

The Grapevine

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

La Viña Boletín

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



Dec. 2012– Jan. 2013

[Get more at www.eastcesarchavez.org](http://www.eastcesarchavez.org)

Vol. 11, No. 5

Inside this issue:

Crime & Safety News	2
Affordable Housing	3-4
Special Holiday Events	5-6
East Cesar Chavez Team Contact information	7
Programs for People & Pets	8-10
Local Business Supporters	11-12



A Local Historic District for ECC??

Our ECC Local Historic Preservation Committee is scheduling historic house warming events as forums for neighbors to explore the option of establishing a local historic district in East Cesar Chavez. If you'd be interested in attending - or hosting - such an event, contact Amy at mankin76@gmail.com or call her and leave a voice mail at 499-0780.

A message from our ECC Team Chairperson

Crisitna Valdes, 789-0309 or cristinavaldes@realtyaustin.com

Here we are at the end of another year. It's been a pleasure being the chairperson of the East Cesar Chavez Neighborhood Team for the last two years. I look forward to stepping down and letting some new blood take on the leadership role. Elections for open leadership positions will take place at the January 16th meeting. If you are interested in stepping up your participation in the neighborhood, please contact me or Lori Renteria for more details.

As a neighborhood, we experienced great success and suffered the loss of some very special people in 2012. The sense of community that that we share in the East Cesar Chavez neighborhood helps us band together and continue to grow stronger through every situation life presents. I'm proud to live in the East Cesar Chavez neighborhood and be associated with such passionate people!

Please join us for our holiday party on December 19th!

EAST CESAR CHAVEZ'
FIESTA DE NAVIDAD
HOLIDAY PARTY
1301 E. CESAR CHAVEZ

The Historic Mooreland House
DECEMBER 19, 6-9pm

vecinos, vente—come join your neighbors!

'pot luck' to share the spirit of the season but not required
si quiere, traiga un plato para compartir en esta temporada navideña



Be our Facebook Friend

Get more involved in your neighborhood!

www.Facebook.com/EastCesarChavezNeighborhoodGroup

Contact Cristina if you need help signing up at
789-0309 or cristinavaldes@realtyaustin.com

Crime and Safety Committee Report

by Lori C-Renteria, 478-6770 or lorirenteria@grandecom.net
HOLIDAY HOME THEFT TIP: Do not put empty gift boxes for electronics or bikes for curbside pickup. Thieves look for empty boxes and then break into homes to take those new presents when you leave. You can take cardboard boxes to ACCO Waste at 9th and I-35. If you leave town, stop your newspaper delivery and mail or ask a neighbor to pick them up for you.
TAKE-HIDE-LOCK YOUR VEHICLE! Car break-ins are one of our biggest crime issues. Burglars smash car windows to get spare change, sunglasses & CDs. Hide those items from view. Report all vehicle break-ins to 311 so police can track where the break-ins are occurring and provide extra patrols.
Keep calling 911 when you see something odd. Let the 911 dispatcher decide if your call should be transferred to 311. Any crime in progress—even petty crimes—is a 911 call. All suspicious people or vehicles should also be reported to 911. Trust your gut feeling, if something looks or feels scary—call 911.

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 permit apps.

Contact Edward Robinson to get on the notice list for meetings. Edward provided this contact info and helpful links:

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

G1 District Rep: [Officer Jason Huskins](#) 974-5292

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

DR Supervisor: Sgt. John Spillars 974-5708

Commander: Troy Gay 974-6888

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/departments/police

APD District Representatives: www.austintexas.gov/departments/apd-district-representatives

Commander's Forum: www.austintexas.gov/departments/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 Data-

base: www.ci.austin.tx.us/police/reports/index.cfm Crime Pre-

vention: www.austintexas.gov/departments/office-community-liaison, City Code/Charter www.amlegal.com/austin_tx/

**Thanks to everyone who participated
in our 2012 National Night Out Events
held on Tuesday, Oct 2nd**

Join our neighborhood's crime watch group. Go to:
<http://groups.google.com/group/east-austin-neighbors>

You'll need to click to request membership.

PLEASE SUPPORT BLUE SANTA

WWW.BLUESANTA.ORG

(512) 974-BLUE (974-2583)

bluesanta@austintexas.gov



Operation Blue Santa

40th Anniversary

1972 - 2012

We welcome our new Code Compliance Inspector, Barbara Boswell, to the eastside!

