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Councilman Joe Krier

*"Working together, we can make District 9
and our City a better place for everyone."*

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Dear Friends and Residents,

First, it is my honor to participate in the City's "This Place Matters" initiative where each district highlights a Landmark worthy of preservation. The initiative launch for "This Place Matters" is May 1st, see the details below. The funny thing is that when researching which Landmark to highlight, it illustrated what I have always known about District 9...we have a lot of great businesses and some iconic structures like the San Antonio Airport and Phil Hardberger Park, but we are not composed of a lot of truly Historic Landmarks like the Alamo in District 1, for example. The Backbone of District 9 is our neighborhoods, so that continues to be my primary focus! Second, as the City Council begins our Budget Process next month, my big ticket priorities for funding are Street Maintenance and Improvements, School Zone Safety, Drainage, Traffic and Circulation issues in District 9. I want your opinion on the budget before we move forward, [please click **HERE** to take our Budget Survey Now.](#)

Third, I am glad to report that the Bitters/1604 improvements to the entry and exit of Rogers Ranch Subdivision have been completed.

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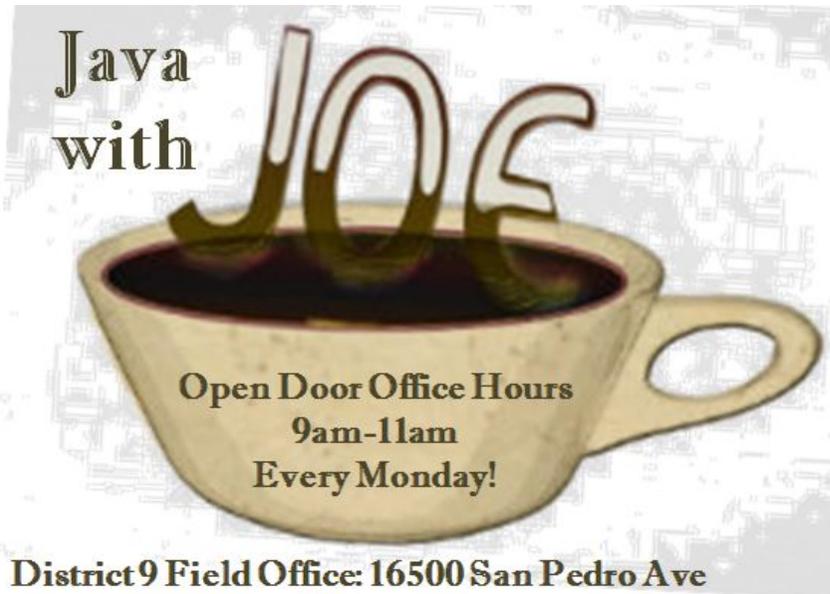
Last, the City Council is in session next week, click [HERE](#) for the latest agenda. As always, if there are topics you would like to see in my future newsletters, please let me know via email at district9@sanantonio.gov. Working together, we can make District 9 and our City a better place for everyone. Thanks again for the privilege of representing you.

Sincerely,



Joseph R Krier
Councilman, District 9

P. S. Remember to mark your calendar for the Special Election for District 9 on May 10, 2014. Early voting starts on April 28th!



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Rogers Ranch Update

Construction is finally complete on an Entryway upgrade at the Rogers Ranch sub-division. Click [HERE](#) for the update from the Transportation and Capital Improvements (TCI) Division. The final pavement markings and signage were completed on Saturday, April 19th. On Monday, April 21st, I met with TCI Staff and key leaders in the Rogers Ranch HOA at the site and

we agreed on adjustments to solve a few coordination issues, first we will have Police Officers manage the traffic at the Montessori School entrance. On Monday, April 21st at 7:30am, I drove to the Bitters/1604 overpass and walked over the overpass to the Montessori

School where I met with Headmaster Chuck Raymer. I wanted to see how the improvements worked as school began. Two days later, your Constituent Services Chief, Adam Trevino walked the route again to see how the improvements worked when the school day ended. The second adjustment that was agreed to is that from April 21st, until the end of this school year (May 30th), there will be two police officers present from 7:00am to 9:00am and in the afternoon from 1:30pm to 4:30pm at the school entrance. The third adjustment made is that there will be enhanced Police coverage as SAPD Officers will increase patrol of the area to verify compliance with newly installed signs and markings and as visitors and residence get used to all of the changes. My Staff and I and City staff have repeatedly gone back to the site to evaluate the effectiveness of these arrangements. I will formally readdress the effectiveness of the changes with Neighborhood leadership and TCI in 4-5 weeks. I will keep you informed of any updates. I want to thank TCI for addressing resident's concerns in a thorough and timely manner. Please let me know if you have any further issues/concerns at Rogers Ranch at district9@sanantonio.gov or 207-7325.



