

Equinox Festival '17 Showcases UTSA's Commitment to a Cleaner Earth

The University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) Sustainability Council along with UTSA's Texas Sustainable Energy Research Institute and UTSA Business Affairs will present the 2017 Equinox Festival, Friday, September 22, 2017, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. The full day of activities will be held at the H-E-B University Center and University Center Lawn on the UTSA's Main Campus (see attached map).

Participants are invited to explore information presented by community organizations related to the environment and sustainability efforts. They can visit the electric vehicle car exhibit, join a solar panel tour, review research posters and speak to student and faculty researchers, register to vote, play games, eat, listen to music, give a donation to people impacted by Hurricane Harvey and more! VIA will be showcasing its new compressed natural gas bus. UTSA cheerleaders will be on board, and Rowdy will be demonstrating ways we can all treat our planet better.

Among the many activities featured will be a full day of sustainability discussion panels featuring high-powered speakers from academia and the community. The panels will begin at 11 a.m. in the H-E-B University Center Ballrooms with a San Antonio Leadership panel. Scheduled speakers include San Antonio Mayor Ron Nirenberg, UTSA's President Taylor Eighmy and Interim Provost Dr. Mauli Agrawal, District 8 Councilman Manny Palaez, and CPS CEO Paula Gold-Williams. Planned panel topics include: Operational Sustainability, Sustainability Research, Student Leadership, Transportation, Water, Climate, Cybersecurity, and Innovation in Sustainability.

The final event of the day will be the Community Engagement Roundtable at 6 p.m. Moderator Dr. Francine Romero, UTSA Associate Dean of Public Policy, will lead this event. The discussion will focus on community inclusion in the development of public policy regarding sustainability. As with all events during the day, members of the community are welcome and encouraged to attend and engage in the conversation.

The public is invited to come and learn how everyone can make a difference and to see the many ways UTSA and the San Antonio community are working to advance a more sustainable lifestyle and future. Carpool or take the VIA bus—routes 93, 94, 101, 603/605, and 660—to UTSA's Main Campus.

For more information, visit <http://bit.ly/UTSAEquinox>.

UTSA Equinox Festival Interviews:

- Alejandro Treviño, UTSA student; researcher, Texas Sustainable Energy Research Institute and co-founder/organizer of the UTSA Equinox Festival.
- Keith Muhlestein, UTSA director of sustainability and chair of UTSA Sustainability Council. Event co-founder.
- Panelists.

Parking: Members of the media should park in the Ximenes Lot. Please request a parking pass for the car dashboard.

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