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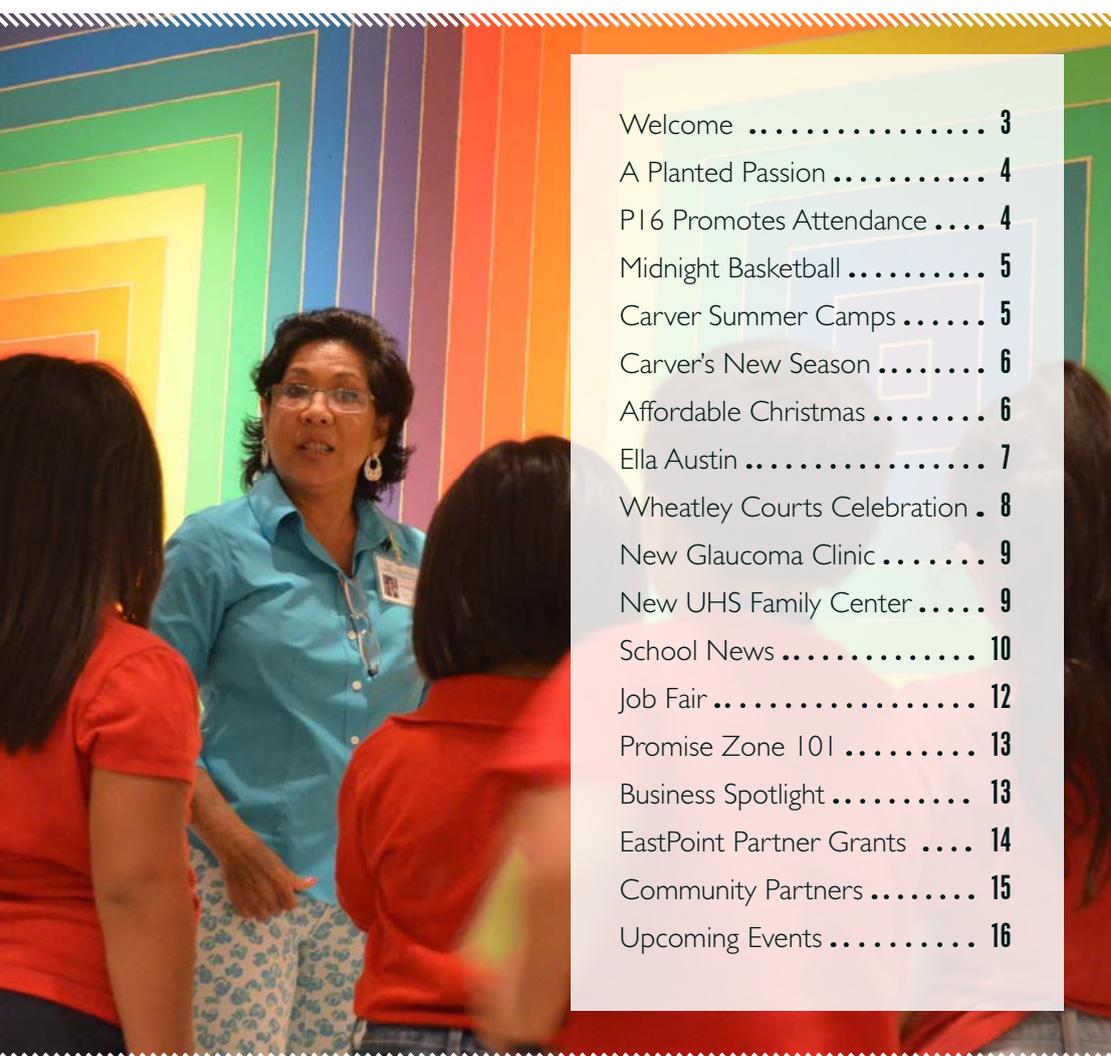
EASTPOINT COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER  
San Antonio Eastside Promise Neighborhood and Choice Neighborhood Impact Area

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# THE POINT

'The Point' is the official newsletter of EastPoint. We are powered by community, for the community. EastPoint is the combined footprints of the Eastside Promise Neighborhood and the Choice Neighborhood grants.

If you live, work or go to school in the EastPoint area and would like to contribute to this newsletter please contact us at The MightyGroup (210) 444-2315 or [info@eastpointsa.org](mailto:info@eastpointsa.org).



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## EASTPOINT PRIDE!

EastPoint resident and former District 2 Councilwoman, Ivy R. Taylor was appointed Mayor by City Council on July 22, 2014, making history as the first African-American woman to serve as Mayor of San Antonio. Mayor Taylor assumed Julian Castro's term when he accepted his position as Secretary of Housing and Urban Development under President Barack Obama's administration.

Mayor Taylor began her career in the Housing and Community Development Department and Neighborhood Action Department prior to being elected in 2009 and serving two and a half terms as the District 2 City Council Representative. Mayor Taylor is making good on her pledge to work with everyone to make San Antonio a great city and we thank her for her dedication and commitment to District 2 and The City of San Antonio.

