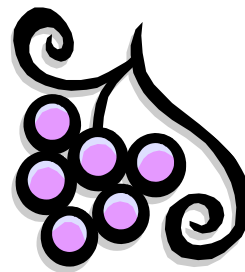


# The Grapevine

The bi-monthly newsletter of the East Cesar Chavez Neighborhood Planning Team

## La Viña Boletín

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



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### Help us figure out how to protect our neighborhood!

Everyone who lives or works in our area is a member of our Planning Team. Leadership Team members are elected and have voting power to represent different geographic sectors so that all parts of the neighborhood have a vote and we have voting members who represent businesses, congregations, non-profits and civic groups. You don't have to live or work in the neighborhood to serve on committees.

**If you are interested in joining our Team or serving on a committee, contact the Committee Chairpersons or any Team member listed on page 5. See the Sector Map on our website at [www.eastcesarchavez.org](http://www.eastcesarchavez.org)**

### A message from our ECC Team Chairperson, [Cristina Valdes](#), 789-0309

Happy New Year! Last year was full of highlights for the East Cesar Chavez Neighborhood. We launched an informative and useful website that will help keep our residents up to date on important issues in our area. Our neighborhood participated in the Austin Community Tree Program and planted over 240 new trees in the area. Festival Beach Community Gardens celebrated its 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary and the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Neighborhood Homes Tour highlighting four historic homes was a big success. Our Planning Team was hard at work influencing the City of Austin on topics that impact our community such as the sound ordinance, short-term rentals, late-night hours for bars, and various other conditional use permits. We ended off the year with a holiday celebration that boasted more than a hundred guests from the neighborhood.

We'd like to thank Richard Roberts, our donations chair and Party host, and to recognize the businesses that provided donations and door prizes for our Holiday Party: Las Casuelas, Los Huaraches, Cisco's Restaurant, El Milagro Tortilla Co., Chapala's Taqueria, East First Grocery, Qwik Stop, Sunflower Farmers' Market, HEB @ Riverside, Wal-Mart, Austin Habitat for Humanity Re-Store, Wright by Night, Taxes, Impuestos y Mas, Texas Coffee Traders, and Sabre Construction. Our Economic Development Committee will continue to focus on connecting our local business owners to our community in more impactful ways and we look forward to our quarterly mixers to increase these connections.

2012 is full of opportunities for our neighborhood to grow and support our residents, neighborhood schools and local business owners. I am looking forward to our collaboration with UT Austin and its Austin Historical Survey which will focus on East Austin's rich history. Our dedicated members on the planning team will persist in addressing land use matters in the best interest of our neighborhood and we will focus on more opportunities to improve the safety and well-being of our residents. I look forward to a fantastic year where we all work together to keep our neighborhood as special and culturally rich as ever.

### 2012 Neighborhood Preservation Efforts, contact Amy Thompson, ECC Historic Preservation Chair, [mankin76@gmail.com](mailto:mankin76@gmail.com) or 499-0780

The ECC Neighborhood Historic Preservation Committee is planning for the Spring Homes Tour. The Committee is looking for nominations for homes to include (you can always nominate your own home). Also, we are actively looking for volunteers/partnership opportunities for new projects and to get involved with the Austin Historical Survey Wiki, see [www.soa.utexas.edu/hp/austin\\_survey](http://www.soa.utexas.edu/hp/austin_survey) for more. And we'd love to partner with a junior high or high school class to give our younger neighbors a chance to learn about community history, art, and architecture. If you have suggestions, contact me or Julie McGilvray at [alpinmacgillivray@gmail.com](mailto:alpinmacgillivray@gmail.com) or 739-1411.