We met our new Code Compliance Inspector at our National Night Out events in October. Inspector Boswell is willing to be part of any neighborhood association meetings or special events in her district where she can educate the community regarding Code Compliance and remedies.

She was a former police officer in South Florida and has been with Code Compliance for the past 9 months, assigned to property abatement for the entire east side. There is a wealth of information to share, along with a continuous need to educate and put in motion specific actions that will remedy the problems. Inspector Boswell asked us to share her contact info with our readers and she looks forward to working with us to keep our neighborhoods safe and clean.

Barbara Boswell, Code Compliance Inspector for the Central East District, wk: 974.9028 fax: 974.9049 or barbara.boswell@austintexas.gov

E. Cesar Chavez & Guadalupe areas

APD's DTAC Commanders' Forum

Tuesday, Jan 8th @ 5:30 pm

Waller Creek Plaza, 625 E. 10th Street

Park free: visitor slots, top floor parking garage

Info or Questions? Call Edward 974-5340 or 974-3822

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, question? call Gwen 974-8106 or 974-

To track crime hot spots in the ECC area,
our Neighborhood Crime Watchers use

www.krimelabb.com

Thanks to Jack Darby for this free web tool!

Join our Affordable Housing Committee! Call Sabino Pio Renteria, 478-6770 or pio@grandecom.net



Austin Habitat for Humanity Home Repair & Other projects in ECC

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. 1500 block of Haskell and another home in the 1600 block of Willow received assistance with roof repair, electrical upgrades, flooring, insulation, and a heating/cooling system. Another home will be repaired on Navasota St. in February as a part of a community volunteer effort to preserve the integrity of our neighborhood. 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**

And don't forget to donate to or shop at our ReStore at 310 Comal! Also, Austin Habitat will be hosting a registration day for **Lemonade Day on February 23 and March 23 at the ReStore**. Lemonade Day is a free, fun, experiential learning program that teaches youth how to start, own and operate their own business – a lemonade stand. Lemonade Day will take place May 5th, 2013. Kids who register will receive a backpack with an Entrepreneur Workbook that teaches them the 14 lessons of Lemonade Day like creating budgets, setting profit-making goals, serving customers, repaying investors, and giving back to the community. Along the way, they acquire skills in goal-setting, problem solving, and gain self-esteem critical for future success. They keep all the money they make and are encouraged to spend some, save some and share some. The ReStore will be handing out guides for how to build a great lemonade stand.



Austin Holiday Events

realty/austin
make the move.™

The holidays are upon us in Austin, check out all of the events around the city. This is a great time of year to remember how special our city really is!

East Austin Studio Tour 2011 • Nov 10-11 and Nov 17-18 • eastaustinstudiotour.com

Formula 1 • Nov 16-18 • formula1.com

ThunderCloud Subs Turkey Trot • Nov 22 • thundercloud.com/index.php/trot

Blue Genie Art Bazaar • Nov 28 - Dec 24 • bluegenieartbazaar.com

Armadillo Christmas Bazaar • Dec 12-24 • armadillobazaar.com

Austin Trail of Lights • Dec 16–Dec 23 • trailoflightsaustin.com

East Cesar Chavez Holiday Party • Dec 19 • eastcesarchavez.org

Austin's New Year • Dec 31 • <http://austintexas.gov/departments/austins-new-year>



Cristina Valdés
Broker Associate

cristinavaldes@realtyaustin.com

cell: 512.789.0309

fax: 512.600.9387



facebook.com/cristinavaldes.realtor

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
- Behavior and learning problems, such as hyperactivity
- Slowed growth
- Hearing problems
- Headaches
- Anemia
- In rare cases of acute lead poisoning from ingestion of lead, seizures, coma and even death.



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 household	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 512-974-3122 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)

Providing Opportunities. Changing Lives.

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

THE EMMA S. BARRIENTOS MEXICAN AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER



600 River Street, 974-3770 or www.maccaustin.org

Exhibit & workshop hours vary. Rental space available.

Visit us for adult and youth classes and winter break camps!



