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Belterra Community News

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News for the Residents of Belterra

GARAGE SALE

*Annual Family &
Friends Garage Sale*

Saturday, March 10th 8am-2pm

*toys, clothes, books, puzzles,
household items and more*

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AUSTIN NEWCOMERS CLUB MARCH LUNCHEON

The March luncheon speaker will be Austin Police Chief Art Acevedo

Art Acevedo serves as the eighth Police Chief in the 84-year history of the Austin Police Department and is the first Hispanic to lead the City's police force. With more than two decades of law enforcement experience, he oversees a department that employs approximately 2,100 sworn officers and civilian personnel. With the consolidation of the Austin Police Department and the Austin Public Safety and Emergency Management Department in January 2009, Acevedo is now responsible for all municipal law enforcement in the City of Austin, including Austin-Bergstrom International Airport, parks, and municipal courts.



Chief Acevedo began his professional career in law enforcement with the California Highway Patrol in 1986, bringing a well-established commitment to community outreach and coalition building to Austin. He strives to establish strong community relationships throughout the city with the goal of strengthening the relationship between the people of Austin and their Police Department. Chief Acevedo leads by example with a strong sense of community involvement through his own personal time and resources.

Born in Havana, Cuba, Acevedo migrated to the United States with his family in 1968 in search of freedom and the opportunities to be found in America. He grew up in California, and earned his Bachelor of Science degree, with departmental honors, in Public Administration from the University of La Verne. He is married to Tanya and is the father of three children, Melissa, Matthew and Jake. Appointed Austin Police Chief in July 2007, Chief Acevedo believes in the spirit of our community and the commitment to excellence demonstrated by the men and women he leads.

When & Where: Wednesday, March 21, 2012 at Green Pastures Restaurant, 811 West Live Oak Street, pre-payment \$20.00 - *Reservations are required.*

Time: 11:30a.m. socializing, Luncheon begins at noon

For Luncheon Reservations: Email: LuncheonDirector@AustinNewcomers.com

Austin Newcomers Club is a non-profit social and recreational organization dedicated to introducing residents to the Austin Community and giving them the opportunity to meet and make new friends. To Join Austin Newcomers Club: Any person who has a zip code beginning with 787 is eligible for a new membership with the annual dues payment of \$40.00. Membership includes The Welcome Mat, the monthly newsletter, and the annual Members' Directory. Contact Dotti Thoms, New Member Services, at (512) 314-5100. You are invited to attend a morning or evening Welcome Coffee and Orientation. For more information visit the website at: www.AustinNewcomers.com



Happy St. Patrick's Day!

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EMERGENCY 911

Ambulance / Fire..... 911

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Dripping Springs Elementary..... 512-858-3700

Walnut Springs Elementary..... 512-858-3800

Rooster Springs Elementary..... 512-465-6200

Dripping Springs Middle School..... 512-858-3400

Dripping Springs High School..... 512-858-3100

UTILITIES

Water – WCID # 1 & 2..... 512-246-0498

Trash – Texas Disposal..... 512-246-0498

Gas – Texas Community Propane..... 512-272-5503

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OTHER

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LIGHT IT UP BLUE IN APRIL

By Connie Ripley

People all over Austin and the World will change lights to blue, dress blue, eat blue, drink blue and even paint fingernails blue beginning on April 2. April is Autism Awareness Month and Autism Speaks is celebrating by turning the World (and Austin) blue for the month. This is the first year Austin will turn blue in a big way. In 2007, the United Nations adopted a resolution to make April 2nd World Autism Awareness Day. Autism Speaks created Light It Up Blue (LIUB) to create awareness for the month.

Austin TV and radio talk shows will be airing LIUB segments and contests. Numerous buildings like the 2nd Street Business District, the Four Seasons Hotel, the 360 Condos, the Amli Downtown and on 2nd Street, Home Away, west 6th Street Lounges and many more will be going blue. School campuses will be decorated, plus children and faculty will wear blue. Neighborhood Associations and organizations will turn blue. Blue events will flood the Greater Austin area like the Blue Bash, Blue Martinis and Manicures, a golf tournament, a Blue Bingo and Burger Bash, a Blue Easter Egg Hunt, a UT sorority sponsored Blue Ball and much more.

