May 4th or

More info? Call (512) 448-5160 or

visit www.eeyores.org

Eeyores Birthday Party is a fund-raiser to benefit non-profit groups in Austin. Some of these groups will be selling hot and cold food (including vegetarian), soft drinks, juices, spring water, and Texas beer at the event. Look for commemorative Eeyore Birthday Party T-shirts.

- Please wear a costume. There will be costume contests and other games with prizes for children of all ages.
- Artists will be doing face painting and temporary tattoos.
- Musicians playing non-amplified instruments can play.
- There's Maypoles for the young and young at heart.

[Visit website for FREE Shuttle Bus Pickup locations](http://www.eeyores.org)

Don't even think of trying near the Park.

There will be NO parking available at the park.

Please take the bus, ride a bike, or walk!

Many thanks to [Trinsic Technologies, Inc.](http://TrinsicTechnologies.com) for sponsoring our website

HELP WANTED: JOIN OUR TEAM! We need a Resident Rep for Sector 2 and a Rep from a non-profit, civic group or congregation providing services in our area. [See Sector Map: on page 7.](#) If you can attend our meetings on the 3rd Wednesday each month from 6—7:30 pm, then you can nominate yourself. See our bylaws and policies are on our website or request a print copy by calling Lori at 478-6770. We have 8 geographic Sector Reps so all parts of the neighborhood have a voice. Sector Reps must live in their Sector. A short bio or letter explaining why you want to serve in that slot is mainly how the Leadership Team selects new members. Interested? Call 478-6770 or contact a rep listed below. **Our next meetings are May 15 (Terrazas Library) and June 19 (NEW location RBJ) . Check us out!**

Your ECC Leadership Team Contacts: Call if you would like to get involved with us!

Name	Address	Phone #	Representing/Committees
Ken Johnson	1808 Holly St.	210-710-2013	ECC Chair, Non-profit rep.
Sabino 'Pio' Renteria	1511 Haskell	478-6770	ECC V-Chair, Sector 6 rep., Housing Chair
Chris Kanipe	904 Spence St.	646-825-1892	ECC Secretary Sector 3 rep., ANC rep.
Susan Benz	1101—B E. 6th Street	220-9542x100	ECC Treasurer, Sector 8 resident rep.
Al Moser	1901 Riverview	524-2974	Business rep., USPS carrier
Kathy Setzer	1609 E. Cesar Chavez	775-6436	Business representative, Heywood Hotel
Cristina Valdés	902 E. 2nd Street	789-0309	Business rep, Realtor, Economic Dev. Chair
Julio Perez	407 W. Live Oak (78704)	443-0801	Festival Beach Garden, Non-profit rep
OPEN SEAT (Accepting Nominations)			Non-profit, civic or congregational rep.
Farah Rivera	21 Waller St	501-9853	Renters' Rep, RBJ Resident Council President
Pilar Sanchez	903 E. 2nd St.	477-4488 x2122	Sector 1 resident representative
OPEN SEAT (Accepting Nominations)			Sector 2 resident representative
Edie Cassel	1611 Willow	968-5313	Sector 4 resident representative
Jo Staton	21 Waller St., #1205	587-2576	Sector 5 rep., senior citizens' advocate
Richard Roberts	1301 E. Cesar Chavez	351-9436	Sector 7 resident representative
Kathy McWhorter	1711 Willow	478-9478	Parks & Environment Chair, Green Council
Amy Thompson	1402 E. 2nd St.	499-0780	Local Historic District Committee Chair
Lori C-Renteria	1511 Haskell	478-6770	Crime & Safety Chair, Newsletter Editor
Ricardo Zavala		577-8280	Education Committee Chair
OPEN SEAT (Accepting Nominations)			Transportation Committee Chair
Jeff Thompson	1408 Willow St.	322-9930	Land Use/Design Co-Chair
Molly O'Halloran	1308 E. 2nd Street	809-4777	Land Use/Design Co-Chair
OPEN SEAT (Accepting Nominations)			Holiday Party Fundraising Committee Chair

We always meet the 3rd Wednesday from 6-7:30 pm, Usually at TERRAZAS LIBRARY. Call Ken at 210-710-2013 or Chris Kanipe 646-825-1892 to get on our agenda or for more info. Meeting highlights for Feb/Mar/April: In Feb, we had committee reports and discussed SXSW traffic safety on E. 5-6th. In March, we heard about Cap Metro Changes to Bus Routes, discussed expanding our endorsement policy to include policies on secondary units, music venues, demolitions, design guidelines, and special event permits. In April, we had presentations by City Public Works on the E. 5th Street improvements and confirmed we'll get more lights. Met our new APD DR, Officer Scoggins, and elected Richard Roberts as Sector 7 Resident Rep.