## Crime and Safety Committee Report

by Lori C-Renteria, 478-6770 or [lorirenteria@grandecom.net](mailto:lorirenteria@grandecom.net)

Our area is in the Region I, George One Patrol Sector. Commanders' Forums are held Quarterly. **The next Commander's Forum is Feb. 14th at 5:30 pm at the Waller Creek Plaza, 625 E. 10th Street, 1st floor; you can park free in the visitor slots on the top floor of the adjacent parking garage.** Here's contact info for our assigned peace officers:

**G1 District Rep: Officer Jason Huskins** 974-5292  
**DR's main number** 974-3822 or [dtac.dr@ci.austin.tx.us](mailto:dtac.dr@ci.austin.tx.us)  
**Admin. Assistant: Edward Robinson** 974-5340  
**DR Supervisor: Sgt. John Spillars** 974-5708  
**Region 1 Detective/DR: Lt. Tyson McGowan** 974-5302  
**Region 1 Commander: John Romoser** 974-8587

**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. **YOU CAN DO THE 5: Watch the 3 houses in front of you and the 2 homes on each side! Help us grow a strong block watch program.**

**NOTE: If you live in the Holly Neighborhood or reside east of Chicon and north of Lady Bird Lake, you are in the Region III Central East Area Command.** The next Region III Commander's Forum is February 6, 2012, at 812 Springdale Rd. at 6:30 pm. For more info and resources for that Region, contact Gwen McLennan at 974-8578.

### **UPDATE: Outdoor Music Rules and Permits**

Outdoor Music Permits are required both for live music OR amplified sound systems. If you know a business that is operating outside the rules, please file complaints using the [SOUND@austintexas.gov](mailto:SOUND@austintexas.gov) email address and/or phone # 974-1000 to report any infractions, even if you have also called 311 or 911 because the Sound Tip Lines are monitored by David Murray, so you will be certain the information will get to those who make the recommendations for conditions on music permit applications.

**Please note that in our neighborhood the rules are:**

Up to 85 decibels for bars and Up to 70 decibels for restaurants serving 51% food

From 10:00 am - 10:30 pm Sunday through Wednesday

From 10:00 am - 11:00 pm Thursday

From 10:00 am - midnight Friday or Saturday

The businesses below have 365 days Outdoor Music Permits in the Saltillo TOD. Pine Street Station, Hope Farmers' Market Rabbit's Lounge, Cheer up Charlies, Scoot Inn, Gypsy Lounge, Karibu and Eastern (pending, in review, not supposed to have outdoor music until their permit is approved)

## ECC Crime Stats: Nov. & Dec.



Thanks to the new and improved Krimelabb.com website, we can easily track APD incident reports by neighborhood name.

You can also scan by street address or lookup details from the incident number. We all need to use this site to post alerts that other neighbors are monitoring across Austin because burglars have no boundaries. See [www.krimelabb.com](http://www.krimelabb.com) for more.

November 2011: 165 incidents, 116 arrests

December 2011: 89 incidents, 44 arrests

**FREE TRAINING!** [Click here for details](#)

**You can be a Neighborhood Crime Analyst**

**Saturday, Feb. 25th, 2-3pm**

**Terrazas Library, 1105 E. Cesar Chavez St.**

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**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](http://www.austinrecycles.com/code.htm)

**Not sure? Want to help do a cleanup or try alternate methods to a formal complaint?**

**Call Eastside Ranger Lori at 478-6770  
or [lorirenteria@grandecom.net](mailto:lorirenteria@grandecom.net)**

## 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**

**Join our neighborhood's online  
crime watch group. Go to: [http://  
groups.google.com/group/east-  
austin-neighbors](http://groups.google.com/group/east-austin-neighbors) and request to  
become a member. There are currently 84 members in the group.**

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**Join our Affordable Housing Committee** Call Sabino Pio Renteria, 478-6770 or [pio@grandecom.net](mailto:pio@grandecom.net)

### Update on the RBJ Senior Residential Center Master Plan

See [www.rbjcenter.org](http://www.rbjcenter.org) or call Marion Sanchez at 477-1018 or email [marion@estilopr.com](mailto:marion@estilopr.com). Se habla español. The RBJ Community Advisory Board has adopted option C as the preferred plan and HS&A will continue as the project manager. You can learn more about the goals and master plan by contacting Marion or visit [www.rbjcenter.org](http://www.rbjcenter.org).

### Go Repair! A Home Repair program

For lower income folks with need for basic and emergency repairs, more rules apply. Info? Call Fernando at 974-3114 or go to: <http://www.austintexas.gov/departments/go-repair>

**Holly Power Plant has a new hotline 1-855-444-6559 and a website with job opportunities at [www.holly.austinenrgy.com](http://www.holly.austinenrgy.com).**

Get involved! Attend Community Meetings on the demo and removal of the plant and its re-use. For meeting notices and newsletters, call Oscar Backus, Austin Energy, at 322-6276. Se habla español.