Autism is becoming an epidemic with no known cause or cure. If the current trend continues, half the children born in the United States by 2046 will be diagnosed with autism. Our school districts are already "bending" under the load since 70% of people with autism are under 18. When these children become adults, what will happen? Many will have to be cared for throughout adulthood.

Autism robs families of the child they thought they had, since, although some are born with it, many regress around ages 1 to 3. The child loses speech, does not make eye contact, tantrums frequently and seems to be unreachable in his own little world. A diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is devastating for parents. Every 15 minutes a parent hears this diagnosis! Not only have they "lost" a child, but their entire life is immediately changed. Money and time involved in treating autism is staggering—not to mention the emotional pull of every single day. Last year over 1,800 iconic landmarks turned blue for April from Niagara Falls, Rockefeller Center, the New York Stock Exchange and the Empire State Building in New York to Christ the Redeemer Statue in Brazil. Buildings all over the world like the Cairo Tower in Egypt, the Hungarian Parliament and the Sydney Opera House in Australia turned blue. This year the number will top 2,000. Help fight the spread of autism. Create awareness by changing your exterior home bulbs to blue, wearing blue, painting your nails blue, decorating your child's school in blue, etc.

The 2012 Autism Speaks National Poster Child for the United States and Canada is a Greater Austin kindergarten student—a great feat for our area! Let's show what we can do to make Austin blue!



(See Autism Speaks photos on page 4)



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FORMAT: 4-person scramble

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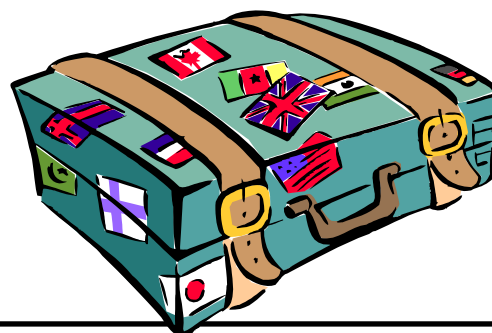
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Contact Katie Robinson, Local Coordinator for Austin
- 512-538-8080 or k.leigh.robinson@gmail.com.



SHRED DAY 2012

FREE HOUSEHOLD DOCUMENT SHREDDING

With the increased awareness of identity theft, it is more important than ever to carefully dispose of personal records such as credit card statements and checking account records. ARMA, the Financial Fitness of Greater Austin and Austin Resource Recovery Department are sponsoring a free "Shred Day." Mark your calendar for Saturday, May 19, 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Austin High School parking lot. Households can bring up five boxes of paper records for shredding. Box size should not be larger than 24" X 24". Mobile shredding trucks will be on site to shred all materials. Please make sure your records are paper only (no hard plastics, no plastic bags, electronic media or three-ring binders) and are not wet or moldy. In lieu of a fee – monetary donations will be accepted for the Capital Area Food Bank. Last year, the event shredded over 83,500 pounds of material and collected 302 pounds of food and over \$7,100 for the Capital Area Food Bank. All of the shredded material and cardboard boxes were recycled.

*For more details regarding the free household shredding,
e-mail Jannette.goodall@austintexas.gov or call 974-9045.*



Alamo Slaughter Lane OPENS MARCH 8th

You are exclusively invited to attend the Alamo "Sneak Preview" event leading up to the opening: March 4, March 5 and March 6

\$2 movie tickets for the "Sneak Preview" available ONLINE ONLY beginning February 22nd, on a first-come, first-served basis. (Hurry, they sell out fast.)

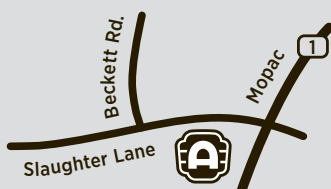
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