## MAYOR IVY TAYLOR



PHOTO BY: Lea Thompson



# DEAR NEIGHBORS:

I hope this letter finds you happy and healthy as we near the holiday season.

My name is Keith A. Toney and I'm your new City Councilman for District 2. I am excited to begin the work of serving families and small businesses in what I consider to be the most unique district in San Antonio.

Education and safety are two of the areas I intend to focus on while in office, and I invite you to join the conversation. Do you see something in our community that needs improvement? Or deserves acknowledgment? Please let my office know.

We're here for you. Let's all work together and do good things for our District and for our City. I look forward to our continued dialogue.

Warm Regards,

**Keith Toney**

**Councilman  
District 2**



# A PLANTED PASSION

By Vanessa Paiz



Mr. Clarence Callies has resided on Burleson St. in the Eastside for 42 of his 65 years. If you were to walk by his house you would stumble upon a rather extensive garden. Mr. Callies' passion for gardening was planted generations ago by his grandparents who originated from Victoria, Texas. A further devotion for a better diet was determined by a long family history of diabetes which later led to the amputation of Mr. Callies' own left foot and toes. "I remember my mom kept a jar of grease on the stove, that stuff damn near killed her" said Mr. Callies as he watered his garden and expressed the importance of a fresh and healthy diet.

## GROW WHAT YOU LIKE

His garden produces an abundance of fruits and vegetables consisting of okra, collard greens, cucumbers, sage, jalapeños, squash, tomatoes, grapes, and a tree that sprouts five different types of plums. A former wood shop teacher; Mr. Callies proceeded to share his wisdom on gardening with his community and has sold his produce on

Guadalupe St. on the Westside of town to educate others about the dangers of diabetes. Although nowadays Mr. Callies harvests for personal use, he continues to humbly educate anyone willing to learn. His advice for new gardeners, "grow what you like and what you eat because, if you don't care, your plants are going to die." He suggested cow, chicken and horse manure composts for a rich soil, and seeds from Stoke Seeds and Burgess Seed and Plant Co. Mr. Callies' personal favorite nursery is Fanick Garden Center and Nursery on 1025 Holmgreen Rd, but he also suggests Home Depot or Walmart for your gardening needs.

Alongside gardening, Mr. Callies pickles his favorite vegetables - jalapeños, okra and cucumbers - in vinegar with pickling salt. Just a few simple ingredients but together they pack a savory and refreshing taste. Thanks to Mr. Callies for welcoming the community and neighbors into his garden, as well as for his time, wisdom and generosity.

# P16PLUS PROMOTES ATTENDANCE

By Adam Tutor

Absenteeism is considered chronic when a student misses 10% or more of a school year (18 days), and it is an issue we are focusing on directly at P16Plus Council of Greater Bexar County. Our job is to ensure that every child, from cradle to career, dramatically improves their educational success, and attendance is a huge part of that. Utilizing our strength as a backbone organization, aligning efforts in the educational community through existing assets and mutually reinforcing activities, we have partnered with the San Antonio community to move the needle on chronic absenteeism, to "Make Every Month Attendance Awareness Month."

This effort is known as "SA Kids Attend to Win," and a great partner along the way

has been SAISD, which encompasses the 6 public schools in EastPoint. By assembling attendance teams in select schools, including support from Communities In Schools, we have led an effort to diligently focus on select students exhibiting chronic absenteeism, and provide constructive emotional, intellectual and physical support aimed at increasing their presence in the classroom.

During the 2013-2014 school year, we were able to serve 894 students within SAISD, and of those 30.1% demonstrated improvement in their attendance record. As a result, students received that much more classroom instruction, positive engagement with peers and teachers, and confidence that their school desires their presence.

A new school year is now upon us. You can have faith that we are fighting for your student to gain the most from the educational opportunities offered within this community. Yet we need your help. Please

see school attendance as an issue worth fighting for and do your part. Together we can ensure the success of our student body, by ensuring the presence of each student body. For more info on the SA Kids Attend to Win initiative, please visit [p16plus.org/whats-new/](http://p16plus.org/whats-new/) or contact Adam Tutor, Facilitator and Youth Coordinator at [adam.tutor@p16plus.org](mailto:adam.tutor@p16plus.org).



# EASTSIDE MIDNIGHT BASKETBALL LEAGUE Championships A PHOTO RECAP



*Champions: HOOPING DIVAS & YBF (YOUTH BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE)*



PHOTOS BY: Katie Funk, Spurs Sports and Entertainment

## CARVER SUMMER DANCE CAMPS

Youth participated in a two-week dance intensive July 14-25, 2014. Students explored modern, jazz, ballet, hip-hop and African dances at The Carver Community Cultural Center. Go to [thecarver.org](http://thecarver.org) for a full list of classes.



