



A Closer View of



District 2

MESSAGE FROM COUNCILWOMAN TAYLOR



Dear Neighbor,

I hope you and your family are enjoying the beautiful weather of Spring. The next few months will be very exciting and very busy. The District 2 community has been sharply focused and actively engaged in housing, economic development projects, revitalization, education and health efforts.

District 2 has made great strides from the completion of the Camelot Elementary SPARK Park, Carver Library KABOOM Playground, Lord Road extension and winning of the Eastside Promise Zone designation.

This newsletter issue will highlight progress on the Pre-K for SA site, the Promise Zone and what it means for San Antonio, an introduction of Fatherhood Matters, Inc, and provide you with information on how you can join the District 2 Million Pound Challenge.

Thank you for your active participation and commitment to our community. We still have considerable work ahead, so let's continue with the momentum to move forward to ensure that each project and initiative is successful. I look forward to working with you to continue the progress in District 2 and San Antonio.

Sincerely,

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Promise Zone and what It means for East San Antonio

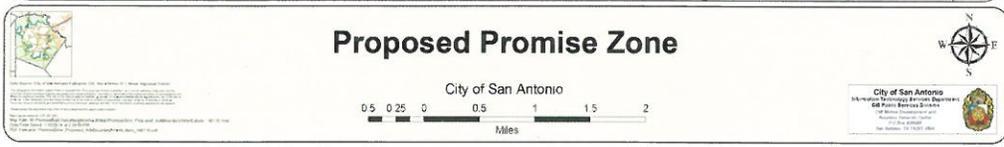
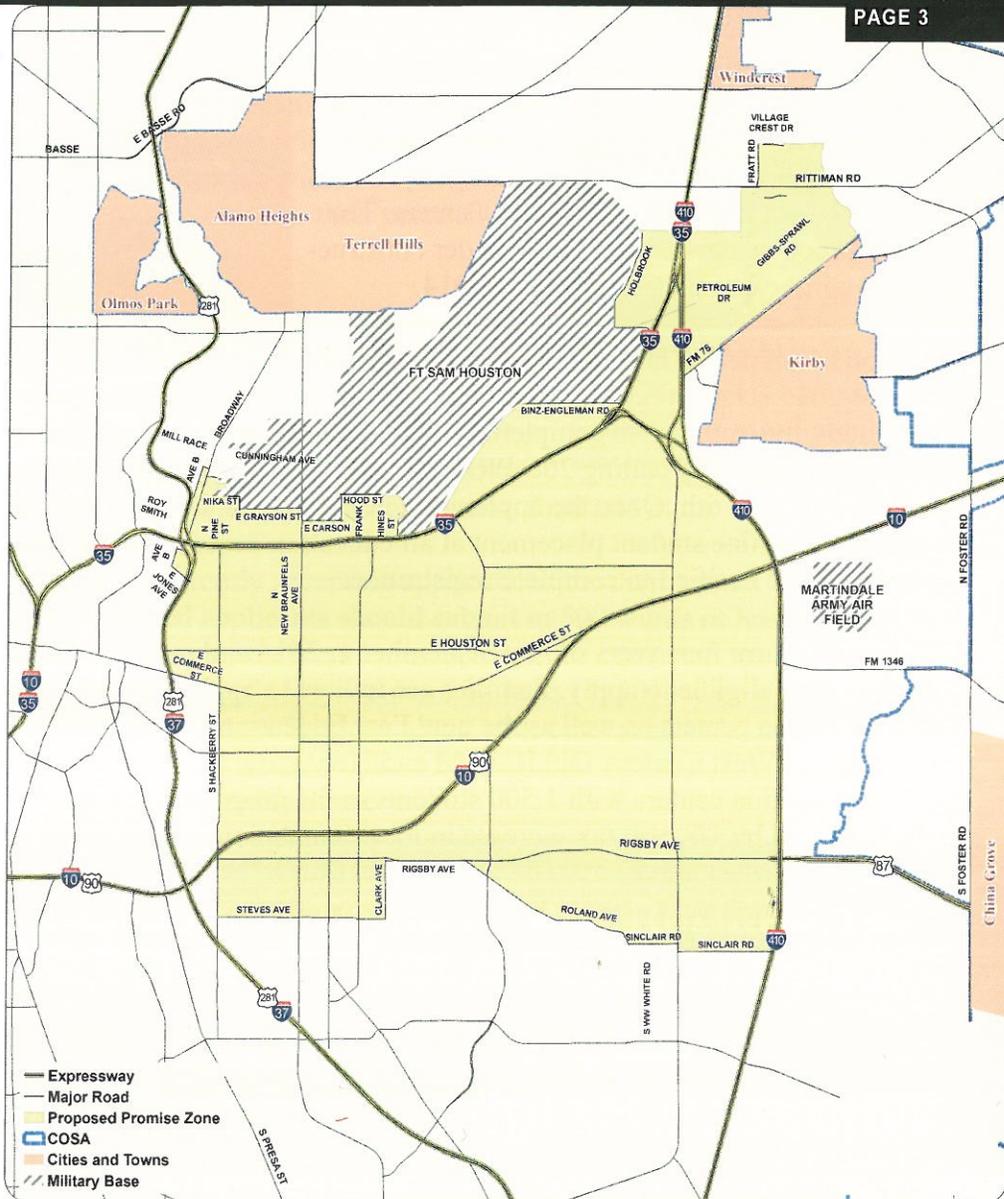
East San Antonio was designated as a Promise Zone on January 8, 2014 by President Barack Obama. There is no direct funding when it comes to Promise Zones. We will receive extra points on applications for funding for existing federal grants. There is a possibility that business tax credits will be available in the future. The federal government is also providing five AmeriCorp VISTA volunteers to work in the area. The City of San Antonio's key strategies for the Promise Zone include:

—Job creation and training, including a partnership with St. Philip's College, in key growth areas including energy, health care, business support, aerospace/advanced manufacturing and construction.

—Empowering every child with the skills they need by increasing enrollment in high quality pre-school programs; installing a STEM focus in the local school district, expanding enrollment in Early College Programs; and improving adult education opportunities

—Expanding public safety activities to facilitate neighborhood revitalization; improved street lighting and demolishing abandoned buildings; and integrated public safety activities with social resources.

The Promise Zone spans from WW White, Gemblar, IH-35, Martin Luther King Drive, New Braunfels, Iowa, North Hackberry, IH-10, Gevers and Rigsby.



Eastpoint is the 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. The goal of both federal grants and the Promise Zone designation will be a catalyst that attracts the private investment needed to transform East San Antonio into a neighborhood of choice. San Antonio is the only city in the nation to receive the two grants and the promise zone designation for one neighborhood.

For more information on the Eastpoint or Promise Zone (EPZ) Initiative, please contact Mike Etienne via phone at 207-6502, via email at (mike.etienne@sanantonio.gov) or visit the website (<http://www.sanantonio.gov/EastPointRealEstate/EastPoint.aspx>).

Pre-K 4 SA Coming to East San Antonio

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East San Antonio will be welcoming a new Pre-K 4 SA site. The new East Education site will be located at 5230 Eisenhower Road. For the 2014-2015 school year, Pre-K 4 SA will expand to include the East and West Education Centers. The new education centers are currently under construction and will be completed in August 2014.



Eastside Pre-K 4 SA Site

The application period is now open for the Pre-K 4 SA 2014-2015 school year that begins on August 25, 2014. The application takes approximately five minutes to complete and families can apply online at (sanantonio.gov/prek/enrollment) or by calling 206-PREK(7735). The application period will remain open through June 6th. Once the application period closes, a June lottery will be conducted to determine student placement at all education centers. In late June, selected families will be notified to complete registration.

Children who turn four years old by September 1, 2014 and reside within San Antonio City limits are eligible to apply. Families are invited to apply for the existing North and South education centers as well as the new East Education Center (Midcrown and Eisenhower) and West Center (Old Hwy 90 and Hwy 151). Pre-K 4 SA is excited to fill the four education centers with 1,500 students in the program's second year. The program is funded by 1/8 cent tax increase in local San Antonio sales tax rate (1/8 cent per \$1.00 of taxable purchase). The program expects to reach 22,400 four year olds served over a eight year period. The centers provide top notch education and preparation for four year olds in a full day program.

