



Odom Elementary Adopt-a-Park Team gathered to begin the GAVA Mini-Grant application and identify locations for two new park benches.



GAVA Physical Sector Adopt-a-Park team members attended the Austin Parks Foundation's first annual Adopt-a-Park Summit

## Community Spotlights!

**Creating Ollas!** Tom Donovan from the Williamson Creek (Central Greenbelt) gave a demonstration on how you can easily make your own Olla. Making it yourself seriously decreases the price – buying an olla ranges around \$30, while making your own costs about \$8 (pictured below).



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July 2015		
<b>Weekly soccer game in 78745</b> Let's play soccer, meet neighbors, build a soccer activities and a park adoption team for our neighborhood park!	<b>Every Sunday</b> 5:30 PM St. Elmo Park 4312 S 1st St, Austin, TX 78745	<b>Mariano Di Vincenzo</b> GAVA Community Organizer at Foundation Communities (713) 854-2527 <a href="mailto:mariano.divincenzo@foundcom.org">mariano.divincenzo@foundcom.org</a>
<b>Austin Police Activities League Youth Soccer Tournament</b> The free fun tournament is open to all youth who are in Pre-K-5 <sup>th</sup> grade. St. Elmo, Odem, and Cunningham schools are registered. New registration begins at 11am.	<b>Saturday, July 11</b> 12:00 -3:00 PM Onion Creek Soccer Complex (field 1) 5600 E. William Cannon Dr.	<b>APD Officer Paula Aguilar</b> 512-974-4723 <a href="mailto:paula.aguilar@austintexas.gov">paula.aguilar@austintexas.gov</a>
<b>Physical Activity Sector Meeting (78745)</b> This month's meeting will focus on City of Austin's budget and meeting with City and Parks officials to prioritize park needs.	<b>Tuesday, July 21</b> 6:30-8:00pm El Buen Samaritano, 7000 Woodhue Drive	<b>Cynthia Gonzalez</b> Austin Parks Foundation, GAVA Organizadora de Actividad Física <a href="mailto:cynthia@austinparksfoundation.org">cynthia@austinparksfoundation.org</a>
<b>Austin Interfaith Leaders Meeting &amp; Leadership Training</b> This month's meeting will focus on City of Austin budget priorities.	<b>Thursday, July 23</b> 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM First Universalist Unitarian Church-4700 Grover Ave.	<b>Kathleen Davis</b> Lead Organizer with Austin Interfaith 512.944.43-44 <a href="mailto:kdavis@austininterfaith.org">kdavis@austininterfaith.org</a>
<b>Armadillo Park Neighborhood Association</b> General membership meeting	<b>Saturday, July 25</b> 2:00 – 3:30 PM Manchaca Road Public Library 5500 Manchaca Rd, 78745	<b>Ivanna Neri</b> Geo Teams Organizer- 78745 512-998-3648 <a href="mailto:ivanna@marathonkids.org">ivanna@marathonkids.org</a>
<b>La Voz Team Meeting</b> Join us as we implement strategies for improving the health of the St. Elmo neighborhood!	<b>Wednesday, July 29</b> 6:00 -7:30 PM Sierra Ridge Learning Center 201 W. St. Elmo Rd. 78745	<b>Mariano Di Vincenzo</b> GAVA Community Organizer at Foundation Communities (713) 854-2527 <a href="mailto:mariano.divincenzo@foundcom.org">mariano.divincenzo@foundcom.org</a>
<b>Early Childhood Sector Monthly Meeting</b> Come implement strategies to support the health of young children!	<b>Friday, July 31</b> 1:30 – 3:00 PM Southeast Branch Library 5803 Nuckols Crossing Rd, Austin, TX 78744	<b>Laura Olson</b> Family Services Coordinator, United Way Early Childhood Sector Manager GAVA <a href="mailto:laura.e.olson@uwatx.org">laura.e.olson@uwatx.org</a>
<b>P.I.E.S. - Park Improvement Education Series</b> Riparian Restoration - How vegetation is managed in our Urban creeks can offset negative impacts to water quality, stream bank stability and flood control benefits.	<b>Saturday, August 8</b> 9:00 – 12:00 PM Northwest Recreation Center 2913 Northland Dr. 78757	<b>Cynthia Gonzalez</b> Austin Parks Foundation, GAVA Organizadora de Actividad Física <a href="mailto:cynthia@austinparksfoundation.org">cynthia@austinparksfoundation.org</a>

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Dove Springs /78744



Village Walk/Franklin Park Team meet with the Neighborhood Partnering Project



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### Community Spotlights:

- **Neighborhood Watch training 78744.** 20 residents attended a zip code wide Neighborhood Watch training hosted by APD district representatives Officer Perez and Officer Campa at the Dove Springs Recreation center. Dove Springs residents are ready to work alongside their neighbors to create a safer community.

- **Adopt-A-Park Summit**

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- **Special Recognition:** Franklin Adopt-A-Park team will be recognizing the contributions of Mr. and Mrs. Raul De La Rosa to the Franklin Park's new flowerbed and sign. A special plaque of recognition will be placed at the park.

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<b>Village Walk/Franklin Park Team Block Walk</b> Residents will be speaking with neighbors in 78744 to propose a new pedestrian light and an Adopt-A-Median project.	<b>Thursday, July 9</b> 6:30 – 7:30 PM Meet at the intersection of Village Walk and S. Pleasant Valley 78744	<b>Estrella de Leon</b> Geo Team Community Organizer GAVA 206-293-9548 <a href="mailto:estrella@marathonkids.org">estrella@marathonkids.org</a>
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<b>Neighborhood Watch Training</b> The Austin Police Department's Neighborhood District Representatives will be hosting a two hour training on Physical Safety and securing the interior and exterior of your home. Work with other families to ensure the safety of your neighborhood.	<b>Wednesday, July 22</b> 6:00 – 8:00 PM Dove Springs Recreation Center 5801 Ainez Dr. 78744	<b>Estrella de Leon</b> Geo Team Community Organizer GAVA 206-293-9548 <a href="mailto:estrella@marathonkids.org">estrella@marathonkids.org</a>
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<b>Senior Day Celebration at Franklin Park</b> Franklin Park Adopt-A-Park GAVA Team and Greater Commission Baptist Church will be hosting a senior celebration with entertainment, speakers, community booths and resources for seniors in our 78744 community!	<b>Saturday, August 1</b> <b>Time: TBD</b> Franklin Park 4800 Copperbend Boulevard, Austin, TX 78744	<b>Clifford Spencer</b> 512-216-0178
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