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Carver Community Cultural Center



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# THE CARVER ANNOUNCES NEW 2014-2015 SEASON

FROM LEFT: Billy Strayhorn, Heritage Blues Orchestra, Tango Buenos Aires & Rokia Traoré

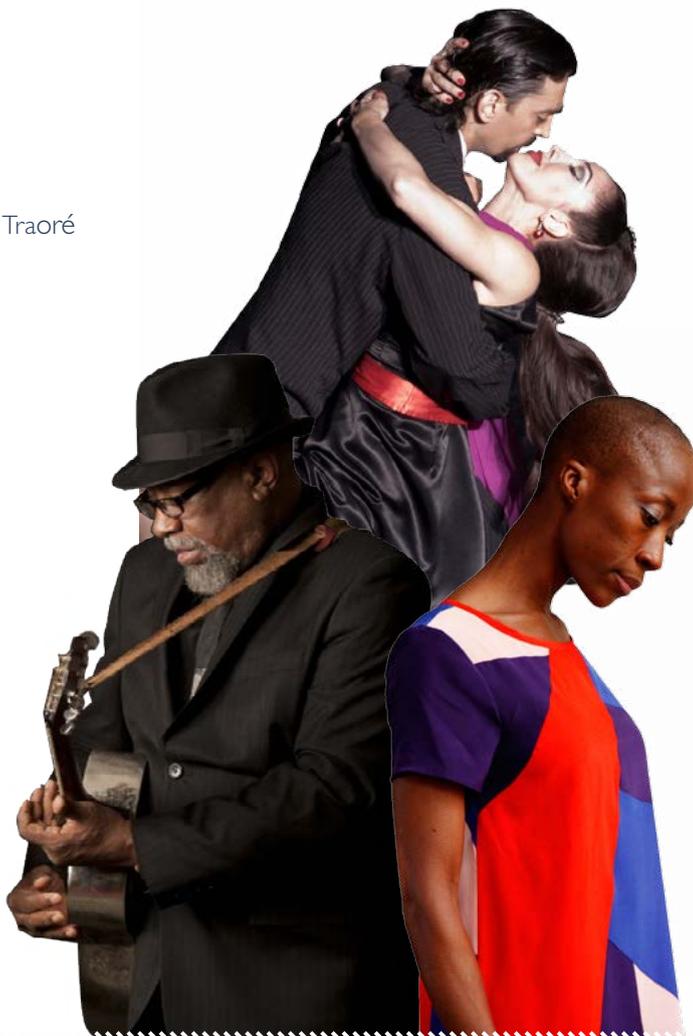


The Carver Community Cultural Center continues to be a source of pride for San Antonio's eastside delivering world-class music and culture, season after season.

This year is no exception drawing the talents of jazz vocalists Diane Reeves, and Gregory Porter on Oct. 11 and Dec. 20, jazz pianist Vijay Iyer on Jan. 17, the sounds of Tango Buenos Aires on March 14, and African singer Rokia Traoré on April 4. Other season highlights include the theatre presentation of Carpetbag Theatre's *Speed Killed My Cousin*, Pedrito Martinez, Billy Strayhorn Centennial Concert, Complexions Dance, the Heritage Blues Orchestra and Valerie Simpson.



*For tickets or information on Carver season performances or subscriptions please call the Carver Box Office at 210-207-2234 or visit [thecarver.org](http://thecarver.org).*



## AFFORDABLE CHRISTMAS

Affordable Christmas will be back for its second year giving families on the eastside of San Antonio the opportunity to provide Christmas gifts for their children.

This year's Affordable Christmas, which is an effort by SA Heals and Moment of Truth Ministries, will take place December 20, from 1 pm to 6 pm at Eastside Fellowship, 1212 N. Gevers.

Affordable Christmas allows selected families to come in and shop for toys at approximately 1/10 of the original retail value. SA Heals Director Charles Foltz explains, "It really allows them (the families) to maintain some dignity through the holiday season and it empowers them to be able to provide the gifts for their family and take part in the joy of giving."

If you, your church, or business would like to help, you can donate new toys or cash and gift cards (which will be used to purchase toys) to Affordable Christmas at Kingdom Works Community Store located at 1730 E. Commerce.

*For more information on donating, volunteering or if you are interested in participating, please call 210-259-9931 or visit [saaffordablechristmas.com](http://saaffordablechristmas.com)*

SA Heals is a faith-based non-profit with a mission to help restore health and wholeness to kids and neighborhoods in San Antonio.





PHOTOS BY: Juan Garcia

# THE AUDITORIUM AT ELLA AUSTIN

By Juan Garcia

The Ella Austin Community Center occupies an entire city block in EastPoint. "Ella," as the community center is affectionately called, is housed in what used to be Ralph Waldo Emerson Junior High School, which was closed as a school in the mid 1960's. The center is named after Ella Austin, an African-American who founded an orphanage in 1897 and cared for homeless children until 1940.

