The Grapevine

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

La Viña Boletin

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



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Su voto es su voz! Mayor and City Council Election is May 12th!

County, State, & Federal Election is May 29th!

Questions? Info? Sample Ballot?

Call 238-VOTE (8683)

www.co.travis.tx.us/
county_clerk/election

A message from our ECC Team Chairperson

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

Spring is here! We enjoyed another successful Historic Home Tour last month and look forward to a well-attended neighborhood business happy hour at Cenote early this month, and Viva Streets! on May 20th. Our Facebook Group has grown to over 160 members and our website is full of helpful information to our residents and business owners. Thanks to the businesses who advertise in our newsletter, the East Cesar Chavez Neighborhood Association continues to deliver information to each neighbor's door on a bi-monthly basis. We are consistently looking for ways to improve the quality of life for our neighbors.

There are lots of opportunities to continue to improve our neighborhood and the East Cesar Chavez Neighborhood Association would like to hear your ideas. Over the next couple of months, we are specifically focusing on Comal Park located on East 3rd Street and Comal. Austin Parks Foundation is offering grants from \$5,000 - \$50,000 to improve our green spaces. What changes would you like to see at Comal Park? Please contact anyone on our team with your ideas.

2nd Annual ECC Historic Preservation Tour a Great Success!

Amy Thompson, Historic Preservation Chair, 499-0780 or mankin76@gmail.com

Many thanks to Cenote, Papi Tino's, the residents of Robert Weaver, our home tour hosts, the City Preservation Office, and neighborhood and UT volunteers for making this year's tour so much fun. Dozens of neighbors visited the tour this year, learning more about ECC history and each other. The event generated a lot of great conversation and even some donations to help support next year's tour. If you are interested in your property being on the tour next year - or would like to nominate a local home or business - please contact Amy Thompson (499-0780 or mankin76@gmail.com). Also, if you have any photos from the tour that you'd like to have posted on the website - send them to Amy.

Wear costumes!
Paint your face!
Perform a trick or dance!
Run, Play, Walk or Roll!

VIVA STREETS!

Sunday, May 20, 10 AM to 3 PM Sixth Street – car-free from Brazos to Robert Martinez St.

Family Friendly Fun

A fun, new festival where a car-free street becomes your playground! Gratis!!! Admission is FREE!! See www.vivastreetsaustin.org



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Crime and Safety Committee Report

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

Our area is in the Region I, George One Patrol Sector. <u>Keep calling 911 when you see something odd</u>. 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 including coming home to a break-in or car thefts. Trust your gut feeling, if something looks or feels scary—call 911.

SXSW Complaints cut in half this year!

The PACE Team worked with many neighbors and businesses before and during the event to increase enforcement of temporary rules including noise, parking, and trash pickups. We really appreciate the pre-event planning and complaint inspections conducted by PACE Team members. Eastside Rangers got immediate response to their patrol complaints. Continue to call 911 for noise complaints. It'd help a lot to keep filing noise complaints using the pace@austintexas.gov and call the Sound HOTLINE at 974-1000 to report outdoor noise complaints, because the Sound Hotline is monitored by those who approve outdoor music venue permits and repeated complaints can lead to businesses losing their right to have outdoor music permits.

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
Region 1 Detective/DR: Lt. Tyson McGowan 974-5302
Region 1 Commander: John Romoser 974-8587

Team 1 - Persons Crimes - Main No. 974-5320 or call SGT. Keith Reynolds - 974-8507. Assault, Deadly Conduct, Harassment, Terroristic Threats, Disturbances

Team 2 - Property Crimes – Main No. 974-5484 or SGT. William Warren - 974-5425. Burglary of or breaking into Vehicles, Criminal Mischief, Criminal Trespass, all types of Theft Citywide Night Detectives – Main No. 974-5320 or SGT. Dawn King - 974-8517 and Lt. McGowan - 974-5302

APD Home page: www.austintexas.gov/department/police **APD District Representatives:** http://www.austintexas.gov/department/apd-district-representatives

Commander's Forum information web page:

http://www.austintexas.gov/department/commanders-forums

Citizen Observer - Austin Police Dept

http://www.citizenobserver.com/cov6/app/group.html?id=4117

Sign up for both the Citizen Alert Network and Raids on-line alerts http://www.citizenobserver.com/

City of Austin - Crime Information

http://www.austintexas.gov/GIS/crimeviewer/CrimeViewer disclaimer.html

APD Incident Report Database

https://www.ci.austin.tx.us/police/reports/index.cfm

City Code and Charter - http://www.amlegal.com/austin_tx/
Crime Prevention

http://austingo.austintexas.gov/article/crime-preventionservices#overlay-context=article/crime-prevention-services

E. Cesar Chavez & Guadalupe areas

APD's DTAC Commanders' Forum Tuesday, May 15th @ 5:30 pm Waller Creek Plaza, 625 E. 10th Street

Park free: visitor slots, top floor parkn garage Info or Questions?

