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EASTPOINT COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

San Antonio Eastside Promise Neighborhood and Choice Neighborhood Impact Area



IN THIS ISSUE



POWERED BY COMMUNITY

EastPoint encompasses the combined footprints of both Eastside Promise Neighborhood and Wheatley Choice Neighborhood – a diverse and culturally rich neighborhood, home to approximately 18,000 residents.

EastPoint thrives on the harmony and originality of its new and old historic points of interest including St. Philip's College, The Carver Community Cultural Center and Library, Dignowity Park, St. Paul Square, the San Antonio National Cemetery, Sunset Station, Woodard, the Menger Creek expansion, and the redeveloped Wheatley Courts and Sutton Homes. It is also home to the Nation's Largest MLK March route. EastPoint embodies the values of integrity, hard work and a celebrated community. It reflects the social fabric of a rebirth where residents have been empowered to prepare their youth for success, strengthen family units and build lasting economic vitality.

PHOTOS BY: Sarah Brooke Lyons

THE PRINT

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

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







EASTPOINTSA.ORG FACEBOOK.COM/EASTPOINTSA @EASTPOINTSA

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DEAR NEIGHBORS:

It is a pleasure to have this opportunity to welcome you to the first edition of 'The Point,' the first official newsletter of EastPoint.

EastPoint is a combined footprint area that makes up the Promise and Choice Federal Grant initiatives. The project is a coordinated effort to revitalize the Eastside from a distressed community into sustainable, mixed income neighborhoods by linking housing improvements with wider public services such as good schools, human services and employment.

Thank you for your active participation and support. We look forward and encourage your contributions and dialogue to make this newsletter great.

Sincerely,

IVY R. Taylor

Councilwoman District 2







GOOD THINGS ARE GROWING AT SUTTON OAKS

By Caroline Lacy

The Park at Sutton Oaks had its official opening May 31st which includes a community youth garden among its many amenities. But if you were to take a moment to investigate further you would see there is much more going on than just planting flowers.

After months of development and many hot hours spent in the sun by volunteers and children, some with no knowledge of gardening, the garden has blossomed into a beautiful gathering place for the

community. The goal of the youth garden is not only to provide a space that will strengthen bonds in the community but additionally, by using gardening as a tool, have children put their math and science skills into practice.

WHEN PEOPLE
GATHER TO

VOLUNTEER, GOOD

THINGS HAPPEN

and civilians together for a day of fellowship and volunteering.
Curiosity brought some of the nearby children away from their televisions and out of their apartments to work I ocal

The development of the community

garden brought military veterans

of their apartments to work. Local organic farmers have even shown an interest in supporting the space by showing up to volunteer and teach the community homesteading, or the art of farming. With continued support from people both

in EastPoint and across San Antonio, organizations such as HEB, have stepped in to make sure good things will continue to grow there.

It is not too late to be a part of this important step toward unity within the community. If you would like to help with the garden or volunteer your time towards youth services contact Victor Zuniga at victor@fraklinmgt.net.

Photos of The Park at Sutton Oaks Grand Opening, May 31st PHOTOS BY: Levi Reed & Shokare Nakpodia











EASTPOINT 5K FUN RUN

Saturday, May 31, 2014



PHOTOS BY: Levi Reed & Shokare Nakpodia





THE GREATEST TEAM VS. THE GREATEST PLAYER

SAN ANTONIO SPURS VS. MIAMI HEAT

By Walter Perry

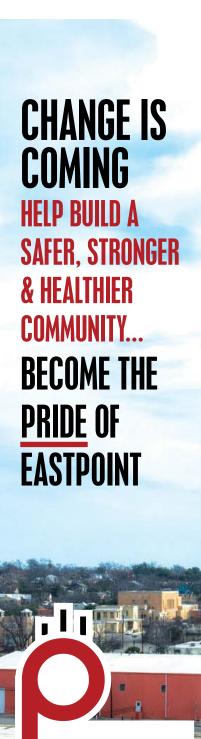
The Western Conference Champion, San Antonio Spurs are back in 2014 NBA Finals and they are on a serious mission to beat the team who broke their hearts and stole their trophy in last year's Finals... the Miami Heat. Led by the Big 3 of Duncan, Parker and Ginobili, along with the emergence of Leonard and the rest of the bench. The

Spurs' battle through the Western Conference playoffs was nothing short of epic and hard fought, with the Spurs beating Dallas in 7 games, crushing Portland in 5 games and battling to victory against Oklahoma City in 6 games.

