



# Civic groups back I-35 cut-and-cap proposal

## Project organizer solicits community support for project

By Gene Davis

Civic planner and architect Sinclair Black said he is relying on community support to turn an ambitious plan to radically transform I-35 through downtown into a reality.

Instead of only concentrating on the Texas Department of Transportation, Black said he is presenting his cut-and-cap proposal to civic and neighborhood groups and City Council members. Black's plan, as detailed in the April issue of the Central Austin *Community Impact Newspaper*, would make I-35 eight lanes wide and sink it underground between 15th Street and Lady Bird Lake, place a cap above the interstate and turn the land I-35 now occupies into mixed-use development and an urban boulevard.

"Our strategy was to keep it out of the city politics and bureaucracy as long as we could to give people the chance to understand what we are proposing," he said.

Black said he and his team,



The cut-and-cap proposal would sink I-35 below ground, which would create new developable land through downtown.

which includes his daughter, Heyden Walker, have been meeting weekly with neighborhood and civic groups to build support for the proposal.

### Civic group support

The Center for New Urbanism, the Downtown Austin Alliance and the Downtown Austin Neighborhood Association are among the civic groups that have expressed support for the

cut-and-cap plan.

Mitch McGovern, president of the DANA board of directors, said the proposal would benefit the community by eliminating the barrier that splits Central Austin into east and west. DANA wrote a letter to TxDOT endorsing the plan, McGovern said.

Thomas Butler, the transportation director for the DAA, added that the plan would generate additional property tax that would benefit the entire city.

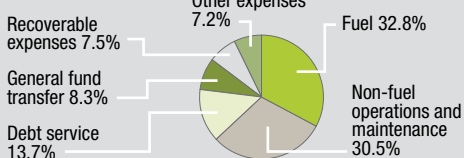
Under the proposal, sinking and capping I-35 would unlock 30 acres for mixed-use development and generate \$929 million in new property tax revenue over 25 years, Black estimates.

"Development on those new acres would provide new money for the city to use for parks, libraries and police in neighborhoods all over the city," Butler said.

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## Shining light on Austin Energy

### Sources of funds



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From 1,001–1,500 kWh	8.4¢ per kWh	11¢ per kWh
From 1,001–1,500 kWh	9.6¢ per kWh	11.4¢ per kWh

Source: City of Austin

## The fight over Austin Energy's governance

### City Council debates possible shift in control of electric utility

By Peter McCrady

Austin Energy has been governed by Austin City Council since 1902, but a debate has been heating up over the past few months about who should govern the electric utility in the future.

"This is one of the most important, monumental decisions you'll make as a City Council member, primarily because of the vast amount of revenue [AE] generates, but also [because of] what this means to the City of Austin, its governance and

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## Alternative forms of transportation see increase in interest

By Gene Davis

Although the average Austinite spends 44 hours stuck in traffic per year, new technology and innovative options are driving more people in Austin toward using alternative forms of transportation.

Car2Go spokeswoman Katie Stafford said membership in the car-share program is up 20 percent compared with last year, Capital Metro reports its ridership is up 5 percent compared with last year and a proposed bike-share program is moving forward in Central Austin.

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## FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER



I really like what I'm seeing happen in Central Austin.

Within several weeks in May, I received an early preview of The University of Texas' proposed master plan for the Central Austin campus, got an update on the vision and plan for the former Highland Mall space and toured Mueller and learned of the develop-

ment's progress. And along with tracking discussions pertaining to the city's land development code rewrite, I joined a City of Austin-hosted presentation on how to create a more "walkable" city.

What I discovered during the presentations and tour is that there is a consistent theme, or set of themes, among these different projects and initiatives. In every instance, very serious thought and effort is being put into creating environments that connect the community. Developers and city leaders now realize how important space and place are to residents, employees and visitors, and this

includes how we move to, from and through these places. These places must connect us and support creativity and collaboration to have long-term social and economic benefit.

That is what I like best about the cut-and-cap concept for I-35, which is featured on the front page of this issue. *Community Impact Newspaper* Editor Gene Davis gave us an overview of the concept last month and digs deeper in this issue to get the perspectives of various Austin groups on how the concept might affect the community.

According to feedback from those groups, the project could not only improve mobility through the center of Austin and spur economic development, but it has the potential to dramatically elevate the social and cultural fabric at the city's core. In the words of Sinclair Black, the concept's author, "Elevated highways depress cities. Depressed highways elevate cities."

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## COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

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#### I-35 cut-and-cap plan proposed

"Sinclair Black has been promoting some variation of this 'I-35 Underground' concept since at least the mid-1970s, and while there may be positive urban design aspects, it presents some fundamental engineering flaws that would exacerbate rather than relieve the long-standing operational and safety traffic issues along that segment of the corridor."

— Jim Vance

"This idea has been implemented in a number of major metro areas with great success. Expensive? You bet, but with new tolled lanes, money dedicated to I-35 improvements after the MoPac bonds are paid off and the sale or lease of 30 acres of urban-area estate, the equation starts to make economic sense. To expect a long-term solution to be cheap, quick, or convenient just isn't realistic. TxDOT is very good about dealing with the traffic challenges. I think the idea is stellar!"

— Allen Green

"Two downside considerations: First, we already know that Austin residents do not like the idea of toll roads. They think of them as 'highway robbery.' Second, even if we can build this for the price shown, which is highly unlikely, we will still be stuck with really [bad] east-west routes that go all the way across town."

— Bernie Siben

"A brilliant idea that will scare away the decision-makers because of its upfront cost. There aren't many projects that actually have the potential to improve the fabric of an entire city and the quality of life of those who live there. This is one."

— Billiam

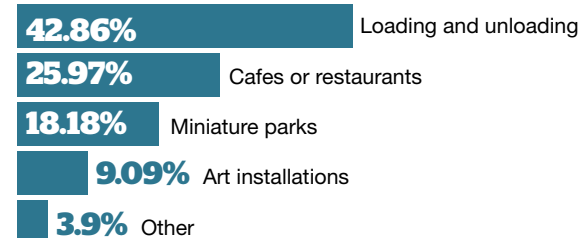
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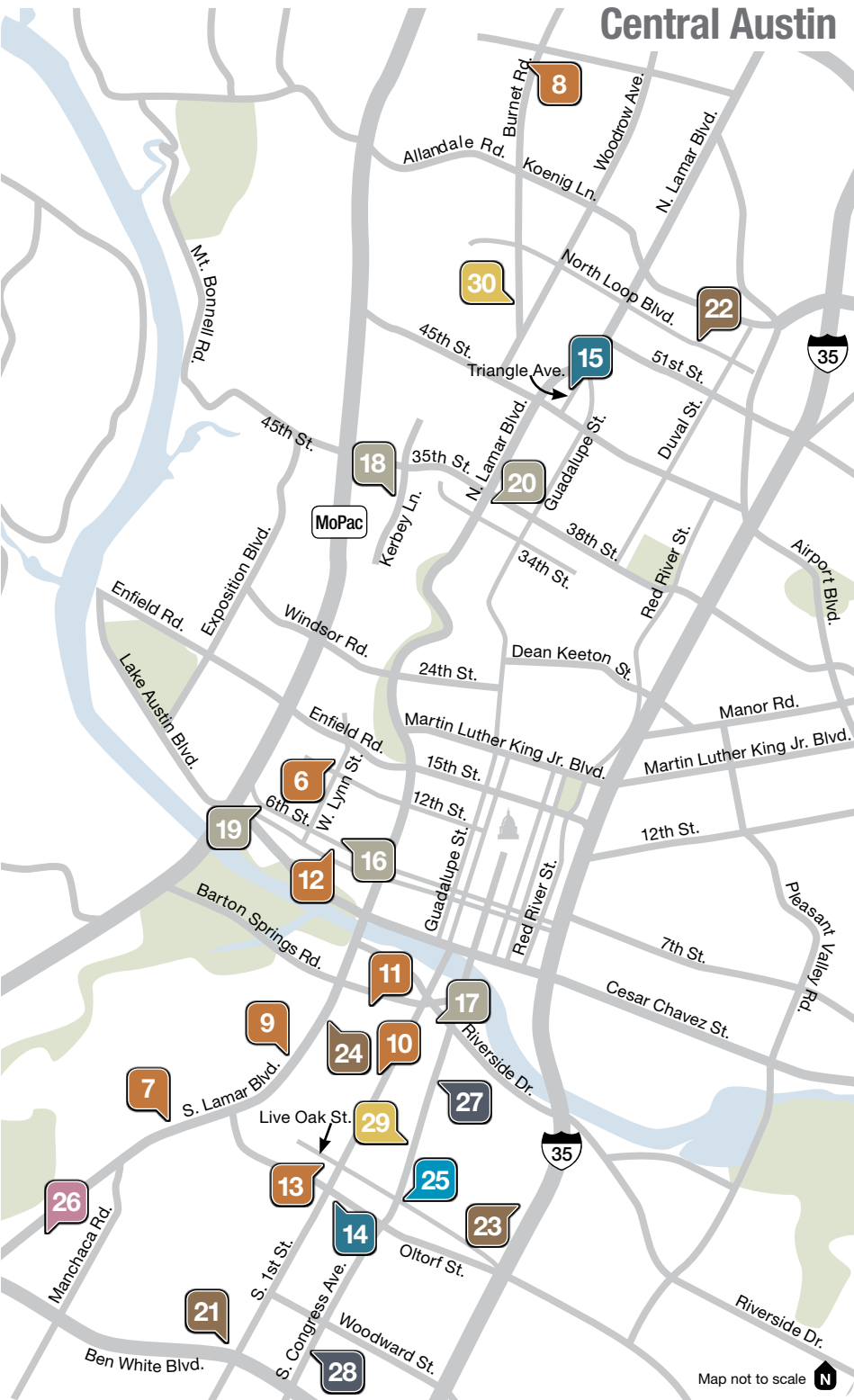
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Now Open

- 1 Daruma Ramen**, 612 E. Sixth St., Ste. B, opened April 9. The restaurant specializes in whole-chicken broth and vegan ramen and is open for lunch and dinner. 512-369-3897. [www.darumaramen.com](http://www.darumaramen.com)
- 2 Gameday Cloth**, which sells stylish and sports-oriented clothing, opened April 16 at 417 1/2 W. Second St. Southern Methodist University graduates Jana Mathena, Scott Boyles and Dustin Griffin own the company. 512-243-0523. [www.gamedaycloth.com](http://www.gamedaycloth.com). Twitter: @gamedaycloth

Relocations

- 3** Offering home decor and fashion accessories with a colorful Latin American influence, **Consuela** celebrated its grand opening April 25 at 910 Congress Ave. Conni Reed originally opened Consuela in Dripping Springs before moving the business to Central Austin. 512-894-3600. [www.consuelastyle.com](http://www.consuelastyle.com)
- 4 Toy Joy**, a toy, gift and novelty shop, is moving from 2900 Guadalupe St. to 403 Second St. The store closed its Guadalupe location in May and is scheduled to open June 1 at the new location. [www.toyjoy.com](http://www.toyjoy.com). Twitter: @toy\_joy

Anniversaries

- 5 Congress Avenue Kayaks**, 74 Trinity St., celebrated its one-year anniversary in May. The business, which is located on Lady Bird Lake, rents kayaks and stand-up paddleboards by the hour and half day. 512-809-8916. [www.congresskayaks.com](http://www.congresskayaks.com). Twitter: @congresskayaks

Central Austin

Now Open

- 6 Restaurant Jeffrey's**, 1204 W. Lynn St., reopened April 25 as part of an event that benefited The Waller Creek Conservancy. The restaurant offers new American-style entrees and is open seven days a week. 512-477-5584. [www.jeffreysaustin.com](http://www.jeffreysaustin.com). Twitter: @jeffreysaustin
- 7 Art studio Easely Amused** opened April 18 at 2324 S. Lamar Blvd. The studio holds classes covering a variety of media, including painting, collaging and knitting. Along with classes, the studio has a gallery of work from local and Southern artists. 512-448-9922. [www.easelyamused.com](http://www.easelyamused.com). Twitter: @easelyamused
- 8 Growler Room** began selling and filling containers of beer to go March 1. The store, which is at 6800 Burnet Road,

Ste. 2, will fill containers of beer ranging in size from a mason jar to a gallon. Growler Room's Facebook page is continually updated with a list of what beers are available. 512-458-4438. [www.growlerroom.com](http://www.growlerroom.com). Twitter: @growlerroom

- 9 Picnik Austin** opened April 7 at 1700 S. Lamar Blvd., Ste. 400-B. The restaurant offers gluten-free and grain-free menu items and serves coffee, shakes, juices and salads. 512-827-8356. [www.picnikaustin.com](http://www.picnikaustin.com)
- 10 Stitch Lab: The Labs**, 910 S. First St., had a grand opening May 3. The new facility, which is located next door to Stitch Lab: The Shop at 1000 S. First St., offers two new classrooms and additional retail space. 512-440-0712. [www.stitchlab.biz](http://www.stitchlab.biz)

**11** Serving American and Mexican dishes such as a blue cheese avocado burger and brisket rellenos, **Peso and Buck's** opened March 30 at 1003 Barton Springs Road. The restaurant serves breakfast, lunch and dinner. [www.facebook.com/pages/peso-and-bucks/452355604786814](https://www.facebook.com/pages/peso-and-bucks/452355604786814)

**12 PureRyde Cycling Studio**, 507 Pressler St., Ste. 900, opened in January. Owned by Kelle Ilitch and Laura Cronberger, the studio is Austin's first and only indoor spin studio with RealRyder Fitness Bikes, which the studio owners say tilt and lean to give a realistic feel. Classes are held throughout the day, and online sign-ups are available. 512-474-7433. [www.pureryde.com](http://www.pureryde.com)

**13 It's All Good BBQ**, 603 W. Live Oak St., opened April 5. Opened by Dale Wleczyk, the barbecue restaurant's original location is in Spicewood. [www.itsallgoodbarbq.com](http://www.itsallgoodbarbq.com)

Coming Soon

- Dr. Chris Larson expects to open **Austin Osteopathic Family Medicine** in Fall 2013 on 38th Street across from the (heart hospital). The clinic will use a financial model in which patients pay a monthly fee of \$59–\$89, depending on their age, for an annual physical exam and \$20 for follow-up and sick visits. 512-588-3634. [www.austinfofm.com](http://www.austinfofm.com)
- 14 Winebelly**, a wine bar that will serve Spanish-influenced tapas, will open in June at 519 W. Oltorf St. The kitchen will be led by Buulinh Liu, an Austin native who worked as a chef in New York City. [www.winebelly.com](http://www.winebelly.com). Twitter: @winebellyaustin
- 15 Maudie's Cafe** will open a new location in The Triangle, 4616 Triangle Ave. The casual Tex-Mex restaurant, which has six other locations, is scheduled to open this fall. [www.maudies.com](http://www.maudies.com)



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## Relocations

**16 Yellow Door Design**, a residential and commercial interior design firm, opened an office space in March at 1410 W. Sixth St. Vickee Byrum started the company in 1996 and worked out of her home office before opening the Sixth Street location. 512-423-5230. [www.yellowdoorstudio.com](http://www.yellowdoorstudio.com)

**17** Civil engineering and land development consulting company **KBGE** opened April 15 at 105 W. Riverside Drive, Ste. 110. The company provides project management, engineering design and regulatory permitting for various types of development projects. 512-439-0400. [www.kbge-eng.com](http://www.kbge-eng.com)

**18** Boutique clothing store **Fawn + Raven** relocated to 3404 Kerbey Lane and had a grand reopening April 17. The store, which is owned by Kim Sierra, offers ready-to-wear clothing along with wardrobe consultations, private shopping and styling services. The jewelry generally ranges in price from \$15-\$400 and clothing from \$35-\$400. 512-371-8998. [www.fawnandraven.com](http://www.fawnandraven.com)

**19 Bloomfire** relocated in April next door to its old location but kept the same address, 1717 W. Sixth St., Ste. 100. The new location offers more space and was remodeled to fit the company's needs, spokeswoman Elizabeth Britain said. Bloomfire is a collaborative learning platform that promotes sharing knowledge among individuals in a business. 1-877-483-2777. [www.bloomfire.com](http://www.bloomfire.com)

**20** The **Texas Orthopedics** Central Austin office, which was located at 630 W. 34th St., Ste. 302, moved in May to 911 W. 38th St., Ste. 300. The office specializes in hip, knee, spine, neck, hand and wrist, foot and ankle, and shoulder and elbow treatment, as well as sports medicine, total joint replacement and rheumatology. 512-439-1002. [www.txortho.com](http://www.txortho.com)

## Anniversaries

**21 WellMed Senior Community Center** celebrated its one-year anniversary May 2. The senior activity center, which is located at 706 W. Ben White Blvd., Ste. 125A, offers complimentary services such as games and workout equipment for anyone age 60 and older and their primary family caregivers. 512-383-9626. [www.wellmedgives.org](http://www.wellmedgives.org)

**22 Workhorse**, a neighborhood bar and restaurant with approximately 50 beers served on tap, celebrated its one-year anniversary in April. Steve Ettle and Brent Broyles own Workhorse, which is located at 100 E. North Loop Blvd., Ste. B. 512-323-5700. [www.workhorsebar.com](http://www.workhorsebar.com)

**23 Beverage World**, the locally owned wine and spirits store at 1948 S. I-35, celebrated its 10-year anniversary in May. Rohit Topiwala owns the Travis Heights-area business. 512-440-7778. [www.travisheightsbevworld.com](http://www.travisheightsbevworld.com)

**24 Taurus Training & Doggy Play Day**, a dog care facility co-owned by William and Melanie McLeroy, celebrates its 15-year anniversary in June at 715 S. Lamar Blvd. 512-442-3416. [www.taurusdogtraining.com](http://www.taurusdogtraining.com)

## New Management

**25 Stonebriar Nursing and Rehab**, 110 E. Live Oak St., is under the new management of Preferred Care Partners. The senior care facility also completed a \$3 million renovation and celebrated a grand reopening in May. 512-444-3511. [www.stonebriarnursing.com](http://www.stonebriarnursing.com)

## Community Service

**26 Wiseman Family Practice**, a medical office with a location at 3801 S. Lamar Blvd., announced in April its partnership with Urban Roots, a non-profit that provides paid internships to Austin youth ages 14-17 to work on its 3.5-acre urban sustainable farm in East Austin.