Contact Edward Robinson 974-5340 or 974-3822

Holly Neighborhood (most eastside NAs)

Central East & South Central (Montopolis)
APD's Commanders' Forum
Monday, May 7th @ 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 974-5902

Neighborhood Watch Crime Analyst Forum by www.krimelabb.com Sat., June 9th, 3 to 4pm Carver Library, 1161 Angelina St Details? Call 478-6770

APD Police Observer Program Ride along with an APD officer!

Must be 18 years old and pass a criminal background check. Application required and may take 30 days to process. Call 974-5017 or email Police3@ci.austin.tx.us

iReport a new online alert system

Austin PD has a new online incident reporting system to report "not-in-progress" criminal incidents to APD. In an emergency call 911. Go to www.austintexas.gov/department/ireport-austin-online-incident-reporting-system. We need to report

APD's "Preservation of Life Standard Policy" to be discussed by the Citizen Review Panel on May 7th at 6:pm at City Hall. Info? Call Rudy Williams at 480-3190 or the Police Monitor at 974-9090.

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

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AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE, chair, Sabino Pio Renteria, 478-6770 or pio@grandecom.net



20th Anniversary Event Saturday, May 19th 10 am to 4 pm at The ReStore. 310 Comal St.

Austin Habitat for Humanity was the first in the country to open a building materials recycling and retail center called the Habitat ReStore. Over the past 20 years the ReStore has been located at 3rd and Comal and has diverted more than 13 million pounds of construction waste from our landfill. Money made from selling donations to the ReStore helped fund approximately 67 homes to provide an affordable, decent place to live for low-income families. We hope everyone in the community will join us at the ReStore to celebrate 20 years of treasures. It's a free event, a fun day of in-store demonstrations on weatherization, cabinet and tile work, treasure hunts, 20% discounts, building competitions, youth activities and composting classes. More Info? Call 512-472-8788 x 408 or visit www.austinhabitat.org

RBJ Senior Residential Center Master Plan See www.rbjcenter.org or call Marion Sanchez at 477-1018 or email marion@estilopr.com. Se habla espanol. You can learn more about the goals and master plan by contacting Marion or the website listed above.

Get info on Holly Power Plant demo and its re-use: meeting May 15 @ Metz Rec. Center, call Oscar 322-6276

Tx Outdoor Family Camp-out & GO FISH! Buescher State Park (Bastrop) on June 16-17

Come out to Buescher State Park for a great, family friendly camping opportunity. We'll provide all camping equipment and guidance. Individual car camping sites for each family. Restrooms with hot showers, overnight on-site State Park Police Officer provides security. Fees: \$65 per family (up to 6 individuals) - includes all entry and camping fees. You bring your family's food, a list of items is provided via email. How to Register: Call 512-389-8903 and ask for a "Texas Outdoor Family" customer service representative Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Visit www.texasstateparks.org for more great events!



properties that may be a good fit. your home?

IF YOU ARE THINKING ABOUT BUYING THINKING ABOUT SELLING YOUR HOME CONTACT ME with questions about this year, email me your criteria this year? Send me your address your recent property tax value. and I will set up a customized and I would be happy to meet cristinavaldes@realtyaustin.com search to send you available with you to discuss the value of

EAST CESAR CHAVEZ NEIGHBORHOOD REAL ESTATE MARKET SNAPSHOT - 2012 (AS OF 4/30/12) (135 - CHICON - LADY BIRD LAKE - EAST 6TH STREET)

\$270,667 - AVERAGE SELLING PRICE FOR SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES

6 - SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES SOLD

105 - AVERAGE DAYS ON MARKET

5 – ACTIVE SINGLE-FAMILY HOME LISTINGS ON THE MARKET

3 - PENDING SALE FOR SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES

*Data based on statistics from the Austin Board of Realtons B Multiple Listing Service (MLS).

