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

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



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Veterans Day Events

See more in our online edition at www.eastcesarchavez.org

Friday, November 11th 9am Parade in downtown Austin Celebrating Gulf War 20th Anniversary

The event kicks off at 9 AM from the Ann W. Richards Congress Bridge and travels up to the Capital Building. Viewing is available all along Congress Ave. and there will be a reviewing stand at the Steven F. Austin Hotel at Congress and 7th Stay for the 11AM Ceremony at the South Capitol steps.

The City of Austin and Travis County plan to honor our fallen comrades with a reflection of the past, recognition of the present and revelation of the future. The Memorial Service will be held at the on the South steps of the State Capitol at 11:00 a.m.

Holiday Party Time
with the East Cesar Chavez
Neighborhood Association
& Planning Team
Potluck Buffet & Cookie Swap
Wed., December 14th
6:00 pm to 9:00 pm
at the historic Mooreland House
1301 E. Cesar Chavez St.

parking is really hard to find BYOB & Potluck items appreciated Everyone Welcome! Bienvenidos!



The Department Veterans Affairs has designated Austin as the Regional Site for the 2011 celebration. It would indeed be an honor for the Veterans of the State of Texas for you to agree to personally participate in this National Holiday set aside to commemorate our nation's veterans.

Organized by: Travis County Veterans Service Office Veterans Day Parade Committee and Co-Sponsored: by the Travis County and City of Austin. More at TCVSO 100 N. IH 35 STE. 2400, 512-854-9340 or visit: WWW.nov11.org

Veterans' & Soldiers' Parade & Outreach Event in East Austin's Parque Zaragosa Saturday, Nov. 12th 9 am - 11 am Parque Zaragosa Park (near E. 7th & Pleasant Valley) 2608 Gonzales Street 78702

This event will feature special recognitions, honor guards, and outreach booths to connect veterans and their families with resources available to both active duty and veteran service members. Meet doctors and clinicians specializing in Combat Stress Injuries and family counseling. Co-sponsored by Constable Maria Canchola, Central Texas Veterans Health Care System's Austin Outpatient Clinic, and Austin VFW. For more info call Raul Rosa at 512-293-9202

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. Commanders' Forums are held Quarterly. Here's contact info for our assigned peace officers:

G1 District Rep: Officer Jason Huskins 974-5292 DR's main number 974-3822 or dtacdr@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

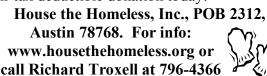
APD's 28th Annual National Night Out Block Parties

on Tuesday Oct. 4th happened at La Comal Park and on Haskell St. We got visits by our area's code compliance officers, APD patrol officers and District Reps, EMS techs and firefighters. We thank Metz Rec Center for providing face painting and to all the safety staffers and neighbors who participated. If you want to do something to increase safety and prevent crime on your block, contact Lori at 478-6770 or our allies at APD's Community Liaison Team by calling them at 974.4737.

Aren't You Glad You're NOT Homeless! Give the gift that keeps on giving. 1th Annual Thermal Underway Drive

You can help homeless folks keep warm with a \$10 donation for a full set of thermals. A \$25 gift adds a hat, socks and gloves. Distribution on January 2nd.

Send your tax deductible donation today!





FREE TRAINING!

You can become a **Neighborhood Crime Analyst** Details at www. krimelabb.com © 2007-2011 All Rights Reserved. Facebook Twitter Yelp



"Home for the Holidays" Please don't drink and drive!

APD will have over 700 extra officers on patrol over the holidays to look for minor traffic violations which can be a sign of a drunk driver. Have a safe and happy holiday season!

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

Holly Neighborhood Coalition is Growing!

The Holly Neighborhood Coalition (HNC) welcomes all neighbors, businesses and neighborhood groups to get involved with conversations and actions. To join in the fun, hollyneighborhood-coalition@googlegroups.com. or http://groups.google.com/group/hollyneighborhood-coalition.

Beware of Holiday Thefts!

Never leave gifts in plain sight in your vehicle, don't leave new electronics or bike boxes on your curb. Don't fall for scams to help the poor from door knockers or calls from strange groups.

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

ECC Team endorses Options for RBJ Senior Residential Center Master Plan See www.rbjcenter.org or call Ashley at 477-1018 or email ashley@estilopr.com. Se habla espanol.

