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Dear Friends and Residents,

By next December the City of San Antonio could approve the largest annexation in almost 20 years. Our Planning and Community Development Department has identified areas where the City may choose to begin annexation proceedings. Staff is looking at five priority areas including I-10 West, 281 North, I-10 East,

Highway 151 and Highway 90/1604. The five areas amount to 66 square miles. This would be a Limited Purpose Annexation meaning the City would not collect property or sales taxes during the first three years. Residents could vote in Mayor, Council and recall elections, but would not be eligible for candidacy for a municipal office. Residents would not be able to vote in bond elections.

The City will hold Public Hearings in September and October of 2015. This annexation program would add 200,000 residents to our population by the year 2020, making San Antonio the 5th largest City in the nation above Phoenix and Philadelphia.

Frankly, I have many questions to be answered before making a decision on this.

For example:

1. Can we provide adequate police and fire protection, streets and drainage improvements, libraries and parks to our existing residents?
2. How do we know we can provide those services to newly annexed areas and their residents?
3. What happens if we do not annex these areas at this time?

Council will review this annexation program next month.

Three major rating agencies have re-affirmed the City of San Antonio's 'AAA' general obligation bond rating for the sixth time since 2010. The 'AAA' bond rating is the highest credit rating an organization can receive. It allows the City to pay the lowest possible interest rates in the market. We are the only major city with a population of one million to have a 'AAA' bond rating from Standard & Poor's, Fitch, and Moody's. To read more about this news click [here](#).

This month I attended a number of Town Hall Meetings and residents are overwhelmingly concerned about crime in their neighborhoods. They are also willing to take action to improve their quality of life. Several Homeowners Associations have participated in the SAPD's Cellular On Patrol program and set up Neighborhood Watch Programs. To learn more click [here](#).

On November 18, 2014, City Council amended the FY 2015 budget by cutting \$14.2 million to fund increased costs for police and fire healthcare benefits starting January 1, 2015. The adjustments were necessary in order to maintain a balanced budget, which is required by law. Council approved delaying about \$9 million in street projects. The SAPD will maintain a total of 75 vacant positions and the SAFD will delay hiring paramedics in 2015. I continue urging police and fire union leaders to return to the negotiating table to achieve a contract that will help us secure the best police and fire personnel we can afford, while ensuring sustainable City finances in the years ahead.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends. We have many good things to be thankful for. For the Thanksgiving Holiday schedule of City services click [here](#).

As always, if there are items you would like to see in 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. Thank you for the privilege of representing you.

Sincerely,



Joe Krier
City Councilman, District 9

Churchill Charger Band in Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade

I am so proud of the Winston Churchill High School Marching Band. They are in New York City this week to participate in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.



Congratulations Churchill High Charger Band

San Antonio Food Bank 5K

The San Antonio Food Bank is having its annual Great Turkey Challenge Thanksgiving Day. Every \$15 raised by the race provides a meal to a family in need this holiday season. If you would like to participate click [here](#).



Pollo Tropical at 838 Bitters Road

Welcome Pollo Tropical

I'd like to welcome Pollo Tropical to San Antonio. The fast-food restaurant is located at 281 & Bitters Road.

Four Pollo Tropical fast-food restaurants have opened in Texas since September 8, 2014. I'm pleased Pollo Tropical chose San Antonio to build its latest restaurant. Pollo Tropical held its grand opening in District 9 on November 7, 2014. Welcome to the neighborhood.

To review the menu go to <http://pollotropical.com/menus/>.

Meet District 9 residents who serve our Boards and Commissions

Art Downey serves on the Citizen Bond Oversight Committee. It was established by City Council in 2003 to increase communication and accountability.

Art retired from the U.S. Army and returned to San Antonio where he has consistently

sought ways to serve the public. He's proudly lived in District 9 and called San Antonio home for more than 50 years. Thank you Art for serving our community. Click here for the complete [Arthur Downey biography](#).

Joint City/County Citizens Bond Oversight Commission

The Joint City/County Citizens Bond Oversight Commission is seeking applicants and the deadline has been extended. The Commission is made up of 20 members, with 10 members appointed by the City Council and 10 by the Bexar County Commissioners Court.

The Commission advises City and County elected officials on capital improvements projects, including review of scope, cost estimate, budget, schedule, public input, alternative delivery systems, program management and other capital improvement processes. If you are interested please click [here](#).

Adopt-a-Pet

Scotty is a light-hearted three-year-old male Australian Cattle Dog mix. Scotty is friendly and playful. He never says no to a walk around the neighborhood. He does well with other dogs. Scotty weighs 25 pounds and he is neutered, micro-chipped and current on vaccinations. Stop by the Animal Defense League at 11300 Nacogdoches Road, San Antonio, San Antonio, 78217 or go to their website at www.adl.texas.org. The shelter is open 7 days a week, from 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.. You can also call the ADL at (210) 655-1481.



Meet Scotty



Meet Ford

Animals at ACS

Animal Care Services has two dogs in foster care and it would be nice if they found a home together.

Ford is a 2-year-old Black Mouth Cur blend. His doggie friend is named Mercury. Mercury is also 2. He's a hound blend that's good with people and older children. Click [here](#) to contact ACS.



Meet Mercury

Good News

This month Samaritan's Purse International Relief has been busy with Operation Christmas Child. The non-profit partners with churches worldwide to



deliver gifts in shoeboxes. For more information call 1-800-353-5949 or go to www.samaritanspurse.org. I know you'll be busy this season helping someone else in need. Thank you!

Downtown Holiday Historic Churches Tour

Next month on Tuesday, December 9, 2014, the Office of Historic Preservation will host guided running and walking tours to showcase San Antonio's downtown historic churches. The two hour tour includes a stroll down the lighted Riverwalk. To sign up click [here](#).

Alamo Plaza Update

The effort to update the 1994 Alamo Plaza Study Committee Report continues. The goal is to create a vision and guiding principles to redevelop Alamo Plaza and the surrounding area. In the end, the goal is to engage tourists and locals leaving them personally connected to the Alamo. The Alamo is a state and national treasure. We owe it to future generations to preserve, protect and enhance this monument to bravery and freedom. We want to tell the in-depth story of the Alamo and pay tribute to all who lived, fought and died there. Council will review a final master plan in June of 2016.



Road Closure

CPS Energy plans to relocate four transmission towers starting December 1, 2014. This will require a road closure from West Avenue from Nakoma to north of E. North Loop Road. This road will be closed from December 1, 2014 to December 19, 2014.

SAWS Billing Schedule Changing in 2015

Billing cycles for some residential and commercial SAWS customers will change beginning January 2015. Affected customers will receive a letter in December explaining how this will impact when their meter is read and their billing due date. The change will help SAWS become more efficient and further integrate former BexarMet service areas into a unified meter reading schedule. Again, only some customers will be affected by this change.

If you received a letter from SAWS explaining this change but need more information, visit: saws.org/billing.

Spread the Message

It's easy for your friends to join our mailing list! Just have them text JOEKRIER to 22828 to get started. Thank you! Click [here](#) to print a flyer to post at your office or neighborhood bulletin.



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