

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



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Welcome SXSW Visitors & Artists

Enjoy our 'hood but please
respect our community!

No litter-no late-night noise

A message from our NEW ECC Team Chairperson

Ken Johnson, 210-710-2013 or texaskenjohnson@gmail.com

Hello fellow East Cesar Chavez neighborhood residents! I am honored to have been selected as the next chairperson for the ECC Neighborhood Planning Team. I want to thank Christina for her hard work and dedication as the past chair and every member of our team that volunteers their time to help improve the quality of life in our neighborhood through these rapidly changing times. 2013 is going to be a great year for the City of Austin and for our neighborhood. We will welcome new neighbors and businesses, while we cultivate deeper bonds with familiar faces. In that spirit, I hope to further our outreach to include more neighbors in discussions, grow our fundraising committee to provide more community-centric events, and continue to improve our internet and social media communications. As Co-chair of the local Architecture for Humanity chapter, I want to increase our involvement in the maintenance of existing affordable housing and continue our push for more affordable units in the Neighborhood. I encourage anyone interested in becoming more involved or staying on top of happenings in the neighborhood to check out our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/EastCesarChavez>, our website at <http://eastcesarchavez.org/> or come to a meeting. Thanks and here's to a prosperous 2013!

It's My Park Day is March 2nd! ***Bienvenidos!*** Everyone is Welcome to Join Us!

Meetup at Comal Park at 9am, volunteer for an hour or help us out all day!

We need volunteers for the It's My Park Day event at Comal Park. This is part of the grant that we received from Austin Parks Foundation to install United Way's Born Learning Trail and update trash cans, benches, grill and table. I see three distinct areas of need for the day and one or two people needed for planning/designing the Born Learning Trail. We'll start at 9AM and end around 4PM. There will also be a cookout/pot luck planned to celebrate a job well done.

Volunteers needed for these jobs:

Design Crew

Painting Crew

Mulching Crew

After party Crew (cookout/potluck)

Cleanup Crew



A few special people are needed for planning/designing the Born Learning Trail - sketching out the sidewalk and concrete area and determining colors to use in certain areas, where to stencil letters, numbers and games (four square/hopscotch/tic-tac-toe, labyrinth with numbers, etc.).

See more at Facebook Event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/521810011183222/>

Or for more events: <http://www.austinparks.org/its-my-park-day.html>

If you can help us out, have some ideas to share and/or would like to make a food or cash donation, please contact Cristina Valdés, 512-789-0309 or cristinavaldes@realtvaustin.com. ***Se habla español.***

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.

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 Jason Huskins](#) 974-5292

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

DR Supervisor: Sgt. John Spillers 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 Database: www.ci.austin.tx.us/police/reports/index.cfm

Crime Prevention: www.austintexas.gov/departments/office-community-liaison

City Code/Charter www.amlegal.com/austin_tx/

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.

See: <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.

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

www.krimelabb.com

Learn how to use this free web tool:

Neighborhood Watch Training

Sat., Feb. 9 from 10:30a to 12:30p

**YMCA -North Austin Community Rec Center
1000 W Rundberg Ln. (just west of N. Lamar)**

This is a free session with presentations on how to keep your part of Austin safe.

AGENDA

10:30a Doors open. Meet and Greet

10:45a **Mary Rudig**--Neighborhood Watch 101

11:45a **krimelabb.com**--Crime Analyst training

12:15p **Wrap up**

This training is for anybody who is interested in reducing crime and making their street safer. You don't have to sign up to be a dedicated volunteer to make a difference - you just have to be willing to care about your neighbors and want a safer street.

E. Cesar Chavez & Guadalupe areas
APD's DTAC Commanders' Forum

Tuesday, April 9@ 5:30 pm

Waller Creek Plaza, 625 E. 10th Street

Park free: visitor slots, top floor parking garage

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

Affordable Lawn Care & More...

No job is too large or too small—Free Bids & Quotes

Serving the Austin metro area—Se Habla Español

A Clean yard is a safer yard!