The final Community Meeting was held on Tuesday, Sept. 13 at the RBJ Community Room. At the ECC Neighborhood monthly meeting on 10-19, we selected Options B & C as the best plans to increase affordable housing at RBJ while keeping the size of retail and office space on site smaller to serve primarily neighborhood residents and workers. While current residents at RBJ prefer Option A, we know its important to add some retail and mixed income housing units in order to generate funds to subsidize expanding the number of truly affordable units in the 20+ acre tract. Option D seemed to encourage way too much non-resident uses and E was not only much too dense, it would've required a city-wide vote to swap dedicated parkland near the lake with a green buffer on the Haskell Street side of the tract. Your input via an email to Ashley

will be included in the final report to the Board of Directors. You can learn more about the goals and master plan process by contacting Ashley or visit www.rbjcenter.org.



It's exciting to report the good news that Holly Neighbors Helping Neighbors got funding approved from City Council to go ahead with three volunteer-driven substantial home repair projects, with weatherization and quality of life improvements! Volunteers will be able to learn about things we can do in our own homes to reduce our bills and our impact on the environment, as we help elderly neighbors experience the same! This committee is part of the Holly Neighborhood Coalition and helps neighbors support each other, connecting those with hands to lend with Holly neighbors who need a hand. Get involved today! Join Elizabeth Walsh, Jose Velasquez, and a growing group of committed neighbors to help one neighbor in need with some basic home repair and yard work. Contact: Elizabeth at 524-1098 or Elizabeth. Walsh@gmail.com

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**

Dance with Hot Wax! at the Historic Victory Grill 1104 E. 11th St.

Fri, November 11th, 8 pm-12 pm Fri, December 30th, 8 pm-12 pm \$10 cover BYOB (liquor only) Beer and Wine sold on premises. Come listen and dance to the sounds of the best Soul and R&B from the 50's to 70's.



Congrats to Cody Symington and Mary Jenkins who have lovingly restored the historic qualities for Cenoté opening soon at 1010 E. Cesar Chavez St. They won a Merit Award for Properties to be presented at the 51st Annual Preservation Awards Celebration, Mon., Nov. 21st, 11:30-1:30pm at the Driskill Hotel. The Heritage Society of Austin annually presents the Preservation Awards to honor individuals and institutions for their visionary approach to preservation and commitment to maintaining Austin's architectural, cultural, and environmental heritage. For info call 476-8687 or see www.heritagesocietyaustin.org

Get involved! Attend Update Meetings on the demo and removal of the Holly Power Plant and its re-use. For meeting notices and newsletters, call Oscar Backus, Austin Energy, at 322-6276. Se habla espanol.

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600 River Street, 974-3770 or ww.maccaustin.org Exhibit & workshop hours vary. Rental space available.

Dancing your way to get fit! Zumba! Wednesdays, 6-7 pm November 9 - December 14, \$25- 5 week session

Capoeira Tuesdays and Thursdays / 7:30 - 8:30 pm \$130 / 8 week Session or \$10/drop in

Youth Capoeira Saturdays / Ages 5 - 12, 11-12pm \$5/drop-in

Beginning Button Accordion (Adult), Nov 14 – Dec 22 / M & Thursday (6:30pm-7:15pm) *No class 11/24, Class Fee \$110

Youth Guitar (Youth Ages 8-12), Nov 14 – Dec 21 / Mondays & Wednesdays (5pm-5:45pm), Class Fee \$60



La Pastorela at the MACC

'a contemporary musical comedy based on a traditional Yuletide play Thursdays through Saturdays Dec. 1st through 17th at 8 pm \$15 Adults, \$10 Students/Seniors Call 971-3255 or email us lapastorelaaustin@gmail.com

SUPPORT LATINO ARTS! La Pastorela Fundraiser

Sunday, November 20th El Sol Y La Luna, 6 - 10pm Tickets \$10 Music, Food and Drinks

La Pastorela VIP Night Friday, December 2nd

VIP tickets will give you a great night of entertainment. Tickets purchases entry to art exhibit, food, music, drinks and the show. Event begins at 6pm at the MACC. All proceeds to go for production of La Pastorela. ALTA is a non profit theater organization.



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The Trail Foundation is helping to close the 1.1-mile gap in the Trail at Lady Bird Lake, which will connect East and West Austin. The Trail Foundation made a commitment to the City and the Austin community to raise additional funds needed to make the dream a reality. The City of Austin estimates the construction will begin in early 2012 with an estimated completion at the end of 2013. The mission of The Trail Foundation is to protect and enhance the Trail at Lady Bird Lake. The Trail Foundation will make an exciting announcement in November to help raise funds for this important project. Stay tuned!!!

Want to get involved? Call 733-3989 or visit

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AB Cantu/Pan Am Rec Center

2100 E. 3rd Street, Call 476-9193

Come to our Annual FREE
Community Thanksgiving Dinner
Sat. Nov 19 from 11am until 2pm
Everyone welcome! Bienvenidos a todo!
Sponsored by the Advisory Board, Fiestas Patrias, and Joe's Bakery!