The main building dates back to 1921 and is located in the middle of the Dignowity Hill Historic District. The structure, while in reasonably good shape, is in need of on-going maintenance. The exterior of

the main building still retains much of its architectural interest with its oversize windows and doors. Over the years much of the interior space and old classrooms have been carved out for office space, conference rooms, and space for programs such as the day care and after school program.

**ELLA IS SEEING  
A RESURGENCE  
IN UTILIZATION**

The one interior space that has remained relatively untouched by remodeling efforts is the old school auditorium. This is a beautiful space with old hardwood flooring, a large stage, high ceilings and amphitheater seating that slopes down towards the stage. The windows are floor to ceiling with multi-pane glass and the seats appear to

be the original wooden fold up types no longer seen in schools.

Ella is seeing a resurgence in utilization as staff from the Eastside Promise Neighborhood and Choice Grants, along with Urban Strategies Group have recently moved into office space in the building. With this newly generated interest, discussion has turned to the possibility of updating and enhancing the auditorium for community use for events like movies, stage plays and gatherings. New lighting, seating and audio visual equipment could help bring this space back to life. However, funding is needed, so please keep Ella in mind, the center could use your generosity.

*If you would like to make a donation to Ella Austin or for more information please call 210-224-2351 or visit [www.ellaaustin.org](http://www.ellaaustin.org).*

# CELEBRATION MARKS START OF WHEATLEY NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION



On Thursday, September 25, 2014, San Antonio's Eastside celebrated the start of demolition of the former public housing site of Wheatley Courts. This comes in advance of the new construction of 417 new mixed-income apartments as part of the creation of a community-planned neighborhood of "choice" -- a safe, healthy, vibrant, thriving community for children, families and seniors. Congressman Lloyd Doggett, Mayor Ivy Taylor, Councilman Keith Toney, Bexar County Judge Nelson Wolff, Bexar County Commissioner Tommy Adkisson, and other community leaders joined SAHA President and CEO Lourdes Castro Ramírez, and McCormack Baron Salazar and Franklin Construction representatives for the event.

"The kickoff of the demolition and construction activities on the Wheatley site is definitely cause for celebration for the Eastside," said Castro Ramírez. "Eastside residents have been working together with us to plan this redevelopment for more than three years now, and we're all very excited that the work on this new housing for the Choice Neighborhood Initiative is now underway."



Mayor Ivy Taylor added, "This development represents an unprecedented level of public-private collaboration and investment on the Eastside. I'm happy that the demolition and housing construction is getting started, as community members will be able to start seeing the results of their planning and vision."

The new housing will be constructed in three phases. The first phase will feature 220 units for families, with completion planned for December 2016; the second phase includes 80 apartments for seniors, with completion scheduled for April 2017; and the third and final phase has 117 units, and is scheduled to be complete in December 2017.

The funding for the Wheatley redevelopment will come from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the City of San Antonio, the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA), SAHA, conventional financing, and investor equity.

The housing developer for Wheatley is McCormack Baron Salazar, Inc. When all phases of redevelopment are complete, the mixed-income community will feature modern, sustainable and energy-efficient apartments and townhomes for families and seniors.

## PROGRESS IS UNDERWAY!

Pardon our appearance during the site preparation, demolition and construction at Wheatley Courts.



The Choice Transformation Plan for Wheatley Courts is moving forward! The initial component of the 2nd Phase includes site preparation and demolition of buildings to prepare the site for the new construction of 417 units. The General Contractor completing the demolition and site preparation work is Franklin Construction Limited.

The Wheatley demolition will begin September 30, 2014 in and around N. Mittman St. from Gabriel St. to Burnet St. and final construction is estimated to be completed in December 2017. Franklin will conduct construction activities during the hours of 6 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday. If there are any questions or concerns, please call the toll free number 1-855-556-6702 to leave a message and someone will get back to you promptly.



# NEW UIW GLAUCOMA CLINIC



The University of the Incarnate Word Rosenberg School of Optometry (UIWRSO) has launched a new initiative on San Antonio's eastside October 6, "Combating Glaucoma in a High Risk Community." The effort, supported by Capital One, will allow UIWRSO to provide community education on the dangers of glaucoma and stress the need for annual eye exams for residents on the eastside. The new Glaucoma Clinic will be located at the UIW Bowden Eye Care and Health Center located at 2547 E. Commerce St. and will operate and provide patient care on Mondays.

Dr. Timothy Wingert, Dean of UIW Rosenberg School of Optometry believes the new clinic will make a significant impact in the area stating, "The opening of our new Glaucoma Clinic at the Bowden Center will be a tremendous benefit for the population at high risk for this disease who live on the Eastside. The clinic will provide access to immediately affordable, high-quality treatment and important long-term care to dramatically reduce the loss of vision and decrease in quality of life of the patients we serve in



the community."