Under the partnership, Wiseman Family Practice provides pro-bono medical services to Urban Roots staff and youth farm interns. 512-345-8970. [www.wisemanfamilypractice.com](http://www.wisemanfamilypractice.com)

## In the News

**27** The March issue of *Rolling Stone* magazine named live music hub **Continental Club**, 1315 S. Congress Ave., the ninth-best small venue in the nation. The 200-person capacity club has been open since 1956. 512-441-2444. [www.continentalclub.com](http://www.continentalclub.com). Twitter: @continentalatx

On April 17, Kendal Gladish was named the next president of the **Austin Classical Guitar Society** board of directors. Gladish has served as the director of development and outreach for the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists since 2006. 512-300-2247. [www.austinclassicalguitar.org](http://www.austinclassicalguitar.org)

**28** In April, Eric Dopkins was named the new CEO of **Deep Eddy Vodka**, the craft vodka company headquartered at 3601 S. Congress Ave. Co-founder Clayton Christopher transitioned from CEO to executive chairman and chief innovation and marketing officer. 512-579-0212. [www.deepeddyvodka.com](http://www.deepeddyvodka.com). Twitter: @deepeddyvodka

## Closings

**29 Fran's Hamburgers** closed its location at 1822 S. Congress Ave. on April 7 after 40 years of business. Tony Junk, son of owner Frances Junk, said the Fran's Hamburgers location in North Austin at 6214 Cameron Road will remain open, and the business is considering adding an on-site catering trailer to that site. 512-458-6007

**30 Daylight Donuts**, 5222 Burnet Road, closed in February. The store opened in March 2012 and served donuts, kolaches and premium coffees. [www.facebook.com/pages/daylight-donuts-austin/352413508106085?fref=ts](http://www.facebook.com/pages/daylight-donuts-austin/352413508106085?fref=ts)



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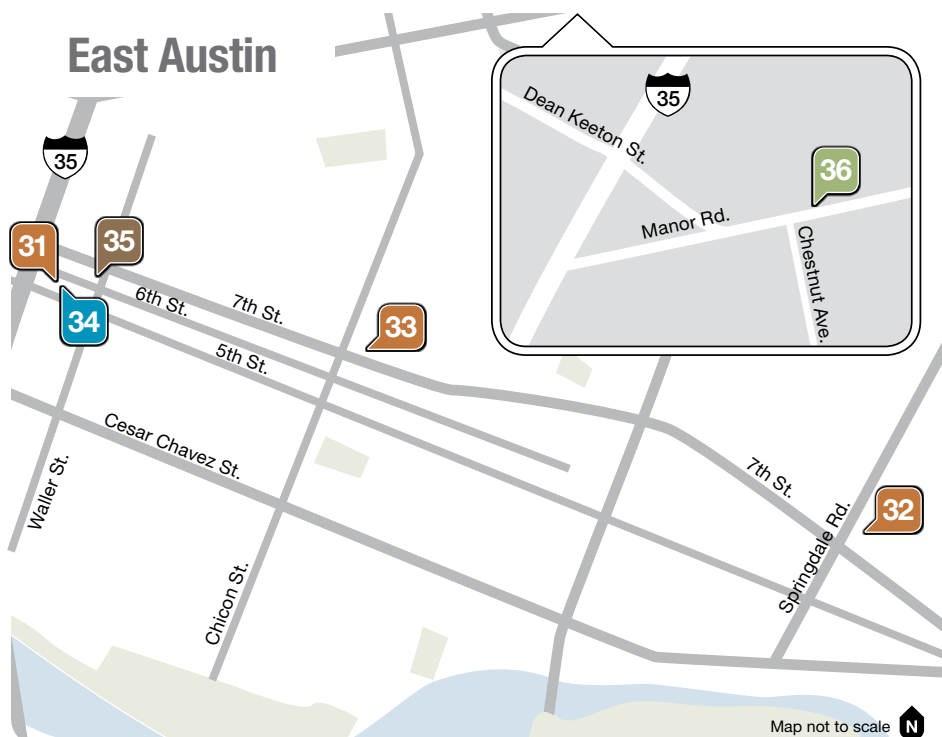
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## IMPACTS



**Goldis Sausage Company** opened in March on East Sixth Street.



**Butterfly Bar**, which is attached to the Vortex Theater, started serving liquor in April.

## East Austin

## Now Open

**31** Serving sausage that is made in-trailer with diverse ingredients, **Goldis Sausage Company** opened in March at 907 E. Sixth St. Keenan Goldis runs the food trailer. 401-527-9050. [www.facebook.com/goldissausagecompany](http://www.facebook.com/goldissausagecompany). Twitter: @goldissausage

**32** The new American-style restaurant **Eden East**, 755 Springdale Road, had its soft opening May 17. The restaurant, which has a farm-to-table menu, features a partnership between food growers and Chef Sonya Coté. Dinner is by reservation only on Fridays and Saturdays, and brunch is served Saturdays and Sundays. 512-428-6500. [www.edeneastaustin.com](http://www.edeneastaustin.com). Twitter: @edeneastaustin

**33** **Salt & Time Butcher Shop and Salumeria**, a full-service butcher shop that serves locally sourced and sustainable meats, opened in February at 1912 E. Seventh St., Ste. A. The shop offers fresh cuts of meat, house-made sausages and charcuterie along with brunch, lunch and dinner menu service. 512-522-7258. [www.saltandtime.com](http://www.saltandtime.com). Twitter: @saltandtime

## New Ownership

**34** Brothers Matt and Grady Wright, along with partner Matt Bolick, took over ownership of **Progress Coffee**, 500 San Marcos St., in April. Joshua Bingaman, who founded and owned the shop for 10 years, said the new owners will continue to operate the shop as is for a few months before adding 40 taps of craft beer and rebranding as Wright Bros. Brew & Brew. 512-493-0963. [www.progresscoffee.com](http://www.progresscoffee.com). Twitter: @progresscoffee

## Anniversaries

**35** On April 5, **Cheer Up Charlie's** celebrated its three-year anniversary. The bar and music venue is located at 1104 E. Sixth St. Tamara Hoover owns Cheer Up Charlie's. 512-431-2133. [www.facebook.com/cheerupcharliesaustin](http://www.facebook.com/cheerupcharliesaustin)

## Expansions

**36** **Butterfly Bar** at the Vortex Theater, 2307 Manor Road, began serving liquor April 1. The bar opened in 2011 and only served beer and wine until April. Bonnie Cullum, the artistic director of the Vortex Theater, owns the bar. 512-478-5282. [www.butterflybaraustin.com](http://www.butterflybaraustin.com)

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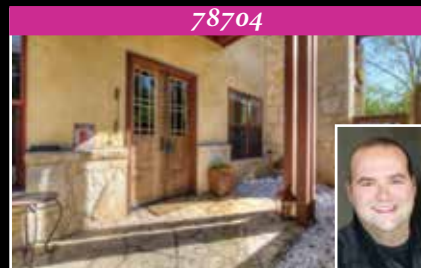
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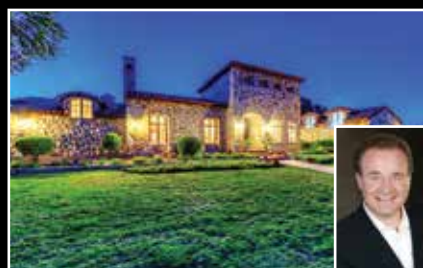
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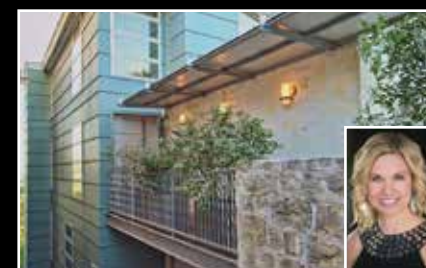
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## EDUCATION

# Austin ISD looks ahead after voters narrowly pass \$489M in school bonds

Six-year implementation plan being prepared for board of trustees

By Kelli Weldon

Voters on May 11 approved Austin ISD bond propositions 1 and 3, representing about \$489.7 million in school facilities improvements. AISD must plan for those projects as well as what to do about overcrowding relief and other changes in propositions 2 and 4, which failed.

Superintendent Meria Carstarphen said Proposition 2 failed by about 200 votes. Proposition 1 passed with 50.6 percent of the vote, Proposition 3 passed with 51.1 percent and 51 percent opposed Proposition 4, according to unofficial results.

"There's a lot of pressure on our taxpayers, and I do think that played into the vote being so close," she said, adding: "We have to really talk about the bottom line. It's clear to me that Austin [voters] want a lot for their children, and that is a beautiful thing, but us figuring out a way to pay for it is a whole other conversation."

The district has a process for implementing bond projects, said Vincent Torres, AISD board of trustees president.

"We're not going to start all the projects on day one. They're going to be spread out over six years," Torres said.

Jeff Kauffmann, AISD director of construction management, said he has developed a six-year implementation plan outlining how bond projects will go from blueprints to buildings and upgrades.

He expects to present that plan to the board by June. Once it is approved, AISD might hire architects as soon as August or September, he said. His department appoints project managers to oversee each item from design to move-in, he said.

The board will then review schematic designs. Once those are approved, AISD will solicit a construction manager.

"When everybody agrees we've got the right scope and the right price, then we go back to the board to ask them to basically OK the bid. Once we do that, then we go off and start building it," he said.

Kauffmann said he has informed local architecture and engineering firms of the six-year rollout to determine availability.

"We've got to design [each project] first before we put it out to bid," Kauffmann said, noting the process can take months. Paul Turner, AISD executive director of facilities, said the Citizens Bond Oversight Committee will work to ensure the

## WHAT PASSED

### Proposition 1: For health, environment, equipment and technology

\$140,566,000 in school building bonds

AISD said it will use the funding for science programs, technology systems and equipment, promotion of energy conservation and efficiency, cafeteria and food service facilities, district maintenance and facilities services as well as the purchase of new school buses and the levying of the tax in payment thereof.

### Proposition 3: For academic and building infrastructure renovations and repairs

\$349,165,000 in school building bonds

AISD said it will use these funds to repair, improve and replace facility systems throughout the district including roofing, plumbing, heating, ventilation, air conditioning, electric, flooring and other building systems. The bonds will also pay for rehabilitation, renovation and improvement of libraries as well as traffic safety improvements and the levying of the tax in payment thereof. This proposition includes repairs for every school in the district.

## WHAT DIDN'T

### Proposition 2: For safety and security and relief from overcrowding

\$233,950,000 in school building bonds

AISD planned to use bond funding for three new elementary schools; a feasibility and design study for a new high school in South Austin; promotion of safety and security; expansion, renovation and addition of classrooms; fine arts additions at the Ann Richards School for Young Women Leaders and Lamar Middle School; athletics additions at Anderson High School and Govalle Elementary School; and the purchase of the necessary sites for school buildings and the levying of the tax in payment thereof.

### Proposition 4: For academic initiatives, fine arts and athletics

\$168,564,000 in school building bonds

AISD planned to use bond funds to improve facilities of career and technology education and development, fine arts, physical education and athletics, and special education programs; renovating the former Anderson High School campus to house a school for young men; the purchase of new school buses and the levying of the tax in payment thereof.

**Austin schools should begin to see changes as a result of the bond by summer 2014, according to Jeff Kauffmann, AISD director of construction management. To review school-specific bond projects, visit [www.austinisd.org/bond/bond-program/by-school](http://www.austinisd.org/bond/bond-program/by-school). For more coverage, visit [www.impactnews.com](http://www.impactnews.com).**

district implements what voters approved.


Annemarie Read, Oak Hill Elementary School PTA president, said she advocated for the bonds in the community.

Parent Laura Arbilla, a Northwest Austin resident, said she opposed the bond.

"There are a lot of tasks ... in the bond

that seem like they should be funded with maintenance money," she said.

Don Zimmerman, founder of the Travis County Taxpayers Union, said AISD violated the law with misleading ballot language that did not disclose that bonds' potential costs are unlimited.




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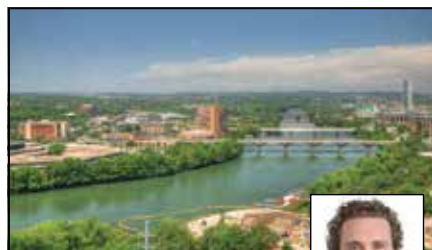
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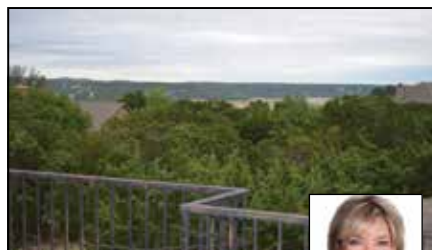
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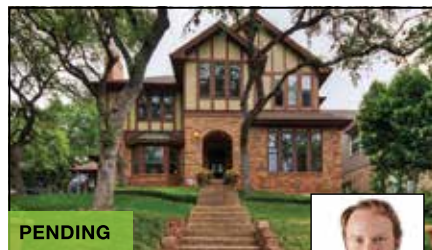
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Compiled by Peter McCrady and Kelli Weldon

## Two enter 2014 race for Travis County judge

**TRAVIS COUNTY** Commissioner Sarah Eckhardt has announced her candidacy for county judge in 2014.

Each year the county's chief executive officer and Commissioners Court set the tax rate along with county-wide policies affecting 1.1 million people. Judge Samuel Biscoe plans to retire and will not seek re-election in 2014.

Eckhardt will be running against Andy Brown, former Travis County Democratic Party chairman. Brown said he planned to formally announce his candidacy soon.



Commissioner Sarah Eckhardt announced her candidacy for Travis County judge May 1.

Rosemary Edwards, chairwoman of the Travis County Republican Party, said the party has not yet declared a representative in the race.

## Affordable housing bond still in question

**AUSTIN** City Council received a briefing April 25 from city staff about the possibility of another bond election to fund affordable housing.

The presentation outlined three possible dates for the council to consider holding the bond election: November 2013, May 2014 and November 2014. For the earliest date, November 2013, council would have to call for an election by Aug. 26.



Significant construction on the new Austin Central Library is expected to begin in June and be completed by 2016.

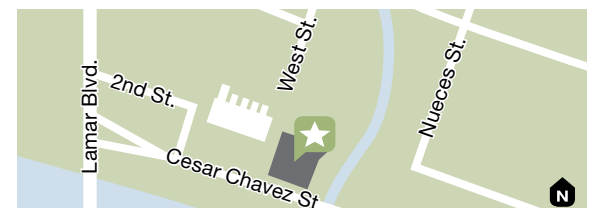
## New Central Library project moves forward

**AUSTIN** The new Central Library project, located at the corner of Cesar Chavez Street and West Avenue, is moving forward after City Council unanimously approved a construction manager at risk with Hensel Phelps Construction at the May 9 council meeting. A ground breaking ceremony is planned for May 30.

Hiring a construction manager at risk is a type of construction method that sets a guaranteed maximum price for a project.

"This is very exciting. I can't wait to be in that library and around it," Councilwoman Laura Morrison said. "It's going to be a beautiful building."

Funding is limited to a total of \$111.9 million. The approval also includes construction of the Second Street roadway and utilities, as well as construction of the Seaholm Substation screen wall. Howard Lazarus, director of public works with the city, said bundling the three projects in the contract will help expedite the construction process.



## Food enterprises are required to recycle compost by 2017

**AUSTIN** All city food enterprises, which are businesses required to have a food permit, are now required to recycle compostable material by 2017 after City Council amended an ordinance April 25.

Dustin Fedako, co-founder of East Side Compost Pedallers, spoke at the meeting in favor of the changes.

"There's an enormous opportunity for our city to move toward zero-waste [status] by taking advantage of finding a better place [than] the landfill for these resources," Fedako said.

Food enterprises are allowed to hire a company to remove the compost.

## City offers tools for public engagement in 2014 budget process

**AUSTIN** With the start of the City of Austin's 2014 budget season, city officials are looking to engage the public about what programs and services residents believe are top priorities.

"The one thing you need to understand about the city's budget is that it's large and it's complex," Deputy Budget Officer Ed Van Eenoo said. "We're a big city, we have over 30 operating departments, we have a budget of about \$3.1 billion and we understand that that's very difficult for the general members of the public to [grasp] because it is so large."

One tool the city is encouraging

residents use to provide feedback to the city is the Budget-in-a-Box. The Budget-in-a-Box tool is designed for a group of 5 to 10 people and contains material about city services and ways for the participants to provide feedback.

The city also has created an online eight-minute budget basics video so residents can become acquainted with city services, their costs and how they are funded.

Boxes are available at all city libraries until June 7. For more information, visit [www.austintexas.gov/biab](http://www.austintexas.gov/biab).

## Meetings

► **Austin City Council**  
Austin City Hall, 301 W. Second St.  
512-974-2210 • [www.austintexas.gov/department/city-council](http://www.austintexas.gov/department/city-council)

**Meets most Thursdays at 10 a.m.**

► **Travis County Commissioners Court**  
700 Lavaca St., Austin  
[www.co.travis.tx.us/commissioners\\_court](http://www.co.travis.tx.us/commissioners_court)

**Meets every Tuesday at 9 a.m.**

► **Capital Area Council of Governments**  
6800 Burleson Road, Austin  
[www.capcog.org](http://www.capcog.org)  
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## AT THE CAPITOL

News from the 83rd Legislative Session

By Karen Brooks Harper  
Capitol Correspondent

# Lawmakers seek to enhance state's climate for small-business owners

Small businesses are at the core of the Texas economy. Defined as those with fewer than 500 employees, small businesses provided 45 percent of the state's private-sector jobs and accounted for more than 98 percent of the state's employers, according to 2010 statistics from the U.S. Small Business Administration.

More than 4 million Texans work for small businesses, and the Legislature is focused on trying to help small businesses. Ideas currently before legislators include certifying small businesses as homegrown, expanding the list of foods that can be sold directly to consumers and making permanent a small-business tax exemption set to expire in 2014.

On May 4, the House passed the bill that would make the tax cut permanent; that bill now faces lawmakers in the Senate.

Rebecca Melancon, executive director of the Austin Independent Business Alliance, said it is important for the state Legislature to focus on small businesses since they play a crucial role in the state's economy.

"I'm thrilled to see any governmental body focus on small, local business because it's too long been focused on big, national business," she said.

### Tax relief proposal

On April 16, Gov. Rick Perry announced a four-point plan to give nearly \$1.6 billion in tax relief to all Texas businesses that are subject to the state's franchise tax.

The plan reduces franchise taxes by 5 percent, provides a

\$1 million deduction for businesses with revenue of up to \$20 million, lowers the tax rate for 1040EZ tax form filers and gives companies relocating to Texas from out of state a one-time moving expense deduction.

Perry's plan also would make permanent the state's small-business tax exemption, which currently affects 29,000 businesses and is scheduled to end in 2014.

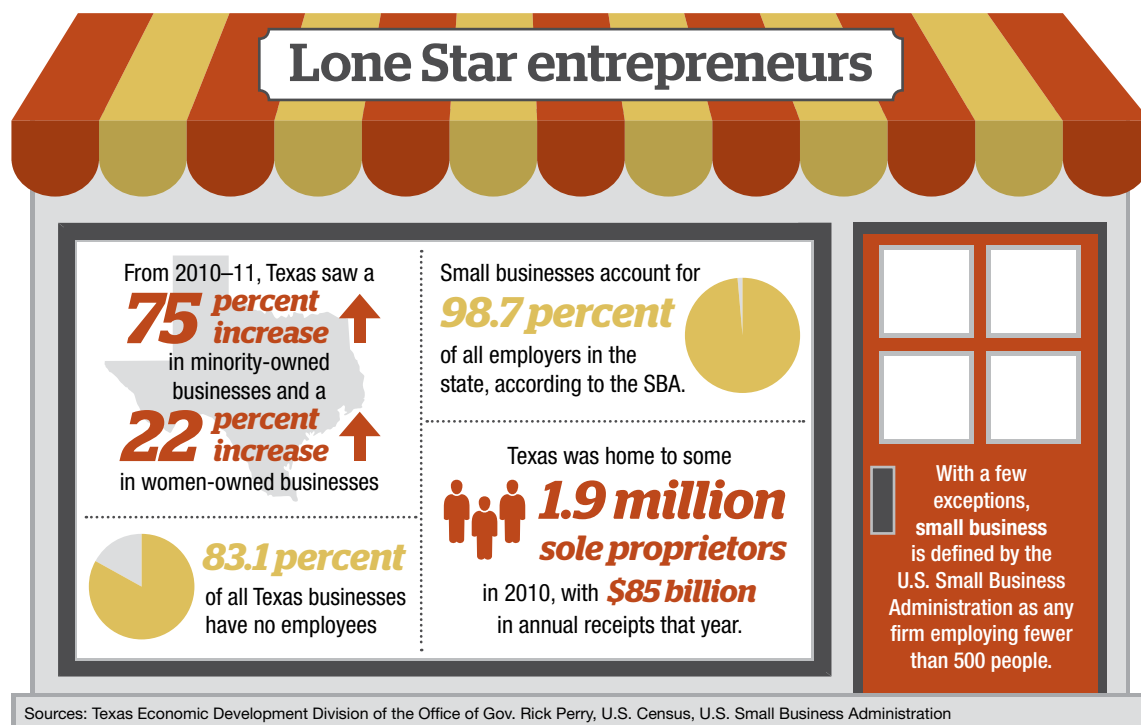
"Gov. Perry's tax relief proposals will go a long way in helping entrepreneurs and smaller businesses grow during this period of economic recovery," said Will Newton, executive director of the Texas branch of the National Federation of Independent Businesses. "These four specific points demonstrate an understanding of the kind of relief small-business owners have said they want."

