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Dear Friends and Residents:

Regarding the ongoing issue of police and fire health care benefits, on December 1, 2014 Mayor Ivy Taylor called for a truce on personal attacks and urged a return to the bargaining table. Click [here](#) to view two charts that show the cost of employee healthcare and budget adjustments Council made last month to maintain a balanced budget.

The City and the police union have met since January and will meet again next month. The fire union has not yet come to the bargaining table. Meanwhile, the City is seeking a legal judgment on whether an "evergreen clause" in the contracts is

constitutional. The clause extends the current contract benefits for ten years (to 2024).

On November 18, City Council approved an ordinance amending the FY 2015 General Fund Budget by deferring Street Maintenance projects, adjusting Police and Fire Budgets and increasing the City's contribution to uniform Fire and Police healthcare coverage. Close to \$9 million of street projects were deferred to FY 2016.

Here are the streets affected in District 9:

- Bluff Tail, from Bluff Park Dr. to Walker Ranch for asphalt overlay
- De Ville Place, from Cadillac Dr. to Cul-De-Sac for asphalt overlay
- Lockhill-Selma Rd., from Wurzbach Pkwy to Dreamland for micro surface
- W. Bitters Rd, from Tomahawk Trail to Blanco Rd. for micro surface
- Walker Ranch, from Stonewood Dr. to Bluffknoll for asphalt overlay

All or a portion of the \$9 million deferred may be reinstated in FY 2015 depending on the timing and cost of the final negotiated collective bargaining agreements with Police and Fire unions. Reinstatement of street projects will require future City Council action.

My colleague, District 8 Councilman Ron Nirenberg, wrote an op-ed supporting our City Manager Sheryl Sculley during this challenging time. To read the article 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 again for the privilege of representing you.

Sincerely,



Joe Krier
City Councilman, District 9

Addition of Lyft/Uber to Transportation Choices

Today City Council approved various changes to Chapter 33 of the City Code which regulates Transportation Network Companies. These companies (Uber & Lyft) have developed applications online that match drivers with passengers who pay for transportation services with a credit card.

I am comfortable with the changes recommended by Police Chief William McManus and the Public Safety Committee, which was very ably led by Councilwoman Rebecca Viagran. Those changes ensure that drivers are screened and that they meet insurance and safety standards. I am also pleased the City will review this program both six months and again one year from now. Click [here](#) to learn more about these transportation networks.

George P. Bush visits SA

On December 10, 2014, I visited with Land Commissioner-elect George P. Bush. Our relationship with his office is important as we work to transform Alamo Plaza and I believe he will be an outstanding Land Commissioner.

Mr. Bush will be sworn in January 2, 2015. Best wishes Mr. Bush.



Councilman Krier and Land Commissioner-elect George P. Bush at City Hall, December 10, 2014

SSFCU Expands Corporate Headquarters

Today City Council approved an incentive package to help in the development of public improvements while creating and retaining 947 full-time jobs for Security Service Federal Credit Union. SSFCU is the largest credit union in Texas and the seventh largest credit union in the U.S. SSFCU will begin construction of the new

corporate campus near I-10 and UTSA Boulevard in early 2015. The company plans to consolidate its current headquarters with its other San Antonio locations into a new facility at 14880 W. IH 10. I am delighted this longstanding corporate good citizen is expanding here. To learn more about this project click [here](#).

Councilman Joe Krier hosts Town Hall meeting for North Central Thousand Oaks HOA



Councilman Krier with NCTONA HOA December 1, 2014

On December 1, 2014 I held a Town Hall for the North Central Thousand Oaks HOA. We sent out more than 800 surveys to get the views of NCTONA residents on various issues facing our City. More than 250 residents returned the survey. To view the results click [here](#).

I was grateful that our SAFFE Officer, Jack Bass, and TCI staff member Lincoln Avant were able to join us and respond to neighborhood comments on the survey.

Thanks to those who joined me. If you'd like us to conduct such a survey for your HOA, please contact Frances Collins in our District Office at (210) 207-0952. Special thanks to NCTONA President, Larry Lamborn.

Graffiti Wipeout

The Development Services Department will host volunteer workshop opportunities to wipe out Graffiti.

Following a workshop you will have access to free supplies like paint, rollers and brushes. The classes will be held twice a month starting in January.