Patients will be provided a voucher to cover the cost of a comprehensive examination and all special testing procedures. Patients will be selected to receive the vouchers based on the following criteria: (1) age 50 years or greater; (2) African-American or Hispanic ethnicity; (3) a history of having been treated for glaucoma in the past or a family history of glaucoma (parents or siblings); and (4) able to qualify for the 80% poverty level based on income and lack of medical insurance. If patients are in need of treatment, they will have medical treatment initiated. All glaucoma medications used at the clinic will be donated by pharmaceutical companies. The new Glaucoma Clinic will fall under UIWRSO's Ocular Health Services and will be under the supervision of Dr. Richard Trevino.

*For more information please contact Bowden Eye Care and Health Center at (210) 619-7020.*

# UHS & SAHA PARTNER TO BUILD FAMILY CENTER

University Health System (UHS) and the San Antonio Housing Authority (SAHA) are teaming up to build a new family health center on I-35, east of Walters and adjacent to the new Sutton Oaks Apartments. UHS will invest \$4 million to construct, equip and staff the new location on the 2-acre site owned by SAHA.

The establishment of the new center addresses the Choice Neighborhood goal of creating a new family health center within the community. Lourdes Castro Ramrez, SAHA President and CEO stated, "We are thrilled to partner with University Health System to bring quality medical care to East Side residents."

While the center won't open its doors until early 2016, UHS plans to provide some basic services by opening a temporary health center using its healthyUexpress mobile vehicle. The mobile clinic has two well-equipped exam rooms, telemedicine capabilities, and can accommodate most of the services provided in stand-alone clinics.



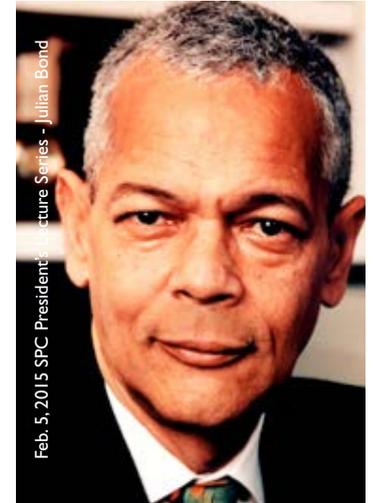


# SCHOOL NEWS

## ST. PHILIP'S COLLEGE BRIEFS



-  The San Antonio Independent School District Early College High School at St. Philip's College program is underway. *Check the SAISD website for details.*
-  The St. Philip's College Theater Program presents Macbeth by William Shakespeare, adapted by Vincent Hardy. The adaptation is set in the late 20th century swamps of Louisiana. *Performances begin Friday November 14 and run through Sunday, November 23. Fridays & Saturdays at 8pm, Sundays at 2:30pm at the Watson Fine Arts Center.*
-  Fall 2014 Graduation Ceremony – *Friday, December 12, 2014 at 7pm. Freeman Coliseum – 3101 E. Houston St. Mayor Taylor will be the featured graduation speaker.*



-  Mark your calendars for the 2014-2015 SPC President's Lecture Series season. Julian Bond, statesman and former NAACP Chairman (1998-2010) will visit St. Philip's College on Feb. 5, 2015. The lecture, which will be in the 600-seat Watson Fine Arts Center at 1801 Martin Luther King Drive, is free and open to the public. *For more information please visit [www.alamo.edu/spc/pls/](http://www.alamo.edu/spc/pls/).*
-  The University of Houston's Conrad N. Hilton College of Hotel and Restaurant Management's partnership with St. Philip's College to deliver a bachelor's degree transfer program in Hotel and Restaurant Management is underway. *For more details on the management program please visit [alamo.edu/spc](http://alamo.edu/spc) or contact the staff in the Department of Tourism at 210-486-2315.*

## IDEA CARVER COLLEGE PREPARATORY

IDEA Carver College Preparatory celebrated a groundbreaking on Oct. 22nd as they plan to expand the school to serve more students and announced plans for the David Robinson Museum.





## WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY

Washington Elementary became a designated STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) campus in the 2013-2014 school year. During that school year, students scored extremely well on the STAAR test achieving 66% overall in all subject areas with math being the highest scoring subject at 72%. The school also earned three distinctions given out by the state including: Academic Achievement in Mathematics, Academic Achievement in Science, and Achievement in Postsecondary Readiness. Washington Elementary continues to strive for excellence this school year.



## BOWDEN ELEMENTARY

Anita O'Neal, the new principal at Bowden Elementary School, and her Bowden Bobcat team welcomed the Bowden school community on the first day of school, August 25 with partners Eastside Promise Neighborhood, National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa Incorporated, Gamma Tau Chapter, St. Philip's College, and the San Antonio Museum of Art.

On Oct. 7, Bowden families attended the National Night Out event at Lockwood Park. The event was a huge success thanks to the combined efforts of the Dignowity Neighborhood Association, Bowden Elementary, Ella Austin, Wheatley Heights Choice Neighborhoods, Urban Strategies, and the Martinez Street Women's Center.



## WHEATLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL

Wheatley Middle School received attendance awards for the first 9 weeks session for Highest Student Attendance and Most Improved in SAISD. Receiving the awards are Attendance Clerk, Sylvia Segovia and Principal, Mary Olison.



## SAM HOUSTON BAND PLAYS A HIGH NOTE IN MIAMI

The Sam Houston Band shined bright on their summer trip to Miami for the South Florida Precision Camp in July. The band and several students earned awards including: Attendance Award; Most Outstanding Drum Major of the Camp – Charles Coton (Senior); and Most Improved Camper – Israel Salazar (Junior). A big congratulations to Michael Guia (Senior) who was offered a scholarship to Florida A & M University upon graduation this year. Several other seniors and underclass students are on FAMU's radar as well.

The band's motto, "Highest Quality of Character," was on display as Bruce Adams, Director of Bands, proudly boasted that the Sam Houston Band was the talk of the town.



CITY OF SAN ANTONIO EASTPOINT/PROMISE ZONE

# READY, SET, WORK!

## JOB FAIR

**TUESDAY, NOV. 18, 9 AM - 12 PM**  
Second Baptist Church  
Community Center  
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## NEW BUSINESSES IN EASTPOINT

- **Select Credit Union** *Ella Austin Community Center, 1023 N. Pine St.*
- **Los Dos Laredos** *(Seafood/Mexican Restaurant) 414 S. New Braunfels St*
- **Smart Stop** *(Convenience Store) 222 N. New Braunfels*
- **New Image Hip Hop Fashion** *(Clothing Store) 226 N. New Braunfels*
- **La Familia Tattoo** *208 S. New Braunfels*
- **Mana House** *(Art Collective/Studio) 1160 E. Commerce, Ste. 100*
- **SAGE** *moved to a new location at 220 Chestnut St.*

## SAGE HOSTS PROMISE ZONE 101 CONFERENCE

San Antonio businesses and nonprofits gathered at a special "Promise Zone 101" conference on August 13 to learn about the Eastside Promise Zone (EPZ). The EPZ is one of five areas in the country designated by President Obama as part of his Promise Zone Initiative to comprehensively revitalize distressed communities.

Representatives from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the U.S. Small Business Administration, the U.S. Economic Development Administration and the USDA Food & Nutrition Service joined local officials including Mayor Ivy Taylor in describing how to access federal funding and grant dollars. The conference also outlined resources and technical assistance available for organizations interested in doing business or offering programs or services within the Promise Zone.

In addition to the keynote address by Valerie Piper, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Economic Development at HUD, a highlight of the day included the announcement of a \$500,000 grant from the Economic Development Administration (EDA), a branch of the U.S. Department of Commerce. The grant was awarded to San Antonio for Growth on the Eastside (SAGE), to create a Promise Zone economic development strategy, described by the EDA as a "roadmap for catalytic development that will create jobs and provide opportunities for growth for existing and new businesses."

The conference was hosted by SAGE, the City's Department of EastPoint, City Council District 2 and Bexar County, with sponsorship by Brooks City Base, Indatatech and Accion.

*For more information please contact SAGE at 210-248-9178.*



PHOTO BY: Josh Williams



### SOUL FOOD RESTAURANT AND BAKERY

PHOTOS BY: Sarah Brooke Lyons

## BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT: MRS. KITCHEN

By Debbie Sultemeier

Garlan L. McPherson is an eastside local who grew up in Sutton Homes, graduated from Texas Lutheran University and served as a Bexar County Probation officer for 17 years. It was in July of 2011 when Garlan pursued his love of cooking and opened his own restaurant in a cheerful red brick house at 2242 East Commerce Street.

Mrs. Kitchen Soul Food Restaurant and Bakery is a family affair for Garlan who is the owner and Head Chef, while his wife Alison is the Executive Pastry Chef. Garlan also named the restaurant after his grandmother, who inspired his love affair with good food.

Mrs. Kitchen's devoted customers praise the restaurant's delicious food, generous portions, friendly staff and reasonable prices. A one entrée and two sides meal with bread is \$10.01 (including tax) and a meal with two entrees, three sides and bread is \$12.18 (including tax). Entrée selections include fried catfish, fried pork chops, meatloaf, baked chicken and fried chicken. Collard greens, baked mac & cheese, dirty rice, black-eyed peas and caramelized candied yams make up the selection of sides.

Food is made fresh every day and be sure to get there early because they sometimes run out of items late in the afternoon. Customers can eat in the cozy dining room or order food to go.