Expect a fantastic series because both of these teams bring top-notch

scoring and defense. In order to win the championship the Spurs realize that they have to go through LeBron James and Dwayne Wade and the rest of the Heat players. Make no mistake that the Spurs will be ready to sweeten the sour taste left in their mouths from last season.... I'm calling Spurs in 6 #GOSpursGO!





Join the EastPoint Pride and help grow our community!

Contribute to the community newsletter, distribute flyers, work on the events crew and more. *Contact us to join right away!*

Call 210-444-2315 for more info or email info@eastpointsa.org



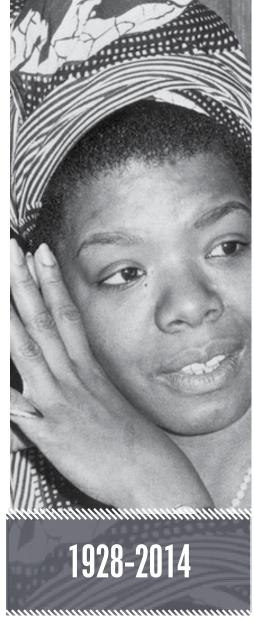
MAYA ANGELOU REMEMBERED

There are so many things I could say about the poet Maya Angelou. She is the reason that I began writing in the first place. She was an outstanding woman of dignity. She was an amazing word-smith who could move an entire nation to tears. I could go on and on but the most important thing Maya Angelou did for me as a poet was teach me to believe in myself both as a poet and a person. Her poem "Still I Rise" inspired me to begin my journey as a poet and its repeated title line has been a constant reminder to keep trying and going in life and to never be afraid to share my piece because even if I bomb today tomorrow I will rise again! Even just as a woman outside of her poet role, Maya's many speeches for the youth, young women, and just the way she lived her life in general was a shining example to follow and a goal to aspire towards with each line I write. When we lost Maya we lost an amazing poet, woman, and leader but thanks to her life we have also gained many poets. I thank God for sharing her with us if only for a moment and can only hope to one day make her legacy proud!

- Courtney Blackwell

Dr. Maya Angelou is a true inspiration. She has shown her strength through her words...her actions...her love for the people. I am inspired to be a greater person by being a mother, educator, mentor and writer. To be a voice for a voiceless people. To feed into the youth and show them the greatness they posses. This is what I take from Dr. Angelou and what I give to others.

-T Rochelle Guess



Does my sexiness upset you?

Does it come as a surprise

That I dance like I've got diamonds

At the meeting of my thighs?

Out of the huts of history's shame

Up from a past that's rooted in pain

Excerpt from Maya Angelou's "Still I Rise"



FAITH SPOTLIGHT: ANTIOCH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

By Pastor Kenneth R. Kemp

The Antioch Missionary Baptist Church is a dynamic fellowship of believers in Christ which has been ministering on the Eastside of San Antonio for 79 years. Organized in 1935, under the leadership of Rev. Rufus Wilson, Antioch has prioritized the empowerment of people through the teachings of Christ for nearly four decades. In 2009, Pastor Kenneth Kemp became the fourth pastor of Antioch. Under Pastor Kemp's leadership, Antioch continues to "Boldly Build for the Kingdom" through holistic ministry to the spirit, mind, and body. This historic body of believers continues to positively impact the Eastside community through ministry that makes a difference.



SERVICE TIMES

- Sunday Worship: 7:30 &11:00 AM
- Church School: 9:15 AM on Sunday mornings
- Mid-week Manna: Noon on Wednesdays
- Wednesday Word and Worship: 6:00 PM
- The Recharge Zone
 Contemporary Worship:
 5:00 PM on third Saturdays

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1ST ANNUAL JUNETEENTH ART & FILM FESTIVAL

The screen goes up for the very first annual Juneteenth Art & Film Festival on Friday, June 13th at Mixed Media Group on Cherry Street and runs through Sunday, June 15th. As an extension of the Juneteenth celebration, organizers have a mission "to expose the community to the benefits of art forms and inspire hidden talent." Juneteenth volunteer member Deborah Omowale saw the passion Febra Gaitan and her team possessed and reached out to them with the idea of bridging the old with the new and creating an Art & Film Festival. Friday will kick off the festivities with an opening reception and art exhibition featuring the Humans of San Antonio project and several local artists, and then continue with an after party at the always soulful Tucker's Kozy Korner on East Houston Street.

One of the festival's featured films is a Spike Lee executive-produced powerful documentary from Texas native Darius Clark Monroe, "Evolution of a Criminal." Rewinding back to his past director Darius Monroe gives an insight into his life changing experience as a 16-year-old bank robber in a desperate attempt to help his family. A remorseful Monroe, now 33, tries to help the audience understand his evolution of a good kid to an ex-con while providing zero excuses for his harmful actions.

