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Save the Date:

Liveable City Holiday Bash

Monday, December 6, 5:30pm-8pm

Black Star Coop Pub & Brewery

<http://www.blackstar.coop/>

Mark your calendars now for Liveable City's annual Holiday Bash, Monday, December 6th, 5:30pm-8pm. This year, we'll be celebrating at the new Black Star Coop Pub & Brewery, located on the Red Line in Crestview Station at North Lamar & Airport Boulevard.

Catch up with old friends and meet new ones, sample luscious complimentary appetizers, or hoist a frosty beverage at the cash bar (Black Star's all about the beer, but diehard oenophiles will still find a glass of the grape). Watch trains cruise by from your perch in Black Star's modern glass interior *and* get a jump on your holiday shopping at our festive silent auction.

The annual Holiday Bash is also a great time to join or renew your Liveable City membership. As a member, you'll be eligible to nominate folks for this spring's 2011 Liveable Vision Awards. We'll be kicking off the nominations with a special table at the Holiday Bash so please start thinking about those deserving local heroes now.

Black Star @ Crestview combines so many things we like: cooperative ventures, local business, public transit, mixed-use development...and oh yeah, beer! What more livable way to start the holiday season? Save the date and we'll see you there on December 6th.

**Join or Renew for 2011:
Liveable City Kicks Off Fall Membership Drive**
<http://www.liveablecity.org/about/membership/>

Do you care about keeping Austin livable for everyone? Now more than ever, we must work to shape and preserve the city our children and grandchildren will inherit – a sustainable city with equity and opportunity for every member of our community.

Liveable City works to address Austin’s long-term social, environmental, and economic needs while educating and empowering residents to improve the quality of life for all. Dedicated to civic engagement, Liveable City researches public policy, works to implement best practices, and provides strategy support to community building groups.

Liveable City’s project priorities include affordable housing, education, open government, independent local businesses, transportation, renewable energy, health care, and city and regional planning. Throughout the year, we work to ensure equitable opportunities for everyone across our diverse and growing community.

You can play an active role in this effort by becoming a member of Liveable City at a level that is meaningful for you.

Join or renew your LC membership today at
<http://www.liveablecity.org/about/membership/>

Roll ‘em:

***Austin Unscripted* and “What Is Austin?” Happy Hour**

Saturday, October 23, 6 PM - 8 PM,
Cheer Up Charlie’s, 1104 E. 6th

What should Austin save? That’s an important question for any city, but especially for one growing as fast as ours. Starting Friday, October 22, the National Trust for Historic Preservation will roll its video cameras at locations across town in a four-day project dubbed *Austin Unscripted*. The goal? To capture what *you* think is most important about the city you call home.

As part of this project, Liveable City invites you to a special “What Is Austin?” Happy Hour, Saturday, October 23, 6pm-8pm, at Cheer Up Charlie’s, 104 East 6th. The *Austin Unscripted* crew will be onsite to record your favorite things about Austin and your vision for its future – plus we’ll have Comprehensive Plan materials on hand to help make your vision a reality.

Where else can you go for your close up? Find the complete list of *Austin Unscripted* taping locations and learn more about the project at:
<http://www.preservationnation.org/resources/training/npc/austin-unscripted/>

**From Chaos to Collaboration:
Raising the Bar in Public Engagement**

Friday, November 5, 9am-5pm
St. Edward's University

Here's something we all can use – less chaos, more collaboration. Sponsored by the National Coalition for Dialogue & Deliberation, this full-day workshop offers in-depth discussions and the practical strategies to make public engagement more productive...and dare we say it, less crazy-making?

At the November workshop, you'll:

- Learn from real-life engagement efforts on wide range of topics - water, education, community planning, recreation and more.
- Experience firsthand engagement methods and how to apply them.
- Explore online and face-to-face techniques and debate tough questions about these emerging tools.
- Identify approaches that bridge traditional boundaries to foster collaborations that work.

Register now at www.ncddaustin.eventbrite.com (\$85 registration fee - \$42, students; \$70, NCDD members - includes lunch, a resource guide on public engagement, and an attendee list). Can't swing the full registration, but really want to go? Apply for a discount first at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/discountrequest>.

Liveable City is proud to partner with the National Coalition for Dialogue and Deliberation for this event. To learn more about the NCCD, visit <http://www.thataway.org/>.

**Greening Up the Carver:
ICUSP Students Dig Award**

Give the kids a shovel and they dig up an award. This month, the City of Austin will honor UT's Institute of Community, University and School Partnerships (ICUSP) as a 2010 "Partner in the Arts and Humanities" for their work bringing students and volunteers together to support the "Carver Collaborative," a beautification program at the George Washington Carver Museum & Cultural Center. Just one of many under the ICUSP umbrella, the project engaged students from all over Austin to put some fresh green in the Carver grounds, with an organizing assist from project director Stephanie Fletcher.

Founded by LC Board Member Dr. Kevin Foster, ICUSP unites resources from the local community, UT and area schools in culturally relevant projects designed to promote academic achievement, youth leadership and college readiness. To learn more about ICUSP, visit <http://www.utexas.edu/diversity/ddce/icusp/index.php>

Shout Outs!

- Kudos to ACC's Center for Public Policy & Political Studies on its new documentary, *The Economy Furniture Strike*. Premiered last week at the MACC, the film illuminates a key turning point in the history of Austin's Hispanic community through its recounting of the nearly 3-year factory strike in the late 60s and early 70s.
- Congrats to long-time CAMPO staffer Maureen McCoy, now officially taking the wheel as the group's new Executive Director. We wish her well in moving CAMPO into the 21st century of transportation planning!
- Welcome to Larry Weis, who's powering up as Austin Energy's new General Manager. We'll keep a light on for you (compact fluorescent, of course)!