**Join us for our 13th Annual
Virgen de Guadalupe Festival of Art!
Wednesday, December 12th at 6pm**

LUPE Arte proudly announces our 13th annual Virgen de Guadalupe Festival of Art, a traditional exhibit of fine art work by AISD Elementary students exhibiting and performing at the MACC. This free event starts at 6pm and includes a special performance of ALTA's Yuletide play "PastoreNovela" for all LUPE Arte attendees who bring donations of food items for El Buen Samaritano's Food Pantry. Suggested items: Macaroni boxes, cereal boxes, spaghetti bags, spaghetti sauce, cans of tuna, fruit, soup, y tomatoes.

A MACC Holiday Tradition: La Pastorela 2012

Thurs- Sun. until Dec 15th - Show starts at 8pm

Austin Latino Theater Alliance (ALTA) presents their Yuletide play "PastoreNovela" Info? 537-2582 or www.altateatro.com

JOIN IN AND HELP US AT COMMUNITY EVENTS!

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

Aren't You Glad You're NOT Homeless!

Give the gift that keeps on giving.

11th Annual Thermal Underway Drive

You can help homeless folks keep warm with a \$10 donation for a full set of thermals. A \$35 gift adds a hat, socks, gloves & pancho. Distribution on January 1st at First Baptist Church. Send your tax deductible donation today!



**House the Homeless, Inc., POB 2312,
Austin 78768. For info:**

**www.housethehomeless.org or
call Richard Troxell at 796-4366**



METZ REC CENTER WINTER CLASSES!
2407 Canterbury, 78702 - Call us at 478-8716

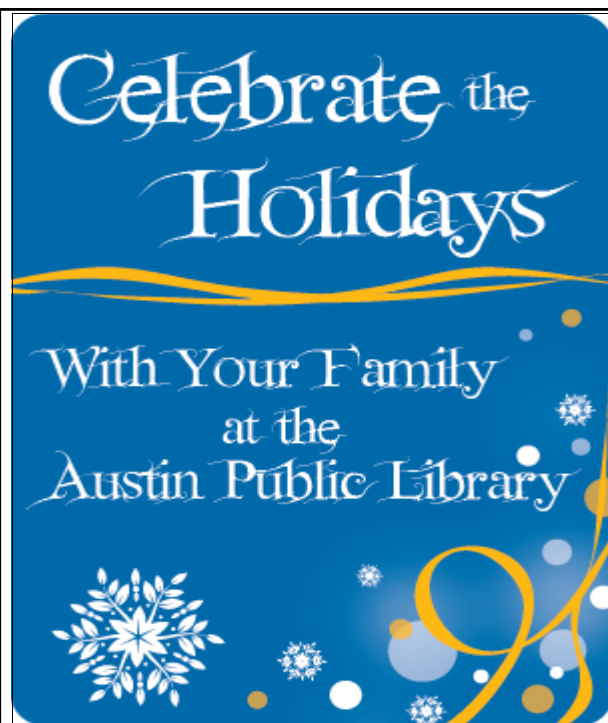
SENIOR LUNCH & LOTS OF SPECIAL EVENTS

Night before Christmas with Santa December 20 5:30-8:00

Holiday Day Camp Starting December 21 for ages 5-12

Adult Exercise Class Tuesdays & Thursdays 6:00p-7:00p

Youth Soccer Begins in January, register today



[Click here for more Holiday Events at APL!](#)

Open House and Vintage Book Sale

Saturday, December 15—12 noon to 6pm

Recycled Reads Bookstore 5335 Burnet Rd.

Call for more info: 323-5123

Recycled Reads encourages Austinites to have a Green, affordable Holiday season by purchasing and making gifts locally. Join us for live music all afternoon from local Austin Musicians, ornament and gift-wrap demonstrations and a bow bar to wrap gifts. Proceeds benefit Austin Public Library.

A Midwinter's Readathon

Friday, December 21—11am to 5pm

Terrazas Branch, 1105 E. Cesar Chavez St.

Call for more info: 974-3625

Share a story on the shortest day of the year! Join us for a Connected Youth Open House Readathon. Try out a Connected Youth laptop and listen as librarians take turns reading a wintry tale.

Annual Kwanzaa Family Celebration

Thursday, December 27 at 2pm

Carver Branch 1161 Angelina St.

Call for more info: 974-1010

African native and educator Elizabeth Kahura brings *Kwanzaa* to life with storytelling, music and art for all ages. Kwanzaa is a unique African American celebration with a focus on family values.