**Be our Facebook Friend  
get more involved in your neighborhood!**

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/E.Cesar.Chavez>

Contact Cristina if you need help signing up at 789-0309 or [cristinavaldes@realtyaustin.com](mailto:cristinavaldes@realtyaustin.com)

**Need help finding affordable housing or help with your landlord?** Contact the Austin Tenants' Council at <http://www.housing-rights.org> or call 474-1961. (Mon-Fri 9am to 12 pm and 1 pm to 4 pm)



IF YOU ARE THINKING ABOUT **BUYING** this year, email me your criteria and I will set up a customized search to send you available properties that may be a good fit.

THINKING ABOUT **SELLING** YOUR HOME this year? Send me your address and I would be happy to meet with you to discuss the value of your home?

NEED TO FILE A **HOMESTEAD** FORM? It's FREE. Email me if you have questions about the process.

#### EAST CESAR CHAVEZ NEIGHBORHOOD REAL ESTATE STATISTICS AS OF 12/20/22

(I35 - Chicon - Lady Bird Lake - East 6th Street)

	2010	2011
Total Closed Sales	22	22 (with 1 closing pending)
Average Sales Price	\$251,405	\$235,534
Median Sales Price	\$242,500	\$186,500
Average Days on Market	75	55



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## THE EMMA S. BARRIENTOS MEXICAN AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER



600 River Street, 974-3770 or [www.maccaustin.org](http://www.maccaustin.org)  
Exhibit & workshop hours vary. Rental space available.

Have you ever wanted to learn salsa dance moves? Then these **FREE** courses are for you! Join instructor Raul Ramirez in learning basic footwork, turns, and patterns. Beginners class will introduce you to the fundamentals of leading and following steps to salsa music. Intermediate course is designed for students who have completed Beginners Salsa and are confident with the Salsa rhythm and turn patterns. *iAzúcar!* Pre-registration is required. No partner necessary.

### **Beginners Salsa Dance**

January 9 - February 13

Mondays, 6-7:30pm

### **Intermediate Salsa Dance**

January 9 - February 13

Mondays, 7:45-8:45pm

### **Cine de Oro Film Series**

9:30am: Early Bird Screenings for Seniors

7:00pm: Evening Screenings for the Public

All films are free admission.

Info? Call Linda Crockett at 512-974-3789.

**January 31 Algo Flota Sobre el Agua** Directed by Alfredo B. Crevenna, 1947. Spanish with no subtitles.

**February 28 Flores de Otro Mundo** (Flowers from Another World) Directed by Iciar Bollain, 1999. Spanish with English subtitles

### **Upcoming Family Activities:**

- Bastrop State Park Volunteer Days, RSVP required, 10 yrs + call Katie at (512) 718-0211 or [katie.raney@tpwd.state.tx.us](mailto:katie.raney@tpwd.state.tx.us).
- FREE ADMISSION at the Wildflower Center until Jan. 31st
- Lego Lab@Terrazas Library, ages 10+ 4 pm, Jan 20 & Feb 17
- Boat, Sport & Outdoor Show, Jan 19-22, Convention Center
- LIVESTRONG Marathon & Half Marathon, Feb 19th

### **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Events**

See [www.mlkcelebration.com](http://www.mlkcelebration.com) for more events

The MLK Holiday is not only for celebration and remembrance, education and tribute, but above all, a day of service supporting your community. It is a day of volunteering to feed the hungry, beautifying parks, and much more. Do something great. Sign up for a service project, join the march or attend the festival!

### **Day of Service**

Sign up now at [www.handsoncentraltexas.org](http://www.handsoncentraltexas.org)

Date: Saturday, January 14, 2012

Time: 8:00am – Noon

Location: Huston-Tillotson University

Davage-Durden Union Building, 900 Chicon Street

Breakfast & Volunteer Check-In: 8 – 8:30am

“MLK Reflection” 8:30 – 9:00am

Service Projects: 9am – Noon

Note: All volunteers must check-in starting at 8 am.