### Business-friendly state

The 2011 Small Business Survival Index lists Texas as the third-friendliest state for small business, but lawmakers said they hope to boost it to No. 1 with several ideas.

One proposal would require the comptroller and state agencies to give preferences to small businesses when purchasing goods or services with a value of less than \$500,000.

"I think most of the bills that are presented tend to be favorable to small business, and large [businesses] in some instances as well. What we've heard so far is in that line of thinking—and certainly protecting the business climate in Texas," said Rep. Cecil Bell Jr., R-Magnolia, who owns six small



businesses in the cattle industry.

Underscoring the importance of small business in the Lone Star State, the House of Representatives has a committee dedicated to small businesses—the House Economic and Small Business Development Committee—which is considering more than 100 bills this session.

In its interim report to the Texas Legislature, the committee recommended that lawmakers make it easier for students to get entrepreneurship education, ease tax burdens on small businesses, create incentives for investing in small businesses, consolidate resources for entrepreneurs and brand the state as immigrant-friendly.

"Most small businesses are not intended to become the next huge corporation," the report said. "But their impact on the economy is important, and we could use a lot more people who, but for a little

encouragement, might open their own businesses. [Future entrepreneurs] are probably already in our state, and they don't even know it."

### The cottage industry

The House approved a measure May 6 that would expand the list of foods that can be sold by local producers directly to consumers at farmers markets, farm stands, fairs and other events.

The "Cottage Foods Bill" by Rep. Eddie Rodriguez, D-Austin, allows the following products to be sold: roasted nuts and nut butters, fruit butters, candy, cereals, granola, dry mixes, vinegar, pickles, mustard, roasted coffee or tea, and dried herb mixes.

The bill has bipartisan support, said Rodriguez, head of the House Farm to Table Caucus. It now awaits passage in the Senate.

"I'm excited to see what kinds of small businesses are able to flourish after this bill makes it through

the Senate," he said.

Producers would still be required to label their items as home-produced and to include the producer's name and address.

The bill provides opportunities for micro- and startup businesses to meet growing demand for locally produced foods in both rural and urban areas, he said.

Drew Scheberle, Austin Chamber of Commerce vice president of education, said Rodriguez's bill would help encourage more entrepreneurs to go into business.

"It will help reinforce the innovation and quirky entrepreneurship that part of our business community is known for," he said.

### To follow specific bills written by lawmakers

**Representatives:**  
[www.house.state.tx.us/members/](http://www.house.state.tx.us/members/)  
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## May

**27 Capital of Texas Triathlon**

The race, which was founded in 1991, offers first tri, sprint and international distance races. The distances range from 400 meters–1.5 kilometers for swimming, 10–40 kilometers for biking and 5–10 kilometers for running. Relay races also are scheduled. First race begins at 6:45 a.m. \$120–\$220 registration. Auditorium Shores, 950 W. Riverside Drive. [www.captextri.com](http://www.captextri.com)

**29 Philanthropitch**

The event, hosted by [www.buildasign.com](http://www.buildasign.com), is an investment forum where six nonprofits have five minutes to highlight their effect on the community and present a specific need to an audience and judges panel to secure a cash investment of up to \$50,000 for their mission. 6–8 p.m. \$15 (general admission), \$10 (nonprofit professionals). RGK Center at the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas, 2315 Red River St. 512-439-4530. [www.philanthropitch.eventbrite.com](http://www.philanthropitch.eventbrite.com). Twitter: @buildasign



Courtesy: The Paramount Theatre

**30 Ross Mathews 'Man Up Tour'**

As part of the Outback Concert Series, the event features Ross Mathews, a correspondent with "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno." The event promotes Mathews' new book, "Man Up," in which he talks about his personal journey. 7 p.m. (doors open), 8 p.m. (show). \$34.75. The Paramount Theatre, 713 Congress Ave. 512-474-1221. [www.austintheatre.org](http://www.austintheatre.org)

**31 through June 2 ATX Hackathon for Change**

The national day of civic hacking brings together computer coders, developers, designers and hacking-enthusiasts to discuss and develop civic solutions. 6–11 p.m. May 31, 10 a.m.–midnight June 1, 10 a.m.–6:30 p.m. June 2. Free. St. Edward's University, 3001 S. Congress Ave. [www.hackforchange.org/atx-hackathon-change-2013](http://www.hackforchange.org/atx-hackathon-change-2013)

## June

**01 Garza Independence High School Garden Tour**

Students raise awareness of their school's garden by giving tours of their market-garden business. Chefs Steven Cak of Parkside, Alexandra Manley of Josephine House and Jeffrey's, and Laura Sawicki of La Condesa are expected to attend the tour and share how they use herbs from the Garza garden in their own restaurants. 10 a.m.–3 p.m. Free. 1600 Chicon St. 512-414-8600. [www.garzaindependencehs.weebly.com](http://www.garzaindependencehs.weebly.com)



Courtesy: The Paramount Theatre

**01 Tracy Morgan**

The "Saturday Night Live" veteran and "30 Rock" star performs a night of stand-up comedy. Morgan joined SNL in 1996 and stayed with the show for seven seasons. 8 p.m. \$40.50 (regular tickets). The Paramount Theatre, 713 Congress Ave. 512-472-5470. [www.austintheatre.org](http://www.austintheatre.org)

**01 Texas 4000 for Cancer Atlas Ride**

Riders can join the 2013 Livestrong Texas 4000 team for the first day of its 70-day cross-country trek from Austin to Alaska. The Austin portion of the ride ends at Texas Legato Winery in Lampasas, and the course includes rolling hills and the wildlife of the Texas Hill Country. Starting at 8 a.m. Registration is \$60 by May 29, \$70 day of event. Starting location of the 50- and 70-mile route is at Running Brushy Middle School, 2303 N. Lakeline Blvd. 512-585-5034. [www.texas4000.org/atlas/about](http://www.texas4000.org/atlas/about)

**04 Leadership Austin's Engage Breakfast series**

The event focuses on transportation issues for Central Texas and includes panelists Mario Espinoza, deputy executive director of the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority; Glenn Gadbois, executive director of Movability Austin; and Linda Watson, president and CEO of Capital Metro. 7:30 a.m. \$25 (general admission), \$20 (Alumni Association members). Kodosky Lounge at The Long Center for the Performing Arts, 701 W. Riverside Drive. 512-499-0435. [www.leadershipaustin.org/programs/engage/upcoming](http://www.leadershipaustin.org/programs/engage/upcoming). Twitter: @lead\_austin

**05 through 29 Sacred Spaces art show**

Jennifer Chenoweth's solo show features the artist's drawings, paintings and sculptures. The pieces in the show explore the interactive space of the human body through her works. Some artwork is given away during opening night through an application process, and The Dead Capital Marching Band performs. 10 a.m.–9:30 p.m. Mon.–Thu., 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m. Fri., 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Sat. Artist's reception is June 11 from 6–8 p.m. Free. Julia C. Buttrick Gallery, 1110 Barton Springs Road. 512-482-0747. [www.fisterrastudio.com](http://www.fisterrastudio.com)

**06 Movies in the Park: 'Scott Pilgrim v. the World'**

The film, starring Michael Cera, is based on a graphic novel and is part of the film series sponsored by Alamo Drafthouse and Austin Parks Foundation. 8:30 p.m. Free. Republic Square Park, 422 Guadalupe St. [www.austinparks.org/moviesinthepark.html](http://www.austinparks.org/moviesinthepark.html)

**06 through 09 ATX Television Festival**

The event focuses on the television medium, looking at its history, current state and future. Panelists may include "Boy Meets World" actress Maitland Ward, Fox Television Studios President David Madden and "Friday Night Lights" actor Scott Porter. Screenings may include "Comedy Bang! Bang!," "Falling Skies" and "The New Girl." Free events include screenings of "Friday Night Lights" and Hasbro Studios' Saturday morning cartoons. Times vary. \$75 (day pass), \$99–\$225 (badge). Various locations. [www.atxfestival.com](http://www.atxfestival.com)

**07 Peter Frampton's Guitar Circus**

The concert features performances from Grammy Award-winning musician Peter Frampton, who has played with artists such as David Bowie and George Harrison. 6:30 p.m. (doors open), 8 p.m. (show). \$43–\$225. Moody Theater, 310 W. Willie Nelson Blvd. 877-435-9849. [www.acl-live.com/calendar/framptons-guitar-circus](http://www.acl-live.com/calendar/framptons-guitar-circus). Twitter: @acllive

**07 through 30 Reefer Madness, the Musical'**

The musical satire of the 1936 cult film is the fourth work produced by Doctuh Mistuh Productions, a company that aims to produce off-Broadway works with an edge. The musical features a cast that includes local actors, crew members and musicians. 8 p.m. Thu.–Sat., 6 p.m. Sun., and several midnight showings. \$15–\$22. Spider House Ballroom, 2908 Fruth St., and Dougherty Arts Center, 1110 Barton Springs Road. 800-838-3006. [www.doctuhmistuh.org](http://www.doctuhmistuh.org)

**08 through 09 Austin Pond Tour**

The 19th annual tour features a look into 21 Austin ponds. The tour is self-guided. June 8: North Austin tour is 9 a.m.–5 p.m., night pond location tour is 8–10:30 p.m.; June 9: South and Central Austin tour is 9 a.m.–5 p.m.







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Courtesy Friends of the House

**08 Second annual House Party**  
Friends of the House, an organization aimed at helping families served by Ronald McDonald House Charities of Austin and Central Texas, hosts the event benefiting families served by the charity. Last year, the event raised about \$19,000, and organizers say they hope to raise \$25,000 this year. Proceeds from the party go to the RMHC Healing Hearts Program, and the event includes food, drinks, a live DJ and silent auction. 7–10 p.m. \$65. Wanderlust Yoga, 206 E. Fourth St. 512-628-5937. [www.rmhc-austin.org/house-party](http://www.rmhc-austin.org/house-party)

**09 Ensembles performs ‘Missa Solemnis’**  
Ludwig van Beethoven’s large choral work, which organizers say has not been performed in Austin for about 15 years, is brought to life by more than 250 musicians from various ensembles such as Conspire, Texas State University Chorale and the Victoria Bach Festival Chorus. 4 p.m. \$24–\$75, \$10 (students). Dell Hall at The Long Center for the Performing Arts, 701 W. Riverside Drive. 512-476-5775. [www.conspire.org](http://www.conspire.org)

**13 through 30 ‘The Secret Garden’**  
The show concludes the Mary Moody Northern Theatre’s 40th season. The play is based on the children’s novel by Frances Hodgson Burnett and is a coming-of-age story of an 11-year-old girl who discovers a secret garden during a time of grief and struggle. 7:30 p.m. Thu–Sat., 2 p.m. Sun. \$25, \$20 (students and seniors). Mary Moody Northern Theatre, 3001 S. Congress Ave. 512-448-8484. <http://think.stedwards.edu/theatre>

**15 Love Beer fundraiser**  
The event benefiting Tree Folks, Meals on Wheels and HAAM features local beers, the opportunity to meet with the people who made them, live music and food. Participating breweries include Jester King, Hops & Grain and Austin Beerworks. 4–9 p.m. \$55 for one ticket, \$100 for two tickets. The Browning Hangar at Mueller, 4550 Mueller Blvd. [www.lovebeeraustin.com](http://www.lovebeeraustin.com)

**15 Central Texas Juneteenth Celebration**  
The oldest known celebration commemorating the end of slavery features a run/walk; Juneteenth historical parade; a park celebration with live music, food and a children’s area; and a history-focused program featuring dignitaries, poetry and praise dance. Multiple locations and times. Free. [www.juneteenthcentraltexas.com](http://www.juneteenthcentraltexas.com)



Courtesy Over the Edge

**15 through 16 Over the Edge 2013**  
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Courtesy Keep Austin Weird Festival

**22 Keep Austin Weird Festival & 5K**  
The festival features music, family activities and local vendors. The headlining band is Shiny Toy Guns, and other groups playing the festival include The Whigs. 2–10 p.m., 5K starts at 7 p.m. Festival tickets \$15–\$25; 5K registration \$47.50–\$65 (adult), \$20–\$25 (12 and younger). The Long Center for the Performing Arts, 701 W. Riverside Drive. 512-524-2953. [www.Keepaustinweirdfest.com](http://www.Keepaustinweirdfest.com)

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Featured **EVENT**



Courtesy Republic of Texas Biker Rally

**JUN 13 through 16 Republic of Texas Biker Rally**

The state’s largest motorcycle gathering attracts thousands of bikers for rides, parades and music.

The majority of the festival is held at the Travis County Expo Center, which features stunt riders, custom bike builders and approximately 350 vendors and distributors. Vince Neil and the Los Lonely Boys are among the bands performing at the expo center.

On June 14, a Republic of Texas parade brings hundreds of motorcycles to Congress Avenue. The City of Austin closes off 54 square blocks downtown for the party.

“It’s quite a spectacle to see millions of dollars of motorcycles shiny and lined up on the street,” festival promoter Jerry Bragg said. “[The festival] gives us a place to go and celebrate the [biker] lifestyle. People love to ride and get their face in the wind, and this is just another reason to do that.”

The ROT Biker Rally starts June 13 at 8 a.m. and ends June 16 at noon. The parade is downtown on Congress Avenue.

\$60 for three-day pass to Travis County Expo Center, Congress Avenue parade is free. Travis County Expo Center, 7311 Decker Lane. [www.rotrally.com](http://www.rotrally.com)

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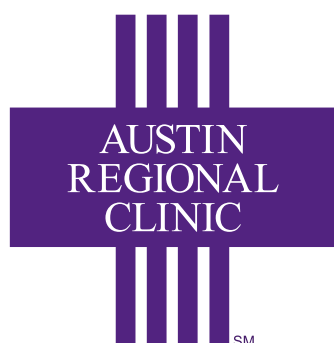






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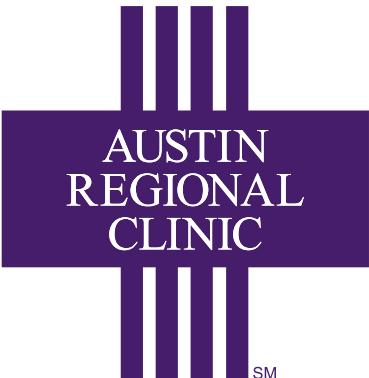
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NEWS

# Medical school, new hospital move forward

UT regents approve \$334M Phase 1 plan

By Joe Olivieri

In 2016, if everything goes according to plan, roughly 50 University of Texas students will become the inaugural class of the Dell Medical School at UT. They will work and learn in two new buildings constructed near the Frank Erwin Center.

A year later, those same students will apply what they've learned by treating patients in a new teaching hospital Seton Healthcare plans to build to replace University Medical Center Brackenridge.

On May 9, the UT board of regents approved a \$334 million plan for the first phase of the school, but there are many steps that must be completed between now and 2017.

UT officials are aiming to raise money, hire a dean and faculty, develop a medical program, get the new school accredited and build the

facilities by summer 2016.

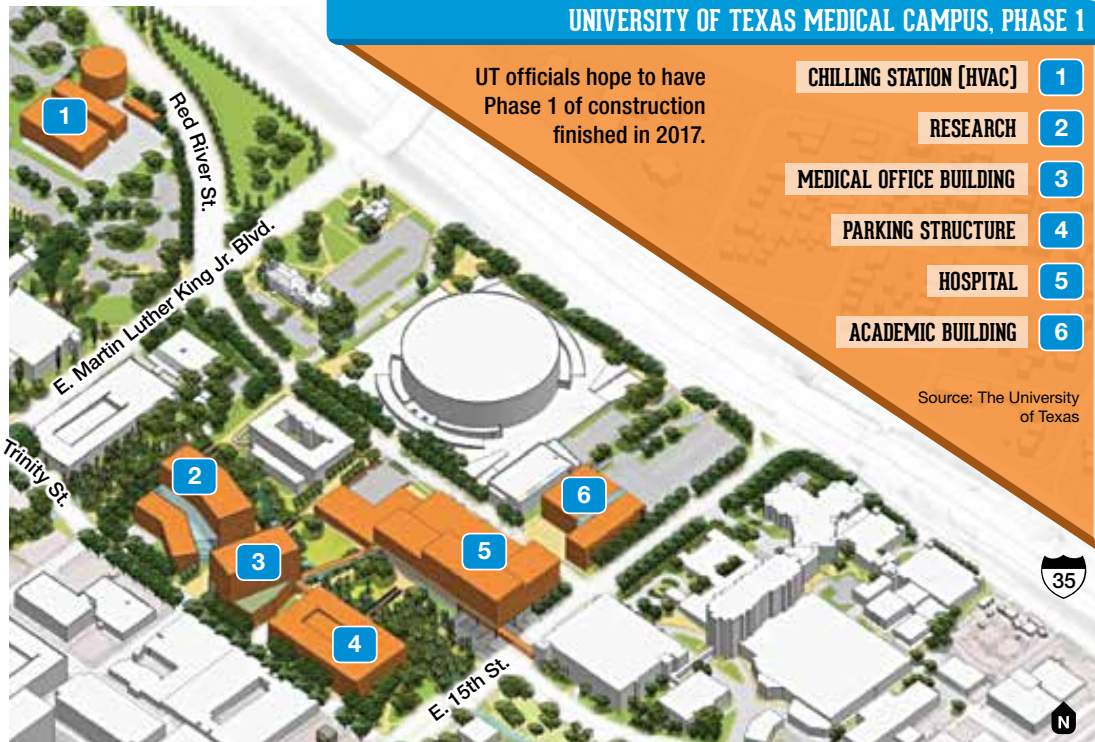
Seton must get its parent company, Ascension Health, to sign off on the new teaching hospital, which will be the largest project in Ascension's history. Seton officials expect to open the Level I trauma center by early 2017.

Because of voters' approval of Proposition 1 in November, Central Health hopes to maximize the amount of federal matching funds it can draw down from the 1115 Medicaid Waiver program.

The way health care is delivered is changing in Central Texas, according to local officials.