Fitness in the Stadium at Wheatley Heights Sports Complex

Fitness in the Stadium is a family-friendly program of Wheatley Heights Sports Complex that was developed with a goal of creating more opportunities for families to get active by offering FREE physical fitness classes inside the stadium. Fitness in the stadium will be offered every Monday from 5:30-7:00 p.m. beginning April 7th and ending on September 29, 2014. The stadium is located at 200 Noblewood Drive.

Throughout the program, participants will enjoy Zumba, Circuit Cycles, Youth Fit Action, and Run/Walk classes simultaneously.

If you are interested in volunteering or participating in these classes, please email info@whsportscomplex.com.

For more information on the Wheatley Heights Sports Complex, please visit the website <http://wheatleyheightssportscomplex.com/> or call 714-0017.



NFL Punt Pass event at Wheatley Sports Complex.

Healthcare & Retirement Benefits Task Force

In 2013, the budget office projected that the general fund expenses will continue to grow at a faster pace than revenue. Public safety expenses total 66.5 percent of the FY2014 adopted budget.

The Healthcare and Retirement Benefits Task Force was appointed by the Mayor and City Council as a proactive measure to review the city's programs and provide recommendations on how to ensure the city maintains a strong financial position for the future. The task force was charged with reviewing the cost of healthcare and pension expenses for uniform, civilian and retired city employees.

On February 2014, the Task Force provided nine recommendations for council consideration in four areas. The areas include policy and budget, pension, pre-funded uniform retiree healthcare and healthcare.

Currently, the city is negotiating with the police and fire departments pertaining to health care, wages and total compensations. Once the negotiations have been solidified, the issue will be brought back to City Council.

For more information on the Healthcare and Retirement Benefits Task Force, please call 207-8360.

District 2 Early Childhood and Education Fair

Councilwoman Taylor in partnership with Voices for Children San Antonio, St. Philip's College, Eastside Promise Neighborhood, and Security Service Federal Credit Union will host the 3rd annual District 2 Early Childhood and Education Fair. The event will be held on Saturday, May 3rd from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at St. Philip's College, 1801 Martin Luther King Drive, inside the Health Professions building.

The goal of the fair is to provide childcare and in home care centers located within District 2 training for state license requirements to better serve children of the district for success.

Parents are also encouraged to attend the event with their children ages zero to five for a half day "play and learn" workshop. The session will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Both tracks will be provided a free lunch.

Parents who wish to register for the play and learn workshop, please contact Ad'm Dusenberry with Voices for Children via phone at 220-2584.

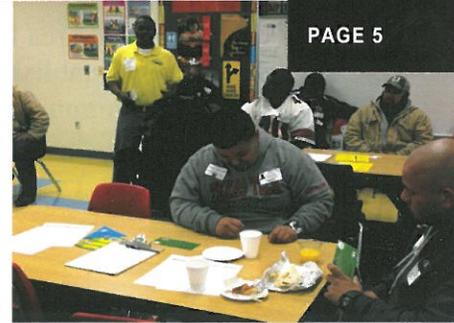
For childcare providers interested in attending, please register online via the link district2ectrf2014.eventbrite.com.

In the Community: Fatherhood Matters, Inc Prepares for Father's Day Cookout

Fatherhood Matters, Inc is a local nonprofit that strives to make a difference in the lives of children by educating fathers. The organization meets with fathers in various settings, provides fathers with counseling as well as legal services, and helps fathers to understand and exercise their paternal rights.

In celebration of Father's Day, the organization will host the Father's Day Cookout. The event will be held on Saturday, June 14th from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. inside of Martin Luther King Park, 3503 Martin Luther King Drive. Fathers are encouraged to attend with their children to enjoy prizes, games, food and more.

The organization is currently accepting applications for their annual Father of the Year Award. Interested applicants should submit in 500 words or less why they deserve the title of "Father of the Year." Finalists will be contacted via email or phone and introduced at the Father's Day Cookout on June 14, 2014. The winner will be presented with their award on Saturday along with other prizes. All entries should be received by June 1st by mail (PO Box 202163, San Antonio, TX 78220) or via email to info@fatherhoodmattersinc.com.



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Fatherhood Matters, Inc CEO, Mr. Martin Henderson, speaks to fathers at a community event.

