

June 2017 Community Highlights!



Palomita Early HeadStart Development Center in 78744 hosted a healthy end-of-school Hawaiian Splash Day including sprinkler and water play, bubble fun, and ball play. Fresh fruit was provided by the center's families.

Sweet Briar

Child Development Center at Woodway Village in 78744 partnered with Soccer Shots to provide weekly soccer lessons for their 3-5 year old children.

Families and young children from **Sweet Briar Child Development Center** at Sandra Lane harvested their homegrown carrots to sell at their Carrotpalooza Market at Texas Medical Foundation!



Dove Springs Community Garden team and the Maverick Green STEM Academy students worked hard in the month of May. Raymond Construction donated all the building materials for the community garden entryway, which was designed by Mendez

students Mayde and Moises Macías; structural engineer Ron Rope; an architect; and the Austin Ed Fund! The entryway columns were poured by TAS concrete, and the team also started building the community garden shed.

Healthy Corner Store Initiative

We are pleased to welcome our technical assistant from [The Food Trust](#), Juan Vila, who will be visiting at the end of June to offer trainings to our residents and store-owners. The community is planning corner store events in July, so stay tuned!

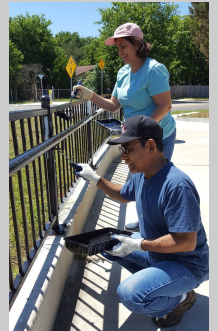
On Thursday, May 4th, the **Mendez Coordinated School Health team** and The Austin Project's Family Resource Center partnered with the Mexican Consulate—Ventanilla de Salud and many other partners that form part of the BHW planning committee to engage with parents about their views and concerns on health. The Community Forum on Health conversations were riveting and families were connected to many resources.

Ponciana Park Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Join 78744 resident leaders for the long awaited grand opening of the new playground at Ponciana Park! The park adoption team, Austin Parks Foundation, GAVA and Parks and Recreation are excited to celebrate this long-awaited success for the community, which will increase access to physical activity for youth and families! The event will happen on June 24 at 10:00am. The team also hosted a beautification day in May and a mulching event on June 17!



GAVA teams participated in **National Trails Day**, a nationwide annual event devoted to the care and maintenance of trails. The **Williamson Creek Central Greenbelt team** hosted a nature walk for the community and the **Onion Creek Greenbelt team** beautified and maintained the Onion Creek Trail.



GAVA park and green space teams also participated in the **Third Annual Adopt-A-Park Summit**. Thank you to all teams who attended! A special thank you to the **Cunningham School Park team**, who created a visual aid and spoke with other teams about the work their group has done; to **Tom Donovan** from the Williamson Creek Central Greenbelt for his presentation on wildflower meadows; and to **Lorena Solis** from the Odom School Park team for her participation on the advocacy panel.



Residents **Irene Castañeda**, **Anna Perez**, **Frances Acuña** and **Evita Cruz** testified before the Environmental Commission on GAVA's priorities regarding **CodeNEXT**. Their testimony heavily influenced recommendations to ensure adequate drainage improvements to prevent flooding, as well as action to address the economic

displacement of families who have worked so hard to improve the health of 78744 and 78745. There will be more opportunities to learn about CodeNext and to offer testimonies. Contact Frances Acuña and Estrella de León for more information!

Community Calendar

We invite residents from 78744 & 78745 to the following events!

