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Dear Friends and Residents,

On October 15, 2014 the Council's Governance Committee, on which I serve, discussed SAWS and CPS Energy bonus pay and incentive pay. This was in response to the request I made for a staff report on this issue. The Committee agreed to have City Staff further research how other city-owned utilities handle this pay process.

I've heard residents complain about the salaries of SAWS and CPS CEOs/Executives who get large bonuses or pay increases in the same year that they ask for rate increases.

However, I believe citizens understand the need to fairly compensate and incentivize the leadership of our Public Utilities. They're essential to the City. But we need to know how we compare to other comparable city-owned utilities. So, I've asked City Staff to research: What are the top city-owned utilities and what do they pay their executives? Do they provide bonus or incentives, and if so what are they? Do they have performance standards if so, what are those? I look forward to learning the answers to these questions.

City Council does not have the power to set the pay of utility employees. We do have the power though to approve rate increases and I think this is the kind of information that has an impact on City Council's willingness to approve rate increases. The next time we get a rate increase request, we'd like to know how much of that

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rate increase is going to go into bonuses or salary increases. We all think people ought to be paid fairly, but we don't think they ought to be paid more than they've agreed to be paid for the work that they're doing.

I've also urged that, City Council have more meetings with CPS and SAWS as we move forward. I want residents to trust they're getting the best utilities and water that their money pays for and trust in us as their elected Councilmembers to step in when that is not the case.

For a recent news story by the local press on this issue click [here](#). As always, if there are topics you would like to see in future newsletters, please let me know via email at

district9@sanantonio.gov . You can also follow us on Twitter: [@joekrierD9](#) or like us on the District 9 public page: [Facebook Page](#). Working together, we can make District 9 and our City a better place for everyone. Thanks again for the privilege of representing you.

Sincerely,



Joe Krier
Councilman, District 9

Have a safe Halloween!



As we celebrate fall be safe and go green! The Office of Sustainability has a number of great tips to minimize the impact on our environment and save money.

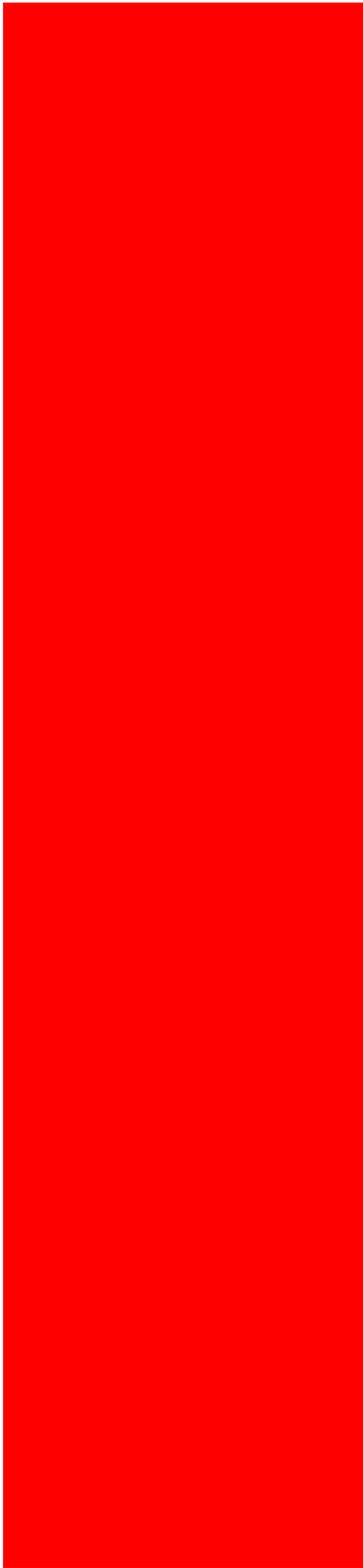
For more click [here](#).

Enjoy the sweet treats!

Applications for Joint City/County Citizens Bond Oversight Commission

The Joint City/County Citizens Bond Oversight Commission is seeking applicants to ensure representation from all Districts of the City of San Antonio. The deadline to submit applications is Friday Dec. 5, 2014. If you are interested in applying click [here](#). For more information regarding the Joint City/County Citizens Bond Oversight Commission click [here](#).

