Parks and Greenspaces!

E. Williamson Creek: 78744 GAVA Geo Team Vecinos Unidos and other residents who live near E. Williamson creek will be supporting Keep Austin Beautiful with their “Beautify Austin” program to restore and clean E. Williamson Creek between IH-35 and S. Pleasant Valley. There will be 6 projects over the course of 3 months.

Police Activities League of Austin (P.A.L.) hosted their end of year soccer tournament with many schools from 78744/45 competing. Over 300 south Austin youth participated!

Many new park amenities have been added at park and green space sites throughout 78744 and 78745! Thanks to the advocacy work of PA Sector teams, PARD committed to funding smaller infrastructure amenities that were priorities for teams and now many of these items have now been installed! Check out the new amenities at these sites: Houston School Park has two new picnic tables and two new benches; The porta-a-potties at Kendra Page Park were reinstalled and are more secure.

Williamson Creek Central Greenbelt received a new picnic table, bike racks, and an additional trash can; There are now two sets of bike racks and two new benches at Joslin Park; Cunningham School Park received six new picnic tables, and Odom School Park recently received an ADA accessible swing; Armadillo Park is in the process of arranging a clearing of tree debris; and St. Elmo School Park received a replacement soccer goal.

The park teams are also regularly maintaining their parks by participating in annual national park and trail days. Four GAVA teams participated in National Trails Day: Onion Creek Greenbelt, Ponciana Park, Williamson Creek Central Greenbelt, and Odom School Park.

This past month La Fuerza, Geo Team in 78745, had a series of beautification projects. Leaders from Tahoe Tr. and W.Wind organized to mulch, plant new flowers along the sidewalk and clean the streets. The team is now officially part of City of Austin’s, “Clean Austin” program, which would prevent them from having litter and big trash items on the sidewalks where kids bike and play.

Next with parks: Park teams led site tours with staff members from PARD to discuss lighting at parks in both zip codes. Teams discussed areas for lighting in their parks that are priorities for both safety and recreation purposes. PARD will be submitting a request for funds in the next budget cycle that reflects the lighting needs at these parks.

Congratualtions to all teams and for being such great stewards for our city’s neighborhood parks and green spaces!

More community highlights!

On May 4th National Bike Walk to School Day, leaders and parents from La Fuerza, in collaboration with Sunset Valley Elementary, launched the Safe Routes to School Program. Over 100 students biked/walked to the school and parents and teachers lead the route. This was such a successful program that the team will continue doing this physical activity work during the next school year. The city has also awarded the first HUB System in 78745 to them!

Leaders from the Traffic Committee of Armadillo Park Neighborhood Team in 78745 met with Neighborhood Partnering Program to create possible projects to bring walking and biking connectivity to the neighborhood and create more safety. One of the projects the team presented was an animated and colorful crosswalk for the children to use to cross safely to school and the park.