Meeting / Event	Date	Contact
Dove Springs Farm Stand! Visit this resident led community farm stand for local, organic and low priced produce. Each farm stand takes SNAP and offers Double Dollars!	Weekly! 10:30am -12:30pm Dove Springs District Park 5801 Ainez Dr. 78744	Simone Benz Sustainable Food Center Community Outreach Coordinator simone@sustainablefoodcenter.org 512-220-1146 (work), 214-449-9957 (cell)
78745 Farm Stands Visit these resident led community farm stands for local, organic and low priced produce. Each farm stand takes SNAP and offers Double Dollars!	Weekly! <u>St. Elmo Rd.</u> Wed. 4-6pm, 4320 Congress <u>Odom</u> , Thurs. 1:30-3:30pm, 1010 Turtle Creek Blvd.	Simone Benz Sustainable Food Center Community Outreach Coordinator simone@sustainablefoodcenter.org 512-220-1146 (work), 214-449-9957 (cell)
Free fitness classes are now available in 78744 and 78745! Come stretch, breathe and reach your fitness goals with a weekly bilingual yoga class at Dove Springs Rec Center! And visit Dittmar Rec Center for exciting and fun zumba classes. Classes are FREE, and first-come, first-serve.	Yoga: Classes are held every Friday at 9 AM at the Dove Springs Rec Center Zumba: Classes are held every Monday at 6:30 PM at the Dittmar Rec Center	Cynthia Rodriguez Austin Parks Foundation GAVA Physical Activity Community Organizer cynthia@austinparks.org, 512-387-2998
The Odom School Park team will be hosting a park beautification day! The group will be cleaning up litter and painting. There will also be Zumba!	Saturday, June 10th 8 - 11 AM Odom School Park 1010 Turtle Creek Blvd 78745	Cynthia Rodriguez Austin Parks Foundation GAVA Physical Activity Community Organizer cynthia@austinparks.org, 512-387-2998
Mobility Bond Pop-Up Meeting Safety and improved mobility are they key focus of new mobility plans the city is developing for Slaughter, William Cannon, and Brodie as part of the 2016 Mobility Bond. If you haven't attended one of the open houses or participated online, stop to take the survey and map your comments. www.AustinTexas.gov/BSWCorridors	June 15th Information and city staff available from 3 - 7 pm Pleasant Hill Branch Library 211 E. William Cannon Drive	Mónica Guzmán GAVA Organizing Consultant monica.guzman@msdf.contractor.org Information from City of Austin: 2016Bond@austintexas.gov (512) 974-7840
Movie in the Park! Austin Parks Foundation will be hosting Aladdin in Spanish as part of the Movies in the Park Series. Bring a picnic and some lawn chairs and join us for our first ever Spanish movie in the park!	Thursday, June 15th 9:00 PM Dove Springs District Park 5801 Ainez Dr, Austin, TX 78744	Cynthia Rodriguez Austin Parks Foundation GAVA Physical Activity Community Organizer cynthia@austinparks.org, 512-387-2998
Join the Ponciana Park team for a summer mulching event! The team will be mulching trees in preparation for the summer and in advance of the ribbon cutting ceremony.	Saturday, June 17th 8 - 11 AM Ponciana Park Freidrich Ln, Austin, TX 78744	Cynthia Rodriguez Austin Parks Foundation GAVA Physical Activity Community Organizer cynthia@austinparks.org, 512-387-2998
Dove Springs/78744 Traffic Safety Meeting Join those who live and work in 78744 to discuss and strategize on traffic safety priorities in 78744!	Monday June 19th 6-7:30pm SE Branch Library 5803 Nuckols Crossing	Estrella de León Geo Teams Organizer 78744 estrella@marathonkids.org 206-293-9548

GAVA Physical Activity Sector Meeting 78744 & 78745 Join PA teams as they work to improve the parks and green spaces in 78744 and 78745! This month teams will be receiving training strategies to develop strong park/green space teams and continue various projects.	Tuesday, June 20th 6:30 - 8 PM Berkeley United Methodist Church 2407 Berkeley Ave	Cynthia Rodriguez Austin Parks Foundation GAVA Physical Activity Community Organizer cynthia@austinparks.org, 512-387-2998
The Food Trust Visit The Food Trust's representative Juan Vila will be visiting Austin to offer healthy corner store workshops to residents and store owners in 78744 & 78745.	June 21-23th Details to follow on GAVA Facebook!	Sergio Ramirez Healthy Corner Store Initiative Organizer sergio@marathonkids.org 512.605.9234
Ponciana Park Ribbon Cutting Ceremony Join the Ponciana Park team as they celebrate the completion of Phase 1 of the park development project with a ribbon cutting to celebrate the opening of the new playground! Join us for a day of celebration and fun.	Saturday, June 24th 10 AM Ponciana Park Freidrich Ln, Austin, TX 78744	Cynthia Rodriguez Austin Parks Foundation GAVA Physical Activity Community Organizer cynthia@austinparks.org, 512-387-2998
Community In Action Geo Team Meeting Residents near Pleasant Hill Elementary in 78745 meet regularly to advance health and wellness goals for the area.	Monday, June 26 10-11am Pleasant Hill Branch, Austin Public Library, 211 E William Cannon Dr. 78745	Frances Acuña Geo Teams Organizer 78745 frances@marathonkids.org 512-300-9108
CodeNEXT Spanish Language Meeting This meeting, hosted by the City of Austin, is an opportunity for Spanish speakers to engage in the conversation about Austin's new land development code. Please contact GAVA organizers for more info.	Wednesday, June 28th 7-8:30 pm Carver Library 1165 Angelina St. 78702	Frances Acuña Geo Teams Organizer 78745 frances@marathonkids.org 512-300-9108 & Estrella de León Geo Teams Organizer 78744 estrella@marathonkids.org 206-293-9548

About GAVA

Go! Austin/VAMOS! Austin (GAVA) is a partnership of residents, community leaders and nonprofit agencies who are devoted to improving the health of the communities in South and Southeast Austin (Dove Springs/78744 & 78745). We are united for health through improved access to and promotion of healthy food and nutrition and physical activity. For more information contact gava@marathonkids.org, or by phone: Carmen Llanes Pulido, GAVA Community Director: 512-633-4312.

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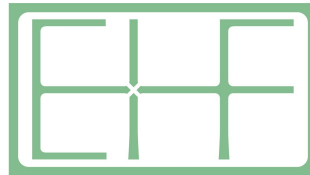
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