Another festival highlight is Emmy nominated "As I Am," produced by Alan Spearman and Mark Adams; the short film takes you through Chris Dean's neighborhood in South Memphis throughout a span of eight weeks capturing the young philosopher's observation about life.

The festival will also proudly take part in the launch of the inaugural "Ya'Ke Smith Youth Filmmaker Award," which will recognize minority filmmakers between the ages of 17-21 that reside in Bexar County. Ya'Ke states, "The road of an artist is long and hard, but I hope that this award will inspire the recipient to remain persistent and continue to move forward no matter the obstacles that may come their way." Ya'Ke is currently screening films submitted by local students from Sam Houston, Brackenridge, Harlandale and Southwest Preparatory, and will announce the recipient of the award at a special presentation on Saturday June 14th (venue and times will be posted on the festival's official twitter, @juneartfilm).

In total, fourteen films (not including student submitted films) will be screened throughout the three-day celebration. Expect to find a diverse selection of films from award winning to Sundance, Cannes, and Hollywood Black Film selections available to you in your own backyard. Among the film screenings, other festivities will include an Art Exhibition and a Youth Showcase featuring local musicians, actors, artists, dancers, poets. With an exciting and inspiring line-up of films and events, this is one commUNITY celebration you must be a part of.

Check out the fest's Facebook and twitter for full lineup and schedule: *facebook.com/juneteenthartandfilmfestival* and *@juneartfilm*







TOP: "As I Am" (2012) Alan Spearman LEFT: Ya'ke Smith, Filmmaker

CELEBRATING THROUGH ART & FILM WITHIN COMMUNITY!



RIGHT: Michael Cirlos, Humans of San Antonio

THE NEW WHEATLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Wheatley Middle School has been identified as a community school host in EastPoint. It is an opportunity to create a lasting physical, social, cultural, economic, educational and organizational community asset.

SAISD along with the San Antonio Housing Authority, and United Way has partnered with urban planning firm Concordia to develop the new Wheatley Community School.

A community school is both a place and a set of partnerships between the school and other community

resources. Its integrated focus on academics, health and social services, youth and community development and community engagement leads to improved student learning, stronger families and healthier

communities. Schools become centers of the community and are open to everyone – all day, every day, evenings and weekends.



Community schools address many of the realities that challenge today's schools and educators including

cultural disconnects, disengaged students, poverty, too much unstructured time, unaddressed health needs, transience, school violence and unsafe school environments, overburdened and under resourced schools.

Bobbie Hill, Partner in Charge of Planning for Concordia, stressed the importance of community involvement, "engaging citizens in the planning for a community school presents a great opportunity for increasing student success and building local capacity for community members to have a more meaningful role in ongoing development."

Following Phase I of development, the soft launch of the Community School is targeted for September 2014 with ongoing work to further develop programs, schedules and necessary design issues that will take longer to develop.

Visit eastpointsa.org for more infomation.







UPCOMING

THE THIRD WHEATLEY
COMMUNITY SCHOOL
DEVELOPMENT GATHERING
IS JULY 8TH AT 5:30PM
AT WHEATLEY MIDDLE
SCHOOL

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: MARIA AGUILAR

Maria (17) will graduate
June 7th with her fellow Sam
Houston High School seniors
and take the next steps in
her educational journey. As
she prepares for the next
adventure she wanted to give
a shout-out to Mr. Dromgoole,
the senior sponsor and
culinary teacher (Maria's
favorite class) because "he's
always giving us good advice
about school and thinking
about our right paths."

MARIA AGUILAR IS:

- The Sam Houston High School Senior Class President
- A member of the National Honor Society
- Will attend Texas A&M University in the fall
- Going to major in
 Bilingual Education with
 the goal to teach Spanish
 to pre-k and kindergarten
 children as a career.
- Aspiring to one day open a women's and children shelter in the EastPoint community.

Maria, who has lived her entire life in EastPoint, has seen improvement in the area saying, "It's a good community. It's developing a lot, there's a lot of different kind of people now. I've marched in the Martin Luther King March and it was a fun experience and I love to see that everyone gets along that day."

THE 2014 SAGE BEST OF THE EASTSIDE BUSINESS AWARDS

San Antonio for Growth on the Eastside hosted their inaugural "Best of the Eastside Awards" at their Quarterly Eastside Business Briefing on May 14th. The awards honored local east side businesses that make a positive impact and are role models in the community.