Many thanks to [Trinsic Technologies, Inc.](#) for sponsoring our website

**In the Spirit of Giving
Ballet East Dance Company
ANNUAL TOY DRIVE
Sun., December 16 , from 2-5 pm
3111 Garwood Street , 78702**



Every year, we collect and distribute toys for children 5 to 15 years old whose families are not being served by other Christmas programs. We rely on a network of people serving the community to tell us about unmet needs. If gifts are wrapped, please indicate with a Post-It or other note whether it is for a boy or girl (or either) and what is inside. Monetary contributions are welcomed, and enable us to extend the spirit of giving to more children. Our tradition includes a Mexican merienda for our generous givers, a gathering in the afternoon for a cup of hot chocolate, tamales, cookies, conversation and good cheer. Please join us. For more information, contact Rodolfo Méndez at 385-2838 or by e-mail at mendestein@hotmail.com Sponsored by the Ballet East Dance Company Board of Directors

**Join us for our Male Mentor Recruitment Social
Thursday, December 13 from 5:30 – 6:15 pm
Southwest Key Programs, Boardroom, 3rd Floor
6002 Jain Lane, 78721**

Door prizes, appetizers and great speakers!

Hear stories from adult mentors and youth about the program.

Featuring: Author, Director, & Screenwriter David Rice.

Info? contact Chadima Abrego at 512-287-5060 or

cabrego@swkey.org, or go to www.swkey.org/mentor

Then, stay for our free family holiday fiesta immediately following the Mentor Social See: <http://bit.ly/posada12>

po·sa·da (pō-sā'də, -dā)

n. A Christmas festival originating in Latin America that dramatizes the search of Joseph and Mary for lodging.



Holiday Posada in East Austin

Thursday, December 13, 2012

6:00 – 8:00 pm

FREE!

Southwest Key's Latino Arts Preservation Program students will narrate, sing and dance the audience through a traditional Mexican Posada. Kids can meet Santa Claus and enjoy games, arts and crafts, piñatas, face painting and more! Café del Sol will have extended holiday hours for the Posada.

Teatro Vivo Presents:

Cuento Navideño: Bah Humbug in the Barrio

A bilingual holiday comedy with surprise stars representing local community leaders, elected officials, celebrities and guest artists who will have small (but fun) roles in the play.



Dec. 6-16th

Thursday-Saturday at 8pm

Sundays at 2pm

Rollins Theatre

Long Center for the Performing Arts

701 W. Riverside @ So. 1st St.

Tickets y info at www.teatrovivo.org

Contact: joannreyes@yahoo.com or 413-6791



**Support our
Local Shops
[Click here!](#)**



The O. Henry Museum Presents

O. Henry: Original Slacker"

Thru 1/13/13

"O. Henry: Original Slacker," the [O. Henry Museum](#)'s exhibit honoring his 150th birthday.

The interactive, multimedia show features an iPad with letters written by O. Henry where he is begging for money; a flatscreen TV with musical performances imagining the sounds of O. Henry's late 1800s Austin parlor band, the Hill City Quartet; and a sketchbook of O. Henry's illustrations that makes the case for drawing as his chief talent. Challenge yourself to strip the word "slacker" of its negative connotations. Admission is free. Come learn more about O. Henry, one of Austin's most storied writers.

Info? 472-1903

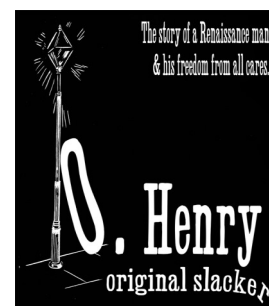
or [Click here!](#)

Where & When

409 E. 5th St., 78701

Wed-Sun, 12-5pm

Cost: FREE



HELP WANTED: JOIN OUR TEAM! We are still accepting nominations for Sector Reps for Sectors 7 and 2 and a Rep from a non-profit, civic group or congregation providing services in our area. If you can attend our meetings on the 3rd Wednesday each month from 6—7:30 pm, then you can nominate yourself. Click to see our [Sector map](#), [bylaws](#) and [policies](#) from our website or request a print copy by calling Lori at 478-6770. We have 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. **The Team will elect new officers from the existing membership at our January 16th.**