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

Joe Rodriguez, owner

512- 949-9733 or jrod512east@aol.com

Lifelong East Austinite

References upon request

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

We're very disappointed that Austin voters rejected the Affordable Housing Bond election. We thank the City Council for trying to find other revenue sources to help our low-income neighbors, especially expanding the ECC LeadSmart rehabs ([see pg 11](#)). **There are 2 huge opportunities to create new affordable housing units in our area.** We are working with the RBJ Board to move forward on hiring a Master Developer to rehab the senior tower and add new mixed-use buildings. The RFQ is due Feb. 28 at 3 pm and they hope to have a developer selected by July. More info? Visit www.rbjcenter.org or email sarah@s2adevelopment.com. We will also work with Capital Metro consultants and staff to ensure the bid documents going out to hire a Master Developer for the vacant 11 acre tract known as the Saltillo railway corridor has as much affordable housing as possible and does not encourage competition with our existing small local businesses when they select new retail, restaurants, and service businesses to locate in the new mixed-use developments. We need more volunteers to help on these major projects.

Let's Talk about a Local Historic District for our neighborhood

Contact: Amy Thompson at mankin76@gmail.com or 499-0780.

Our ECC Local Historic Preservation Committee is excited about having more historic house warming events like the one held in November at the Historic Wolfe House. The gatherings help neighbors explore options of having an official local historic district in East Cesar Chavez. Contact Amy if you'd like to come or host a conversation at your place.

Make History! Help Draw the new Single Member District Map! [See page 13 for more!](#)

Sat. Feb 9th from 10am to 3:30pm @ the MACC, 600 River St. 78701. A Latino Coalition is offering this last chance to meet the City Auditor and learn more about implementing new City Council Single Member Districts from 10 am to noon in the MACC Auditorium. From noon to 3:30pm, volunteers help folks fill out applications in MACC's Raul Salinas Room. Visit: 10-ONE Redistricting Portal, www.austintexas.gov/10-ONE. **Must apply by Feb. 22. [See page 13](#)**



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www.austinnewcastlehomes.com

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COMMUNITIES SINCE 2001**

Find us on Facebook



SUPPORT OUR SCHOOLS

**We now offer free space for education news.
Send us your school news for consideration!**

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

March 23th from 1pm to 4pm

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!

Please consider having a booth to demonstrate your commitment to our students: Non-school booths cost just \$10 and school groups can set one up free of charge! Must complete a booth registration form ([form is on page 12](#) or [online](#)). Lots of need for volunteers! **Info?** Meghan Buchanan (Choir) at (512) 414-5802 or Meghan.b.buchanan@austinisd.org



METZ REC CENTER ROCKS!

**2407 Canterbury, 78702 - Call us at 478-8716
SENIOR LUNCH & LOTS OF SPECIAL EVENTS**

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 IN AND HELP US AT COMMUNITY EVENTS!

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

or bernardino.miranda@austintexas.org

Documentary Film Festival: Tribute to Cesar Chavez

Fri. March 8 and Sat. March 9th

A CLASS APART, Directed by Carlos Sandoval & Peter Miller
March 8, 7 pm AND March 9, 8:30 pm in the Black Box Theater
THE FIGHT IN THE FIELDS, (Cesar Chavez and the Farm-workers' Struggle) A Film by Ray Telles & Rick Tejada-Flores
March 8, 7 pm in the main Auditorium.

REPORTERO, Directed by Beranrdo Ruiz
March 9, 7pm in the main Auditorium.

CHICANO ROCK! Directed by Jon Wilkman
March 8, 8:30 pm AND March 9, 7 pm in the Black Box Theater.

Mexican American Experience Music Showcase

Wed., March 13 and Thurs., March 14 * Shows start at 6pm

FREE PARKING & SHUTTLE BUSES TO THE EVENT!

Park then Catch a ride at Sanchez or Martin Schools

[See page 7](#) for more details.

Here's your chance to SPEAKUP!