Eastside business community members gather to recognize the SAGE "Best Of The Eastside" 2014 Award Recipients



BEST RETURN ON INVESTMENT

Mark Behounek, NBTY, Plant Manager



BEST BUSINESS TRANSFORMATION Ruth Martin, My Place Barber & Beauty,
Owner



BEST BUSINESS ROLE MODEL Dona Liston, Lambermont Events- Owner



BEST EMERGING BUSINESSSherrika Arch Straight Line Management,
Owner



BEST COMMUNITY PARTNERUniversity of the Incarnate Word
Bowden Eye Care Clinic





BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT: PANCHOS & GRINGOS

By Amaya Nakpodia

When Sergio Calderon decided to open his restaurant in the Dignowity Hill area in 2012, he saw it as an opportunity to return to his roots. Sergio, who was born and raised in Atlixco, Puebla, Mexico, ran two delicatessens in New York for a number of years prior to making the move to San Antonio, TX. When he came across his current location at 900 Nolan Street he simply fell in love with the space and the rest is history.

Panchos and Gringos serves a delicious variety of menu options from grilled sandwiches that come on your choice of bread including their delicious homemade rolls, fried chicken, hamburgers and salad platters. Some of the recommended dishes include: Kentucky eggs, chicken cordon bleu, and the meatball sub made with their in-house red sauce prepared fresh daily. Panchos also offers daily specials and serves up breakfast all day long for those with a craving for huevos rancheros late in the day.

The restaurant has a friendly retro, art deco atmosphere. In the 2 years Sergio has run the restaurant he's become familiar with the regulars sharing, "everyone who stops in is like family." Sergio also added, "I'm excited to see the growth and improvement in the area. It's a great neighborhood!"

Panchos and Gringos is open Monday- Saturday 7:00 am - 3:00 pm and Sunday 8:00 am - 2:00 pm.





EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Visit **eastpointsa.org** for full listings. Applications are currently being accepted for the following positions:

AMERICORPS VISTA:

PROMISE ZONE AGENCY
PARTNERSHIP COORDINATOR
Full time. Apply by July 6, 2014

PROMISE ZONE DATA & EVALUATION COORDINATOR Full time. Apply by July 6, 2014

PROMISE ZONE ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR
Full time. Apply by July 6, 2014

PROMISE ZONE VISTA LEADER Full time. Apply by July 6, 2014

For full job listings or to apply online visit eastpointsa.org/jobs

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VIA:

VARIOUS POSITIONS AVAILABLE. EOE. For full job listings or to apply online visit www.viainfo.net

CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

TRAINING OFFICER
Salary: \$17.93 - \$26.89 / hour
Apply online at www.sanantonio.gov

For information about placing an employment listing in this newsletter, contact us at (210) 444-2315 or email info@eastpointsa.org.

On **eastpointsa.org** you can add events, post job openings, and add/edit your listings



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Eastside Promise Neighborhood (EPN)
210-352-7142 | eastsidepromise.org

United Way of San Antonio and Bexar County

210-352-7000 | *unitedwaysatx.org*

CHOICE

Neighborhood Initiative 210-477-6262 | *saha.org*

San Antonio Housing Authority (SAHA)
210-477-6262 | saha.org

The City of San Antonio
Office of EastPoint &
Real Estate Services

210-207-6502 | *sanantonio.gov*

San Antonio Independent School District (SAISD) 210-554-2200 | saisd.net

San Antonio for Growth on The Eastside (SAGE) 210-248-9178 | sagesanantonio.org

District Council 2

210.207.7278 | sanantonio.gov

Urban Strategies

210-227-4375 | urbanstrategiesinc.org

CONCORDIA

504-569-1818 | concordia.com

The MightyGroup

210-444-2315 | **themightygroup.com**

*PaCT (Promise and Choice Together) was formed by the City of San Antonio with the goal of creating an integrated and streamlined process in the execution of the Promise and Choice grants. The grants aim to improve childhood development, create affordable housing, develop community programs, increase business and job opportunities, and address crime. *Visit sapact.org for more information*.

PaCT is comprised of Eastside Promise Neighborhood, Choice Neighborhood Initiative, United Way of San Antonio, The San Antonio Housing Authority, The City of San Antonio, San Antonio Independent School District, and San Antonio for Growth on the Eastside.



PROMISE AND CHOICE TOGETHER





















PACT* PARTNER PROGRAMS

EASTSIDE PROMISE NEIGHBORHOOD

- Kinder Prep Academy
 July 14 Aug 8 at Bowden,
 Pershing, and Washington
 Elementary.
- Summer Festivals
 June 20th at Pershing Park
 August 17th -TBD
- Midnight Basketball
 June 20 Aug 2, Fri & Sat evenings
 at the Davis ScottYMCA
- Advisory Council Meetings
 Every 1st Meeting of the Month
 @ 5:30pm. Please contact EPN
 staff to confirm the location

For info on any EPN programs please call (210) 352-7149.