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THE EMMA S. BARRIENTOS MEXICAN AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER

600 River Street, 974-3770 or ww.maccaustin.org Exhibit & workshop hours vary. Rental space available. Visit us today for adult, youth classes and summer camps!

CELEBRATE TACORAMA MAY 5-12

First-ever Tacorama raises awareness of hunger in Latino community while celebrating Latino heritage, culture, music, art and...tacos! Proceeds benefit Capital Area Food Bank. Latinometro, a new website, teamed up with community partners and media sponsors to present the city-wide festival, which will be an annual event.

TACORAMA kicks off with a Cinco de Mayo celebration and food drive at the Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center, where student artwork from Zavala and Sanchez Elementary Schools will be displayed. On Tuesday, May 8, community leaders will participate in a Town Hall Meeting to address hunger in our community. On Thursday, May 10, there will be a film screening and silent auction of works by local artists at the Mexic-Arte Museum. All that week, Austin's best restaurants, including Takoba, El Alma, Garrido's, Papi Tino's, Manuel's, Casa Chapala and Juan in a Million, will feature a special taco for Latinometro readers can vote for their favorites online.

All events at TACORAMA are free and open to the public. Go to www.latinometro.com for the schedule.





Cinco de Mayo @ Fiesta Gardens Music * Food * Games Bring your lawn chairs Sat. May 5 12-11pm/Sun. May 6, 12-10pm \$5 before 5pm, \$8 after 5pm 12 yr with paid adult free Show Ur Ride Ese Car Show

Sat. 10am-5pm

Jimmy Gonzalez y Grupo Mazz, Yayo Castillo & more on Saturday May 5. On Sunday May 6 it's an all day accordion jam fest with the Johnny Degollado Conjunto Festival. including Joel Guzman y Sara Fox, Flavio Longoria, Henry Zimmerle, Johnny Degollado, Santiago Jimenez Jr., Los Pinky's and the UT Conjunto band. For more info on the musicians performing and times visit www.fiestaspatriasofaustin.com or call the Hotline at 512-538-1351

Important Community Meeting Monday, May 14 6pm-7:15pm Sanchez Elementary School, 73 San Marcos St.

The ECC Team must rank our priorities for how the City might spend bond money in our area. This is your chance to 'vote' on what items we need most. It's a come and go event, so drop by and participate. The ECC Team will vote to adopt priorities on May 16. A city-wide Task Force is meeting regularly, for additional info or to comment directly on the bond proposals go to: www.AustinTexas.gov/BondDevelopment. Su voto es su voz! Please come.

Saturday, May 5, 12-3 PM: TACORAMA offers free food, refreshments, music and activities for children from 12-3 PM at the Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center. Music by AJ Castillo (1 pm) and Trampia (2 pm). Please bring non-perishable/can food items for the Food Bank. Tuesday, May 8, 6-8 PM: Town Hall Meeting on hunger for leaders and concerned citizens at the Emma S. Barrientos MACulural Center. Wednesday, May 9, 7-8 PM: Reading by Taco USA author, Gustavo Arellano, at BookPeople. Thursday, May 10, 6-8 PM: Film by Cine las Americas, cocktail reception with tacos by Austin chefs & silent auction at Mexic-Arte Museum. Saturday, May 12: Latinometro readers' choice tacos to be announced at the Pachanga Music Festival at Fiesta Gardens.

Pachanga@Fiesta Gardens Fri. May 11 y Sat. May 12

Calle 13, Los Lonely Boys, Alejandro Escovedo, Ruben Ramos y Mexican Revolution, Davíd Garza, y mas! . "Pachanga Ganga" 2 day tickets \$55, single Friday night Calle 13 tickets are \$38 (\$43 day of show) and Saturday only is \$20 (\$25 day of show)VIP tickets—Saturday ONLY - \$55 (\$65 day of show) includes food y drinks. Tickets: see page 6. A portion of all proceeds will benefit the FuturoFund Austin. http://pachangafest.com/pachangafest

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Pachanga Fest General Admission

DOS DIAS: BOTH FRIDAY & SATURDAY – \$55 FRIDAY General Admission ONLY – \$38 SATURDAY General Admission ONLY – \$20

VIP Admission Pass:

FRIDAY CALLE 13 GA + SATURDAY VIP – \$85 SATURDAY VIP ONLY – \$55

VIP pass includes:

Tastings from Austin restaurants Papi Tino's, Takoba, El Sol y La Luna, milkshakes by Handshakes and paletas by Mom & Pops Queso station featuring quesos from Frank, Vivo and Kerbey Lane Unlimited Complimentary non-alcoholic drinks

Private bar and three (3) complimentary alcoholic beverage tickets

Air conditioning

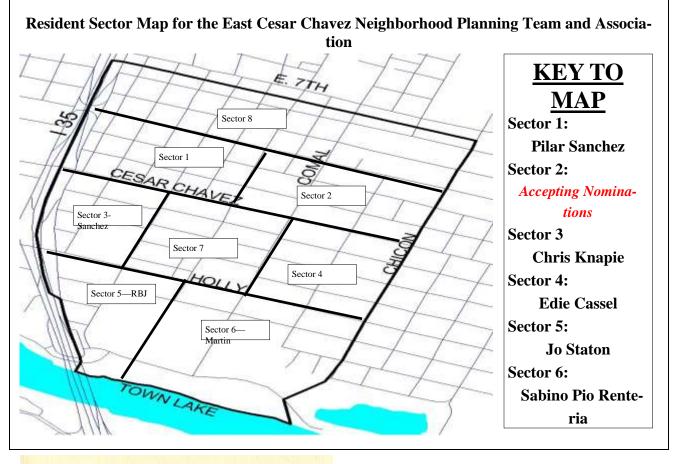
Indoor restrooms



ECC Team meeting highlights for March and April 2012 (www.eastcesarchavez.org for more)

In March, we had 2 presentations. Staff from the City's Public Works Dept explained the E. 5th Street utility and street improvements that will begin this August at I-35 and go to Onion St. The south side of the street will be done first a few blocks at a time. The Team asked for more than the 1-2 street lights per block planned but glad it will include curb and gutter, sidewalks and trees. The project should be done in 16 months around the end of 2013. Clay Harris is our contact for this project, call him at 974-7895 for info. Raul Alvarez presented the East Austin Conservancy project to help folks with back taxes. He also talked about the Cowboy Donley Music museum proposed for a small piece of Holly Power Plant land. For info on either project, call Raul at 785-0492. We had great committee reports and actions included supporting the 2nd Annual Homes Tour, saving the historic Texaco Warehouse Building and railroad home at 2019 E. 5th St, and seeking grants and donations. In April, we learned about The Beyond Coal Campaign on Earth Day at Mueller, discussed participating in the Viva Streets! Kickoff on May 5 at Papi Tino's and Nuevo Leon and will have a booth at the event on May 20th if the fee is reasonable. We agreed to seek funding and attend a training by Austin Parks Foundation and will seek volunteers to form a fundraising committee. We will participate in the Festival Beach master plan advisory committee and will organize a community meeting to rank our priorities for the upcoming city bond election. The Historic Preservation Committee is working up a plan and process to engage owners demolishing buildings to salvage lumber and architectural details. The Committee was unable to rescue the home at 2019 E. 5th but did get some historic blocks donated to use as benches in the Festival Beach garden. Thanks to Ken, Cristina and Susan for leading our Team. **HELP WANTED: JOIN OUR TEAM!** We are still accepting nominations for Sector Reps for Sectors 7 and 2. We're accepting nominations for representatives to serve on our Team. If you can attend our meetings on the 3rd Wednesday each month from 6—7:30 pm, then you can nominate yourself. 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. See a Sector Map on our website. Sector Reps must live in their Sector, and be willing to communicate/pass flyers in their sector. We also need a volunteer to represent civic groups, non-profits and congregations who operate or serve residents in our neighborhood, this slot doesn't require the volunteer to live 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. Interested? Call 478-6770 or contact a rep listed below.