Holly Shores/Festival Beach

Community Workshop # 3

Monday, February 25, 6pm—8pm

Metz Elementary School Cafeteria

84 Robert T. Martinez, Jr. Street, 78702

Workshop #2 was held on November 14th at Martin Middle School. A large map was used to help people visualize how and where this 100 acres of dedicated parkland can be improved. PARD staff and consultants, led by Michael Van Valkenburgh, are committed to an inclusive community engagement process. PARD staff can meet with any group upon request. You can also provide input online click: [SPEAKUP AUSTIN](#): **Only 4 people have submitted input on SPEAKUP so far.**

Info? Contact Chris Yanez, PARD's Project Manager,
at 512-974-9470 or chris.yanez@austintexas.gov

See more at www.austintexas.gov/hollyshoresmasterplan.



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



Rally at the Capitol

Sat. Feb 23

11 am March on Congress Ave

12 - 1:30 pm Rally on South Steps

Sign the petition at

www.savetxschools.org

info@savetxschools.org or

Allen Weeks 512-653-4935

CITY-WIDE CLEANUP

Saturday, April 13th

9AM - 11 AM



How 'bout it E. 6th St. IBIZers?

Let's Clean our entertainment district, E. 4th to E. 6th, I-35 to Chicon? Who can step up to organize an event for our area? It'll need a scrubbing after SXSW! Register now to lead a cleanup at your favorite neighborhood, school, creek, or park!

Go to: www.keeppaustinbeautiful.org/cleansweep

Volunteers will need to register starting March 1st.

For volunteer and cleanup site questions call 512-391-0617 x 905 or ladye.anne@keeppaustinbeautiful.org

VOLUNTEER PARTY—ENVIRONMENT FAIR

Saturday, April 13th | 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM

Fiesta Gardens, 2100 Jesse E. Segovia St.

- Live Music & Free Lunch for pre-registered volunteers!
- Free Event T-shirts for early registrants
- Door Prizes
- Environmental Fair with hands-on activities
- Most Unique Object contest
- And more!

Volunteer party questions? Call 512.391.0622 or

cora@keeppaustinbeautiful.org **Your business can be a 2013 Clean Sweep Sponsor, donate door prizes, or provide cleanup supplies.**

Many thanks to Trinsic Technologies, Inc. for sponsoring our website

HELP WANTED: JOIN OUR TEAM! We need **Sector Reps for Sectors 7 and 2 and a Rep from a non-profit, civic group or congregation providing services in our area.** **Sector Map:** [on pg 6](#). If you can attend our meetings on the 3rd Wednesday each month from 6—7:30 pm, then you can nominate yourself. Our Sector map, bylaws and policies are on 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. **Our next meetings are on February 20th and March 20th at Terrazas Library. 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' Representative, RBJ resident
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
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
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
Richard Roberts	1301 E. Cesar Chavez	351-9436	Fundraising Committee Chair

**2013 Quarterly Neighborhood Team Training:
Implementing neighborhood plan recommendations
Wed Feb 13—6:00-7:30 pm**

One Texas Center, 505 Barton Springs Rd, 78704

3rd Floor Training Room, light refreshments provided
This is a great opportunity for members to learn about City Programs and Organizations that can help us improve our neighborhood. We consider anyone who lives, works or plays in our neighborhood a member of the East Cesar Chavez Neighborhood Planning Team.

We need more people to get involved in helping us implement our Plan's Action Steps. You can see our Action Steps at <http://eastcesarchavez.org/policies-process/neighborhood-plan/>

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

Many thanks to Matt Lutz and Ana Rowlan for their service as our Transportation Committee co-chairs over the past few years. Due to increased work loads, Matt and Ana have resigned. We really need someone with a passion to improve all types of transportation options in our neighborhood to lead this important standing committee. We need a volunteer (or two) who can take on a lot of work representing the interests of both our residents and local businesses. Transportation Committee leaders/members will need to attend meetings and conduct outreach to engage area stakeholders in community engagement processes. Committee Chairs do not have to live in our area and can recruit their own members. Committee Chairs should be able to attend our monthly Team meetings to keep us informed. Upcoming tasks include: major redevelopment of the Cap Metro vacant 11 acres adjacent to the Saltillo MetroRail Station, I-35 reconfigurations, Bike Lanes, Sidewalk improvements, and traffic and parking issues. The Chair must represent and be able to advocate for all types of transport users: drivers, commuters, walkers, bikers, and even the occasional horse-drawn carriage that travel in our area.