Councilwoman Taylor invites Residents to Participate in the Million Pound Challenge

Councilwoman Taylor invites residents to join the District 2 team for the Million Pound Challenge. Exercise classes with Councilwoman Taylor will be held on Tuesday, April 8th, April 22nd, May 6th and May 20th from 7:00-8:00 p.m. at Woodard Community Center located at 1011 Locke Road. Councilwoman Taylor is working to lose ten pounds.



The Million Pound Challenge is a citywide weight loss competition created to help tackle the obesity epidemic in Texas. To join the District 2 Team, please visit www.fitcitysa.com and search "District 2 Team Taylor."

Participants will be asked to periodically log in, track their weight progress and become eligible for a variety of giveaways. Participants also have the option of joining a weight loss team to compete against other teams for prizes. A cumulative weight loss counter will be featured on the homepage of the Fit City SA website.

For more information about the District 2 Team, please call 207-2122.

Walzem Road Revitalization Updates

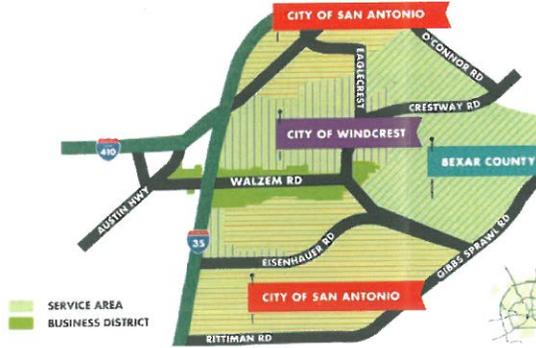
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Walzem Road Area Revitalization, Inc was formally established in March 2006, as a nonprofit community based organization for the purpose of revitalization of Walzem Road in San Antonio, Texas, and improving neighborhoods and business areas surrounding Walzem Road. Since the formation of the organization, the Walzem Road area has experienced major changes including the relocation of Rackspace to Windsor Park Mall, renovations to Roosevelt High School, the addition of the Walzem YMCA, Starbucks and Chase Bank.

To date, some new projects on Walzem road include the new Wal-Mart being constructed next to McDonald's, Bush's Chicken constructing a new building near the Firehouse Grill and Little Cesar's to relocate from the strip center.

The Walzem Road Revitalization Board continues to meet every first Saturday of the month at the ReMax Office located at 4655 Walzem at 10:00 a.m.

For more information on projects or how you can join the Walzem Road Revitalization group, please visit the website www.walzem.net or call Ms. Williams at 347-3574.



Service area of organization

Community Highlight: Spring Hill Neighborhood

The Springhill Neighborhood Association has been busy this year. The organization has partnered with community organizations for health workshops and resource fairs.

This month, Spring Hill Neighborhood Association has partnered with the City of San Antonio Metropolitan Health District and the YMCA for a Diabetes Prevention and Control Workshop. The program allows for individuals to register free for the self management program. The program provides support for residents to take control and better manage the symptoms of diabetes. Topics from the workshop include controlling the symptoms, setting goals, problem solving, relaxation techniques, healthy eating, exercise for strength and energy, dealing with negative emotions and medication use. The workshop will meet once a week for six weeks in the Springhill Apartments Community Room located at 4830 Ray Bon Drive. Residents who attend a total of 4 classes will receive a certificate and goodies.

To register for the Diabetes and Prevention Control workshop, please call San Antonio Metropolitan Health District via phone at 207-8802.

For more information on how you can join the Spring Hill Neighborhood Association, please email (springhill_r_a@yahoo.com).

SAWS Provides East Village With New Infrastructure

Earlier in the year, San Antonio Water System (SAWS) coordinated with the City of San Antonio's Right-of-Way Division to construct the East Village Mains Project in an effort to replace water facilities experiencing frequent main breaks formerly owned by Bexar Metropolitan Water District (Bexar Met).

The \$900,000 project required SAWS to replace over 4,500 feet of water mains, valves and services within four months.

The main streets within the confines of the project included Castle Kent, Castle Path, Castle Pin and Castle Rose.



SAWS crew working on installing new infrastructure in the East Village community.