**Hours:**  
**Tuesday - Friday**  
 11:00 am – 7:00 pm  
**Saturday & Sunday**  
 noon – 6:00 pm.



# EASTPOINT PARTNERS COUNT BLESSINGS!

THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO OFFICE OF EASTPOINT HELPED EASTPOINT AND PROMISE ZONE PARTNERS SECURE \$28 MILLION IN FEDERAL GRANTS TO ENSURE CONTINUED GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT ON THE EASTSIDE.

## San Antonio for Growth on the Eastside (SAGE)

- Awarded an Economic Development Administration grant from the State Economic Development Administration office to develop an economic development strategic plan for the Promise Zone. The funds will be used to support efforts to create jobs, foster redevelopment, and support new and existing businesses within the federally designated EastPoint Promise Zone. **\$500,000**
- Awarded a Community Economic Development Grant from the Administration for Children & Families to address the economic needs of low-income individuals and families through the creation of sustainable business development and employment opportunities. **\$750,000**

## San Antonio Independent School District (SAISD)

- Awarded a U.S. Department of Education Full Service Community School Grant to provide a community school with comprehensive academic, social, and health services for students, students' family members, and community members that will result in improved educational outcomes for children. **\$2.5M over 5 year period**
- Awarded a School Climate Transformation Grant from the U.S. Department of Education to implement an existing multi-tiered behavioral framework on the eastside of San Antonio. **\$2.3M over 5 year period**

## St. Philip's College

- Awarded a Substance Abuse & Mental Health grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to address HIV and Hepatitis-C infections and provide prevention services on campus and the surrounding community. **\$2.7M over 3 year period**

## The Office of EastPoint & Real Estate

- Awarded an AmeriCorps VISTA grant from the Corporation for National Community Service to assist with the implementation of the Promise Zone Designation. **5 VISTAs / \$100,000 in-kind**

## Idea Public School

- Awarded a Replication and Expansion of High-Quality Charter Schools grant from the U.S. Department of Education to enable them to replicate or expand high-quality charter schools with demonstrated records of success. **\$15M over 5 year period**

## National Association for Latino Community Asset Builders

- Awarded an Investment in Micro-Entrepreneurs Grant from the Small Business Administration to help low-income entrepreneurs who lack sufficient training and education to gain access to capital to establish and expand their small businesses. **\$250,000**

## George Gervin Youth

- Awarded an Ex-Offender Reentry grant by the U.S. Department of Labor to implement a reentry program that will



help men and women who are ex-offenders participate in state or local work-release programs and gain the job skills necessary to succeed in-demand occupations upon reintegrating back into society. **\$2.1M**

- Awarded a Project Alert Grant by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to address substance abuse issues in the Promise Zone. **\$500,000 over 3 year period**
- Awarded a YouthBuild grant by the U.S. Department of Labor to implement an alternative education program that provides classroom instruction and occupational skills training to youth ages 16 to 24 who are at-risk of failing to reach key educational and career milestones. **\$1.1M**

## San Antonio Department of Health

- Received a Substance Abuse & Mental Health grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to collaborate with community organizations, non-profits, and schools to expand and improve behavioral health outcomes for children and youth as it relates to pediatric mental health. **\$1M over 4 year period**

For information on having your federal grant application certified, contact the City of San Antonio Office of EastPoint at 210-207-6502 or visit [sanantonio.gov/eastpointrealestate](http://sanantonio.gov/eastpointrealestate).



## NEW AMERICORPS VISTAS!

Arnold Bellow, VISTA Leader, and Emmanuel Watkins, VISTA Economic Development Coordinator at SAGE, are on federal assignment to the San Antonio Eastside Promise Zone. Their assignment runs September 2014 to September 2015 and will be managed by Jaime Lalley at the City of San Antonio Office of EastPoint and Real Estate.

Several VISTA positions are still open and are anticipated to be filled in early January 2015.

- Economic Development Coordinator
- Agency Partnership Coordinator
- Data & Evaluation Coordinator

For more information or to apply, visit [sanantonio.gov/hr/jobs/AmeriCorps\\_VISTA.asp](http://sanantonio.gov/hr/jobs/AmeriCorps_VISTA.asp)

# PACT PARTNER PROGRAMS

## EASTSIDE PROMISE NEIGHBORHOOD

- **Kinder Prep Academy**
- **Out of School Time Programs** For information, call 210-352-7146.
- **Advisory Council Meetings** 1st Monday of every month 5:30pm @ Ella Austin.

For info on EPN programs please call 210-352-7142.