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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. Our bylaws and policies are on our website: www.eastcesarchavez.org 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, while non-profit/civic group/congregation reps do not have to live or office in the area. A short bio or letter explaining why you want to serve in that slot is mainly how the Leadership Team selects new members.

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

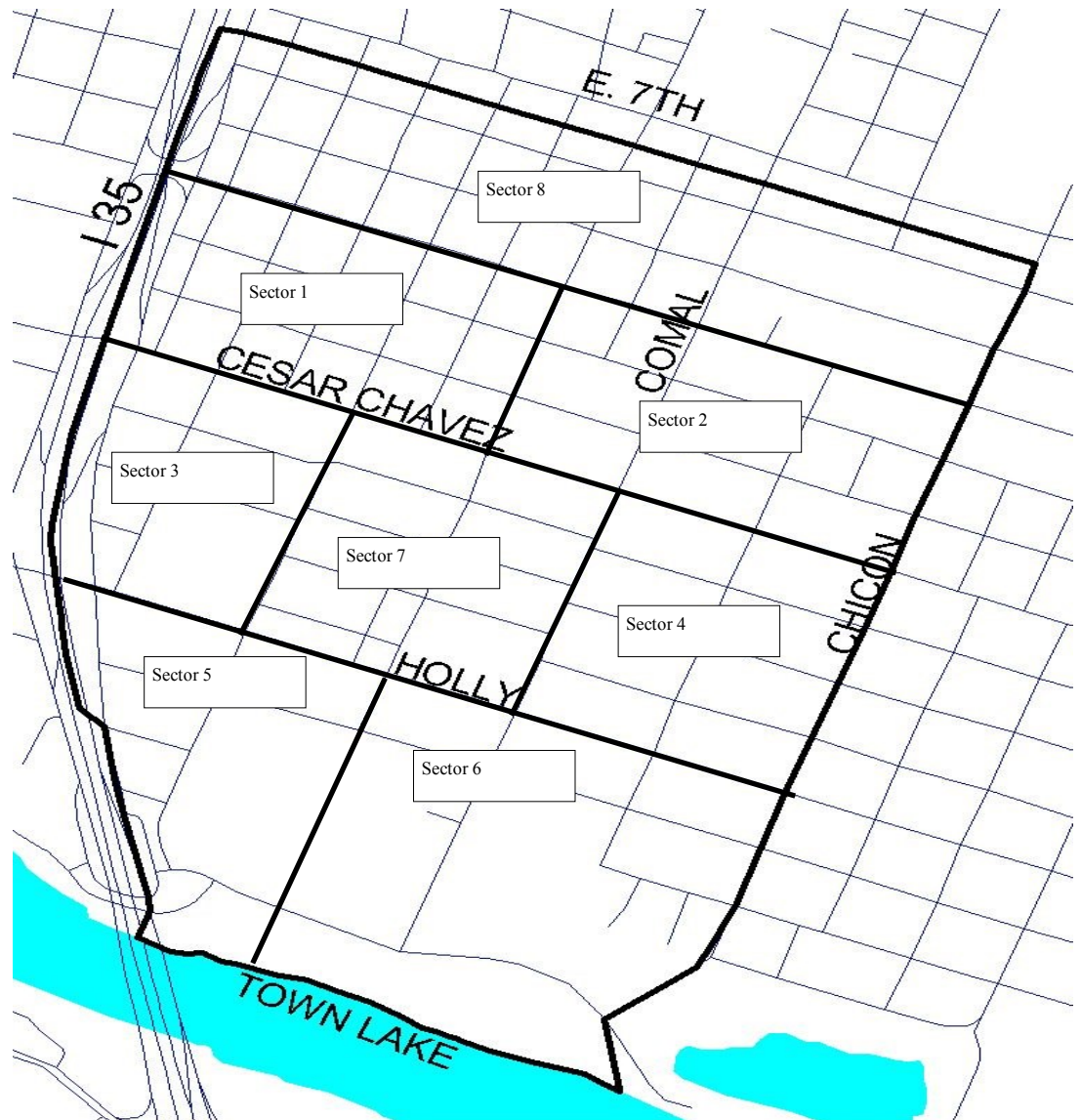
Sector 6:

Sabino Renteria

Sector 7—Open

Sector 8:

Susan Benz





FREE! GRATIS!
Rabies Vaccination Clinic
Sat. Feb 23, 8am-12pm
Austin Animal Center

at 7201 Levander Loop
 (Highway 183 and Airport Blvd)
 More info: Call 3-1-1

www.austinanimalcenter.org

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. Pets must be spayed/neutered. Discount
 prices for pet needs like Flea-Tick Control/Worms

Register Now! Registration is Required!

15th Annual Veterans Summit!

FREE! GRATIS!

Feb. 11-13, 8am—5pm daily

Palmer Events Center

900 Barton Springs Rd



Feb 11—12-4pm: Women Vet's Get to Work Seminar
8:30am: Veteran Entrepreneur Seminar

Feb 12—8-5pm: Panel discussions and breakout sessions

Feb 12 & 13- 1-6pm each day. Veterans Expo Clinics:
 Claims, Employment, and Education Clinics. One-on-one
 meetings with Texas Veterans Commission staff to get
 direct assistance. There is no cost to attend the Summit,
 but you must register online at [www.tvc.texas.gov/](http://www.tvc.texas.gov/summit.aspx)
[summit.aspx](http://www.tvc.texas.gov/summit.aspx) or contact [Susan Lewis](mailto:Susan.Lewis@tvc.texas.gov) or 512.854.9340

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3rd Annual Mexican American Experience

Crossroads Events is proud to announce their successful
 two day music production, the Mexican American Experi-
 ence, will return to the grounds of the the Emma S. Bar-
 rientos Mexican American Cultural Center, 600 River St.
 on **Wednesday, March 13th and Thursday, March 14th**
2013. Enjoy local and regional talent for the 3rd year.

The music line up includes award winning musical artists,
 including: Yayo Castillo y Rumores, Joel Guzman, Manuel
 "Cowboy" Donley, Joe Posada as well as local favorites,
 Calle Seis, Braulio y Fuzion, Big Band Tejano, Mariachi
 Las Tejanitas and Mariachi Los Toros. Music begins at
 6pm both Wednesday and Thursday, with the grounds open
 to the public at 5pm in the open air event on the Zocalo
 area. **Info? Call 512.921.1961 or lfdtexas@aol.com.**

See: www.crossroadsevents.org

THE RBJ HOPE PANTRY

(Partner of Capital Area Food Bank)

HOPE pantry at RBJ residential tower
 opens on Wednesdays February 20 and
 March 20 from 9:30 am to 11:30 am.

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@rbj.org) 512-501-9853. **Farah se habla español.**



**On behalf of all the people who attended the East
 Cesar Chavez Neighborhood's 2012 Holiday Party,
 many thanks go to neighbors who brought pot luck
 dishes to share and to sponsors who provided
 fabulous refreshments and 94 door prizes!**

Our host, Richard Roberts
Estafeta – Envios a Mexico

HEB Grocery Store

Cenote Cafe

El Lago Tortillas y Chips

Rogue Running

Krispy Kreme Donuts

Orbit Salon

Green & White Grocery

Raquel's Party Land

Jumpolin

Johnnie's Antiques

Texas Coffee Traders

Party Palace Piñata

East First Grocery

Citgo Gas on E. Chavez St.