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

Name	Address	Phone #	Representing/Committees
Cristina Valdés	902 E. 2nd Street	789-0309	ECC Chair, Business rep., Realty Austin
Sabino 'Pio' Renteria	1511 Haskell	478-6770	ECC V-Chair, Sector 6 rep., Housing Chair
Susan Benz	1101—B E. 6th Street	220-9542x100	ECC Treasurer, Sector 8 resident rep.
Ken Johnson	1808 Holly St.	210-710-2013	ECC Secretary, Non-profit rep.
Al Moser	1901 Riverview	524-2974	Business rep., USPS carrier
Kathy Setzer	1609 E. Cesar Chavez	775-6436	Heywood Hotel, Business representative
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' Representative, RBJ resident
Pilar Sanchez	903 E. 2nd St.	477-4488 x2122	Sector 1 resident representative
OPEN SEAT (Accepting Nominations)			Sector 2 resident representative
Chris Kanipe	904 Spence St.	646-825-1892	Sector 3 resident representative, ANC rep.
Edie Cassel	1611 Willow	968-5313	Sector 4 resident representative
Jo Staton	21 Waller St., #1205	587-2576	Sector 5 rep., senior citizens' advocate
OPEN SEAT (Accepting Nominations)			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
Anna Rowlan		751-9378	Transportation Committee Co-Chair
Matt Lutz	1519 E. Cesar Chavez	767-7400 x4	Transportation Committee Co-Chair
Rick Weinberg	1109 A Holly St.	786-9050	Economic Development 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
Richard Roberts	1301 E. Cesar Chavez	351-9436	Fundraising Committee Chair

Farewell and Peace Out—Frank E. Campos (Gato)

Our Team lost a valuable member when Frank Campos left this earth on Sept. 4th. Here's part of the tribute written by his family for his memorial service Anyone who spent time with Frank benefited from his optimistic outlook. An avid dancer, he loved Tejano music, and he had a great sense of humor. He believed that life is what we make it, keeping a positive attitude and taking care of others, no matter what hardships befell him or how difficult life could become.



Frank was a staunch democrat and community advocate. He was an active member of San Jose Catholic Church, Tejano Democrats, La Raza Unida Party, PODER, FuturoFund, Education Austin, Austin Interfaith, East Cesar Chavez Neighborhood Association, the Texas Association for the Education of Young Children, National Association of Bilingual Educators, and the Texas Association of Bilingual Educators.

True to his positive spirit, Frank had a favorite poem by Charles Swindoll. The messages of Swindoll's words, excerpted here, are messages Frank continually stressed to his friends and family: "...Attitude to me is more important than ... education, ...money, ...circumstances. ...It is more important than what other people say or do. ...We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play the one string we have, and that is our attitude." Frank was a life coach – urging us to persevere and keep our heads up. We will surely miss him and grieve his passing. But in honoring his memory, we will follow his lead and focus on his legacy of service, commitment to faith and family, and his spirit of optimism. **Family created a Frank E. Campos Scholarship Fund, send tax deductible donations: www.austincf.org**

Ventanilla de Salud: Connections to Health **410 Baylor Street, 78703, 478-2866 ext 117** **Visit 8-1pm or Call 8-5pm**

Free and low-cost health resources for those without access and/or health insurance. All services are free and open to everyone in the Latino community. **FREE SCREENINGS:** CALL FOR EXACT TIMES We'd like to invite the community to attend our new program, The Wellness Stand/El Puesto de Bienestar, the 2nd Tuesday of every month from 10am to 1pm at the SFC East Farmers Market at the East Communities YMCA on 51st St. and HWY 183. We have free blood sugar, cholesterol, blood pressure, and HIV tests as well as referrals to community resources. For more information and to register, please contact Paige Menking-pmenking@capitalahc.org or (512) 663-4196. Be our Friend at get all the latest news: [facebook.com/ventanilla.de.salud.atx](https://www.facebook.com/ventanilla.de.salud.atx)

The Friendly Fiends of Haskell Street (1400-1500 Block) want to thank all these neighbors, local businesses, and allies who gave cash and candy for our 22nd Annual Haskell Street Halloween Block Party: Residents of Haskell Street (AKA The Friendly Fiends of Haskell Street), Jumpolin, Cenote Café, Huraches Restaurant, Porfirio's Tacos, Raquel's Party Land, Peacock Salon, EZ Frame Fixer—Eye Glass Repair, Texas Printing Company, Long Motors, Chapman One Auto Sales, Estafeta – Envios a Mexico, Las Trancas Trailer, Vera Cruz Trailer, Las Casuelas Restaurant, Austin Cleaners, Sylvia Alvarado, Kevin Witt, Jeana Skeens, Susan Benz, Edie Cassel, Ricardo Zavala, Patrick Rech, Sandra and Smiley Arias, Councilmember Mike Martinez, Constable Maria Canchola and the Pct 4 Deputies, and a special thanks to all the brothers of Sigma Lambda Beta who built and operated our Haunted House. See our photos and videos at www.facebook.com/FriendlyFiendsOfHaskellStreet.