Thank you Greystone



Councilman Joe Krier with John and Elaine Ehlers

Residents

On October 16, 2014 I met with Greystone residents at the Parman Library. I appreciate each and every one of you who attended this Town Hall. We released the results of a survey mailed out in mid-August. If you'd like a copy of the survey send an email request to

james.doughty@sanantonio.gov.

Free Landfill Disposal Day

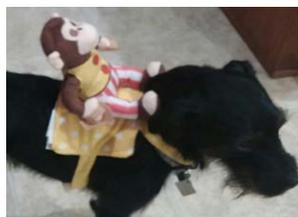
The City's quarterly cleanup event is Saturday, November 1, 2014 from 8 a.m. - 1p.m. For details go to www.sanantonio.gov/swmd. On Facebook go to www.facebook.com/SASOLIDWASTE

Senior Lifestyle Show

StoneOakInfo.com is hosting a Senior Lifestyle Show on November 5th. Guest speakers will share information on Long Term Care Insurance, Medicare Enrollment, Wealth Management solutions, Group and Cruise Travel ideas and retirement living in the Stone Oak area. The event is free and parking is available at Holy Trinity Banquet Hall at 20523 Huebner Road. For more information go to www.seniorlifestyleshow.com.

18th Annual Fall Family Fun Fest

Churchill Baptist Church is hosting a Fall Fun Fest tonight at 5:30 p.m. Happy Costumes Welcomed. FREE Candy, Popcorn, Games and more! For more information go to www.churchillbaptist.org. Please submit community upcoming events of interest to District 9 to james.doughty@sanantonio.gov



Keep Pets Safe Howl-O-Ween

Animal Care Services would like to remind Halloween can go bad if you fail to keep your pet safe. For helpful tips as your family enjoys trick-or-treating go to www.saacs.net.

Wyatt's Way

On Thursday City Council approved naming a trail at Panther Springs Park after Wyatt McDaniel. I'm proud my office could work with the Wilderness Oak Alliance to make this happen. The trail appropriately connects the Parman Library to the Wilderness Oak Elementary School where Wyatt was an honor student with perfect attendance. Wyatt passed away in a traffic outdoor



Wyatt McDaniel

accident in January 2013. We anticipate a naming ceremony in conjunction with the Panther Springs Ribbon Cutting in February of 2015.



Alamo Plaza Master Plan Update

On October 21, 2014 the Quality of Life Committee received an update regarding the development of a

Comprehensive Master Plan for Alamo Plaza. The Advisory Committee has several meetings through December and will make a recommendation to City Council in June of 2015.

I urge this thoughtful process to bring back a plan that's big and bold and will showcase the Alamo as the jewel of Texas, American and world history that it is. This sacred site should be treated the way we treat other national treasures, like Gettysburg and the USS Arizona Memorial at Pearl Harbor. Half-measures will avail us nothing. Let's think big and come up with a proposal that may not be possible to implement immediately, but over time could become a reality.

We also need to work with the Texas General Land Office to preserve and protect Alamo Plaza. With a good plan, I am confident the private sector would help provide financial support, just as it did for the Tobin Center.

To learn more about this plan click [here](#).



Vista Ridge Water Project Approved

On Thursday, October 30, 2014 City Council approved the Vista Ridge Water Project. We secured the largest non-Edwards Aquifer supply in our city's history. The Vista Ridge Water Pipeline is a game-changing, historic deal that will improve the quality of life for your children

and grandchildren. I will continue to monitor the development of this project to ensure its success. Brigadier General Robert LaBrutta, who serves as Commander of Joint Base San Antonio, submitted a letter of support for the project. I'd like to share it with you. Click [here](#) to the letter.

Police Collective Bargaining

The San Antonio Police Officers' Association and the City of San Antonio will meet on Monday, November 3, 2014 at 1 p.m. to negotiate the terms of the Police Collective Bargaining Agreement. The topic came up this week when I attended the Republican Men's Club. To read the news article click [here](#).



Councilman Joe Krier with City Manager Sheryl Sculley
October 16, 2014

Congratulations Sheryl Sculley

On November 7, 2014 City Manager Sheryl Sculley will celebrate nine years with the City of San Antonio. Sheryl is the finest City Manager in the United States. Her conservative management of the City staff and City budget has saved San Antonio taxpayers millions of dollars. We are fortunate to have the benefit of her 40 years of experience and I hope we will continue to enjoy her service to San Antonio in the years ahead.



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