Your ECC Leadership Team Contacts: Call if you would like to get involved with us!				
Name	Address	Phone #	Representing/Committees	
Cristina Valdés	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. 210-71	0-2013 E	CC Secretary, Non-profit rep. Architecture for Humanity	
Al Moser	1901 Riverview	524-2974	Business rep., USPS carrier	
Kathy Setzer	1609 E. Cesar Chavez	775-6436	Eastside Inn, Business representative	
Accepting Nomination	S		Civic, nonprofit, congregation rep	
Frank E. Campos	POB 40031 (78704)	971-7138	Non-profit rep. Education Austin	
Farah Rivera	21 Waller St	501-9853	Renters' Representative	
Pilar Sanchez	902 E. 2nd St.	477-4488 x2122	Sector 1 resident representative	
Accepting Nomination	S		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	
Accepting Nomination	S (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	9803 Eastwend, Unit B	(53) 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	





If you like the EAST Studio Tour, Try WEST Big Medium, the force behind the East Austin Studio Tour (EAST), is moving west of I-35 for the first West Austin Studio Tour (WEST). WEST, which will take place May 19 and 20, will be the spring counterpart for autumn's EAST. Like EAST, WEST will be a free, self-guided tour of artist studios, galleries, and spaces. The boundaries for WEST are west of I-35, east of Mopac, south of HWY 183, and north of I-71/360.

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
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

Need help finding affordable housing or help with landlord issues? 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)

EmanciPet Wellness Walk-in & Mobile Clinics

Our clinic at the old School for the Deaf or at our Mobile Van. No appointment necessary- first come, first served. Go to www.emancipet.org or call 512-587-7729 for an appointment. Low Cost basic veterinary services for spayed/neutered animals: Discount prices on Vaccinations/Heartworm/Flea-Tick Control/Worms.

GOT CATS?

THE AUSTIN HUMANE SOCIETY CAN HELP

IF YOU HAVE FREE ROAMING or HOMELESS CATS PLEASE
CALL LETICIA AT (512) 685-0111 OR EMAIL
lstivers@austinhumanesociety.org OR GO TO GOT
CATS? Www.austinhumanesociety.org/Ferals
CATS CAN BE BROUGHT INTO AHS BY APPTS ON
WEDNESDAY OR THURSDAY THEY CAN BE SPAYED/
NEUTERED, GIVEN A RABIES SHOT, FRONTLINE FOR
FLEAS, AND IVERMECTIN FOR EAR MITES AND WORMS.
THEY WILL ALSO BE GIVEN PAIN MEDS. THEN THEY WILL
BE AVAILABLE THAT EVENING TO PICKUP, RECOVER AND
THEN TO RE-RELEASE.

- AHS ALSO OFFERS TRAPPING INSTRUCTIONS. THEY ALSO HAVE VOLUNTEER CAT TRAPPERS WHO CAN AS-SIST YOU IF NEEDED.
- PLEASE CALL LETICIA TODAY! WHAT HAVE YOU GOT TO LOSE? NO MORE KITTENS AND A HEALTHIER CAT! ALL FOR FREE!!!!!!

Ventanilla de Salud: Connections to Health! 410 Baylor St. (near Lamar y 5th St), 78703, 478-2866x117

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 The Mexican Consulate, in partnership with LIVESTRONG, is hosting a training for anyone interested in being a LIVESTRONG Promotora. If you are a Texas Certified Community Health Worker and would like further education credits or if you are simply interested in working with Latino and Immigrant Cancer Survivors, this one-day training will teach you all about cancer and the specific challenges faced by Latinos and Immigrants. The training will be on June 15th at the LIVESTRONG building, 2201 E 6th St. It is free and lunch will included. For more information and to register, please contact Paige Menking-pmenking@capitalahec.org or (512)663-4196.

Need Help? Go to our East Austin Neighborhood Center at 211 Comal St. Drop in or call us at 972-6650 to get services or info. Closed Friday afternoons. Get referrals 24/7 - Call 211 Fresh Food Distribution (for all in need)

- Nursing Services available (free blood pressure screening, cholesterol, blood sugar, etc.
- Project Hope Distribution (For Elderly-55+ please call 972-6650 to pre-register)
- Volunteers needed to help answer phones mornings Monday through Thursday (8-12)!



Treasure City Thrift Solidarity Not Charity

Mon - Sat 11am-6 pm Sun 12 pm-6 pm

(512) 524-2820 2142 E. 7th St. 78702

25 cent sale! Saturday, May 19 11am- 5pm

Every month we have a 25 cent sale with treasures, especially on clothes and shoes.

Proceeds for our local grassroots orgs, transforming Waste into Resources. We are members of a community co-op and we gladly accept donations of treasures, time & talent.

www.treasurecitythrift.org

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





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- Training and Agility demos
- Scooby Doo and Mystery Inc.
- Local pet resources
- Josesito the Clown and his balloon animals
- Food vendors and much, much more



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



Thanks to Cristina Valdes, REAL TOR, for ongoing assistance with The Grapevine Newsletter and the ECC Facebook Page!

