

Brazos Progress

A Monthly Newsletter

May 2011

Brazos Locavores

Brazos Valley Peace Watch

Texas Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty- Brazos Valley Chapter

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Renee Bork,
Licensed Massage
Therapist, Certified
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Practitioner

Brazos Natural Foods

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Planned Parenthood

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Coalition for Support of Public Schools

Village Foods
We make it easy to eat better

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The Unitarian Universalist Church of the Brazos Valley

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Paul Brannon,
Realtor(R),
Green

Upcoming Events

Student Songwriting Competition

May 7, 6-9

The entrants of this local songwriting competition are all college students (including graduate students, and the winner represents area universities in a special concert during the first weekend of the 18 day Kerrville Folk Festival. The contest will be held at Revolution in downtown Bryan. Up to ten contestants from area universities will present two original songs each, and a panel of judges will select the winner, with the emphasis being on the songwriting craft. For more information, contact Gary Varner at gary@philosophy.tamu.edu.

Brazos Interfaith Immigration Network

Learn and Launch Meeting

May 15, 6:30-8

Please attend the organizing meeting of the BIIN to learn about this newly forming interfaith group dedicated to promoting the well-being of immigrants in our community and learn how you and your organizations can become involved. The event will be held at St. Andre's Episcopal Church Parish Hall (217 W. 26th St, Bryan TX 77803. For more information, send an email to biininfo@gmail.com.

Locavore Lunch at Village Cafe

May 21, 12:30-2

Village Cafe's staff will purchase food for the lunch at the Farmer's Market Saturday morning and will prepare a special menu. During the lunch the Braozs Locavores will facilitate a discussion with Lita Rounds of Found Acre Farm talking about local food issues, what is in season, and RoundAcre Farm. For more information contact Nathanael at brazoslocavores@gmail.com.

Organization Highlight

Brazos Buddhist Association

The Brazos Buddhist Association is a non-sectarian group practicing in a variety of Buddhist traditions, including Insight, Zen, and Tibetan. They meet regularly for group meditations and cooperatively sponsor visiting teachers from all schools of Buddhism. The goal is to create a community for meditators who are interested in Buddhism, whether they adhere to the views of one tradition or want to learn from teachers, but we maintain an open, respectful environment where each practitioner can find or stay true to his or her path. Events are held at Unitarian Universalist Church in the Jefferson Building, with Silent Meditation and Dharma Talks every Sunday 3:30-5:30 & Monday 7-9. Silent Meditation Only: Wednesday 12:15 - 12:45.



The Peach Clubhouse Opens in Bryan

The Peach Clubhouse opened this last month in Bryan, a few blocks north of the African American Museum at 1110 Justine. The Clubhouse is dedicated to identify, generate and discuss media that propose positive and compassionate solutions to today's ecological dilemmas. That means we have books and movies and discussions here, but no bitching or loud music. The Peach Clubhouse is also available as a quiet space for discussion coffee klatches and small-to-medium sized meetings. The Peach Clubhouse is open on Tuesday and Friday, and on Thursday mornings. Drop by some time.



The Brazos Valley Celebrates Earth Day

Brazos Progressives, the Brazos Buddhist Association and other service organizations throughout the Brazos Valley provided information, educational demonstrations and displays on a variety of environmental topics. This event also featured representative businesses and city services. The free event included live entertainment, children's activities and refreshments. For more information about the event visit <http://brazosvalleyearthday.com>.



Sam Baker Supports KEOS

Austin-based singer/songwriter Sam Baker and local favorites, Dharma Cowboys, held a concert at Village Cafe to raise money to support Brazos Valley's own community based radio station, KEOS. KEOS provides local programming for all cultures, ages, and backgrounds. KEOS provide musical, cultural, and informational programming that celebrates the diversity of the Brazos Valley. Make sure you tune in to KEOS 89.1 FM. KEOS is a nonprofit, all-volunteer based organization. To donate, or for more information about programming, visit <http://keos.org>.

Business Highlight

Planned Parenthood

Planned Parenthood is an organization that seeks to provide health information and services to everyone in the community, no matter what race, sexual orientation, or income level. Through information sharing, Planned Parenthood strives to supply the community with the ability to individually and independently manage sexual and reproductive health. Planned Parenthood bestows an open environment where health care choices are able to be made in an informed and accepting matter. Planned Parenthood is currently in a campaign with MTV called "GYT: Get Yourself Tested," which aims to slow the spread of STDs by allowing individuals to become aware and informed about them. By issuing information about birth control and family planning, Planned Parenthood works to make sure that no child will be an unwanted child. Planned Parenthood provides Pap tests, family planning information, STD testing and treatment, HIV/AIDS testing and counseling, pregnancy testing, HPV vaccinations, Urinary Tract Infection treatment, adoption referrals, emergency contraception, midlife services and numerous men's health services.

If interested in volunteering, donating, or receiving information, please visit Planned Parenthood's website at <http://pphouston.org> or call (979) 846-1744 or visit their facility at 4112 E 29th St, Bryan, TX 77802