Get Ready for E. 5th St. Improvements from I-35 to Onion!

Join us to Meet the Contractor on Tuesday December 11th at 6:30 pm, Terrazas Library, 1105 E. Cesar Chavez St., 78702 **Info? Clay Harris, Project Manager , 974-7895 clay.harris@austintexas.gov**

NEW COMMUNITY SERVICES AT RBJ TOWER!

All activities are held at the Community Room of the RBJ Tower at 21 Waller St. Lots of parking, bike racks, or MetroBus # 21 & # 22. Please call RBJ Residents' Council President, Farah Rivera at 512-501-9853 to RSVP or for more info. **Farah se habla español.**

FREE! Zumba Aerobics for Seniors (Partner of SW Key)

Every Monday at 2 pm, seniors from the neighborhood can join RBJ residents for exercise and fun. Space is limited, call Farah to reserve your spot at 501-9853.

THE RBJ HOPE PANTRY (Partner of C.A. Food Bank)

We need volunteers for our food pantry. On the 2nd Wednesdays of the month, we need you to unload pantry food from 7 am-8 am. On 3rd Wednesdays, we need helpers for food distribution from 9 am-11 am.

GED Test Information!

Have you taken some of the GED tests but not finished?

The GED Test will change from a written test to a computer based test in 1 year. Any GED tests you took in the last 10 years will no longer be good. You will 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! Don't delay! Make it your New Year's Resolution to yourself and your family that you will get your GED. The Ascend Center for Learning is here at E. 2nd and Chalmers to help you get your GED, learn basic computer skills, get job readiness training and even look for a job. Call them at 512-326-8655 or go online to www.ascendaustin.org.

If our program doesn't work for you, we can refer you to another.

Finish your education.

It is never too late!

You CAN do it!

We won another Tejano Trails award! Many thanks to folks who planned, donated labor and refreshments, and came out for our celebration by the US Dept. of Interior's National Park Service as a 2012 National Recreation Trail Designee on Sept. 6th at the RBJ Senior Residential Tower. **[Click here for a slide show.](#)** On Oct. 1st, the National Parks Service announced that we won a planning grant that helps us write a formal business plan to improve the Trails for walkers, strollers, rollers, and bikers. Our main goal is to connect the 2 different Trails across the railway and through the RBJ Tract. All kinds of local experts are volunteering to serve with NPS technical support staff on a planning committee starting late January. Contact: Lori Renteria, Tejano Healthy Walking Trail Coordinator, at 478-6770. Guides at: www.eastcesarchavez.org or Music Legends at www.austinlatinomusic.com/trail.html ***Many thanks to the fine folks at COA Public Works Dept, especially Nadia Barrera, for helping us take our Trails to a national level. Mil gracias!***

Pets and People: a special reminder from Mike on Canterbury St



Hello neighbors! Our wonderful neighborhood is home to many pets, many of which are important members of our families and add to the vibrant and diverse character of our neighborhood. The ECC planning team would like to remind all pet owners of their responsibilities. The City of Austin and Travis County require that dog owners secure their dogs when outside, which means that dogs should be contained in private yards or on a leash when walking. Unsecured dogs can be impounded, and, if that occurs, owners will be fined. If a dog causes serious bodily injury to another person, owners can be charged with a misdemeanor, may face civil penalties, and the dog is likely to be put down. For those dogs that like to run off-leash, we are lucky to be very close to the Norwood Estate off-leash area, which is on the southwest corner of I-35 and Riverside Dr. Dog noise and dog waste can also be problematic for some of our neighbors, and the City allows impacted neighbors to file complaints in municipal court, which may lead to a misdemeanor and fines for dog owners. To keep our neighborhood safe and enjoyable for everyone, we encourage you to call

911 or 311 if you observe any violations described here. We further encourage both pet owners and non-pet owners to act in a respectful manner when it comes to our pets. See pet rules at www.austintexas.gov/resident/animals



The Animal Center is open daily 11am to 7pm

at 7201 Levander Loop (Highway 183 and Airport Blvd)

Take a walk through the animal shelter and meet a new life-long friend.