This Place Matters: Phil Hardberger Park

On May 1st the San Antonio Preservation Society will launch a new initiative called "This Place Matters" to highlight some of our most historic Landmarks. They will profile a landmark in each district ; for our District, I wanted to highlight [Phil Hardberger Park](#). The Park, named after former San Antonio Mayor Phil Hardberger, houses a stunning preservation of century old trees right in the middle of urban growth and expansion. Be on

the lookout for "This Place Matters" presented by the City of San Antonio Historic Preservation Office in May and **get ready to share!** Sharing your special place is easy: have a photo taken at your favorite place (make sure you or someone in the photo holds the "This Place Matters" sign, Upload your photo and short story to <http://www.preservationnation.org/take-action/this-place-matters/>, tell your family and friends to view your special place online or submit their own and contact the Office of Historic Preservation at ohp@sanantonio.gov to add your photo to their website. Click [HERE](#) for more information and the "This Place Matters" Sign. Preserving what is important... matters! If you have a place that matters to you in District 9, I would also like to hear about it! Please contact me at district9@sanantonio.gov! Additionally, The Phil Hardberger Park is participating in **the Big Give SA on May 6, 2014**, and to celebrate the event, PHPC is offering a free, family-friendly Big Night in the Park at the Urban Ecology Center from 5pm-9pm. This action-packed evening will feature Fitness, Animals, Nature and Free Papa Johns Pizza. The evening is free and open to the public and will offer such exciting events as fitness classes including a Boot Camp led by Sonia and Antonio Daniels, nature and dog walks, and nature presentations on wildscaping, water reclamation, and drought-tolerant plants. Kids are welcome to participate in arts in the wild! If you would like more information on the **Big Night in the Park or how to donate to PHPC**, click [HERE](#). If you would like to learn more about **the Big Give S.A. and one of the 300 other non-profit organizations who are participating**, please click [HERE](#). I encourage all District 9

residents to take advantage of all that Phil Hardberger Park has to offer.

Improvements	Start	End	Duration
Overhead Flashing Beacons Design and Materials Ordering	March 2014	July 2014	120 Days
ADA Ramps at Braesview/Larkspur intersection	April 2014	May 2014	4 Weeks
Base and Pavement Repairs	June 2014	June 2014	1 Week
Remark 25 Crosswalks in the area and crosswalks at Braesview/Larkspur intersection	July 2014 (8 Weeks for Materials Delivery)	August 2014	3 Months
Overhead Flashing Beacons Installation/Construction	July 2014	August 2014	30 days

**Braesview Ave/
Larkspur School
Zone
Improvements
Update**

We are continuing to monitor the construction progress for the Braesview Avenue Street Improvements that began in March after a joint effort to

improve School Zone Safety inspired by a tragic child pedestrian accident in January of this year, click [HERE](#) for the back story . This week, the Transportation and Capital Improvements (TCI) Division completed the ADA Compliant Ramp installation at the intersection of Braesview and Larkspur so we are right on track with the projected timeline. After the final materials are received, TCI will start the final phase of remarking the crosswalks and installing the overhead flashing beacons. All of these improvements will enhance the safety of the Larkspur School Zone by August of this year, in time for the new school year. For more discussion on School Zone Safety at Larkspur and other District 9 schools, please join me, San Antonio Police Chief McManus and NEISD Superintendent Gottardy for a School Zone Public Meeting on May 5th from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm at the Piper Bass Student Center at Blossom Athletic Center (12002 Jones Maltsberger Road, San Antonio, TX 78217); see below. Contact us at district9@sanantonio.gov or 207-7325 if you have any questions/issues on this topic.



DISTRICT 9

When: Monday, May 5th
6:30pm-8:00pm

Where: Piper Bass Student
Center (12002 Jones
Maltsberger Road,
San Antonio, TX 78217)

SAFETY Public Meeting

Hosted by **Councilman Joe Krier, District 9,**
San Antonio Police Chief William McManus,
and NEISD Superintendent Brian Gottardy



Java with Joe for HOA/NA Leaders/Presidents

This Month's Java with Joe for Home Owner/ Neighborhood Association Presidents/ Leaders, we received an update on the new Evans Road Library. I appreciate Ramiro Salazar, the Director of the San Antonio Public Library for taking the time out of his very busy schedule to update us. Evans Road Library is going to be a great addition to our District with many modern upgrades. The library should be operational by September of 2015! Read

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Graffiti is a Crime not Just a Prank

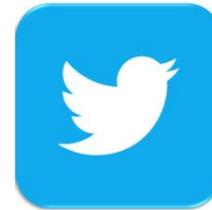
According to Texas Penal Code 28.08 graffiti penalties are assessed based on the amount of loss suffered by the property owner and may range from fines up to \$2000 and/or confinement for up to 180 days, up to fines of \$10,000 and/or confinement for 5 to 99 years. For more information about City Graffiti Codes, click [HERE](#). The laws are established to deter the graffiti that brings down property values and is a drain on our tax dollars. In the event that you have a graffiti problem in your

neighborhood, we encourage you to report the issue immediately using the City's 311 reporting system or contact us at district9@sanantonio.gov or 207-7325. You can also contact us to sign-out a Graffiti Abatement Kit (free paint and other supplies) if you or your organization want to organize a "Paint Out"! To view the City's newest/amended 2010 Graffiti Ordinance, click [HERE](#). To find out more things to rid your community of graffiti, please click [HERE](#). No Graffiti SA!

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