Programs are being designed so that patients will be treated in community clinics instead of more costly emergency rooms for chronic or preventable health issues.

"It seems like in Austin right



now, the planning of a medical school, approvals from the federal government for a community care collaborative and the significant amount of money [being allocated] for outpatient

wellness and prevention ... have created an extraordinary moment, and it's one we're taking advantage of in Central Texas," said David Evans, CEO of Austin Travis County

Integral Care, which provides behavioral health and developmental disabilities services for area residents.

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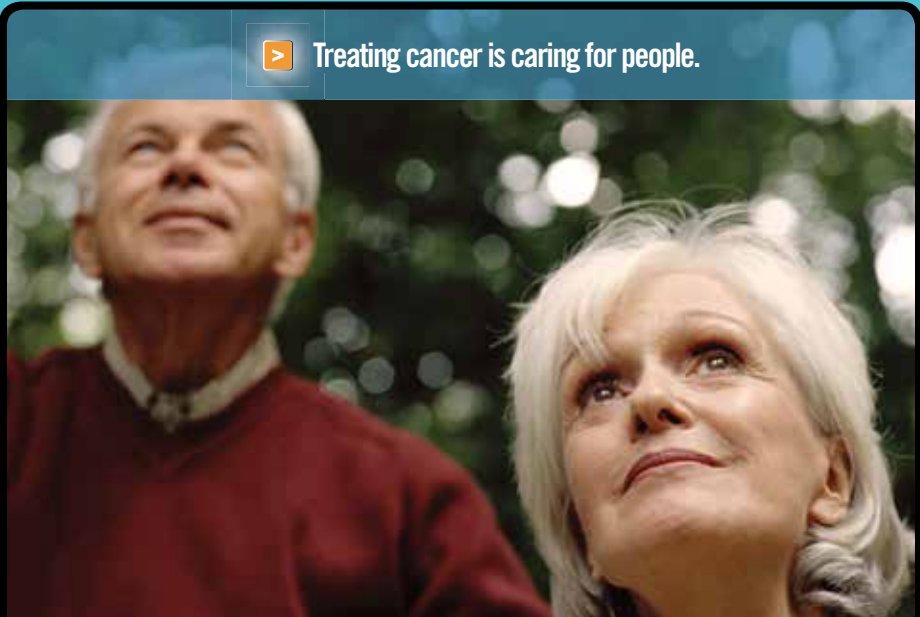
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## Medical school

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### HIRE THE DEAN AND STAFF

The University of Texas plans to select an inaugural dean for the Dell Medical School at UT by late summer to early fall 2013, UT spokesman Robert Cullick said.

The university has hired Witt/Kieffer, a search firm with experience hiring deans for medical and health science schools. Witt/Kieffer will cultivate a pool of candidates from applications and the firm's contacts in the education field, Cullick said.

"They are very familiar with the doctors and researchers who would find this a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," he said.

The firm will later shrink the pool and give the top candidates' applications to the search committee.

The university formed an 18-member search committee in April. The committee includes educators, community leaders, health care professionals and students, according to a news release. It is chaired by Dr. Robert O. Messing, vice provost for biomedical sciences.

"The founding dean will be someone who can create a medical program that graduates doctors who are intellectually curious and inspired by their years studying with professors in many diverse disciplines,"

Messing said in a news release.

The new medical school will focus on research and community partnerships; the new dean will need to be able to lead in both disciplines, Provost Steven Leslie said.

UT hopes to have the new dean hired by the end of 2013, said Susan Cox, UT Southwestern Medical Center regional dean for Austin programs.

UT will look to staff the medical school once the new dean is in place.

In November, UT President Bill Powers said the school would recruit current teachers and hire about 35 new faculty members.

Cullick said there is no up-to-date estimate for transfers or new hires. One reason it is difficult to predict a future headcount is because a staffer may split his or her time between a current job and the new medical school, he added.

"We are looking carefully at the incredible strength on campus," he said. "We have people working in the engineering department, the McCombs School of Business, the information department, nursing, pharmacy and social work. Some of those folks want to participate in the new medical school."

### ACCREDIT AND BUILD THE NEW SCHOOL

The Dell Medical School at UT will need to become accredited by three groups: the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, the Liaison Committee on Medical Education and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

UT has applied to THECB in order to be able to grant a medical degree, said Susan Cox, UT Southwestern Medical Center regional dean for Austin programs.

The LCME application is a three- to four-year process.

"We have to give preliminary accreditation showing that we can teach the students in the first year of medical school, that we have the curriculum in place and that we can provide a four-year curriculum," Cox told the Central Health board of managers May 1.

UT will need to prepare a proposal for any new doctoral degree programs and submit the proposal to the coordinating board. It will need to describe

the faculty, what the school plans to teach and how it plans to teach it, UT spokesman Robert Cullick said.

After that, UT will need to complete a site-based review and obtain approval.

UT already has a SACS accreditation, but SACS must be kept informed in case the new medical school affects the existing approved coursework and programs.

The UT board of regents approved a \$334 million plan for the first phase of construction, which will include research, educational and administrative buildings, as well as a 515,000-square-foot medical office building and parking garage, according to UT.

UT has begun the search for an architect for the research and medical office buildings, Cullick said.

Construction and implementation of Phase 1 are expected to take two to three years, Provost Steven Leslie said.

At full capacity, the new school may train up to 100 students per graduating class, she said.

### WHAT'S BEING SAID

#### William Eugene Powell, chairman, UT board of regents



"It isn't every day that a premier research facility gets a medical school. In fact, it has not happened in 35 years."

#### UT Chancellor Francisco Cigarroa



"It's going to be an extraordinary opportunity to educate generations of academic leaders and also have the synergy to develop the breakthrough discoveries that will help us solve some of the morbidity and mortality of diseases we still don't have answers to cure. That's within the realm of possibility for this school."

### REPLACE UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER

Seton Healthcare plans to open a new teaching hospital to replace University Medical Center Brackenridge in early 2017—a few months after the medical school opens in summer 2016, UMCB President/CEO Greg Hartman said.

There is no cost estimate for the new hospital because Seton has not yet officially selected a site or prepared designs, Hartman said. Seton is still working on what services the new hospital will provide, he added.

Seton has pledged up to \$250 million to build the hospital. Hartman said Seton's parent company, Ascension Healthcare, is scheduled to approve funding June 11.

"This is the largest project Ascension has done within its system," he said. "The money will come from Seton's operating funds. We will also seek a significant amount of community philanthropy similar to when Dell Children's Hospital opened."

Seton has already begun fundraising and will continue doing so for five years. So far, feedback has been positive.

"At our most recent luncheon fundraiser for UMCB, we had our largest crowd in our history," he

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## David Evans, CEO, Austin Travis County Integral Care

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## Greg Hartman, CEO, UMC Brackenridge

"Seton Healthcare is bringing together the research and minds of UT and combining them with Austin's creative class, [venture capitalists] and entrepreneurs. This is the beginning of a change in health care in this country, and this may be the first great hospital of that new era."



## RAISE FUNDS FOR THE NEW CAMPUS

UT's initial estimate of how much money it would take to build and run the new medical school was \$3 billion—\$4 billion, UT spokesman Robert Cullick said.

In May, UT board of regents approved a \$334 million plan to build the first phase of the medical school campus. The project would be financed through revenue bonds issued by UT, backed by funding from the UT system and the available university fund, which is part of the state's \$19 billion endowment for UT and Texas A&M University schools.

It may cost more than \$500 million a year to run the hospital and medical school, Cullick said.

"To put that in perspective, UT's annual operating budget is \$3.4 billion, and what we spend to teach students is around \$1.2 billion," he said.

To help fund for the new improvements, the UT board of regents has agreed to invest \$25 million a year in the project, Cullick said.

UT is also planning a major fundraising campaign.

Cullick said donors could fund "places, people and programs," meaning naming rights for the school buildings, individual endowments for faculty positions and individual areas of research.

So far, The Michael and Susan Dell Foundation has pledged a \$50 million grant over 10 years.

Seton Healthcare already spends \$45 million per year funding a medical residency program at University Medical Center Brackenridge, UMCB President/CEO Greg Hartman said. It intends to expand that funding to help establish the medical school.

Travis County taxpayers agreed to support the school's creation when they approved Proposition 1.

Proposition 1 raised the property tax rate of the county hospital district, Central Health, by 5 cents per \$100 of assessed value. The vote authorized Central Health to purchase services through the new hospital and draw down matching federal funds through the 1115 Medicaid Waiver.

## TAKE ADVANTAGE OF A FEDERAL WAIVER

Travis County voters took three major actions by approving Proposition 1 on Nov. 6.

First, voters agreed to raise the property tax rate of its hospital district, Central Health, by 5 cents, from 7.8946 cents to 12.9 cents per \$100 of valuation. That will send millions of dollars into the coffers of Central Health to help improve local health care.

Second, voters approved using some of that money to participate in a federal matching program as part of the 1115 Medicaid Waiver. The 1115 Medicaid Waiver is a five-year program intended to encourage new ways to improve local health care.

The new tax rate should generate an additional \$54 million annually, which the federal government will match with \$76 million for a total of \$130 million for health care upgrades, according to Central Health spokeswoman Christie Garbe.

Third, voters offered support for the establishment of a new medical school in Austin.

The vote authorized Central Health to purchase health care services for qualified patients at the local clinics and Seton's new teaching hospital.

As part of its participation in the waiver program, Central Health is responsible for administrative tasks and communicating with the Texas Health and Human Services Commission on behalf of a six-county area called Region 7.

Central Health submitted a revised list of waiver-eligible projects to the state HHSC on March 11, Central Health Waiver Director Sarah Cook said.

Region 7 got presumptive approval for its projects—and the first round of reimbursements—when the state forwarded the plan to the federal government recently, she added.

"We are chomping at the bit to begin this work and bring these care models and programs to life," she said. "This will mean things like keeping clinics open later and expanding dental and behavioral health care in the community."

"Now is the time. We've been laying the groundwork for these projects. As soon as we hear back from the federal government, we can start."

Initial feedback from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services was expected in mid-May, she said. Projects may need to be tweaked or amended to qualify. Final federal approval may arrive in fall 2013 or early 2014, she added.

Health care providers take a calculated risk in providing waiver-eligible services, Garbe said.

The provider submits a project with benchmarks and receives state and federal approval. Then the provider must pay upfront to perform that new service and wait for direct reimbursement after achieving results.

## BRACKENRIDGE

said. "We were turning people away."

Hartman said Central Health plans to lease the land for the new hospital from UT.

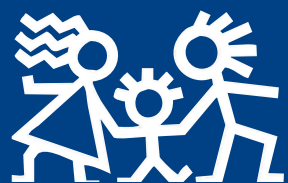
The new teaching hospital will be an upgrade from the 1970s-era UMCB, he said. For example, UMCB has had to install hundreds of new electrical outlets and place computer servers in utility closets.

"When you have an intense use of a building such as a Level 1 trauma center, there are a lot of inefficiencies," he said. "In the new building, we will be more efficient and greener."

The hospital will have space for impromptu meetings, research projects and consultations with patients, as well as more procedural rooms and psychiatric beds.

## Fast facts about UMCB

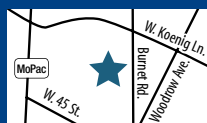
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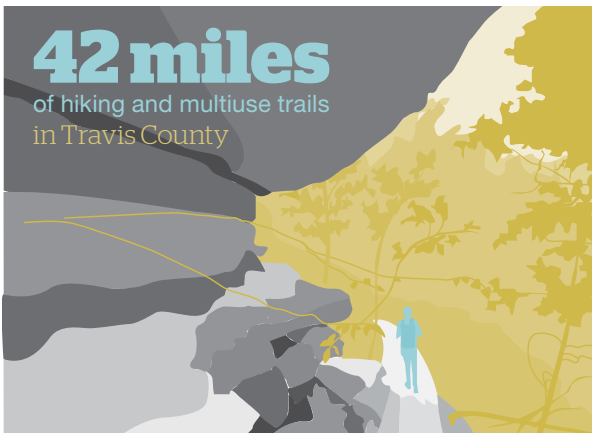
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FEATURE

Compiled by Annie Drabicky

Health by the numbers



Riverplace Nature Trail

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Fourth annual County Health Rankings, released March 20, 2013, by the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

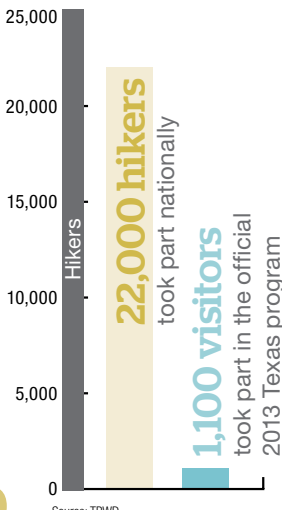


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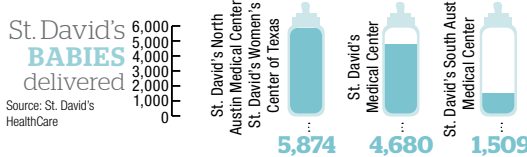


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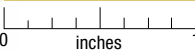


**52%** of all restaurants in Texas are fast food



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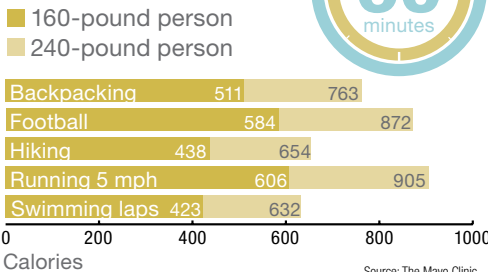


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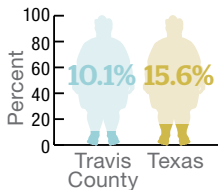
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## FEATURE

# Dell Children's opens third patient tower in May

Facility has 72 beds, expanded epilepsy unit

By Gene Davis

With the May 6 opening of the third patient tower, Dell Children's Medical Center of Central Texas has more space and specialized services to offer Austin-area families, Dell Children's CEO Bob Bonar said.

The 72,000-square-foot facility has 72 beds, and features include an expanded and enhanced epilepsy monitoring unit and the first inpatient rehabilitation care center for children in Central Texas.

The new tower furthers the medical center's mission of providing high-end, specialized care in the Austin area, Bonar said.

"We've worked hard to build specialty pediatric programs that the community never had

before," he said.

The third tower has a dedicated classroom team for long-term patients via a partnership with Austin ISD, the first partnership of its kind, Dell Children's Director Deb Brown said.

With a family business center, age-specific community rooms, on-site laundry facilities, family-friendly artwork on the walls and a sensory garden, the tower's design was intended to be a healing environment, Brown said.

"In a children's hospital, there is a far greater emphasis on tending to the whole family and not just to the patient," Bonar said. "Our hospital was designed from the beginning to do that, and our new bed tower has carried that [mission] forward."



The healing garden at Dell Children's Medical Center of Central Texas includes a pavilion, labyrinth, vegetable garden and sundial.



Dr. Maureen Nelson demonstrates how a lift system in the new intensive care and inpatient rehab unit works.



The medical center's healing garden was reopened May 6 after construction was completed on the new bed tower.



The fourth floor of the new patient tower contains the neuroscience and epilepsy monitoring unit, which has individual patient rooms.



Dr. Maureen Nelson, medical director of physical medicine and rehabilitation with Dell Children's Medical Center, is seen in the new inpatient rehab gym where patients can work to build strength and walking ability.



Dell Children's Medical Center's new patient tower has an epilepsy monitoring unit, which allows doctors to sync videos of patients who are having epileptic episodes with data about their brain activity.



Medical and business leaders gather in May around a \$500,000 check from H-E-B that completes the Dell Children's Bed Tower campaign and establishes an endowment for the medical center's Childhood Obesity Center.



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## St. David's Medical Center earns comprehensive stroke center certification

By Peter McCrady

St. David's Medical Center was awarded a comprehensive stroke center certification by DNV Healthcare.

Sarah Andrews, the stroke coordinator for the NeuroTexas Institute at St. David's HealthCare, said the certification it received in 2013 means the "hospital is able to care for the most complex stroke patients."

NeuroTexas Institute offers advanced neurological and neurosurgical care.

St. David's is the first hospital in Central Texas to receive this certification.

DNV Healthcare is a risk-management company that works with national health care authorities and providers to improve health care delivery.

St. David's Medical Center is part of one of the largest health systems in Texas, St. David's HealthCare. The medical center, located at 919 E. 32nd St., includes a 350-bed acute-care hospital, a 64-bed rehabilitation hospital and is home to the NeuroTexas Institute.

A comprehensive stroke care center can provide services including neurosurgery, neurocritical care and endovascular therapies.

## East Austin Health Clinic aims to meet needs of local community

By Peter McCrady

East Austin Health Clinic, 211 Comal St., reopened in October, offering women's health services and pediatric care.

Practice Administrator Sarah Murga said the clinic has been seeing more than 1,000 patients a month since it reopened its doors and that there is a big need for the services.

"We serve the indigent, and there are a lot of people needing, especially in this area, [for] women's health and [obstetrics]," Murga said.

The clinic, which is part of CommUnity Care—an organization consisting of multiple clinics in the Austin area—has a staff of 20 employees and offers centering groups in parenting and pregnancy in which patients are able to engage in their care and generate support from the group.

Murga said that as the clinic moves forward, it is looking for ways to increase the number of patients it is able to serve and the hours of operation.

"We added a new nurse practitioner, so hopefully we'll be able to increase and see more patients within our community," Murga said.



Officials say the East Austin Health Clinic, part of the CommUnity Care organization, has been seeing more than 1,000 patients a month since it reopened its doors. Officials say they would like to increase the number of patients they can service and extend some service hours.

## Seton medical centers receive Gold Seal for spinal surgery from national review organization

By Peter McCrady

Three Central Texas hospitals—Seton Medical Center Austin, Seton Medical Center Williamson and University Medical Center Brackenridge—received the Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval for disease-specific spinal surgery programs on April 24.

"The Gold Seal of Approval demonstrates our partnership with our physicians to provide the very best care to our spine care patients and their families," said Charlotte Thrasher, Seton

Medical Center Austin vice president and chief operating officer. "Spine care, like other complex specialty care provided at Seton Medical Center Austin, takes a committed multidisciplinary team to achieve excellence."

The Joint Commission is a nonprofit organization that accredits and certifies more than 20,000 health care organizations a year.

The hospitals are the first in Central Texas to meet the commission's requirements for the certification.



Seton Medical Center Austin was one of three Seton hospitals to receive a Gold Seal for spinal surgery from the Joint Commission, a national review organization.

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Zumba instructor Erica Castillo, far left in pink, leads a WeViva class at Southwest Key in South Austin. WeViva provides free, bilingual fitness and nutrition classes to low-income populations in underserved areas of Austin.

## WeViva

### Group aims to share fitness, nutrition throughout Austin

By Annie Drabicky

When WeViva began in 2011, the program welcomed 18 participants to one fitness class. Since that time, more than 1,000 people have taken a free class through the program, which now offers more than 20 classes per week at 14 partner locations.

Founder and Executive Director Carolyn Haney has been in Austin for 10 years and has worked at two non-profit organizations focused on children's health.

She said she originally decided to found WeViva to provide an affordable, accessible way for people to participate in fitness and nutrition classes.