Sprouts Grocery

La Chapala Mexican Food

Las Cazuelas Mexican Restaurant

IBC Bank

C. Daniel Roberts & Assoc.

Big Red Sun

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Kooris

East Cesar Chavez Neighborhood Association

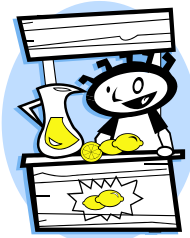
The ECC Neighborhood Planning Team

**Are you interested in receiving local, farm fresh food
 delivered right to your door each week?** CitySprout,
 an online social marketplace, connects neighborhoods to
 nearbysmall farms and food producers. CitySprout
 makes monthly, weekly, or even daily deliveries of the
 amazing foods like organic vegetables, eggs, and dairy,
 to ethically raised meat and poultry. To help our local
 growers and food producers connect with us, let them
 know you are interested by signing up for our Cit-
 ySprout community page at Citysprout.com!

Youth Fundraising Idea: Build and Operate a Lemonade Stand!

Austin Habitat will be hosting a registration day for Lemonade Day on Feb. 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. Contests begin in April! See <http://austin.lemonadeday.org/>



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.austinelawyersguild.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.

2013 Summer Youth Employment Program is not taking any more applications!

750 youth between the ages of 14 to 17 will get summer jobs! Over 1,250 youth were turned away! Youth were recruited and referred through a number of faith-based, non-profit, and community-based organizations. Even though registration only began on Jan. 2nd, a lack of funding meant most youth who applied won't get jobs. The program is jointly funded by the City of Austin & Travis County. Too bad, so sad!

allgo's largest fundraiser, ¡Baile!, is a tradition 27 years in the making. Please join us for a magical night of community, music and dancing! This fundraiser will help us continue our work in this new year and is an excellent Valentine's gift for that special person...



¡Baile! 2013: The Dance!

Saturday, February 16, 7:30 - 11:30 pm

MACC (Mexican-American Cultural Center)

600 River Street, Austin, TX 78701

allgo: a statewide queer people of color organization
512.472.2001 or allgo@allgo.org

Your one-stop coffee shop.

Sip local.

FAIR TRADE * SUSTAINABLE * ORGANIC

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

NEW HOPE! NEW TREATMENTS!

Hepatitis C Support Group

CARE Program

1631 E. 2nd St. Bldg. E

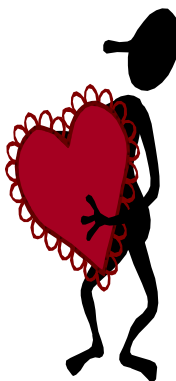
1st & 3rd Mondays @ 5:30 pm

Feb. 4th & 18th, Mar. 4th & 18th

Contact Justin, 804-3695

FDA approved Incivik in 2012,

89% survival rate in recent trials.



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** For info and to register, call Paige Menking, 663-419, or pmenking@capitalahec.org

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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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GED Test Information!

Have you taken some 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!

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 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

WOMEN VETERANS

Get-to-Work Seminar & Workshop

February 11, 2013

12:00 PM – 4:00 PM

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- Presentations & Information
- County Service Office Programs, Services, & Information Assistance
- TVC Claims Filing & Appeals Services & Information
- TVC Veteran Employment & Family Employment (FEAC) Services & Information
- TVC Women Veterans Services & Information

Attendance is free of charge

RSVP to attend at

<http://www.tvc.texas.gov/Seminars.aspx>

The Austin Latino Coalition

Invites you to join us for a community
conversation about the new
10-1 Single-Member-Districts Plan
and how to apply to the
Independent Citizens Redistricting
Commission ("ICRC").

Saturday, February 9, 2013 10 a.m. - Noon
at the Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center Auditorium

Together let's ensure that the new ICRC reflects the diversity of Austin and includes representatives from our Latino community. Pan Dulce & Coffee will be served.

*The Latina Policy Coalition will be providing assistance for attendees interested in filling out Commission Applications, from 12:00pm to 3:30pm (after the community conversation)



For more information please contact Alicia Perez Hodge at 512.736-8449



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