## UNITED WAY

- **Financial Empowerment** Free finance counseling at the Claude Black Center. Call to schedule an appt 210-352-7087 or visit [www.sanantoniofec.org](http://www.sanantoniofec.org).
- **Dual Generation Program** For parents/caretakers of children ages 0-10. For info, call 210-352-7002
- **VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance)** available at Ella Austin, the Claude Black Center & St. Philip's. Call 2-1-1 for site hours.
- **Parenting Classes** For information, call 210-352-7004

## CHOICE

- **Monthly Neighborhood Coffee** Last Wednesday of every month at 10 am @ Ella Austin
- **Wheatley Courts Residents' Meeting** Last Tuesday of every month at 11 am & 5:30 pm @ Ella Austin

## SAISD/ST. PHILIP'S

- **Early College High School** For information, visit [www.saisd.net/schools/stphilipsECHS/](http://www.saisd.net/schools/stphilipsECHS/)

## SAGE

- **Store-Front Grant Program** For information call 210-248-9178 or visit [www.sagesanantonio.org](http://www.sagesanantonio.org)

## SAN ANTONIO HOUSING AUTHORITY

For the programs below contact Tomas Larralde @ 210-477-6550

- **Business Opportunity Academy** Business Owners must apply
- **S3 Resident Academy** Job Training and Job Placement Opportunities
- **Job Access Workshops** Job Readiness
- **S3 Job Fairs** Connecting residents to employers

For the program below contact Jose Ortega @ 210-693-8108

- **2nd Chance Academy** Workforce workshops for ex-offenders and residents with challenging backgrounds

For the programs below contact Beth Keel @ 210-477-6242

- **Urban Farming** Grow your own food
- **Safe Food Handling Class**

## CITY OF SAN ANTONIO

- **Promise Zone Certification** For information, contact Jaime Lalley at 210-207-2065

For the programs below contact Barbara Burford @ 210-207-8162

- **Home Maintenance/Safety Workshops**
- **Reducing Energy Costs Workshops**
- **Becoming a Home Owner Workshops.**
- **Do It Yourself** Minor home improvement

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# PACT COMMUNITY PARTNERS

**Eastside Promise Neighborhood (EPN)**  
210-352-7142  
[eastsidepromise.org](http://eastsidepromise.org)

**United Way of San Antonio and Bexar County**  
210-352-7000  
[unitedwaysatx.org](http://unitedwaysatx.org)

**CHOICE Neighborhood Initiative**  
210-477-6262  
[saha.org](http://saha.org)

**San Antonio Housing Authority (SAHA)**  
210-477-6262  
[saha.org](http://saha.org)

**The City of San Antonio Office of EastPoint & Real Estate Services**  
210-207-6502  
[sanantonio.gov](http://sanantonio.gov)

**San Antonio Independent School District (SAISD)**  
210-554-2200  
[saisd.net](http://saisd.net)

**San Antonio for Growth on The Eastside (SAGE)**  
210-248-9178  
[sagesanantonio.org](http://sagesanantonio.org)

**District Council 2**  
210-207-7278  
[sanantonio.gov](http://sanantonio.gov)

**St. Philip's College**  
210-486-2000  
[alamo.edu/spc/](http://alamo.edu/spc/)

**Trinity University**  
210-999-7011  
[new.trinity.edu](http://new.trinity.edu)

**SA2020**  
210-704-1025  
[sa2020.org](http://sa2020.org)

**CI:NOW**  
210-276-9014  
[cinow.info](http://cinow.info)

**Urban Strategies**  
210-227-4375  
[urbanstrategiesinc.org](http://urbanstrategiesinc.org)

**The MightyGroup**  
210-444-2315  
[themightygroup.com](http://themightygroup.com)

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### NOVEMBER

**NOV 7 & 8** – Carpetbag Theatre's *Speed Killed My Cousin* @ The Carver, 8p

**NOV 8** - Dare to be Powerful 5k Run/Walk @ Lockwood Park, 8a

**NOV 13** – EPN Childcare Assistance Information Session @ Ella Austin, 5p

**NOV 13** – Red, White & You Alamo Region Hiring Fair @ Freeman Expo Hall, 9a – 2p

**NOV 14 – 23** – St. Philip's College Presents Macbeth @ Watson Fine Arts Center, Fri & Sat 8p, Sun 2:30p

**NOV 15** – A Healthy Taste of the Eastside @ Ella Austin Community Center, 3 – 6p

**NOV 15** – The Taste of Government Hill @ Saint Paul's Episcopal Church, 6p

**NOV 18** – Ready. Set. Work! Job Fair @ Second Baptist Church, 9a - 12p

**NOV 20** – EPN Childcare Assistance Info Session @ Ella Austin, 10a

**NOV 20** – Grayson Street Jazz @ The Lambermont, 7p

**NOV 21** – Alamo City Chamber of Commerce Grand Opening @ 126 Gonzales, 10:30a

### DECEMBER

**DEC 1** – EPN Advisory Council Meeting @ Ella Austin Senior Center, 5 – 6:30p

**DEC 5** – Pedrito Martinez @ The Carver, 8p

**DEC 12** – St. Philip's College Fall 2014 Graduation @ Freeman Coliseum, 7p

**DEC 13** – Artisans Night Out at Government Hill @ Grayson and N. New Braunfels, 5p

**DEC 18** – Grayson Street Jazz @ The Lambermont, 7p

**DEC 20** – Gregory Porter @ The Carver, 8p

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