ADS? COMMENTS? STORY IDEAS?

Call Lori at 478-6770 or

lorirenteria@grandecom.net

Ads start at just \$25 for business card size.

HELP WANTED: Transportation Committee Chair

Thanks to all who are helping with our on-street parking space survey, Autumn and Guy, especially. Soon, we'll request a city parking study. There's about 5 folks who've volunteered to work on the parking crunch. What we really need someone with a passion to improve all types of transportation (feet, bike, car, bus, train, and trucks) to lead this important standing committee. We need a volunteer (or two) who can take on a meetings representing both our residents, local businesses, and all types of transport users: drivers, commuters, walkers, bikers, and even the occasional horse-drawn carriage that travel in our area. We need folks to conduct outreach: talking, walking and emailing. Committee Chairs do not have to live in our area and can recruit their own members. Chairperson should be able to attend our monthly Team meetings 3rd Wednesday 6-7:30pm to keep us informed. Upcoming tasks include: major redevelopment of the Cap Metro vacant 11 acres adjacent to the Saltillo Metro-Rail Station, I-35 reconfigurations, Bike Lanes, Sidewalk improvements, and traffic and parking issues. Most pressing is at www.mobility35.org We are not represented in this.

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East Cesar Chavez Neighborhood Planning Team Resident Sectors Map

KEY TO MAP

Sector 1:

Pilar Sanchez

Sector 2:

Open

Sector 3:

Chris Kanipe

Sector 4:

Edie Cassel

Sector 5:

Jo Staton

Sector 6:

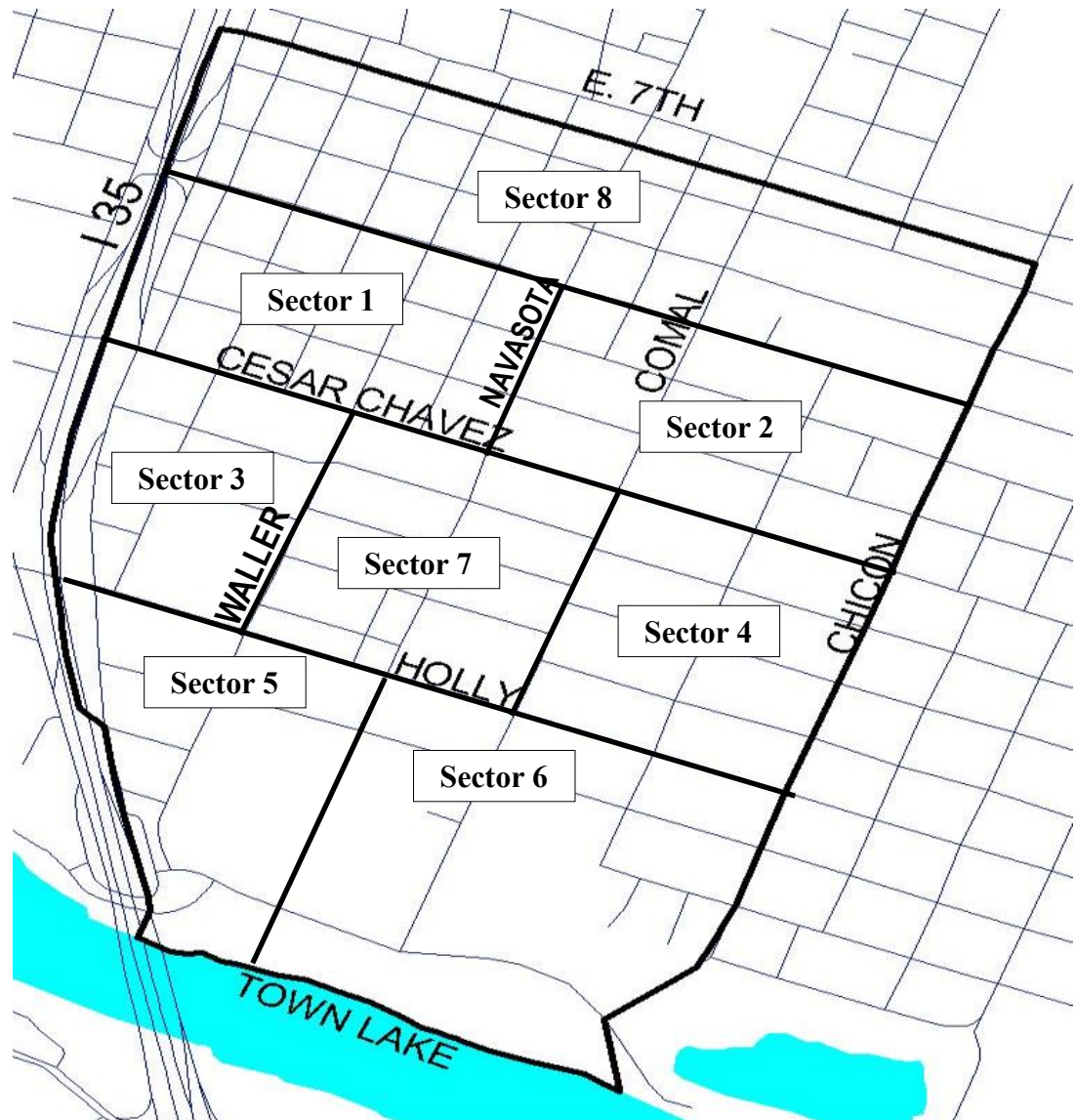
Sabino Renteria

Sector 7:

Richard Roberts

Sector 8:

Susan Benz



SUPPORT OUR SCHOOLS**We now offer free space for education news!**

The Aztec Library at Sanchez Elementary is looking for great community volunteers to visit the school library and read picture books and poetry to students at story time and organize books on the 1st of each month (or more frequently, if possible). **More info?** A.C. Loya, Sanchez Librarian, phone 841-0291 or email: ana.loya@austinisd.org

Panther Pride Festival**May 18th from 10am - 2pm****Eastside Memorial High School****1012 Arthur Stiles Rd**

Celebrate our students and their successes! Future Panthers can learn about and experience some of the fantastic programs and organizations at EMHS! Lots of need for volunteers! **Info? Meghan Buchanan (Choir) 414-5802 or meghan.b.buchanan@austinisd.org**

***Support our Youth!*****Lemonade Day is May 5th**

Lemonade Day is a free, fun, experiential learning program that teaches youth how to start, own and operate their own business – a lemonade stand. They keep all the money they make and are encouraged to spend some, save some and share some. See <http://austin.lemonadeday.org/>

Martin Middle School-Community Alliance**Come to our last meeting of the year!****May 9 8:30-10am.****Info? [Beth Hurley](mailto:Beth.Hurley@uth.tmc.edu), 841-2802**

RBJ Senior Center Food Pantry & Zumba
HOPE RBJ pantry days are May 15 and June 19 from 9:30 to 11:30 AM, in the RBJ pantry, 21 Waller St.. We also invite the community to join us in our free Zumba classes on Mondays at 2:00 PM in the RBJ community room. **More info? Contact [Farah Rivera](mailto:Farah.Rivera@uth.tmc.edu) 501-9853.**

**HOPE Farmers Market**

Every Sunday 11-3 at Plaza Saltillo

Food, Music and Art! Get produce, meat and dairy, hot tamales, cold drinks, beautiful gifts and some of Austin's best free live music! Info? www.facebook.com/hopemarketatx

East Avenue Lounge is looking for local farmers to start up a farmers market at my bar on weekends. For interest call Eddie @ 925-1039 Prime location 90 East Avenue This pantry serves those who are 55 yrs and older and have a maximum income of \$1679 per month. Please bring photo ID and proof of income, as well as your own bags. For more info contact [Farah Rivera](mailto:Farah.Rivera@uth.tmc.edu) 512-501-9853. **Farah se habla español.**

Fresh produce at Sanchez Elementary!
Every Friday from 2-4
in April and May
at the school entrance

Buy organic, fresh, local vegetables to make your family healthy meals all week!
Free recipes will be available.

Info? Contact: Laurence,
laurence.m.denis@uth.tmc.edu or call her at 512 391 2529

**DO YOU HAVE DIABETES I or II?**

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Call Linda Thornburg/Agent at 512-826-2776 or email linda.thornburg@gmail.com.



WE NEED DONATED WORK CLOTHES! Each month, the Travis County Community Justice Center (State Jail) Advisory Committee is seeking clothing for persons being released to Travis County.