### **19th Annual Community March and Festival**

Date: Monday, January 16, 2012

Time: 9 am - 3pm

Location: MLK Statue at University of Texas campus then march to the Capitol then on to historic Huston-Tillotson University for the Festival. A vendor application can be downloaded for those interested in purchasing booth space. For questions and information, please contact Carol Wright, [carol@aaahc.org](mailto:carol@aaahc.org) or call 323-6773 ext. 102.

## **Support our Rec Centers! Get involved in 2012**

### **Metz Rec Center**

2100 Canterbury, 478-8716

### **AB Cantu/Pan Am Center**

2100 E. 3rd Street, Call 476-9193

### **Camacho Activity Center**

34 Robert T Martinez St, 391-1863

**Terrazas Library, 1105 E. Cesar Chavez St. Call 974-3625 or [www.austintexas.org/library](http://www.austintexas.org/library)**

**Talk Time moves to Tuesday nights, 7 to 8:30 p.m., starting January 10<sup>th</sup>.**

Talk Time is an opportunity for new English learners to practice speaking English in a safe, non-threatening, and relaxed environment. Volunteers facilitate conversation to help and encourage participants to speak English. Talk Time sessions are free and open to any adult who wants to practice his or her ability to speak English. No registration is necessary.

## ECC Team meeting highlights for Nov. and Dec. 2011

(see [www.eastcesarchavez.org](http://www.eastcesarchavez.org) for more info)

In Nov, we got an invitation by Rep. Eddie Rodriguez to attend a community meeting on gangs in Austin and heard from a new resident on Clermont who asked how he could meet with the Festival Beach Gardeners to address some concerns. We also got updated on the city's plan for a large street festival on E. 6th from Congress to Pedernales called a ciclovía, a family-friendly event that we supported in an action item last spring. We need to find a 6th Street business owner to join the organizing committee, if interested contact Jeff Thompson. We also voted to request a stop light at E. 6th and Waller and to increase lighting and crosswalks all along E. 5th Street. We discussed our Holiday Party plans and the need to get donations to increase the amount of food and drinks for our guests. In Dec., we held our Holiday Party instead of a meeting and enjoyed great food and fellowship with about 110 folks. We thank all the businesses who contributed food, drinks and door prizes. We recognized Constable Maria Canchola for her donation and presence along with numerous candidates for county races. UT's Planning and Historic Preservation volunteers came in force to push us to get involved with the [Austin Historical Survey Wiki website](#) to preserve our area's history. We also secured an ongoing commitment from Jeff Thompson and Molly O'Halloran to continue service on our Land Use Committee even though they stepped down as resident reps in their sectors.

**We will hold election of officers at our January 18th monthly meeting at Terrazas Library, 1105 E. Cesar Chavez Street.** The monthly meetings are usually held the 3rd Wednesday from 6 to 7:30 pm and everyone is welcome to attend and participate in our discussions. Officers are elected from among the voting representatives of the Team. We are also accepting nominations for Sector Reps for Sectors 7 and 2. Nominees must live in the Sector, be willing to communicate/pass flyers in their sector, and should send a 1 page essay on why they want to serve as a Resident Rep for their area to [lorienteria@grandecom.net](mailto:lorienteria@grandecom.net). You can see our bylaws and policies at our website. To see what Sector you live in, [click here](#) or visit our website, or call Lori or any Team member listed below.