Perrin-Beitel Road Revitalization

The Northeast Corridor Revitalization Initiative (NEC) is working to restore the Perrin Beitel and Nacogdoches corridors. The goals of the initiative are to capitalize on opportunities to activate vacant and underutilized properties, re-establish community-serving retail and service businesses, and improve the appearance of buildings, signs and parking lots.

In 2013, a market study was conducted by Wendell Davis and Associates. The study consisted of interviews from business owners, vacant property owners and brokers, employers and neighborhood associations. Some strategies to implement the project include growing the NEC network, evaluating the feasibility of using Tax Credit Financing (TIF) as a source of funding to incentivize catalytic projects, enhanced street landscaping, and the support of the litter control program.

The Initiative is overseen by District 10 Councilman Mike Gallagher and staff support is provided by the City of San Antonio Department of Planning and Community Development.

For more information on the Northeast Corridor Revitalization initiative, please visit the website <http://northeastcorridorsa.com/> or call Michael Taylor at 207-0145.

Broadway-Hildebrand Project Update

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The 20 phase project is currently in phase 13 where construction of the sanitary sewer line and roadway on center Broadway is in effect.

The project will provide a drainage system designed to convey a 100-year storm event across Broadway Street, improve driving conditions and safety along Broadway Street and Hildebrand Avenue. The project also includes reconstruction of Broadway and Hildebrand with curbs, sidewalks, driveway approaches, additional turn lanes and traffic signal improvements. SAWS and CPS Energy will be replacing and adjusting the water, sewer and gas facilities throughout the project area. In addition, this project includes the construction of the approved Broadway Street/Hildebrand Avenue underground conversion project as part of the CPS Energy CIED Program to bury all overhead utility lines at the four corners of the intersection. The anticipated construction completion for the project is Summer 2014.



Water line installation

For more information on project, visit the website <http://www.sanantonio.gov/CIMS/Projects/BroadwayHildebrand.aspx#28111-work-updates> or call 207-8022.

In the Community: Bethel Community Development Coalition

The Bethel Community Development Coalition (BCDC) has worked in the San Antonio community since 1996 respectively serving District 2 and District 10 as a model of moral transformational leadership. The organization addresses the root causes of substance abuse, family violence, child abuse, youth and gang violence, illiteracy, HIV/AIDS and victimization.



Recently, BCDC has been funded a grant by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration to implement the Drug Free Community (DFC) Program. The program is proven effective in preventing youth substance abuse. The BCDC is responsible for implementing the program and works closely with local schools and community organizations. To accomplish the goals of the program, the coalition is reaching out to schools in the 78218 zip code including Camelot Elementary, East Terrell Hills, Park Village, Walzem, Wilshire, Krueger, White Elementary, Roosevelt High School and the George Gervin Academy.

To learn more about the coalition or to volunteer, please call 651-3331 or visit the website www.bethelcommunitysa.org.

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Upcoming Events

April 2014

- 4/10 FIESTA BEGINS
- 4/20 HAPPY EASTER DISTRICT 2!
- 4/22 HAPPY EARTH DAY DISTRICT 2!
- 4/23 DISTRICT 2 FIESTA FLING BBQ AT KOREAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION
- 4/27 FIESTA ENDS

May 2014

- 5/2 EAST BEXAR COUNTY RELAY-FOR-LIFE
- 5/3 3RD ANNUAL EARLY CHILDHOOD TRAINING AND RESOURCE FAIR AT ST. PHILIPS COLLEGE
- 5/22 OPEN DOOR WALK-INS AT EAST SIDE OFFICE
- 5/31 DISTRICT 2 BOOK CLUB AT CARVER LIBRARY
- 5/31 BLACK HISTORY INTEREST GROUP AT CARVER LIBRARY

June 2014

- 6/14 FATHERHOOD MATTERS FATHER'S DAY COOKOUT AT MLK PARK
- 6/15 FATHERHOOD MATTERS FATHER'S DAY GALA
- 6/15 HAPPY FATHER'S DAY DISTRICT 2!
- 6/25 OPEN DOOR WALK-INS AT NE OFFICE

July 2014

- 7/4 HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!
- 7/9 WHEATLEY HEIGHTS SPORTS COMPLEX FITNESS IN THE STADIUM

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