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Calendar Call 478-6770 or send your ads, articles or events to lorirenteria@grandecom.net

- May 16 East Cesar Chavez Neighborhood Team Meeting, 6-7:30 pm, TERRAZAS LIBRARY, 478-6770
- May 12 City Council Elections, call 238-VOTE (8683) or www.co.travis.tx.us/county_clerk/election
- May 29 Election for county, state, federal candidates, call 238-8683 or www.co.travis.tx.us/county_clerk/election
- June 20 East Cesar Chavez Neighborhood Team Meeting, 6-7:30 pm, TERRAZAS LIBRARY, 478-6770

US H.U.D. approved a new loan guarantee program that will make small business and micro loans to disadvantaged family-owned businesses in the Saltillo area. Contact Vicky Valdes at 974-7600 or www.austintexas.gov/department/small-and-minority-business/about



VIVA STREETS! Sunday May 20 10am-3pm East Sixth Street

METZ REC CENTER 2407 Canterbury, Call us at 478-8716 SENIOR LUNCH & SPECIAL EVENTS HURRY! SIGN-UP FOR SUMMER CAMPS

FREE Movies Under the Stars

Every Friday night, Movies begin at 7:30pm Bring your lawn chairs or blanket to see the latest movies on the big screen. Free Popcorn and drinks for everyone when movie starts.



East Cesar Chavez Neighborhood selected by UT for Austin Historical Survey Wiki

People with historic connections to the East Cesar Chavez neighborhood are invited to try out a new on-line tool focused on historic places and the people who have lived, played or worked in our neighborhood. The Austin Historical Survey Wiki, which is being developed at the University of Texas at Austin, allows users to complete and share historical stories, photos and surveys. Historical surveys are a way to identify and research historic places. Wiki users can access an interactive map and search tools and share information, documents, and photos about historic places in East Austin. It's much like Wikipedia in that it supports people working together to share information on an open, publicly accessible website.

Some information about historic places in the East Cesar Chavez neighborhood has already been added to the Wiki. UT students School of Architecture's Community and Regional Planning Dept. showed about 20 people who agreed to submit content. Ongoing support for new users is just a phone call away. Please contact Jenni Minner, Project Manager, with questions at 512.906.5752 or email her at jminner@utexas.edu



It's Older American's Month

H.A.N.D. invites you to join us in celebrating older adults who deserve our respect. Drop in at 1640B East 2nd Street #200 ,78702, Call 512.477.3796 or www.handaustin.org

WIN PRIZES!

Nominate and Elder (Each entry is put into a raffle to win a night on the town for two) **Photograph your Elder** (All photographs will be voted on via Facebook/Twitter and the photograph with the most votes gets published) **Honor Your Elder** (Donate in memory of/in honor of your elder)

Visit our website for more! www.handaustin.org/respect

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. Volunteers needed for Neighbors Helping Neighbors Workdays! Join us at www.hollyneighborhood-coalition or call Elizabeth , 524-1098 or Ben 663-5992.

FESTIVAL BEACH GARDEN

http://festivalbeachgarden.org

Contact Us/Contactos

Para obtener más información, comuníquese con Farah al (512) 501-9853 o por email a <u>farahrivera@yahoo.es</u> or you can call (512) 508-8320 or send an email to <u>info@festivalbeachgarden.org</u>.



ADS? COMMENTS? STORY IDEAS? Call Lori at 478-6770 or lorirenteria@grandecom.net

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MAY IS NATIONAL BIKE MONTH!

Former Austinite, Tammy Gomez, brings SHE: BIKE/SPOKE/LOVE, a Bicycle Love Story to the Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center. It has onstage choreographed bicycle dances, spoken word poetry, and a dj spinning a live musical score. In the current climate of high fuel costs for vehicles and a surge in bike lanes, clubs, and organized social rides, Tammy's play dovetails very well with the end of May 18th Bike to Work Week and VIVA STREETS! On May 20th!

Outdoors at the MACC, 600 River St. 78701

Contact: Linda.crockett@austintexas.gov or 512-974-3789

(on the huge plaza off the Lady Bird Lake hike/bike trail)

Performance dates/times:

Friday, May 18th, 7:00pm. Brief Q&A/talk-back after the performance.