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

Tuesday, November 8th, 7:00 p.m.: What Is Acupuncture? A talk by Meg Coons, licensed acupuncturist, about the potential benefits of acupuncture and traditional Chinese medicine.

Saturday, November 19th, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.: Altered Books, family-oriented activity. Turn unwanted books into art with Stephanie Abbott, Youth Librarian at the Terrazas Branch. Stop by and make art during the second Saturday of the East Austin Studio Tour.

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 or call 535-7208.

ECC Team meeting highlights for Sept. and Oct. 2011 (see www.eastcesarchavez.org for more info)

In Sept, we got news that UT's Planning and Historic Preservation graduate programs will help us with the Austin Historical Survey Wiki tools in support of our efforts to stop displacements and demolitions in our area. We got updates on the Imagine Austin Comp Plan, National Night Out events, meetings with Councilmembers to promote our cocktail lounge policies, had presentations on 5 options for new development on the RBJ tract, Back-to-School nights, agreed to spend \$50 on ads in the Eastside Memorial High Homecoming program and EAST Studio tour. **In Oct,** Tx Rep. Joaquin Castro presented himself as a candidate for Congress, we elected Farah Rivera to replace Leah as our area's Renters' Rep on the Team, voted on the RBJ master plan, got news about a Nov 17 COA open house on I-35 improvements and the need to get involved because major decisions by Council will happen in Feb; approved 2 requests for late night restaurant

We welcome our new Renters' Rep!

Farah Rivera, born in Puerto Rico, moved here for our quirkiness and advanced opportunities. She has 28+ years as a photojournalist with The San Juan Star, Agence France-Presse, Dallas Morning News, Washington Post, Business Week and others in France, Japan, Colombia and the U.S.. She's taught all ages, some thru non-profits, to produce a directory of handicapped artisans for the Puerto Rico Institute of Culture promoting special needs artisans by marketing their products. She's served on the boards of the National Hispanic Journalists' Assoc., Puerto Rico Journalists' Assoc., FotoDivas, and serves now on the RBJ Resident Council as secretary. Farah volunteers at Festival Beach Community Garden, coordinating accessible beds families thru Cancer Connection and at La Pena Gallery where is first solo exhibit

hours for 907 E. 6th and Papi Tinos, and got news that a move to allow neighborhoods to limit invasion of coporations using single family homes like hotels, and approved a support letter to apply National Recreation Trail designation for our Tejano Walking Trail. NOTE: We consider everyone who lives, works or owns property in our neighborhood a member of our Team. We rarely take formal votes and try to include everyone in our discussions. Please come to our meetings.

Thanks Jeff Thompson!

Jeff served as vice-chair and led our efforts on Land Use and Plan Amendments for many years. With much regret, we have to let him go so he can spend more time with his growing boys in between increased out of town travel at work. Jeff will still help us as his time allows. Jeff's knowledge of zoning and his diplomacy in being able to craft compromises and establish written policies for our Team to follow so we remain true to the original visions in our Plan is very much appreciated.

| Your ECC Leadership Team Contacts: Call if you would like to get involved with us! | | | | |
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| Name | Address | Phone # | Representing/Committees | |
| Cristina Valdés | 1700 E. 2nd St | 789-0309 | ECC Chair, Business rep., Lyon Real Estate | |
| 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 | Eastside Inn, Business representative | |
| Rev. Jayme Mathias | . Willow Street | 826-0280 | Religious rep., Catholic priest | |
| Frank E. Campos | 1208 Willow | 971-7138 | Non-profit rep. El Buen Pastor ECDC | |
| Ken Johnson | 1809 Holly St. | 210-710-2013 | Non-profit rep., Architecture for Humanity | |
| Farah Rivera | 21 Waller St | 501-9853 | Renters' Representative | |
| Pilar Sanchez | 902 E. 2nd St. | 477-4488 x2122 | Sector 1 resident representative | |
| OPEN SEAT (Cesar Alex Silva will serve until someone steps up to volunteer) Sector 2 resident representative | | | | |
| Chris Kanipe | 904 Spence St. | 646-825-1892 | Sector 3 resident representative | |
| Edie Cassel | 1611 Willow | 968-5313 | Sector 4 resident representative | |
| Jo Staton | 21 Waller St., #1205 | 924-1105 | Sector 5 rep., senior citizens' advocate | |
| Sabino 'Pio' Renteria | 1511 Haskell | 478-6770 | Sector 6 rep., Housing Chair | |
| OPEN SEAT (Jeff Thompson is stepping off) | | 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 (5 | 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 | |
| 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 | |
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FUNDRAISER FOR YOUTH!
Haircuts-by-children
November 12-13
Peacock Salon
1519 Comal

corner of E. Cesar Chavez http://www.indiegogo.com/ fuseboxhaircuts

FREE Diabetes Empowerment Education Program Classes LEARN TO MANAGE YOUR DIABETES

Classes on Tuesdays in November, 12-1:30pm

RBJ Building, 15 Waller Street, 78702, 3rd Floor Conference Room (Northeast corner of Ladybird Lake & IH-35)

Capital Metro Bus Routes: #21 Exposition, #22 Chicon)

Win prizes such as vegetable steamer, blender, or pedometer just for coming!