For more information call (210) 207-5430 or go to www.sanantonio.gov/dsd.

Thank you for keeping San Antonio beautiful!

Meet District 9 residents who serve our Boards and Commissions

Tamara Tapman serves as a member of the Brooks Development Authority for District 9. She is Vice-President and VA/Military liason for SWBC Mortgage. Tamara is a devoted military advocate, helping veterans take advantage of their benefits for low interest loans.

"The opportunity to represent District 9 on the Brooks Development Authority Board has been one of the most interesting and satisfying experiences of my career. Working with Councilman Krier and being a part of transforming Brooks City-Base into a vibrant community and increasing the number of good jobs in this area has been a special honor."

Tamara is a member of the Association of the U.S. Army, Women's Council of Realtors, San Antonio Board of Realtors and the Veterans Association of Real Estate Professionals. Thank you Tamara for service our community.



Tamara Tapman

Holly Daze Rock

The Parks and Recreation Department is hosting a musical that captures the festive spirit of the season. High energy holiday rock and pop favorites will get you in the holiday spirit. The performance takes place Saturday, December 13, 2014, at 7:30 p.m. at the Arneson River Theater in La Villita on the San Antonio River Walk.

There's a suggested \$5 donation with proceeds going to cultural programs. For more information call (210) 207-3132 or click [here](#).

Winter Holiday Camps

The Parks and Recreation Department is hosting Winter Holiday Camps in December. Children ages 6 to 14 can participate in science activities, holiday crafts and active games. The camps will be held at 16 Community Centers across San Antonio starting December 22, 2014. Community Centers will be closed Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Day. For more information click [here](#) or call (210) 207-3000.

Chief William McManus

For eight years we have enjoyed having the best chief of police in the nation right here in San Antonio. Chief William McManus has been a hard working, community engaged and visionary leader of our San Antonio Police Department.

More inspiring is the fact he's served as a respected and outstanding law enforcement officer for four decades. I will miss Chief McManus and I wish him well as he joins CPS Energy.



Councilman Joe Krier with Chief William McManus at City Hall

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 this month 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.

Student Aid San Antonio



Starting next month Student Aid San Antonio will begin helping area students prepare for college. The first step to land grants, scholarships, work-study and loans is to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid or (FAFSA). Last year, about \$800,000,000 was awarded to San Antonio students in federal financial aid. To keep your student ahead of the game click [here](#).

Road Closure

This month areas of West Avenue from Nakoma to north of E. North Loop Road have been closed while CPS Energy relocates four transmission towers.

There is one lane open for traveling in both directions with police and flag men providing traffic access. We expect this road to open on December 19, 2014. Thank you for your patience.



Holiday Collection Schedule

The Solid Waste Mangement Department has announced several changes due to upcoming holidays. Click [here](#) for a quick review of the entire holiday season.

Adopt-a-Pet

Meet Mija! This gentle 6-year-old chow/shepherd mix is just looking for someone to love. She's a bit shy at first, but once she knows you are her friend she is as sweet as can be! She weighs 54 pounds; she is spayed, micro-chipped and current on her vaccinations.

Introduce yourself to this sweetheart with a relaxing walk around ADL's dog park and you're sure to fall in love with Mija. Come out and meet her at the Animal Defense

League located at 11300 Nacogdoches Road, San Antonio, Texas 78217, or you can check out her profile on ADL's website at www.adltexas.org.



Meet Mija

Animals at ACS

Dorie is waiting for her forever home. She is crate trained and loves walks -loves toys and chewies. Dorie is only 34 pounds so she is a great medium sized dog and has a cute little twisted tail. She is already spayed and vetted so she is ready to go home today. Click [here](#) to contact ACS.



Community Leaders Reception

Thank you to everyone who attended our District 9 Community Leaders Holiday Reception at Del Fuego's Chargrill & Cantina. I enjoyed meeting and visiting with all of you who joined us. Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!



Community Leaders reception
at Del Fuego's at 2318 North
Loop 1604

Spread the Message

It's easy for your friends to join our email 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.

NOTE: "Java with JOE" sessions will resume January 7, 2015. Thank you!

**Java
with JOE**

Resident Appointment Hours
10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m., Every Wed!
Please contact us for
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