The culture surrounding CrossFit intrigued her, she said, so she worked to figure out a way to make a CrossFit model for people who cannot afford it.

"What we do is provide affordable and accessible fitness and nutrition programs for people in low-income communities, focusing on the adults," Haney said. "We make it accessible because it's on-site. ... We partner with

existing organizations and bring our classes directly on-site."

Free child care is provided at each location where WeViva holds its classes. Classes include Zumba, yoga and strength training, and Haney said she knew from the start that she wanted to focus on the Hispanic population.

"It started so, so tiny, and I was like, 'This is just a vision, and I'm just a social worker, and I have this idea. Let's just see if it works,'" she said. "Fitness should be accessible to everyone. It's not fair that you have to pay for it. Some of the locations that we have classes in, it's not safe, you can't walk [alone at night]. [We] provide a safe place for the women to enjoy working out."

Paired with the fitness classes—which are all taught by certified instructors—is a nutrition component taught by WeViva's dietitian. That aspect includes a cooking demonstration using foods that can be purchased at the grocery store in the area where the class is held.

"They have different produce in all of them, so it's really important that my dietitian can say, 'It's at your local H-E-B.' That's really important to me," Haney said.

WeViva's free classes are open to both men and women, but Haney said she decided to start with a focus on mothers.

"There's this whole other notion, too,

that starting with the mom—the person who goes grocery shopping, she's in charge of the extracurricular activities, she's in charge of how much TV the kids watch—it's a different view. A lot of organizations are starting with the kids because, obviously, they'll be in 50 years the ones leading our country. And I understand that, but I'm looking at it the opposite way," she said. "If you start with the mom, she'll impact the kids."

Haney said that as far she knows, there is no other organization using the same approach.

"We're paving the way," she said.

The organization has an annual budget of \$50,000, which includes a stipend for Haney and payment for the instructors. The majority of the organization's funding comes from grants, donations and fees from partner locations; WeViva focuses on collaboration to find locations to hold its classes.

Those interested in donating may do so through <http://weviva.org>, which also provides a list of the group's free, bilingual classes held throughout Austin.

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## NONPROFIT

# Mothers' Milk Bank at Austin

By Annie Drabicky

"You have an amazing superpower." That is the message Kim Updegrave wants to share with the childbearing population of Austin.

Updegrave is the executive director of Mothers' Milk Bank at Austin, which has a mission to provide milk for preterm infants in Austin and throughout the U.S.

"Breast milk is a scarce resource. We struggle to meet the demand, and we are dependent on the compassion and the information that these healthy lactating moms have," Updegrave said. "Getting the word out to the childbearing population that they have a superpower, that they can donate their milk and save the lives of preterm infants, is a very good thing."

The milk bank was founded in 1999 by two neonatologists, Dr. George Sharpe from Seton Healthcare and Dr. Sonny Rivera from St. David's HealthCare.

Updegrave said the two doctors wanted to address a critical issue among preterm infants—that of how many preterm babies get an inflammatory disease called necrotizing enterocolitis. The disease, which cuts off the blood supply to the infant's intestines, occurs when the infants are not given human breast milk.

"If these kids survive, they are very sick, and they are sick lifelong—their intestines don't work the way that they are supposed to work," she said. "The [doctors] got together and they said, 'The research is really quite clear. The way to avoid this or at least to reduce it substantially is to avoid any kind of substitute for mom's milk.'"

Prioritized recipients for the donated

milk are babies who weigh 3 pounds, 5 ounces and less, she explained.

"These aren't hold-in-your-arms kind of babies; these are hold-in-your-hand," she said. "These babies really matter, and thanks to medical technology, we're able to keep more of them alive. Now we want to optimize their outcomes. Now we want to improve how they are post-recovery."

Breast milk that is donated to the milk bank undergoes a rigorous process that includes screening for diseases and medical and lifestyle risks; microbiological and nutritional analysis; pasteurization and then another round of microbiological and nutritional tests. Milk from multiple donors is mixed to create a pool with a specific calorie content.

"Because we're taking care of these teeny, tiny fragile babies, we want to know exactly what's in the pools of milk we create," she said. "We want to create them specifically to have a minimum standard."

Milk is provided to patients based on medical need and not on financial resources or insurance coverage, she said.

"I was asked a very important question once by a reporter who said, 'Why should he care? Why should the general public care?'" she said. "If we allow these infants to survive and optimize their brain development, they then are the population that might go on to figure out how we avoid diabetes, how we eradicate breast cancer. They will be fully enabled to be contributing members of society because of the gifts of milk and finances that allow them to grow so well. That's why you care."



Courtesy Mothers' Milk Bank at Austin

Andrea Galindo, who donated some of her breast milk to Mothers' Milk Bank at Austin, holds her full-term, 2-day-old daughter in the hospital.

## Charitable care program

The charitable care program at Mothers' Milk Bank at Austin is supported by individual, corporate and foundation donors. Executive Director Kim Updegrave said that in 2012, those donors contributed about \$140,000 in financial gifts to the milk bank.

"When somebody donates charitably to us, they're not paying for the electricity and the water and my staff salaries. They're only paying for charitable care, which is a very unique nonprofit stance," Updegrave said. "Basically, hospitals' payment of processing fees pays for everything to keep the milk bank operating, and then peoples' donations cover charitable care or our research program if I've specifically fundraised for that."

Updegrave described the milk bank's community partners as "amazing" because not only do they provide financial support, but they also help raise awareness of the milk bank and its mission.

## By the numbers

The milk bank serves more than **100** hospitals in

**21** states.

The milk bank will have dispensed

Milk has been distributed to about **22,000** infants.

**3** million ounces of milk by fall 2013.

Mothers' Milk Bank at Austin is one of **11** nonprofit milk banks in the United States.

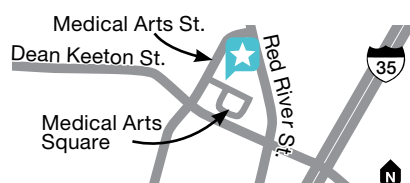
**35%** of donated milk in 2012 came from Austin-area mothers. The rest came from about **30** different states.

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Hospitals of Austin by the numbers

The percentages below come from a nationwide survey—Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems—conducted by each hospital. The surveys were administered to a random sampling of adult patients from July 1, 2011–June 30, 2012. No data was available for Dell Children’s Medical Center of Central Texas or Heart Hospital of Austin.

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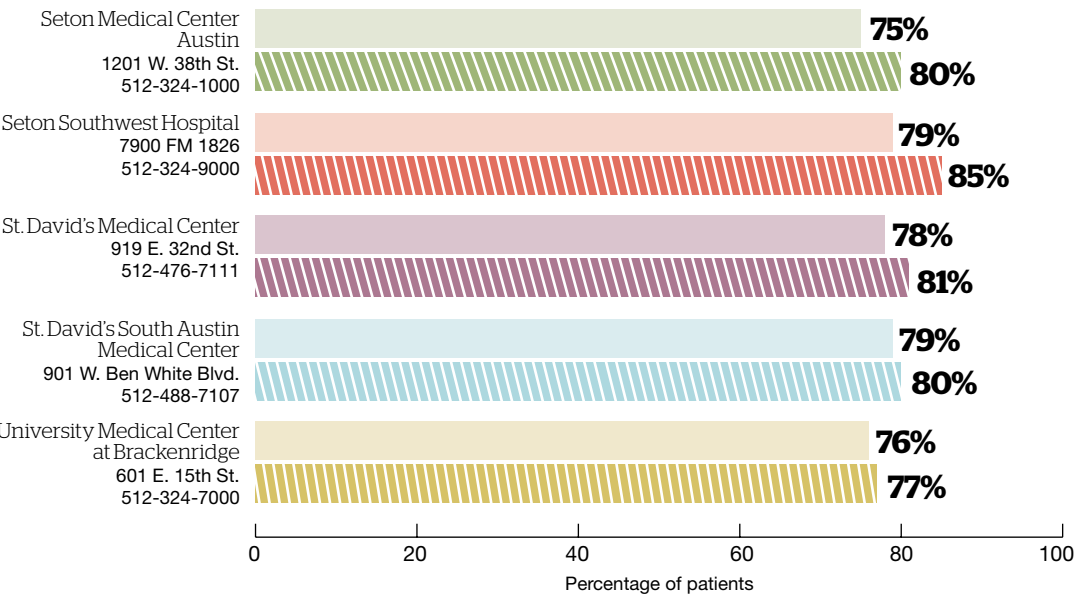
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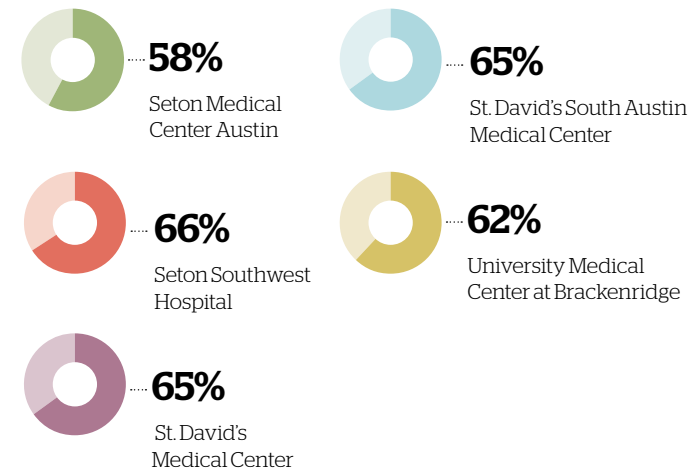
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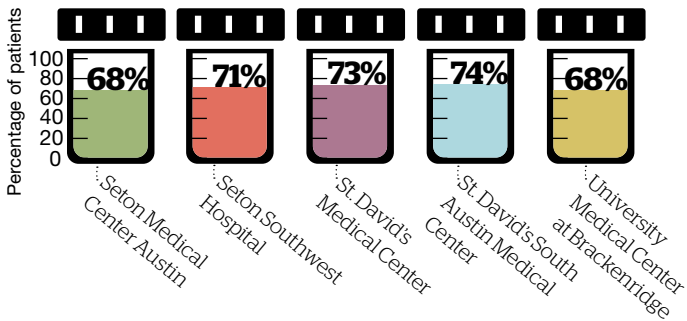
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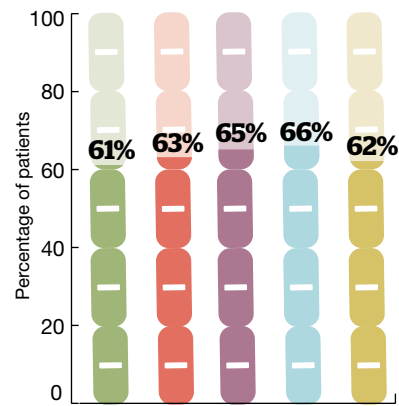
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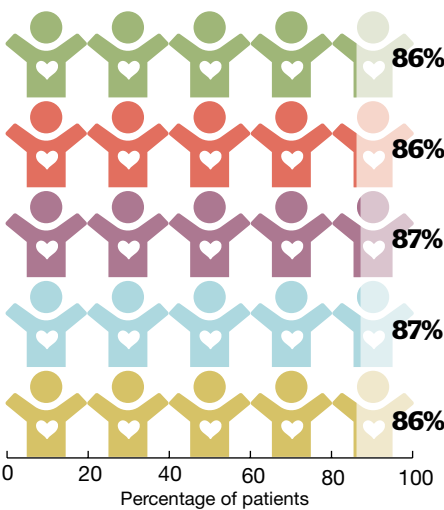
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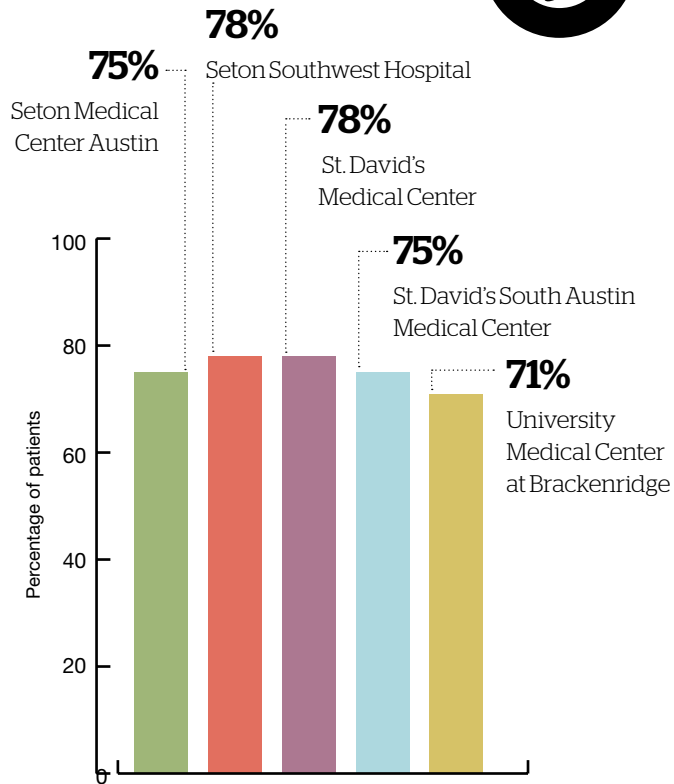
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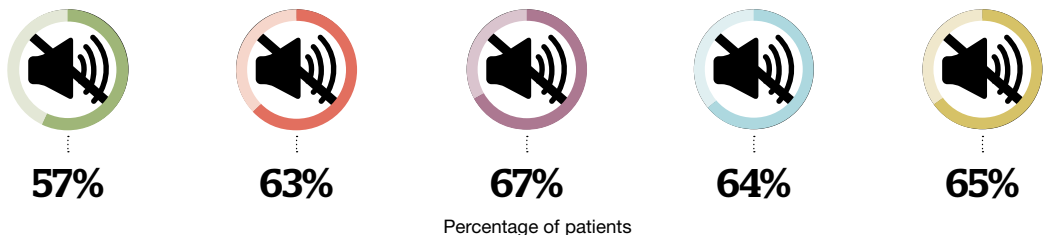
Patients at each hospital who reported that they were **given information about what to do during their recovery at home**