Saturday, May 19th, 2:00pm matinee.

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All three shows will be presented FREE of charge and open to the public. The performances are in English and Spanglish. Some seating will be provided, but attendees are free to bring blankets and lawn chairs. Some concessions will be available. Bicycle parking corral courtesy of BIKE TEXAS. Playwright and director Tammy Gomez, and some cast members, will be available for in Austin after Wednesday, May 16th. Phone/skype/email interviews can be scheduled to take place after April 15th. For additional information call Tammy Gomez 817.924.9188 or tammy-gomexican@yahoo.com, website: http://bikespokelove.com.

Project Connect, a partnership between

Central Texas transportation agencies to implement regional high-capacity transit, is hosting a series of open houses throughout the region in coming weeks. We heard what you told us about high-capacity transit in the first round of community open houses and now we're back to share those results and show you some options for an updated high-capacity transit system for our region. Ask questions and provide feedback at these informal, come-and-go events.

May 8, 11 a.m to 1 p.m. Austin Energy Assembly Room 130 (721 Barton Springs Rd., Austin)

Austin Bike and Walk to School Day Friday, May 18th

The Austin Cycling Association, along with multitudes of enthusiastic volunteers will be giving free breakfasts to cyclists as they ride their bikes to work from 7-9am and celebrating happy hours from 4-6pm. Look for more information here:

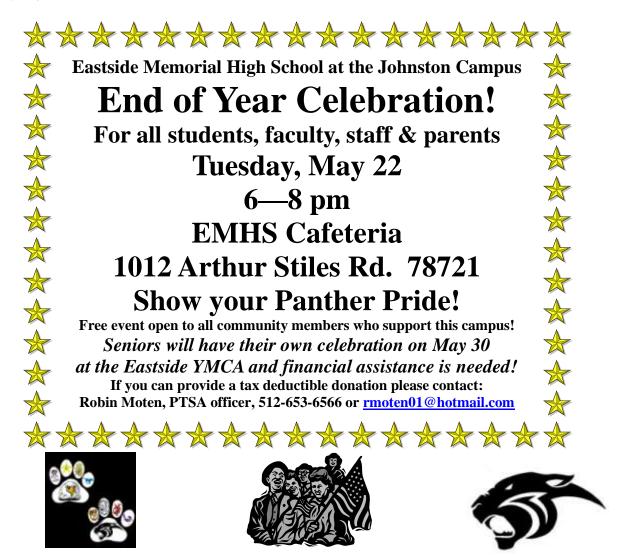
www.austincycling.org
AND
www.biketoworkaustion.org



- Where do I start? You can enter anywhere along the route.
- What can I do? Bike, walk, or do a Tango. The street is closed to cars! Be Creative.
- How can I get involved? Contact <u>brian.leto@cadencesports.com</u>
- Are there bathrooms and water stations along the route? Yes, at various intervals...
- How long will the streets be closed? From 6 am until 4 pm. Some cross streets will remain open to traffic at police controlled intersections.
- Can I bring a ball? Yes! Bring a Frisbee, a ball, or whatever gets you moving!
- Is VIVA STREETS! pet friendly? Yes, on a 6 ft leash at all times and scoop poop!
- Is the route handicap accessible? Yes. No official entrances/exits, access anywhere
- Can I enjoy it if I don't bike? Absolutely. This is an event all about being active.
- VIVA STREETS! is a community-led event in partnership with the <u>RunTex Foundation</u> and the City funded by <u>corporate</u>, <u>private</u> and not for <u>profit</u> organizations.

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5th Annual Johnston High School's Viet Nam Veterans' Memorial Day Service Saturday, May 26 2pm—4pm

Held at ESMH in the Gordon Bailey Performing Arts Center

1012 Arthur Stiles Rd.

Performing Arts Center is on the Gardner Rd side of the Johnston Campus

Families of our fallen Johnston Hereos can bring photos, letters and other beloved items to place on our Table of Honor. Refreshments will be served in the Cafeteria immediately following the Memorial Service. Sponsors: Tejanos in Action, Johnston/Eastside Memorial High Ex-students Association, and Eastside Memorial High at the Johnston Campus.

For info, contact Larry Amaro at 512-658-2962 or Dan Arellano at 512-826-7569 or darellano@austin.rr.com

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