Class size is limited. Please call or email to register for classes:

972-5463 or email: Sabrina.mccarty@ci.austin.tx.us

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.

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

East Austin Neighborhood Center at 211 Comal is still open! Don't let the makeover at the clinic deter you from coming by.

Our staff and volunteers give fresh food, health screens & tips, job search, and referrals for low-income seniors, families and workers. Call 972-6650 or come by M-Th 8am-6pm, Fri. 8-12pm, closed daily 12-1pm for lunch. Or CALL 211 FOR HELP 24/7, SE HABLA ESPANOL.



L.U.P.E. Arte produces its familyoriented, 12th Annual Fiesta featuring the art produced by children in
an after-school programs at different
elementary schools. As always, a
traditional Mexican holiday meal
will be served. This is a free event and everyone is welcome to attend. Locale to be announced. For details call 241-9799 or see
www.lupearte.org

Women and Fair Trade Craft Sale "The Old School" 1604 E. 11th Street (at Comal)

November 12-13th 10am to 6pm

http://www.atcf.org/

A one-stop-shop for all human service needs! Call 211 (24/7) or go to 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!



NEW! AISD OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Kickoff! Thurs, Dec 8th at Fiesta Gardens
Doors open at 5:30pm -Welcome at 7pm
Launching January, '12, The Expedition
School will offer the first ever OUTDOOR
EDUCATION Off Campus PE credit for all
middle school and high school students attending AISD – base camp: City of Austin
Lorraine Grandma Camacho Center and
Metz Recreation Center.

Holiday Greetings from Festival Beach Community Gardeners!

See our website at http://festivalbeachgarden.org
¡Están bienvenidos al jardín! Para más información sobre el jardín, por favor llame á Priya Reddy (512) 703- 7624 o mande un email á festivalbeachgarden@gmail.com.

Urban Farm Bicycle Tour December 3rd

http://www.urbanfarmbicycletour.com

We hope to see you in the garden soon! Info? Kaela Champlin (512) 567-0740 or email festivalbeachgarden@gmail.com.



Help us figure out how to protect our neighborhood!
Call a Team member to get involved, see page 5

Need help cutting energy bills? SAVE \$\$ Special programs for seniors & low-income folks. Call Ronnie in the customer solutions program at 972-7725 or www.austinenergy.com

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

From all of us at Lyon Real Estate,

Have a thankful & joyful start to the 2011 Holiday Season!

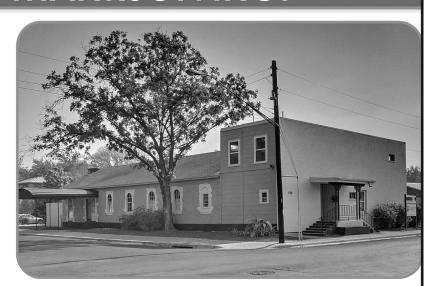
And thank you for making this year our best year ever.



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

Nov. 16 East Cesar Chavez Neighborhood Team Meeting, 6-7:30 pm, TERRAZAS LIBRARY, 478-6770

Nov. 17 COA I-35 and Parking Open House from 3-8pm, Town Lake Center, 721 Barton Springs Rd, call 374-4997 Dec. 3 Urban Farm Bicycle Tour, http://www.urbanfarmbicycletour.com

Dec 14 East Cesar Chavez Team Holiday Party/Meeting/Potluck & BYOB, 6-9pm, 1301 E. Cesar Chavez St.



Be our Facebook Friend, get more involved in <u>your</u> neighborhood! Search www.Facebook.com, East Cesar Chavez Neighborhood Group and request to join or email Cristina@lyonrealestate.net





Concerned Philosophers for Peace Annual Conference Nov. 4 - 5th, 9 am - 5 pm Austin Community College Riverside Campus 1020 Grove Blvd. 78741 peacephilosophy.org

Metz Rec Center Holiday Cheer

2100 Canterbury, 78702 Info? Call 478-8716 We wish for health for our families, especially our youth and seniors.

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