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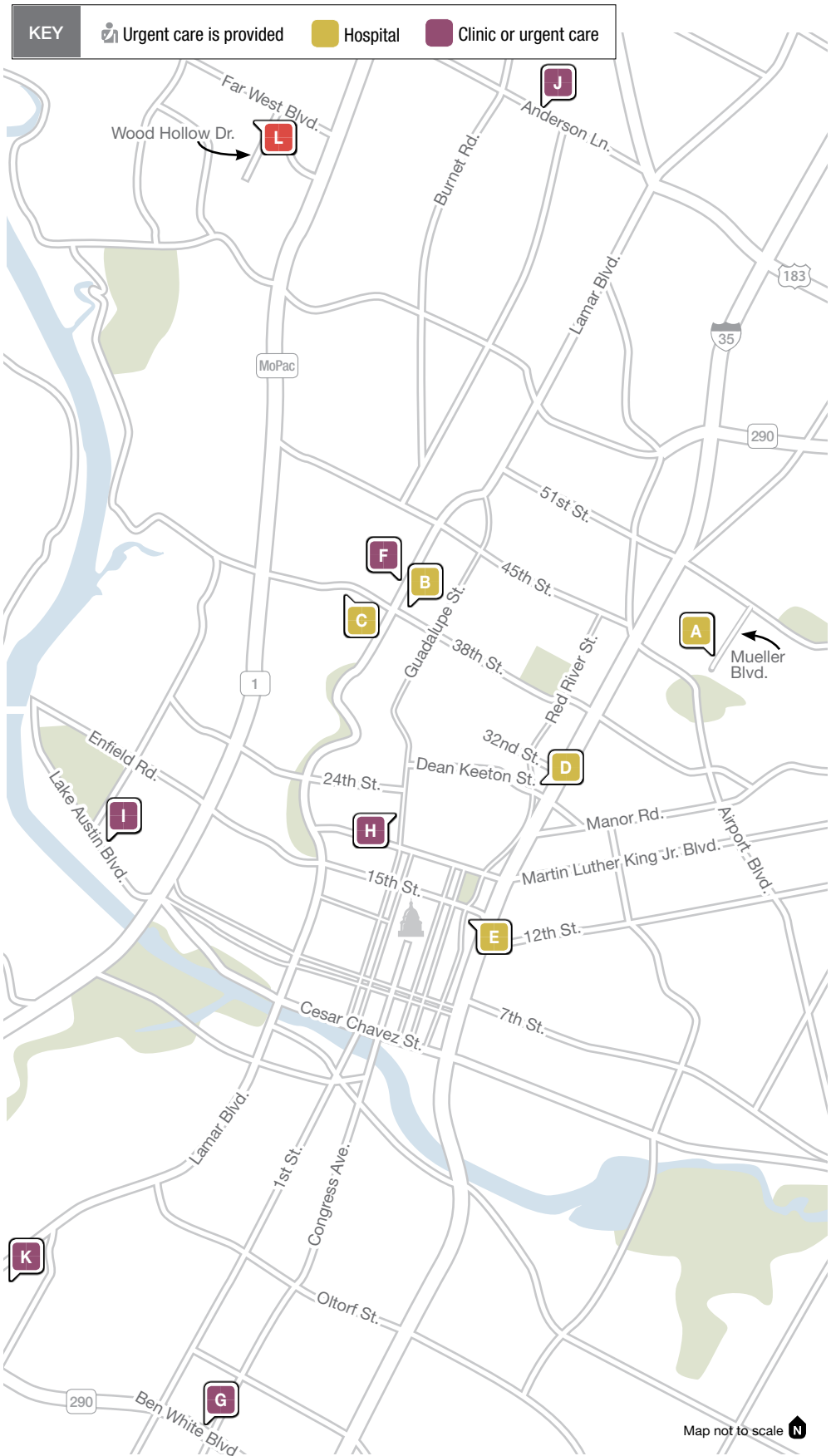
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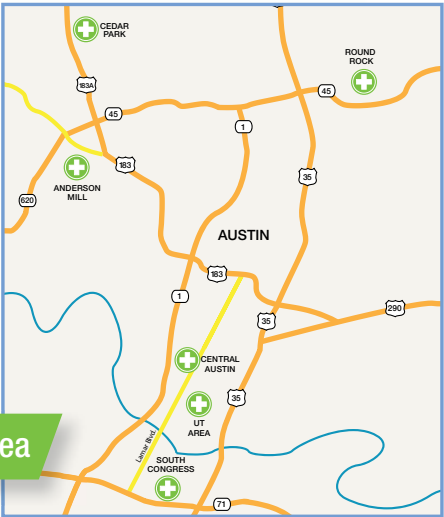
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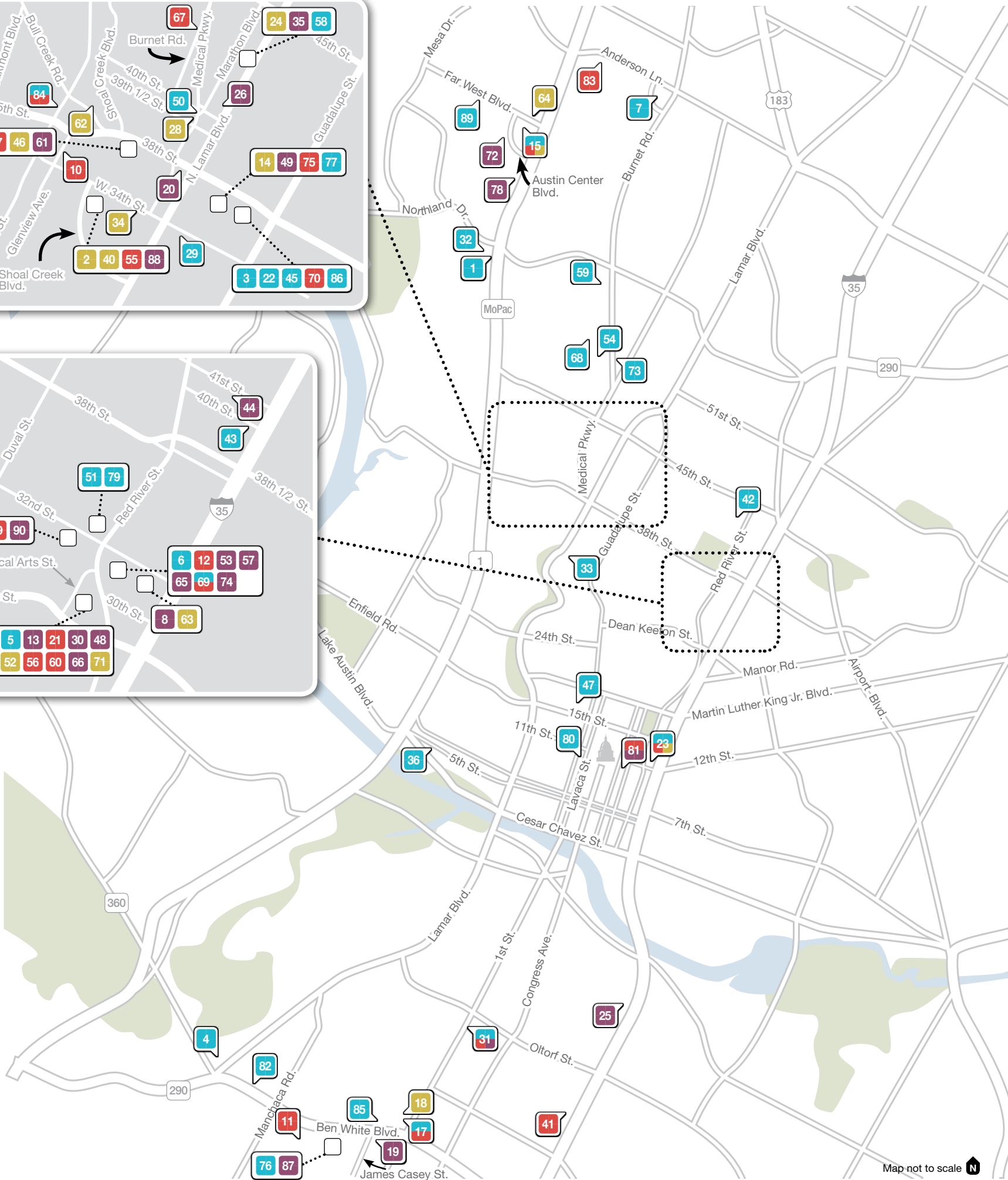
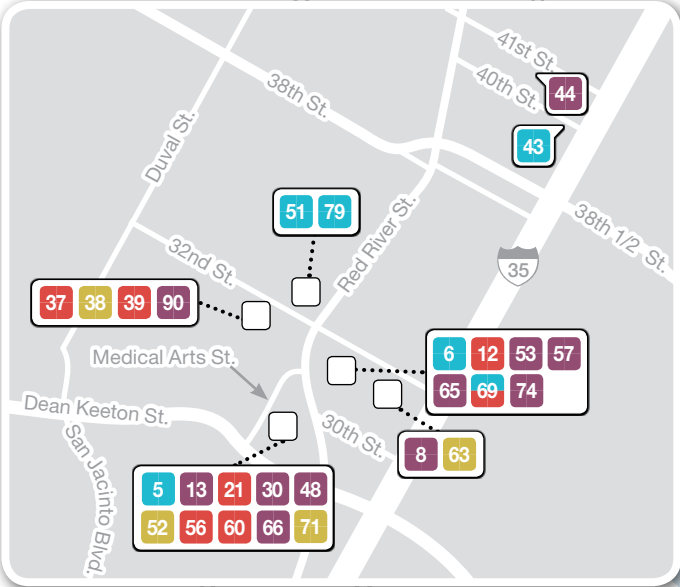
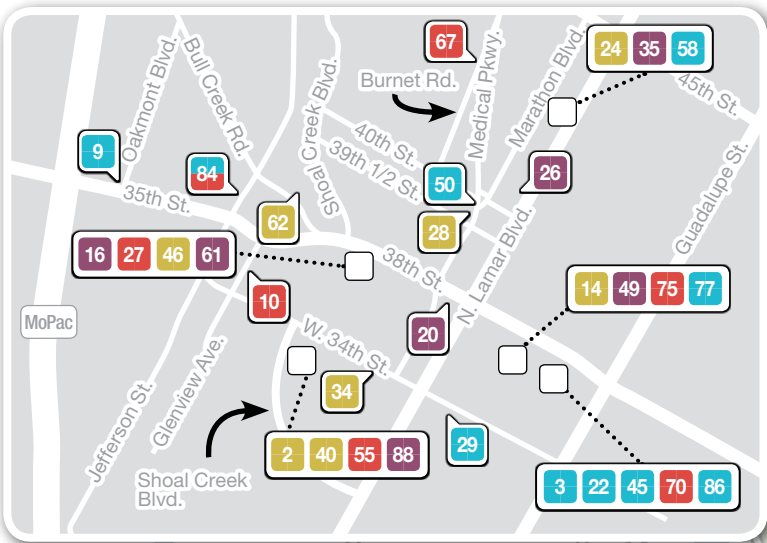
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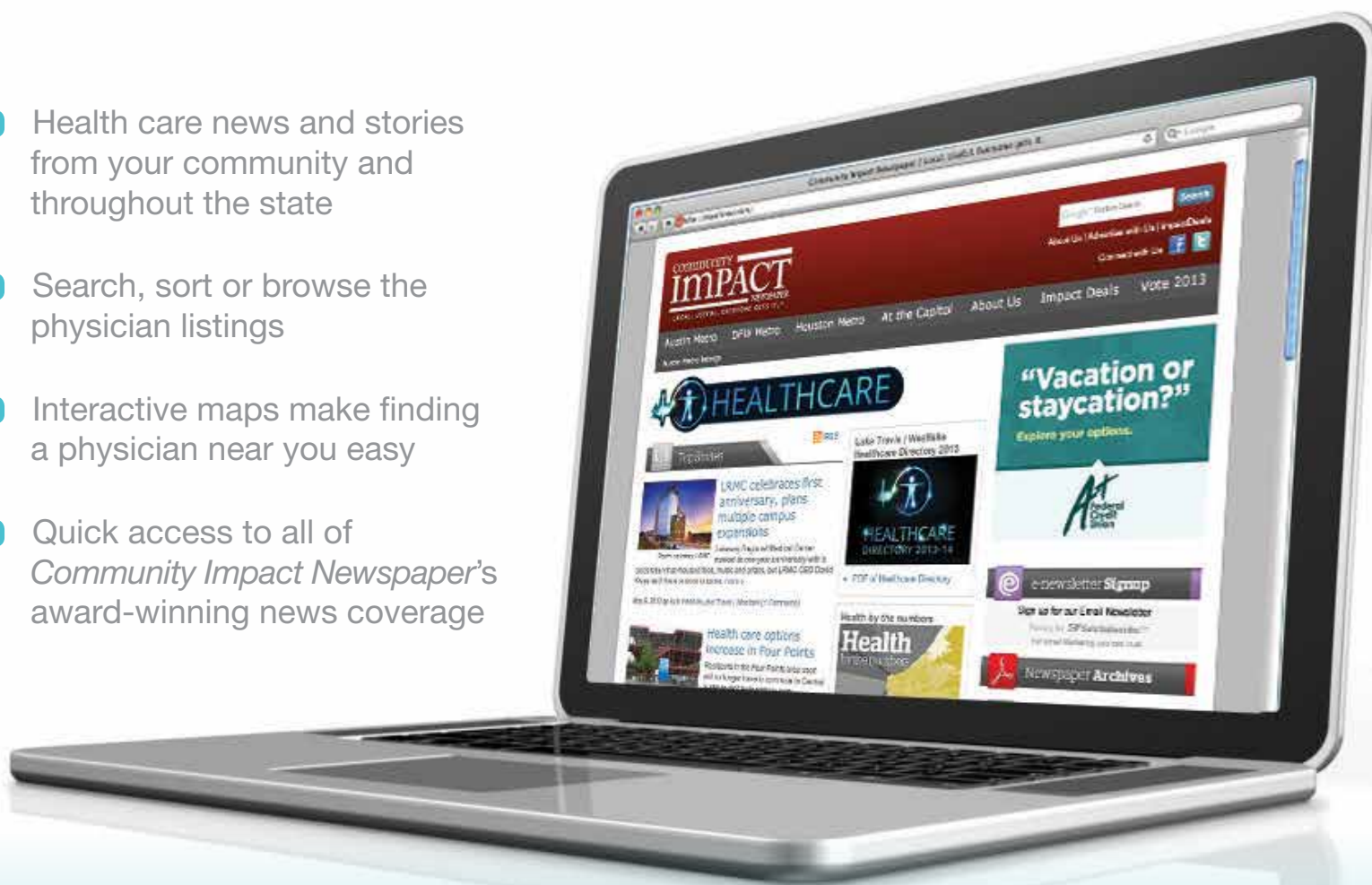
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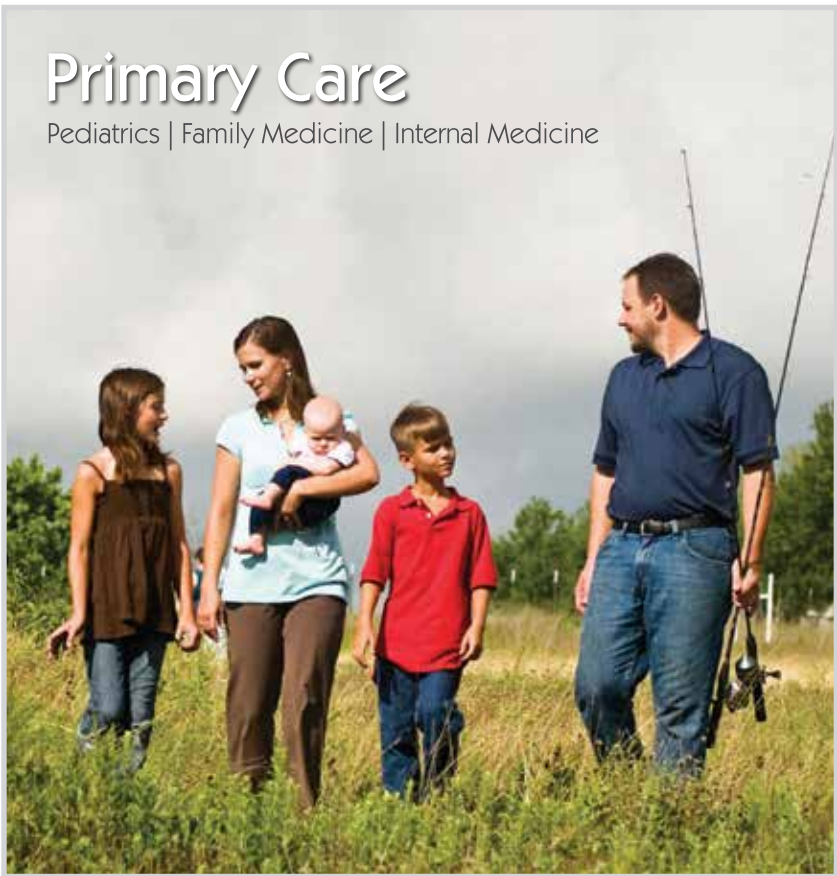


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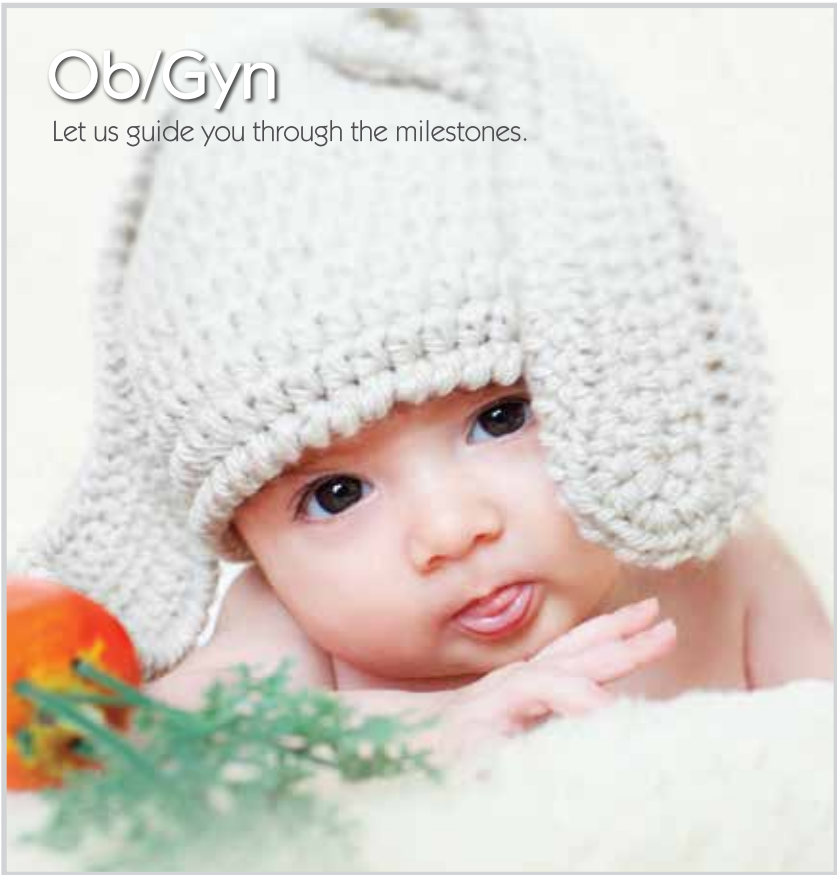
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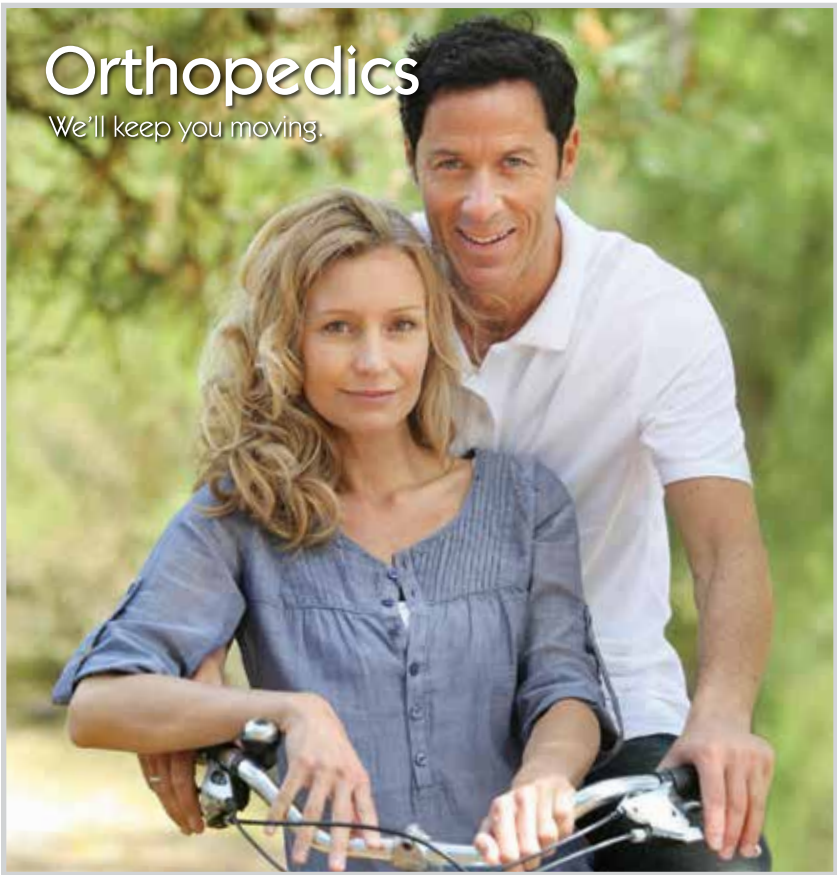
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## BUSINESS

# Mindful Body Center

## Facility offers multiple health and wellness services

By Gene Davis

**F**rom Pilates and acupuncture to massage and yoga, Mindful Body Center is a multifaceted health and wellness facility housed in a quiet neighborhood.

And as the business grows, co-owner Kristina Deasey said she is continually educating the surrounding area about its existence.

"People come in here from the neighborhood and say they didn't know we are here," she said. "But once they know, they're happy we're here since they have a place they can go and choose from a bunch of different services."

Mindful Body Center offers 14 different health-oriented services. In addition to Pilates and yoga, the center offers lesser-known services such as holographic sound healing.

Kate Wodash Catlow established Mindful Body Center in 2009, and Deasey and her boyfriend, Mark Sebesta, bought the majority ownership stake of the business in 2012.

Deasey said she and Sebesta have been focused on growing the business since taking over majority ownership.

Instead of hiring employees, Mindful Body Center rents space by the hour to independent contractors who specialize in different services. Deasey said the arrangement is good for the owners because they do not have to worry about hiring and maintaining employees.

### The facility

Mindful Body Center is in a converted duplex with separate rooms for Pilates, massage and yoga.

The duplex used to be owned by a yoga teacher who lived in half of the duplex and taught in the other half, co-owner Kristina Deasey said.

Deasey said clients find the facility's quiet, relaxing energy appealing.

"About 99 percent of the people who walk in the front door take a deep breath and sigh," Deasey said. "It feels homey to them, which is something we love."

Kim Masoni, a massage therapist who holds sessions at Mindful Body Center, said the atmosphere is one of the center's strengths.

"There is a level of professionalism, but it is definitely laid-back and relaxed," she said.

Meanwhile, the specialists get the chance to grow their business and be their own bosses, Deasey said.

"It's more of an entrepreneurial setup," she said. "They have the opportunity to make more money."

Massage therapist Kim Masoni said she enjoys how being an independent contractor gives her a chance to run her own business. Masoni moved to Austin from Santa Fe six months ago and said her client base ranges from neighborhood residents to people she meets throughout town.

Masoni is one of 14 active independent contractors at Mindful Body Center.

"There is a really fun, positive environment [at Mindful Body Center] that I enjoy," Masoni said.

The independent contractors at Mindful Body Center often refer clients to each other, Masoni said. A strength of the center comes from its variety of services, Deasey said.

"All of the modalities [offered at Mindful Body Center] are so different but complement each other," she said. "Because we offer so many different services, we appeal to a broad range of people from the neighborhood."

Most services at Mindful Body Center are by appointment only, though yoga and Pilates matt classes are open to the public and held throughout the week.



Kristina Deasey became a Mindful Body Center co-owner in 2012.



Mindful Body Center has multiple Pilates instructors who hold private sessions.