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

Name	Address	Phone #	Representing/Committees
<a href="#">Cristina Valdés</a>	E. 2nd Street	789-0309	ECC Chair, Business rep., Realty Austin
<a href="#">Susan Benz</a>	1101—B E. 6th Street	220-9542x100	ECC Treasurer, Sector 8 resident rep.
<a href="#">Al Moser</a>	1901 Riverview	524-2974	Business rep., USPS carrier
<a href="#">Kathy Setzer</a>	1609 E. Cesar Chavez	775-6436	Eastside Inn, Business representative
<a href="#">Dr. Rev. Jayme Mathias</a>	112 Medina	826-0280	Religious rep., Si Se Puede director
<a href="#">Frank E. Campos</a>	POB 40031 (78704)	971-7138	Non-profit rep. Education Austin
<a href="#">Ken Johnson</a>	1809 Holly St.	210-710-2013	Non-profit rep., Architecture for Humanity
<a href="#">Farah Rivera</a>	21 Waller St	501-9853	Renters' Representative
<a href="#">Pilar Sanchez</a>	902 E. 2nd St.	477-4488 x2122	Sector 1 resident representative
OPEN SEAT	(Cesar Alex Silva will serve until someone steps up to volunteer)		
<a href="#">Chris Kanipe</a>	904 Spence St.	646-825-1892	Sector 2 resident representative
<a href="#">Edie Cassel</a>	1611 Willow	968-5313	Sector 3 resident representative
<a href="#">Jo Staton</a>	21 Waller St., #1205	924-1105	Sector 4 resident representative
<a href="#">Sabino 'Pio' Renteria</a>	1511 Haskell	478-6770	Sector 5 rep., senior citizens' advocate
OPEN SEAT	(Jeff Thompson is stepping off)		
<a href="#">Kathy McWhorter</a>	1711 Willow	478-9478	Sector 6 rep., Housing Chair
<a href="#">Amy Thompson</a>	1402 E. 2nd St.	499-0780	Sector 7 resident representative
<a href="#">Lori C-Renteria</a>	1511 Haskell	478-6770	Parks & Environment Chair, Green Council
<a href="#">Ricardo Zavala</a>	9803 Eastwend, Unit B (53)	577-8280	Local Historic District Committee Chair
<a href="#">Anna Rowlan</a>		751-9378	Crime & Safety Chair, Newsletter Editor
<a href="#">Matt Lutz</a>	1519 E. Cesar Chavez	767-7400 x4	Education Committee Chair
<a href="#">Rick Weinberg</a>	1109 A Holly St.	786-9050	Transportation Committee Co-Chair
<a href="#">Jeff Thompson</a>	1408 Willow St.	322-9930	Transportation Committee Co-Chair
<a href="#">Molly O'Halloran</a>	1308 E. 2nd Street	809-4777	Economic Development Committee Chair
<a href="#">Richard Roberts</a>	1301 E. Cesar Chavez	351-9436	Land Use/Design Co-Chair
			Land Use/Design Co-Chair
			Fundraising Committee Chair

**Congratulations to the El Buen Pastor Early Childhood Development Center,** 1208 Willow Street, for meeting the challenges and earning recognition as a Nationally Accredited Childcare Center granted by the National Association of Young Children (NAEYC). Please consider volunteering or donating to this Center. All donations are tax deductible. Call 476-4505 today!

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### **Ventanilla de Salud: Connections to Health!**

410 Baylor Street, 78703, (512) 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**



### **Clean Lady Bird Lake**

Saturday, February 11th 9 am to 11 am

What better way to show your love for our part of the Hike and Bike Trail than participating in our first cleanup of the new year? Join hundreds of volunteers as they have a rewarding morning searching high and low for every last bit of trash and getting to know other lake enthusiasts. Each cleanup will end with a prize for the most unusual object found during the cleanup! On-the-Water volunteers should be 16 or older and be comfortable around water. Volunteers **MUST** pre-register for this event, please use the registration link on the website [www.keeptakebeautiful.org](http://www.keeptakebeautiful.org) or call 391-0617. This event is co-sponsored by the Expedition School and the Austin Trail Foundation.

### **What's your dream for 2012?**

The Austin Academy serves motivated adults who require economic, academic and personal assistance to help remove barriers to student success in completing a GED or getting into college. We offer FREE classroom instruction, counseling, job training, and supportive services. Congratulations to our Class of 2011 who will be graduating in January! 2011 Snapshot: GED Graduates: 36, New Jobs: 55, ABE Graduates: 22, Job Readiness Program Graduates: 46. We're now enrolling for free classes in adult GED preparation, computer literacy, and job development.

### **Orientation/Information Sessions**

**Every Thursday at 10:30am and 6:00pm**

**1640 B East 2nd Street, Room 100**

**512-326-8655 or visit [www.austinacademy.org](http://www.austinacademy.org)**

*\*certain geographic & financial restrictions apply\**



**East Austin Neighborhood Center at 211 Comal is temporarily closed but if all goes well, will reopen in February.** Fresh Food and Project Hope distribution will still be available but only at other locations. You can still call our number 972-6650 to get services or schedule an appointment. Our staff are temporarily located at the Montopolis Neighborhood Center and if needed, they can help you get services at any of the other Centers located in other parts of town.