For more info see www.austinanimalcenter.org

call 3-1-1 or www.facebook.com/austinanimalservices

EmanciPet Wellness Walk-in & Mobile Clinics

No appointment necessary- first come, first served.

Mobile Clinic schedule at www.emancipet.org or call 512-587-7729. Low Cost basic vet services for spayed/neutered animals:

Discount prices for pet needs like Flea-Tick Control/Worms

GOT TOO MANY CATS?

THE AUSTIN HUMANE SOCIETY CAN HELP! IF YOU HAVE FREE ROAMING CATS, PLEASE CALL TODAY!

(512) 685-0111 OR EMAIL

lstivers@austinhumanesociety.org
www.austinhumanesociety.org/Ferals



COMMUNITY COLABORATION ANNOUNCEMENT: Pip Start is merging with Life Changers and the new website is <http://thelifechangersonline.org> an email to info@lchangers.org If you are sending an email to Ronald Bell, please use rebell2@live.com

ADS? COMMENTS? STORY IDEAS?

Call Lori at 478-6770 or
lorirenteria@grandecom.net

CommUnityCare Clinic Reopens!

Austin's biggest primary healthcare service for those poor folks who are uninsured or can't afford to buy health insurance, is proud to finally re-open its
East Austin Health Center
211 Comal Street, 78702

This health center has been renovated to better serve our patients. The site has space for eight medical providers, two more than the old clinic space, and provides full medical services, clinical pharmacy services, a dietician, and prenatal and parenting

classes. The center now combines women's health and pediatric medical services in partnership with Seton/UTSW.

For appointments or questions about medical care and eligibility call 512.978.9015 or
www.communitycaretexas.org

Thanks to Perry Lorenz for donations to keep The Grapevine FREE!

Comal Park Improvements Coming!

We are pleased to announce that the East Cesar Chavez Planning Team has been awarded a \$7,631 grant from Austin Parks Foundation to improve Comal Park. Big thanks to all of you who completed the park survey several months ago and Habitat for Humanity for its letter of support. Soon you will see new trash cans, two dog poop stations, more park benches, an additional grill and United Way's Born Learning Trail. This trail will offer activities in English and Spanish to help promote literacy, as well as add some vibrant colors to the sidewalks. Volunteer opportunities to come!

Deep gratitude to Austin Parks Foundation for its commitment to our community!

**Holly Shores/Festival Beach
Community-sponsored Meeting
Sat. December 15th 1:30-4:30**

Greetin' and eatin' at 1:30p, workshops 2-4pm

RBJ Center, 15 Waller St. , 78702

Everyone Welcome! Bienvenidos a todos!

Some neighbors imagine the 90-acre Holly Shores/Festival Beach Master Plan could include Community gardens, fruit orchards, edible landscaping (Think Food Forest) and perhaps use some existing Holly Plant buildings or make new ones to create an Environmental Resource Center to bring more knowledge and healthy food choices to East Austin. Please RSVP to Elizabeth.Walsh@gmail.com or at 814-404-1931 / 512-994-4569.

**Update on PARD-sponsored Holly Shores/
Festival Beach Community Workshop # 2**

In September 2009, the Austin City Council passed a resolution to have Austin Parks and Recreation Department develop a master plan for about ninety (90) acres of parkland including Festival Beach, Fiesta Gardens and the future parkland at the Holly Power Plant Site. PARD held focus groups and workshops to get input from the community on the future vision for the Holly Shores/Edward Rendon Sr. Park at Festival Beach Master Plan. On November 14th at Martin Middle School, they got feedback on input so far and got more specific ideas about what to preserve, restore or introduce to the park area. A large map was used to help people visualize how and where existing elements can be improved or new ideas added. PARD and its consultants, led by Michael Van Valkenburgh, are committed to an inclusive community engagement process. PARD staff can meet with any group upon request—they even got input at our Halloween Block Party. **Community Workshop #3 will be February 25, 6PM - 8PM; Metz Elementary School - Cafeteria. Info? Contact Chris Yanez, PARD's Project Manager, at 512-974-9470 or chris.yanez@austintexas.gov See more at www.austintexas.gov/hollyshoresmasterplan**