### Pilates

Mindful Body Center has six independent contractors who hold Pilates lessons.

Pilates is an exercise program that focuses on core muscles. Pilates improves strength and flexibility while creating a sense of balance in the body, Mindful Body Center co-owner Kristina Deasey said.

Mindful Body Center has multiple Pilates machines that help clients use the proper muscles.

"[Pilates] can be taxing on your body, but not in the way aerobics or CrossFit can be," Deasey said. "It's great for rehab or to learn to be in your body."

### Other services offered at Mindful Body Center

Mindful Body Center offers 14 health and wellness services. In addition to Pilates, the services include:

- **Massage:** Six massage therapists practice a variety of massage styles at the center.
- **Mashing:** A practitioner walks on a client to compress the client's muscles. Mashing is good for blood flow and stretching muscles, according to the Mindful Body Center.
- **Ki-Hara resistance stretching:** A technique in which muscles are stretched and strengthened.
- **Foot reflexology:** A practitioner applies pressure to a client's feet to stimulate the flow of energy to the body.
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Mindful Body Center is located in a duplex that has been converted to include a room for Pilates.

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Rommanee Swasdee, owner and chef at Satay, 3202 W. Anderson Lane, Ste. 205, prepares a stir-fry entree.

## DINING

# Satay

## Thai restaurant balances flavors for success

By Peter McCrady

In the kitchen of Satay, a 26-year-old Thai restaurant at 3202 W. Anderson Lane, Ste. 205, customers can still find owner Rommanee Swasdee behind a stove, wok in hand. Swasdee, who goes by Foo, said it is the act of creating that has bolstered her passion for the restaurant and food industry.

“Because of my background being a food scientist, in the back of my brain, I don’t only make a dish to have the best quality and taste good,” Foo said. “It’s a combination of flavor, color, texture [and] taste. The whole profile has to go together.”

Foo, who has a doctorate in food science and nutrition, started Satay in 1987 when she moved back to Texas to market the sauces she made. She said Thai food was an unknown cuisine in Central Texas, and she used the restaurant to highlight the food. From there, her culinary efforts grew to include making sauces sold at stores including Whole Foods Market, hosting cooking classes and starting other restaurants.

Foo said what makes Thai food and Satay

unique is that the cuisine is a “melting pot” of various food styles from throughout Southeast Asia. She also uses ingredients grown organically in her home garden.

“The cuisine in Thailand is very different,” Foo said. “Beside being the melting pot of all that, we combine a unique flavor profile that covers salty to sweet to sour to spicy to fresh to seafood to meat to vegetables. So it’s like the flavor of everything all in one.”

Betty Alex, a gluten-intolerant customer from Terlingua, said she “was delighted that [she] could have a real meal that was wonderful and a real choice of different things.”

After the downturn in the economy and health concerns caused Foo to close her other restaurants and scale back her commercial sauce business, Foo said she has refocused her attention on her flagship restaurant. She said she sees many possibilities for the future, including finishing a cookbook and opening additional Satay locations.

## Thai cuisine

Satay owner Rommanee Swasdee said Thai cuisine is a combination of various styles and cultures from throughout the Southeast Asia that are melded together. To make good Thai food, she said it is important to balance all the different flavor profiles, including hot, sour, sweet, salty and bitter, in each dish.

Kerza Prewitt, a regular customer at Satay, said the restaurant’s cuisine consistently achieves that balance.

“You have to have all of those five tastes, and they have to be in balance,” Prewitt said. “That’s what makes really good Thai food, and that’s one of the things Foo does with her recipes very, very well.”

Swasdee said some of the popular dishes at Satay include:

- Satay dumplings—Steamed dumplings filled with chicken or vegetables covered in a spicy peanut sauce
- Phuket wonder—A hot, sweet and spicy stir-fry with Thai chili oil, Thai peppers and garlic
- Pud ped ga-prao—Thai-style stir fry with Thai holy basil, chili peppers, onions and mushrooms
- Pad thai—Rice noodles stir-fried with cabbage, bean sprouts and pickled radishes and topped with ground peanuts, green onion and cilantro
- Thai chocolate silk pie—A vegan chocolate pie

## Classes

Rommanee Swasdee, who goes by the name Foo and owns Satay, said she enjoys sharing her knowledge and expertise in Thai cooking through the classes she teaches in her restaurant’s banquet room. Foo said each class has a maximum of 30 participants, and information about classes is posted online.

“Beside creating, I love teaching,” Foo said.

Foo said she often creates recipes that she teaches to participants in her cooking classes.

Betty Alex, who has taken cooking classes with Foo, said she enjoyed the class.

“I learned so much about Southeast Asian



Satay dumplings are a popular appetizer at the restaurant.



Pad thai is a common Thai entree, and Satay uses tamarind instead of vinegar to add a fruity flavor.



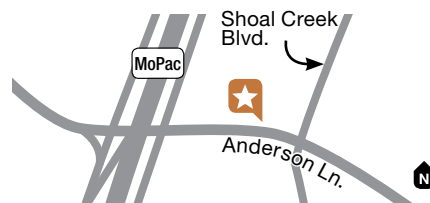
Satay opened in 1987.

cooking, and the whole philosophy was just wonderful,” Alex said. “I became a better cook.”

For more information about classes, email [class@satayusa.com](mailto:class@satayusa.com).

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A crowd gathers at Hotel San José, 1316 S. Congress Ave., for a screening of “Friday Night Lights” during last year’s inaugural festival.

## ENTERTAINMENT

# ATX Television Festival

Event builds community of TV fans and professionals through screenings and panels

By Peter McCrady

While Austin is known for its many festivals, ATX Television Festival founders Caitlin McFarland and Emily Gipson want to pull residents away from their television screens to enjoy the medium together at the second annual event. McFarland said the catalyst for the festival was excitement over the changing industry.

“We’ve often said it was gut reaction, that we were more excited about what was on our DVRs, on our TVs, rather than what was in the multiplexes and the movie theaters,” McFarland said. “I think TV in the last few years is a little bit of the Wild West right now, between network and cable and online. People are really trying to figure out what TV is as a definition.”

The television festival had its inaugural event in June 2012 with about 700 people attending. McFarland said the festival focuses its programming to suit both fans and those in the TV industry. She added that the dual focus helps build community between the two groups.

“Getting to see your show on a big screen in front of a live audience and hear them laugh or hear them cry or gasp or whatever the reaction is, getting that sort of reaction on that base level and then getting to talk to other industry members, we really hope they leave sort of inspired and get to go on to maybe write something new,” McFarland said.

Gipson said Austin is a good location for the festival because she feels like the television industry is growing in the area. She noted the success of the series “Friday Night Lights” and the continued filming of ABC Family’s “The Lying Game” as a sign of the area’s popularity and increased interest from the industry. Both TV shows were filmed in the Austin area.

The festival runs June 6–9 at various venues, including the The Ritz Alamo Drafthouse Cinema, Hotel San José, Stateside at the Paramount and Stephen F. Austin Intercontinental Hotel.

For more information or to purchase badges, visit [www.atxfestival.com](http://www.atxfestival.com).



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## Screenings and panels

ATX Television Festival features several show screenings and panels with actors, writers and other industry professionals. Here is some of what you can expect:

**1** A screening of “Once Upon A Time”—The fantasy drama about fairy-tale characters who are transported to reality but lost their memories because of a curse premiered in 2011.

**2** Panelist Katie Lowes—Lowes is an actress starring in the drama “Scandal.” Lowes also has appeared on “NCIS” and “Grey’s Anatomy,” and she was a voice actor in the film “Wreck-It Ralph.”

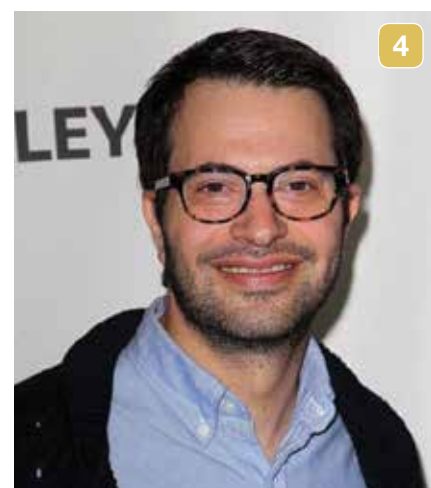
**3** A screening of “Friday Night Lights”—The sports TV series based off the novel and film by the same name follows a rural Texas high school football team. The series ended its run in February 2011.

**4** Panelist Edward Kitsis—Kitsis is a writer, creator and executive producer of “Once Upon a Time.”

**5** A screening of “Sullivan and Son”—The comedy series focuses on a corporate attorney from New York City who decides to run the family’s bar in Pittsburgh.



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# CENTRAL AUSTIN WATER FUN GUIDE

Compiled by Gene Davis, Amy Denney and Joe Olivieri

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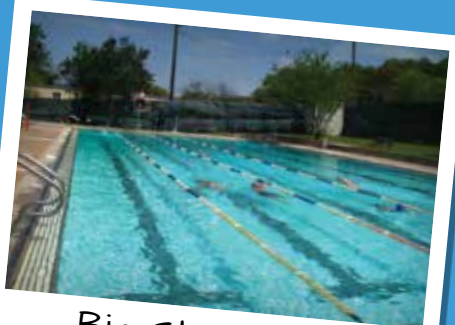
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**Features:** Adjacent park with barbecue pits, basketball courts, playground and picnic tables

**Cost:** Free



Gillis Pool

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Murchison Pool

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July 6–Aug. 18: Mon.–Fri. 10 a.m.–8 p.m., Sat.–Sun. noon–7 p.m.

**Features:** Pool is partially shaded

**Cost:** Free

## PEASE SPLASH PAD

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**Features:** Adjacent park with barbecue pits, basketball courts, disc golf baskets, picnic tables, playground, volleyball courts

**Cost:** Free

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**Features:** Adjacent park with playground, barbecue pits, soccer field, basketball court, tennis court

**Cost:** Free

## RICKY GUERRERO SPLASH PAD

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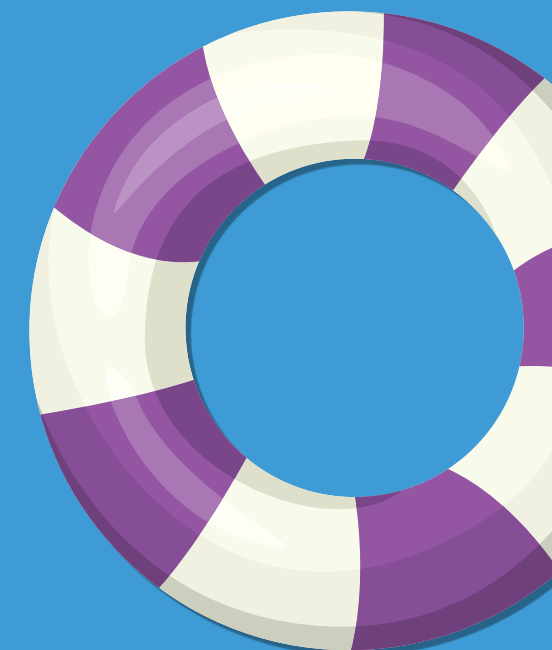
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# I-35

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## Construction process

Austin resident Kate Hollins said she is concerned with the construction and traf- fic that implementing the plan would cause. “Traffic is already bad enough; I can’t imagine how much worse that would make it,” she said.

Black said the proposal would require significant construction, but that it would not be any worse than any other proposed long-term I-35 construction project.

The project would require a fairly straight- forward construction process and take sev- eral years to complete, Black said. He said construction would involve encouraging trucks to use SH 130, directing traffic onto the I-35 access roads when sinking I-35 and then directing traffic onto the sunken I-35 when working on the access roads.

Black originally estimated that it would cost \$150 million to make I-35 under- ground with eight lanes and \$400 million to cover an underground I-35 with a cap and boulevard.

Cid Galindo, the president of the Center for New Urbanism Central Texas board of directors, said while the proposal would be expensive, it is the best I-35 long-term plan because it is the only one that would gener- ate new property tax revenue.

“The best solution is the least expensive solution, and how often do you get to do that in the transportation world?” he said.

## TxDOT efforts

Black is pushing for TxDOT and its part- ners to consider the cut-and-cap proposal as a fourth option as they move forward with considering long-term viable solutions for I-35 through downtown. During meet- ings with stakeholder groups, TxDOT and its partners have been discussing three pri- mary long-term options: sinking, elevating or taking no action on the interstate through downtown.

Walker said she wants the cut-and-cap proposal to be an official I-35 alternative so it would get the same level of engineering, analysis, cost estimating and community input as the other proposals.

TxDOT spokeswoman Kelli Reyna said the private sector’s initiative and innovation on I-35 are appreciated and considered.

“TxDOT and our partners continue eval- uating the technical aspects of the proposal and are coordinating an assessment with key stakeholders,” she said. “From the start, this effort has been a locally driven initia- tive, and we will continue to work closely with the City of Austin, the counties and other transportation partners to find a via- ble solution for I-35.”

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What is the best long-term solution for I-35 through downtown?

## Precedent cut-and-cap projects

Cut-and-cap project organizer Sinclair Black said the success of similar projects in other cities is proof that the proposal would work in Austin.

Construction on Klyde Warren Park in Dallas was completed in 2012. The \$110 million project in Dallas put a cap on a sunken part of Woodall Rodgers Freeway and created a 5.2-acre park where the freeway used to be, KWP spokeswoman Smantha Kurz said.

Kurz said the park’s success has surpassed all expectations. Approximately 15,000 people visit the park every week, she said.

Portland, Boston and Houston have also completed cut-and-cap projects.

“A number of cities have succeeded in capping their freeways and creating either parkland or space for additional



Klyde Warren Park in Dallas was built on top of Woodall Rodgers Freeway, which was turned into an underground tunnel.

development in places that were otherwise inhospitable to those sorts of uses,” Councilman Chris Riley said. “I think I-35 may present a good opportunity like that.”



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# Austin Energy

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its general reputation around the nation,” said Tom Smith, director of the Texas office of Public Citizen, a consumer advocacy group, during a council discussion on the topic.

At a May 9 council meeting, council members received information on a proposed amended ordinance that would establish a governance board that would have oversight of AE’s operations while advising council on all matters when appropriate or upon council request. The proposed ordinance also stipulates that “all board actions require council review and adoption.”

## Original proposal

The original draft of the ordinance, presented to council April 11, proposed the creation of an independent seven-member governance board that would be separate from council. City Council would have retained some of its authority under the proposal, such as approving the budget of the utility, exercising eminent domain, amending board powers and making decisions on expenditures exceeding \$100 million. The council also would have retained the right to review and approve rates.

## Worry over independent board

The proposal to create a separate AE governing board has met opposition from some council members and residents. Austin resident Jerre Locke spoke to City Council on the topic at its May 9 meeting, saying he and the community are against the action to change the governance of the utility.

“You all have done a very good job of being the governing body of Austin Energy, and I want you to continue to be the governing body of Austin Energy and not have it mucked up with another board, whether it be an advisory board or

a board with more authority than that,” Locke said.

Other residents have expressed concern to the council about the prospect of allowing AE to be run by an unelected board rather than the elected City Council.

During the April 11 meeting, council amended the original ordinance so that council “retained its general powers and duties” to govern the utility while still delegating some authority.

“I think that there’s a lot of potential for improvements that could make this move more smoothly without giving away the accountability that the people of Austin put us in this position to achieve,” Councilwoman Laura Morrison said.

Morrison is wary about the shift to an independent board because of the implications in allowing the utility to be governed by an unelected board.

“My main concern, though, is about what it would mean in terms of accountability to our community’s broader values,” Morrison said. “Austin Energy is our most valuable resource—our being the residents of Austin—and we need to make sure it’s run in a way according to business policies that are important to us, but also that it addresses those community values.”

## Support for independent board

Mayor Lee Leffingwell said he supports the move to an independent board because it would allow the utility to be governed like a private entity.

“It’s an over \$1 billion a year business, and it needs to be run like a business because it’s not supported by taxpayer funds. It’s supported by the fees that people pay for electricity,” he said.

A few of the concerns raised by council about keeping the utility’s governance include

the need for professional oversight into the utility’s management, transparency in the utility’s operations and ensuring fairness in the utility’s management.

“I think the board should basically do all the business with certain things subject to council oversight,” Leffingwell said. “If the council chose to revisit [an] issue—some action the independent board had taken—they could do it, but they wouldn’t do it on a routine basis. They would only do it in an unusual situation.”

Leffingwell cites the rate increase in 2012 as a catalyst for his support of an independent governance board, a time in which council had to wrestle with a significant AE budget deficit that still has not been fully resolved.

Those that support AE’s change, including the Austin Board of Realtors, said they support the measure because they believe the independent board would be able to best manage the utility.

“I think the benefit to the ratepayers and the citizens of Austin who own the utility is that they’d see a much better-run organization, and potentially, that would yield lower rates,” Leffingwell said.

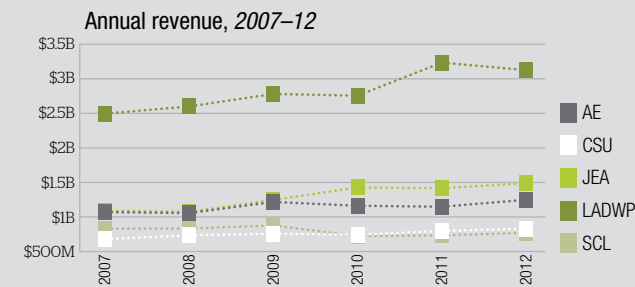
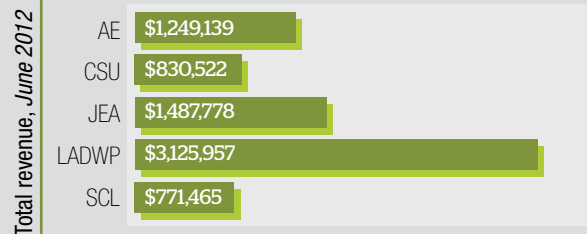
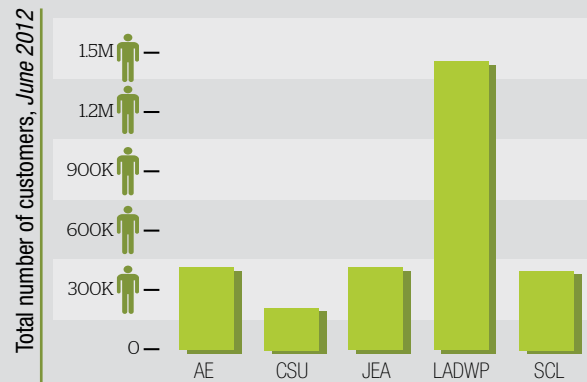
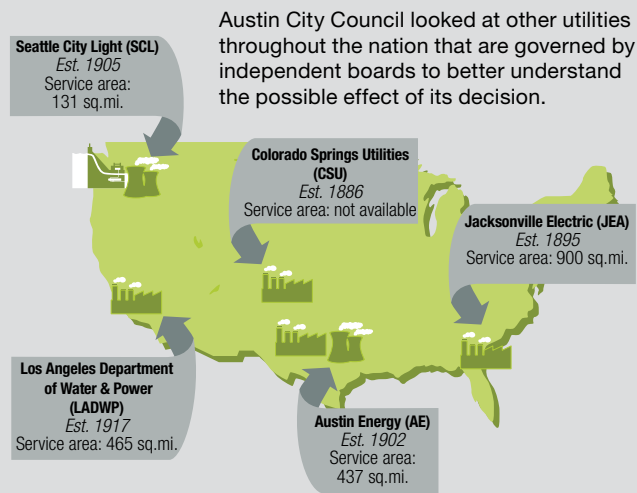
## Looking forward

May 23 is the next scheduled date for the council to discuss and possibly vote on the issue of AE’s governance.