Clothing is wanted that's suitable for activities focused on rehabilitation, job training, job interviews, treatment programs and ensuring a more successful re-entry into the community and re-unification with families after time in jail/prison. ***What is needed? Men's & Women's Clothing - All sizes.*** High need for Men's casual shoes, long sleeve shirts and long pants sizes Large, 1X, 2X or 3X. Clothing must be in good condition cleaned and laundered. No clothes on hangers. During each month, clothing will be accepted at each of the seven Travis County Health and Human Services & Veterans Service community centers at the following locations-8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday except holidays:

East Rural Community Center-600 W. Carrie Manor Street; Manor, Texas 78653 Joy Stollings-512/272-5561	North Rural Community Center-15822 Foothills Farm Loop, Bldg. D; Pflugerville, Texas 78660 Dennis Chapman-512/251-4168
Northwest Rural Community Center, 18649 FM 1431, Ste. 6A; Jonestown, Texas 78645 Chencho Vasquez-512/267-3245	Palm Square Community Center-100 North IH-35, Ste. 2000; Austin, Texas 78701 Tonda Owens-512/854-4120
Post Road Community Center-2201 Post Road, Ste. 101; Austin, Texas 78704 Mike Manor -512/2130	South Rural Community Center, 3518 FM 973; Del Valle, Texas 78617 Ross Stephens-512/247-4407
West Rural Community Center-8656-A Hwy. 71, Suite A; Austin, Texas 78735 Jane MacLean-512/854-2130	
For additional information, assistance, contact: Mike Manor; Travis County Community Justice Center Advisory Committee; 512/854-9172; mike.manor@co.travis.tx.us	



Once again [Austin Parks Foundation](#) is partnered with [Hill Country Conservancy](#) and [Texas Conservation Corp](#) [formerly EnvironmentalCorp/AmericanYouthworks] to host Austin's [National Trails Day](#), Saturday June 1, 2013. All projects that include benefiting trails through Austin's parks, including "water trails" (example, the Colorado River Trail; navigable creeks like Barton Creek and Waller Creek), are appropriate for NTD: Cleanups, invasive exotic plant removal, trail maintenance and erosion mitigation projects. Please submit your project proposal form by May 1st so that Parks and Recreation Department staff will have a full 30 days to review your project and make preparations for PARD staff support on June 1st. If you have any questions about appropriate park projects, or you need a suggestion for a project, please don't hesitate to contact Bill Stout | APF's Volunteer Manager & Environmental Educator 512.477.1566 ext. 5 | bill@austinparks.org or Rene' Barrera at PARD.

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Terrazas Library, 1105 E. Cesar Chavez St.
Call 974-3625 or www.austintexas.org/library

America's Music: A Film History of Our Popular Music from Blues to Bluegrass to Broadway! We're hosting the last of a 6 week series of documentary films and scholar-led discussions of twentieth-century American popular music. Come explore uniquely American genres of mambo and hip hop. It is a good opportunity for new immigrants who already speak some English to learn about American History and Culture and practice their English.

The series is free and open to the public.

LAST IN SERIES: Caroline O'Meara, Assistant Professor of Musicology at the UT-Austin, hosts the films and discussions.

Terrazas Branch, Tues. April 30, 6:30 - 8:30pm *Latin Rhythm: Mambo to Hip-Hop*

FINALE EVENT: Tuesday, May 7, 6:30 - 8:30pm *America's Music: Texas Style at*

UT's Butler School of Music, 2406 Robert Dedman Dr. Panel Discussion with authors of biographies of Texas music legends, the history of jazz music in Texas, and film and sound archivist, moderated by Dr. Caroline O'Meara.



During May, we are also presenting "Austin Music Originals", an exhibit of photographs of Austin musicians from the collections of the Austin History Center, for all of April and May. The photographs are in the main public area and in the Meeting Room. Check out the Terrazas Branch blog on the Austin Public Library's website, to find out more about *America's Music*, discussions, films and music presented.

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Contact: Rafael Ramos, Career Coach, (*habla español*) 512.583.2583, rramos@swkey.org
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East Austin Neighborhood Center 211 Comal Street, 972-6650

We are your one-stop shop for social service info and referrals. We can help fill out applications, provide notary verifications, and job search tips. If you are 55 and over and on a fixed low income, please call our office at 972-6650 to schedule an appointment for Project Hope which is a monthly food distribution here at East Austin Neighborhood Center. The following are our monthly food distributions for May.

May 1- Fresh Food Distribution from 8 to 10

Free Nursing screening services (Blood pressure, cholesterol, and blood sugar)

May 10- Project Hope Distribution 8 to 12 (must be registered and over 55)

Our office hours are Monday through Thursday from 8 to 12 and 1 to 6. Office is closed from 12 to 1 every weekday for lunch. Friday hours are 8 to 12.

We'll be closed for Memorial Day on May 27, 2013.