**Holiday Greetings from Festival
Beach Community Gardeners!**

<http://festivalbeachgarden.org>

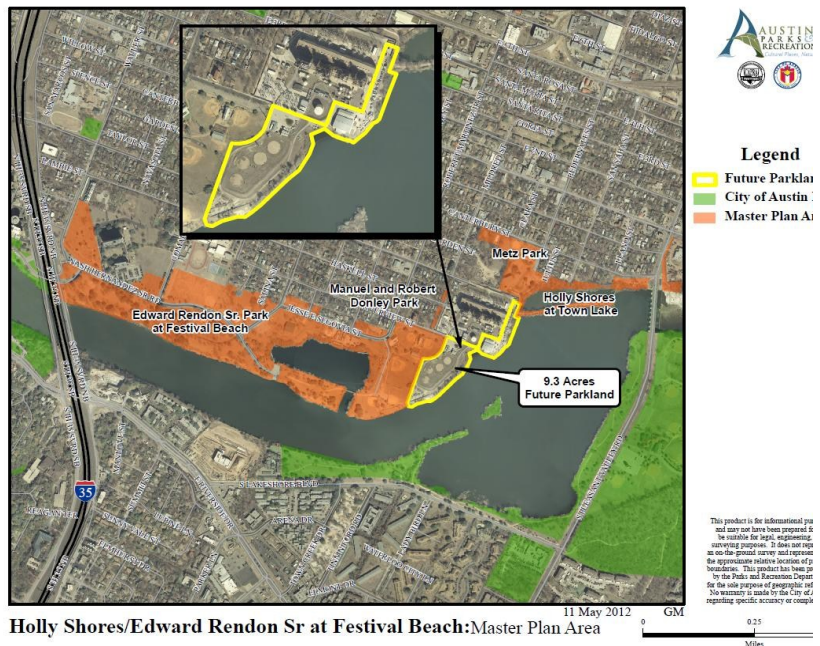
If you would like to support our efforts by volunteering to help maintain the plots, making a contribution for supplies, or offering workshops for the youth and/or adult participants please contact our interns via email:

tikisone@gmail.com or

armandosalinas.mando@gmail.com

Or call our

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



**Give YOUR input on the Holly Shores Master
Plan: SpeakUp Austin: [click here!](#)**

Please support those who advertise in our newsletter, their ads keep it free for all to see!



Arnold Oil Company

AUTO PARTS

OE SUPPLIER

EQUIPMENT

LUBRICANTS

FLEET & CONSTRUCTION

CUSTOMER SUPPORT

WE ARE MORE THAN JUST OIL AND PARTS

WE ARE YOUR TOTAL SOLUTION

A Family of Companies

www.arnoldoil.com

We appreciate the ongoing support for printing The Grapevine Newsletter

SIXTH STREET PRINTING, 1010 E. 6TH St., 322-9651

sixprint@sbcglobal.net

Now offering self-serve color copies, just 40¢

Affordable Lawn Care & More. . .

No job is too large or too small—Free Bids & Quotes
Serving the Austin metro area—Se Habla Español

- Mow, Trim & Weed-eat & maintain yards
- General labor: Painting, Drywall, Fencing
- Remove & Haul: small trees, yard waste & trash
- Event cleanups & small moves, pickups or delivery

Joe Rodriguez, owner

512– 949-9733 or jrod512east@aol.com

Lifelong East Austinite—Will Barter

References upon request



Your
one-stop
coffee shop.

Sip local.

FAIR TRADE * SUSTAINABLE * ORGANIC



1400 E 4th Street | 512.476.2279
www.TexasCoffeeTraders.com



**Treasure City Thrift
Solidarity Not Charity**

Mon - Sat 11am-6pm

Sun 12pm-6pm

(512) 524-2820

2142 E. 7th St. 78702

www.treasurecitythrift.org

25 cent sale!

Saturday, December 22

11am to 5pm

Closed for the Holidays

Dec. 23—Jan. 1st

**Bring your own bags
to gather lots of treasures.**

*A collectively
run non-profit
supporting
local
grassroots
organizations
in East Austin*



Newcastle Homes

www.austinnewcastlehomes.com

newcastlehomes@yahoo.com

P. 512-454-4600

**Investing in East Austin
Communities Since 2001**