SAGE

Store-Front Grant Program
 For information call
 (210) 248-9178 or visit
 www.sagesanantonio.org

UNITED WAY

 Financial Empowerment Center at the Claude Black Center Call to schedule an appointment (210) 352-7087 or visit www.sanantoniofec.org.

CHOICE

- Monthly Neighborhood Coffee
 Every last Wednesday of the
 Month at 10 am at the Ella
 Austin Community Center
- Wheatley Courts Residents'
 Meeting Last Tuesday of every
 month at 11 am & 5:30 pm
 at the Ella Austin Community
 Center
- Wheatley Courts Residents'
 Section 3 Meeting Every 3rd
 Friday of every month at 11
 am & 5:30 pm at the Ella Austin
 Community Center

SAHA

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

On eastpointsa.org you can add events, post job openings, and add/edit your listings



COMMUNITY YOUTH PROGRAMS IN EASTPOINT

- Boys & Girls Club of San Antonio (210) 436-0686
 - Carver School for Visual and Performing Arts (210) 207-7211 www.thecarver.org/education/ education-csvpa/
- Claude & Zernona Black Leadership Institute (210) 224-5953
- Ella Austin Community Center (210) 224-2351
- EPN Girl Scout Leadership Experience at Camp Metro (210) 349-2404
- Free Summer Meals for Kids and Teens at Lockwood Park Healthy meals Served daily 8:30am and 12:00pm June 9th-Aug 8th

- Greater San Antonio After-School All-Stars (210) 229-7827
- H.I.S. BridgeBuilders(210) 870-4676
- Healy-Murphy Center, Inc. (210) 223-2944
- Sam Houston High School SAISD (210) 661-4134
- SA Public Library
 Mayor's Summer Reading Club
 www.mysapl.org/srp/
- St. Philip's College Kids Camp (210) 486-2747 www.alamo.edu/spc/k8-summeracademy/
- YMCA of Greater San Antonio (210) 246-9622

EASTPOINT TRACK CLUB FOR BOYS & GIRLS

Promoting health and wellness in the community for all interested runners ages 8-18 in the EastPoint footprint.



Training is on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at Wheatley Heights Sports Complex and Track Meets are every Saturday now through July at Judson High School. \$50 Registration fee.

For information on joining please call Frank Dunn at (210) 601-6116.



UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE

JUNE 27 — Student Summer Theater Camp **Performance** @ The Carver, 7p

JUNE 28 — Student Summer Theater Camp **Performance & Reception** @ The Carver, 3p

JUNE 28 - Tha I Radio's 1st Annual Burger Cook-off & Kickball Tournament

@ Claude Black Community Center, 9a

JUNE 30 — Fitness in the Stadium @ Wheatley Heights Sports Complex, 5:30p

JULY -

JULY 2 — SAYWE Present Celebrate America! @St. Philip's, Watson Fine Arts Center, 7p

JULY 7 - EPN Advisory Council Meeting

@ Ella Austin Senior Center, 5 - 6:30p

JULY 7 — Fitness in the Stadium

@ Wheatley Heights Sports Complex, 5:30p

JULY 14 - Fitness in the Stadium

@ Wheatley Heights Sports Complex, 5:30p

JULY 19 - 2014 Drum Corps International

Tour @ Alamodome

JULY 21 — Fitness in the Stadium

@ Wheatley Heights Sports Complex, 5:30p

JULY 25 — Student Summer Dance Intensive

Performance @ The Carver, 7p

JULY 28 — Fitness in the Stadium

@ Wheatley Heights Sports Complex, 5:30p

EASTSIDE MIDNIGHT BASKETBALL

June 20 - Aug 2. Fri & Sat evenings at the Davis Scott YMCA

YOUNG ADULT DIVISIONS:

- Contact: 210.207.7566
- Men (17-25)
- Women (17-25) 120 Spots available

YOUTH DIVISIONS Contact: 210.532.0932

- Boys (13-14)
- Boys (15-16)
- Girls (15-16)
- 180 Spots available

VISIT EASTPOINTSA.ORG FOR INFO

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Tha St Annual Burger Cook-off & Kickball Tournament













Saturday, June 28th Claude Black Community Center 9am-5pm

Teams Compete For the Kickball Championship Local Restaurants Compete for the Best Burger!

\$1 Admission or (1) School Supply * Family Friendly Event 60% of proceeds will go to the Eastside Boys and Girls Club