**YOU CAN ALSO CALL 211 FOR
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Beach Community Gardeners!

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If you would like to support our efforts by volunteering to help maintain the plots, making a contribution for supplies, or offering workshops for the youth and/or adult participants please contact our interns via email:

tikisone@gmail.com or

armandosalinas.mando@gmail.com

Or call our

onsite FBG manager, Julio Perez,
443-0801 or azucar_al@att.net

Austin Habitat for Humanity Home Repair

Austin Habitat for Humanity is happy to continue our work with the East Cesar Chavez neighborhood and help some homeowners that have been in the area for decades through our Home Repair Program. Homes on Haskell, Willow and Navasota have received assistance with roof repair, electrical upgrades, flooring, insulation, and a heating/cooling system. If you're interested in volunteering on this project, or any of our home repairs, construction projects or at our offices, please contact Sarah Joiner at 472-8788 x 106. **We've gotten some additional funding to help Veterans living in ECC, so if you're a Veteran or know a Veteran who needs home repair, please call Kate Hermann at 472-8788 x 411.** Visit our website for details: <http://austinhabitat.org/> or send email to info@austinhabitat.org



H.A.N.D. is now partnering with Faith In Action to provide transportation for doctor visits, shopping, and other errands. They also loan medical equipment for seniors in our community. **If you need services or want to volunteer, drop in at 1640B East 2nd Street #200 ,78702, call 512.477.3796 or go to www.handaustin.org**



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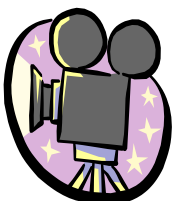
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Have you taken some GED tests but not finished?

The Ascend Center for Learning can help you!

The GED Test will change from a written test to a computer based test next year. Any GED tests you took in the last 10 years will no longer be good. You'll have to start over. You can earn \$ 9,153 more per year if you graduate from high school or have a GED. That's Big Money! Make it a promise to yourself and your family that you will get your GED. Ascend can help you get your GED, learn basic computer skills, get job readiness training and even look for a job. Call 512-326-8655 or go online to www.ascendaustin.org. If our program doesn't work for you, we can refer you to another.



CommUnityCare, provides primary healthcare services for uninsured and underinsured. **Info? Call 512.978.9015 or www.communitycaretx.org**

Was your home built before 1978? Get home improvements with LeadSmart!

Up to **\$30,000** in free service is available for Austin residents. If you have children or grandchildren who live in your home or visit often, it is important to get your home inspected for hazardous lead. Lead is poison to your child's body.

Did you know lead is a brain poison?

If not detected early, children with high levels of lead in their bodies can suffer from:

- Damage to the brain and nervous system
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Where can lead be found?

Paint, tile and flooring, walls, yards, mini blinds, and window areas. We will inspect your home for dangerous lead (often found in homes built prior to 1978) and we will remove it at no cost to you.

Free service to you:

Up to \$30,000 in free home repair/lead removal.

Protect your family. Get children tested for lead poisoning for FREE.

We will inspect your home for lead, for FREE.

We will remove lead hazards from your home for FREE.



Am I eligible?

- My house was built before 1978 and is located within Austin city limits.
- After scheduling a free inspection, your home must test positive for lead to receive repairs.
- At least one child age 5 or younger lives in my house or visits more than 6 hours each week.
- My household income is 80% or less than the Austin area median family income (see chart)

80% of Austin Area Median Family Income		
# of people in house-hold	Household Income less than	
1	\$42,500	
2	\$48,600	
3	\$54,650	
4	\$60,700	
5	\$65,600	

If you are interested in this service, contact Coby Ramirez, Housing Development Supervisor, at 512-974-3100 or email coby.ramirez@austintexas.gov.

Learn more and get an application at <http://austintexas.gov/departments/lead-smart>

Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Office (NHCDO)

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Street-Jones Building, 1000 E. 11th St. , Austin, TX 78702, Phone: 512.974.3100 / Fax: 512.974.3161



Neighborhood youth are enjoying our new four square game, hopscotch and freshly painted basketball court.



Kudos for a job well done!

We thank the PARD staff, RBJ residents/staff, and their homeless friends who spread 30 tons of mulch around the trees in the small park in front of the RBJ Senior Residential Tower.

And a special thanks to Alberto Martinez, AAS photographer, for snapping a photo of the crew for the newspaper. Here's a list of the crew:

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Ibrahim Saleh

Cleo Beavers

Jeannie Ortiz

Patrick Apodaca

Armando

Felix Padron & Joe Diaz (PARD)

Marla Cervenak & Lori Renteria (Chefs)



Many thanks to all the people who supported our Luv Comal Park Project! New benches, tables and a grill coming soon!

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