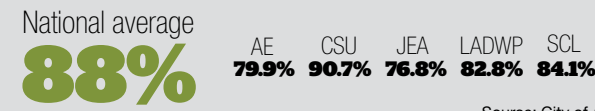
Whether the council votes to go with an independent board or a system in which the council continues to retain its authorities, AE Public Information Officer Ed Clark said the utility will go forward with any outcome.

“Whatever the City Council decides, we will fully embrace and implement [the plan],” Clark said.

## Utility company comparisons



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# Transportation

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“I would call Austin a modern American city where you have more of these alternative modes of transportation coming much faster than the big public infrastructure is coming in,” Stafford said.

Resident Jennifer Allen said she sold her car and started relying on Car2Go and the Capital Metro bus after starting a job downtown in April. In addition to not stressing out about Austin traffic, which a May report in *USA Today* ranked as the fourth-worst in the nation, Allen said she is healthier and saves money by not having a car. A 2013 report from AAA that looks at calculations such as maintenance, fuel and insurance costs found that owning a car costs \$9,122 on average per year.

Allen said she started using the bus and

Car2Go because her employer offers a \$100 per month stipend for not using a parking space.

Downtown employers are increasingly offering stipends and other incentives to encourage employees not to drive by themselves and take up parking spaces, Movability Austin Executive Director Glenn Gadbois said. Movability Austin works with downtown employers and employees to find alternatives to driving by themselves in a car.

Gadbois said Movability Austin’s mission is crucial because there are 125,000 people who go into downtown Austin every day, 70 percent of whom commute alone.

“We know downtown’s vibrancy and dynamic that got us all wanting to be down here is going to be threatened if we don’t deal with things like parking and transportation differently than we have,” he said.

Gadbois said that new technology makes

it easier for people to transition away from relying as much on their car. RideScout, an Austin-based mobile app that launched in March, gives the cost and estimated arrival and departure times for multiple forms of transportation such as buses and Car2Go.

RideScout founder and CEO Joseph Kopser said the app helps Austinites overcome an initial fear of using alternative forms of transportation.

“A person’s got to know they will get home safely and efficiently, or else they are going to just cling to their car, take off and waste time, traffic and parking,” he said.

RideScout joins other established Austin-based transportation information technologies such as Dadnab, which sends transit directions via text message. Dadnab is on track for 2.3 million queries in Austin this year, which is up from

1.6 million queries last year, founder Roger Cauvin said.

Councilman Chris Riley, who has not owned a car for several years, said Austin is in line with trends throughout the nation of people looking for alternative commutes. He said it is in the city’s best interest to offer as many alternative transportation options as possible.

“Every time we provide an alternative commute for someone out there, that is one more car off the road that is no longer competing with others to make that traffic signal or get to that parking space,” he said. “All of these improvements, the advances that we are making, help all commuters, even those who are still driving to work.”

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## Ride-sharing takes off in Austin

A proposed Austin public bicycle-sharing program is expected to be operational by the end of the year, co-organizer David Rockwood said.

Bike Share of Austin would let users rent a bike at an electronic bike station, ride to their desired location and drop off their rental bike at a separate bike station. The proposal is similar to the bike-share programs that have been successful in cities such as Denver and San Antonio, Rockwood said.

Austin City Council in January approved a five-year contract with BSA to operate the program. BSA is working toward securing the \$500,000 it needs before it receives the \$1.5 million grant funded from federal transportation dollars, Rockwood said.

Rockwood said he expects the program will start with about 400 bikes. The bike-share program will be focused on the downtown area and likely have stations at places such as parks and the Austin Convention Center, Rockwood said. The program is designed for shorter distance trips throughout downtown, he said.

Councilman Chris Riley said the bike-share program and new bike lanes should help get more people out of their cars.

The City of Austin in 2013 has completed or is working on five bikeway improvement projects that would create about 13 miles of physically separated bike lanes, according to a Public Works Department report. In 2012, the public works department completed bicycle projects on more than 40 miles of Austin streets, including 23.5 miles of new bicycle lanes, according to the report.

### Car sharing

Car2Go and Zipcar allow Austinites to use one of the companies’ cars and drop it off at a different location.

Membership in Car2Go, the car-sharing service that launched in Austin in 2010, rose from 21,000 in 2012 to 32,000 as of April 2013, Car2Go spokeswoman Katie Stafford said. Zipcar does not disclose its membership numbers, but the service added three cars to its fleet in April, Zipcar

spokeswoman CJ Himberg said.

Both car-share services expanded their coverage area in 2013 to allow cars to be dropped off at Austin-Bergstrom International Airport.

Car2Go charges members a one-time registration fee of \$35 plus 38 cents per mile to operate a vehicle. Car2Go has 300 cars that serve a 50-square-mile area in Central Austin

Zipcar charges a \$60 per month membership fee and a one-time \$25 application fee. The membership and application fee grants members about eight hours of pre-paid driving per month. The cost of Zipcar for members starts at \$7.75 per hour and \$69 per day.

Stafford said a car-share program can be one piece of a puzzle that helps people become less reliant on cars. Many members use Car2Go in conjunction with their own car or with public transit, she said.

“People can choose on any given day how to get around based on [their] needs for that day,” she said.

For more information on Car2Go, visit [www.car2go.com/en/austin](http://www.car2go.com/en/austin). For more information on Zipcar, visit [www.zipcar.com/austin](http://www.zipcar.com/austin).

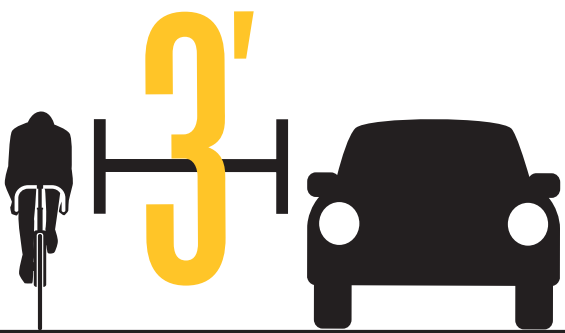


David Rockwood, Bike Share of Austin co-organizer, said the initiative will resemble Denver’s program (pictured).



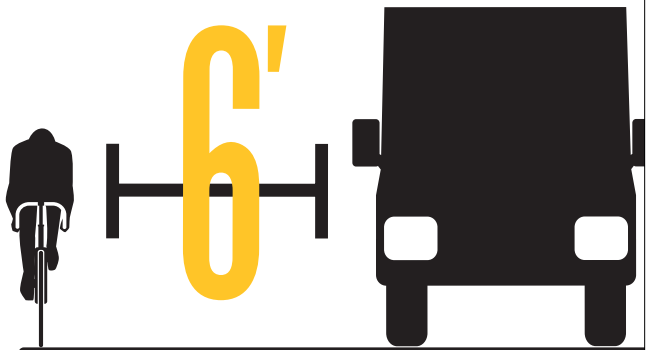
Car2Go membership numbers have continually increased, spokeswoman Katie Stafford said.

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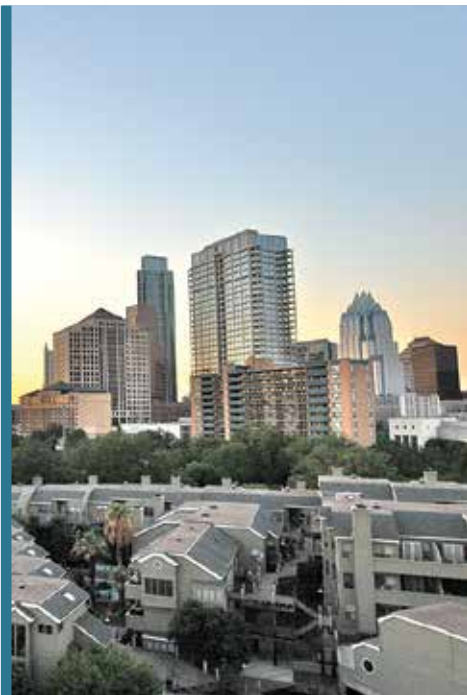
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REAL ESTATE

Featured Neighborhood  
Downtown

Market Data provided by  
Jude Galligan, broker-owner  
REATX Real Estate in Austin  
512-226-3414



Overview

**Build-out year:** Not built out  
**Builders:** Various  
**Home values:** \$95,000 to \$9 million+  
**HOA dues (estimated):** \$0.18 – \$0.64 per square foot  
**Amenities:** Pool, gym, concierge  
**Nearby attractions:** Royal Blue Grocery, Shoal Creek Trail, Rainey Street District  
**Property taxes:**  
Austin ISD 1.242000  
City of Austin 0.502900  
Travis County 0.500100  
Travis County Healthcare District 0.078946  
Austin Community College District 0.095100  
**Total (per \$100 value)** **2.419046**

Homes on the market (As of May 14, 2013)


No. of homes for sale	64
No. of homes under contract	52
Average days on the market	41

Annual home sales (May 2012–May 2013)

No. of homes sold	277
Square footage (low/high)	345/4,183
Selling price (low/high)	\$99,500/\$2,750,000


Featured homes

507 Sabine St., No. 1009



1 Bedroom / 1 Bath 711 sq. ft. \$250,000  
Agent: Jude Galligan 512-236-8898

710 Colorado St., No. H4



1 Bedroom / 2 Bath 1,235 sq. ft. \$440,000  
Agent: Anna Anami 512-481-0801

54 Rainey St., No. 1122



3 Bedroom / 3 Bath 2,418 sq. ft. \$1,148,000  
Agent: Scott Ungar 512-809-1939

210 Lavaca St., No. 3501



3 Bedroom / 4 Bath 3,542 sq. ft. \$2,200,000  
Agent: Katy McVey 512-322-9221

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On the market (April 2013)

Price Range	Number of homes for sale/Average days on market						
	78701	78703	78704	78731	78751	78756	78757
Less than \$100,000	2/660	2/124	4/48	3/16	1/30	4/40	12/78
\$100,000–\$149,999	2/24	5/57	2/31	3/26	-	3/20	1/6
\$150,000–\$199,999	4/21	6/31	9/23	5/77	6/27	-	8/28
\$200,000–\$299,999	9/38	8/24	23/37	5/54	8/71	1/119	4/133
\$300,000–\$399,999	8/42	12/128	13/63	5/120	5/16	2/8	8/38
\$400,000–\$499,999	3/87	10/15	19/28	12/27	7/11	3/21	3/9
\$500,000–\$749,999	10/57	13/35	19/48	18/40	6/56	3/19	-
\$750,000–\$999,999	4/52	7/65	9/69	6/72	1/38	-	-
\$1 million +	12/67	34/59	6/166	22/72	-	-	-

Monthly home sales

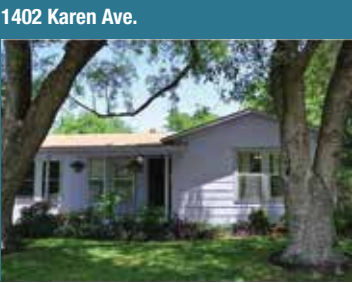
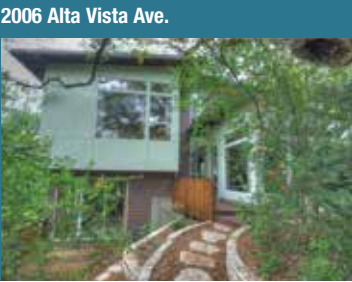
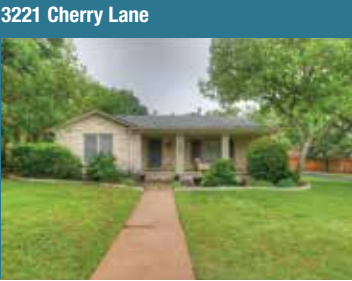
Month	Number of homes sold/Average price						
	78701	78703	78704	78731	78751	78756	78757
April 2013	25/\$332,500	47/\$676,000	66/\$389,000	46/\$440,500	18/\$359,000	15/\$420,000	44/\$298,000
April 2012	13/\$309,900	33/\$565,000	56/\$385,000	47/\$414,000	14/\$259,000	12/\$256,075	50/\$282,750
March 2013	29/\$337,000	37/\$620,000	47/\$355,000	43/\$399,000	11/\$295,000	17/\$370,000	37/\$250,000
February 2013	15/\$380,000	33/\$525,000	47/\$297,000	12/\$355,400	11/\$340,000	10/\$445,000	25/\$277,000
January 2013	8/\$453,750	16/\$391,925	30/\$254,250	22/\$354,800	7/\$313,500	9/\$321,800	19/\$227,000
December 2012	22/\$381,500	30/\$629,000	55/\$417,000	28/\$570,000	14/\$253,450	6/\$352,225	27/\$279,570
November 2012	15/\$328,000	16/\$548,750	33/\$292,100	29/\$465,693	11/\$220,000	5/\$175,000	35/\$251,000
October 2012	11/\$385,000	21/\$615,000	44/\$360,500	45/\$520,000	13/\$275,000	2/\$241,250	33/\$266,500
September 2012	15/\$325,000	22/\$531,825	41/\$380,000	22/\$515,000	11/\$310,000	10/\$387,850	29/\$252,400

Recent Property Listings

ZIP code	Subdivision	Address	Bed/Bath	Price	Sq. ft.	Agent	Agency	Phone
78701	Milago Condo	54 Rainey St., No. 311	1br/1ba	\$265,000	756	Diane Lipsitz	Amelia Bullock, Realtors	512-632-9264
78701	Sabine on Fifth	507 Sabine St., No. 307	2br/2ba	\$399,000	1,426	Robin Reed	Keller Williams Realty	512-501-6363
78701	Town Lake Residences	98 San Jacinto Blvd., No. 709	2br/2ba	\$1,175,000	1,815	Vince Martinez	Keller Williams Realty	512-785-4288
78703	Brykerwoods	1703 W. 31st St.	2br/2ba	\$539,900	1,493	David White	Keller Williams - Lake Travis	512-992-3409
78703	Enfield	2305 Windsor Road	5br/4ba	\$2,325,000	5,865	Lisa Foster-Sexton	Realty Austin	512-751-7321
78703	Marlton Place	2412 W. 10th St.	3br/2ba	\$560,000	1,788	Mai Haselman	Keller Williams Realty	512-994-9033
78703	Marlton Place	2101 W. 10th St.	4br/4ba	\$650,000	2,643	Michael Said	Realty Austin	512-789-6543
78703	Spring Condo	300 Bowie St., No. 1807	2br/2ba	\$565,000	983	Aaron Farmer	Texas Discount Realty	512-323-0400
78703	Tobin & Johnson	3221 Cherry Lane	4br/3ba	\$725,000	2,847	Carol Dochen	Carol Dochen Realtors Inc.	512-345-2227
78704	Akoya Condo	2200 Dickson Drive, No. 120	2br/2ba	\$217,000	903	Sonya Cunningham	Amelia Bullock, Realtors	512-633-4619
78704	Barton Oaks	1916 Edgeware Drive	4br/2ba	\$325,000	2,386	Jennifer Glasscock	Keller Williams Realty	512-450-8343
78704	Barton Place	1600 Barton Springs Road, No. 6105	2br/2ba	\$465,365	1,117	Crystal Guthrie	Cantera Real Estate	512-422-3452
78704	Creeside Terrace	2303 East Side Drive., No. 212	1br/1ba	\$140,500	703	Sherry Stark	One Percent Realty	512-965-1233
78704	Horseshoe Bend	2512 Mountain View Drive	4br/3ba	\$799,000	3,160	Wendy Papasan	Keller Williams Realty	512-297-9431
78704	James E. Bouldin	909 W. Johanna St., Ste. A	2br/2ba	\$549,900	1,650	Kevin Burns	Urbanspace	512-848-8722
78704	Nash	1809 Ford St.	6br/4ba	\$625,000	2,338	Christopher Gunn	Keller Williams Realty	512-663-8935
78704	South Heights	1106 S. Fifth St.	2br/1ba	\$389,900	650	Bill Dunham	Prudential Texas Realty	512-940-1886
78704	Travis Heights	2002 Kenwood Ave.	4br/3ba	\$825,000	2,475	Kevin Burns	Urbanspace	512-848-8722
78704	Travis Heights	2006 Alta Vista Ave.	3br/3ba	\$1,100,000	3,020	Don Sembera	Moreland Properties	512-927-6881
78731	Highland Park West	5200 Ridge Oak Drive	3br/2ba	\$1,300,000	3,688	Stuart Slicis	Turnquist Partners Realtors	512-567-2352
78731	Highland Park West	5110 Crestway Drive	4br/2ba	\$799,999	3,157	Christine Prater	Moreland Properties	512-413-5855
78731	Las Colinas	3611 Las Colinas Drive, Ste. B	3br/2ba	\$215,000	1,143	Terri Rhyan	Stanberry & Associates	512-750-6744
78731	Mount Bonnell Shores	4507 River Wood Court	4br/4ba	\$2,980,000	4,303	Eric Moreland	Moreland Properties	512-924-8442
78731	Parkhill	6302 Mountain Park Cove	3br/3ba	\$724,900	2,623	Simon Cawley	Urbanspace	512-671-0009
78731	Winn	4700 Finley Drive	4br/2ba	\$484,000	2,134	Ruth Powers	Realty Austin	512-964-3434
78751	Park Place Condo	4306 Avenue A, No. 114	2br/1ba	\$154,900	798	Janette Friend-Harrington	Coldwell Banker United Realtor	512-844-3331
78751	Ridgetop	4501 Depew Ave.	6br/3ba	\$557,500	2,308	Richard Olesch	Lee Real Estate Services Inc.	512-919-2975
78756	Broadacres	5706 Jeff Davis Ave.	6br/2ba	\$453,000	2,060	Nancy Van Praag	Property Consultants of Austin	512-769-5888
78756	Great Oaks	2510 Great Oaks Parkway	3br/2ba	\$599,000	1,730	Suzanne Pringle	Amelia Bullock, Realtors	512-217-1047
78756	Seiders Oak Condo	1509 W. 39 1/2 St., No. 206	1br/1ba	\$149,900	701	Paul Reddam	Homesville Real Estate	512-300-2995
78757	Crestview	1215 Piedmont Ave.	3br/1ba	\$417,000	1,815	Nancy Van Praag	Property Consultants of Austin	512-769-5888
78757	Northgate	912 Morrow St.	2br/2ba	\$249,900	768	Michael Harrell	Keller Williams Realty	512-769-8802
78757	Northgate	914 Morrow St.	3br/2ba	\$249,900	1,159	Michael Harrell	Keller Williams Realty	512-769-8802
78757	Violet Crown Heights	1402 Karen Ave.	2br/2ba	\$295,000	1,188	Courtney Oldham	Keller Williams Realty	512-531-2904

ZIP code guide

- 78701 Downtown
- 78703 West Austin
- 78704 South/Central
- 78731 Northwest/Central
- 78751 Hyde Park
- 78756 Brentwood
- 78757 Burnet Road/Anderson Lane



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