In May, La Fuerza Walking Group was launched with the participation of 10 women and youth. This program was implemented for the whole neighborhood and to encourage park beautification and after school youth programming. Come join them every Tuesday and Thursday from 6:30-8 pm at Sunset Valley Elementary Park.
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| **Weekly soccer game in 78745**                              | Every Sunday! 4:00 PM St. Elmo Park, 4312 S 1st | Mariano Di Vincenzo  
GAVA Community Organizer at FC  
mariano.divincenzo@foundcom.org, 713-854-2627 |
| **Weekly Farm Stands**                                       | Wednesdays @ Sierra Ridge Apartments 3:00 - 5:00 PM, 201 W St. Elmo Rd Fridays @ Cunningham Elementary 2:45 - 4:00 PM, Berkeley and Buffalo Pass | Simone Benz  
Sustainable Food Center  
Community Outreach Coordinator  
simone@sustainablefoodcenter.org  
512-220-1146 (work), 214-449-9957 (cell) |
| **Weekly walking group**                                     | Every Tuesday and Thursday 6:30-7pm Sunset Valley Elementary Park | Ivanna Neri  
Geo-Teams Community Organizer 78745  
ivanna@marathonkids.org, 512-998-3648 |
| **GAVA Physical Activity Sector Meeting 78744 & 78745**      | Wednesday, June 8th 6:30 - 8:00 pm Pleasant Hill Library 78745 | Cynthia Rodriguez  
Austin Parks Foundation  
GAVA Physical Activity Community Organizer  
cynthia@austinparks.org, 512-387-2998 |
| **Sunset Valley Community Garden work day**                  | Thursday, June 9th 6:30-8pm Sunset Valley Elementary Park | Ivanna Neri  
Geo-Teams Community Organizer 78745  
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| **Join us to learn more about Austin Parks Foundation’s ACL Music Festival Grants Program**, how to apply, what we fund and more! This class is strongly recommended for those who are interested in applying for a grant. Spanish translation is available. | June 20, 2016 from 12:00 - 1:00 pm and June 29, 2016 from 7:00 - 8:00 pm Terrazas Branch Library 1105 E Cesar Chavez St | Cynthia Rodriguez  
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cynthia@austinparks.org, 512-387-2998 |
| **CATCH Early Childhood Training**                           | Monday, June 20 8:30am – 3:30pm $250 For the City Center, 500 E. St. Johns Avenue | Megan Grayless  
Allison.M.Conklin@uth.tmc.edu  
512-482-6170  
Visit [www.catchinfo.org](http://www.catchinfo.org) to register. |
| **APNA Traffic Committee Meeting**                           | Tuesday, June 21st 7-8 pm Pleasant Hill Library | Ivanna Neri  
Geo-Teams Community Organizer 78745  
ivanna@marathonkids.org, 512-998-3648 |
| **Austin Interfaith City-wide Leaders’ Meeting**            | Thursday, June 23rd 7- 8:30pm St. John/San Juan Lutheran Church 409 West Ben White Blvd. 78704 | Kathleen Davis  
kdavis@austinterfaith.org  
512-916-0100 |
| **Odom/APNA Kick Off Farm Stand Meeting**                    | Thursday, June 30th Odom Elementary Park 6-7 pm 1010 Turtle Creek Blvd, Austin, TX 78745 | Simone Benz  
Sustainable Food Center  
Community Outreach Coordinator  
simone@sustainablefoodcenter.org  
512-220-1146 (work), 214-449-9957 (cell) |
| **Pleasant Hill Neighborhood Meeting**                       | First week of July  
Time, and place are still TBD | Ivanna Neri  
Geo-Teams Community Organizer 78745  
ivanna@marathonkids.org, 512-998-3648 |
| **Principal Meeting for Coordinated School Health**         | July 28th 11:30-1:30pm Location TBD | Megan Grayless  
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| **Ponciana Park Celebration**                          | **Saturday, June 11**  
National Trails Day mulching from 8:30-10am  
Celebration from 10-11am  
Ponciana Park | Cynthia Rodriguez  
Austin Parks Foundation  
GAVA Physical Activity Community Organizer  
cynthia@austinparks.org  
512-387-2998 |
| Residents surrounding Ponciana park will be hosting a  
park celebration after National Trails day with food and  
games for kids! |                                             |                                              |
| **Healthy Corner Store Initiative Meeting**            | **Saturday, June 11**  
10:30 - 11:30am  
SE Branch Library | Estrella de Leon  
Geo Teams Organizer 78744  
estrella@marathonkids.org  
206-293-9548 |
| Residents leaders who live along E. William Cannon are  
hosting an information and strategy meeting to create  
healthier corner stores in our community. Texaco on E.  
William Canon and S. Pleasant Valley is now stocking a  
selection of fruits and vegetables. |                                             |                                              |
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512-482-6170  
Visit [www.catchinfo.org](http://www.catchinfo.org) to register. |
| A one day training will be conducted by the CATCH  
Global Foundation for organizations who serve ages 3-5.  
Participants will receive all materials needed to  
implement the CATCH early childhood program. These  
include physical activity and nutrition curriculum as well  
as supporting equipment. |                                             |                                              |
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kdavis@austininterfaith.org  
512-916-0100 |
| Join Austin Interfaith leaders from across the city to  
discuss how to organize for the issues that affect our  
families. The meeting will include a training on  
organizing strategies. |                                             |                                              |
| **Vecinos Unidos Summer Celebration**                  | **Saturday, July 2**  
10- 12pm  
Houston park | Estrella de Leon  
Geo Teams Organizer 78744  
estrella@marathonkids.org  
206-293-9548 |
| Join Vecinos Unidos GAVA Geo team as they celebrate  
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