*A one-stop-shop for all human service needs! Call 211 (24/7) or go to [www.211centraltexas.org](http://www.211centraltexas.org) Info and referrals for food, housing, health, education, job training, and other emergency and crisis services. You can also call to volunteer!*

**Holly Neighborhood Update:** The Holly Neighborhood Coalition (HNC) welcomes all neighbors, businesses and neighborhood groups to get involved. We meet the 3rd Tuesday each month at the Camacho Rec Center, 34 Robert T Martinez St from 6:30-8:30pm. Join us online at [www.hollyneighborhood.org](http://www.hollyneighborhood.org) or <http://groups.google.com/group/holly-neighborhood-coalition> or call Elizabeth at 524-1098 or Ben at 663-5992.

## NEW! AISD OUTDOOR EDUCATION



Launching this January. The Expedition School will offer the first ever PE credit in an Off Campus for all middle school and high school students attending AISD. Base camps are at Camacho Youth Center and Metz Rec Center and you can get more info there. See <http://www.expeditionschool.com/youth-expeditions/outdoor-education-off-campus-pe-program/> or call Kimery 626-6282.

**Need help cutting energy bills? SAVE \$\$**  
Special programs for seniors & low-income folks. Call Ronnie Mendoza in the customer solutions program at 972-7725 or go to [www.austinenenergy.com](http://www.austinenenergy.com)

## 2012 at Festival Beach Community Garden

See our website at <http://festivalbeachgarden.org>

Many thanks to our intern, Priya Reddy, who left for a great job.

***Come to a Re-orientation – Bienvenidos! All are invited!***

***Saturday Jan. 7, 2-4 p.m. or Sunday Jan. 8, 2-4 p.m.***

- 1. Fill out and sign new contracts for 2012 (required by the Parks Department).
- 2. Pay plot rental fees for 2012 by Jan. 30: \$35.00.
- Meet and visit other gardeners.
- Learn about plans for the coming year.
- Hear about and get involved in current projects.
- Enjoy the outdoors!
- Some folks are planning to bring food and refreshments.
- Attendance is not required, but we hope everyone can come for ONE of the days.

**Hope to see you in the garden soon! Contact Us/Contactos**

Para obtener más información, comuníquese con Farah al (512)

501-9853 o por email a [farahriviera@yahoo.es](mailto:farahriviera@yahoo.es) or you can call (512) 508-8320 or send an email to [info@festivalbeachgarden.org](mailto:info@festivalbeachgarden.org).

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**Be a Part of History  
The Unveiling of  
Our Tejano Monument**  
[www.nosotroslostejanos.org](http://www.nosotroslostejanos.org)

The Tejano Genealogy Society of Austin and Tejano Monument Committee will have a three day ceremony in the State Capitol Building in Austin to celebrate the first monument on Capitol grounds to recognize Tejano soldiers. Events begin March 29 and end with a parade down Congress at 9 am on March 31st. Sponsors and Tejano-themed Floats are needed. Info? Dan Arellano President Tejano Genealogy Society, call him at 512-826-7569 or email [darellano@austin.rr.com](mailto:darellano@austin.rr.com).

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## Calendar *Call 478-6770 or send your events to [lorirenteria@grandecom.net](mailto:lorirenteria@grandecom.net)*

- Jan. 18 East Cesar Chavez Neighborhood Team Meeting, 6-7:30 pm, TERRAZAS LIBRARY, 478-6770  
 Feb 15 East Cesar Chavez Neighborhood Team Meeting, 6-7:30 pm, TERRAZAS LIBRARY, 478-6770  
 Feb 1 APD Recruiting for College Internships, 11am-1:30 pm, Huston-Tillotson University, call 311 for details  
 Feb 18 People's Forum, ACC Eastview Campus from 10-11am, Nell Peterson, 423-4261

A grassroots coalition announced a petition drive to amend the Austin City Charter to elect 10 Council members by geographic districts and the Mayor citywide. They also want to create an Independent Citizens Commission to draw the Districts. To hookup with Austinites for Geographic Representation visit [www.austingeorep.org](http://www.austingeorep.org) or call 535-7208.



**ADS? COMMENTS? STORY IDEAS?** Call Lori at 478-6770 or [lorirenteria@grandecom.net](mailto:lorirenteria@grandecom.net)



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