



# JOE KRIER

City Councilman

District 9

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Dear Friends & Residents,

I hope your New Year is off to a good start. There is much to do this year and with your help we can get the job done.

We start this year off with the new hands free ordinance. Please find details of this new ordinance at the bottom of this e-newsletter and pass the information on to a friend.

At the end of this year City Council will vote on whether to annex some areas around San Antonio. For a news article on this topic click [here](#).

Last fall, Council ordered an election for Saturday, May 9, 2015, to amend the City Charter by requiring an election before any use of the City's right-of-way for streetcar or light rail.

Subsequently, Council created the Charter Review Commission to study possible Council pay, how we fill the office of Mayor when there's a midterm vacancy and other issues. The Commission will bring its recommendations to the full Council next month. On January 7, 2015, the Charter Review Commission held its first Public Hearing on possible amendments to the City Charter. I encourage you to attend the next Public Hearing. Click [here](#) to access the Commission's upcoming meetings.

Today, I was sworn in as Mayor Pro-Tem. I am proud to serve the City of San Antonio. I look forward to working with the current Council, especially Mayor Taylor, who impressed all of us last July when she was appointed to serve as Mayor of San Antonio. We will all continue working hard for you.

As always, if there are items you would like to see in future newsletters, please let me know via email at [district9@sanantonio.gov](mailto:district9@sanantonio.gov). If you have an upcoming event in District 9 that you would like posted in our newsletter email [james.doughty@sanantonio.gov](mailto:james.doughty@sanantonio.gov). Working together, we can make District 9 and our City a better place for everyone.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joe Krier". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

Joe Krier  
City Councilman, District 9



Mayor Pro-Tem Joe Krier with Mayor Ivy Taylor

City Clerk of San Antonio administered the Oath of Office to Councilman Joe Krier to assume the duties as Mayor Pro-Tem starting January 9, 2015.



Councilman Joe Krier sworn in as Mayor Pro-Tem  
January 8, 2015

## Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday

On January 19, 2015, I plan to join Mayor Ivy Taylor and other Council members in the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. March. More than 100,000 people line up by 10 a.m. at the MLK Academy located in the 3500 block of MLK Drive. The March ends at Pittman-Sullivan Park at 1101 Iowa. Click [here](#) for more information.

Due to the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday there are some changes to solid waste collection. Monday collection moves to Tuesday and Tuesday collection moves to Wednesday.

## KPAC Talent Competition

KPAC 88.3 is hosting a music and art talent competition for middle school and high school children. Entries are due January 16. For more information click [here](#). For a useful flyer to help get the word out click [here](#). Best of luck!

## Fitness in the Park

The San Antonio Parks and Recreation Department has released its new calendar for year-round exercise. The programs are free and open to all fitness levels. There's no need to register just show up. If you'd like to learn more about a variety of fitness opportunities click [here](#).

## Find a Park

The Parks and Recreation Department wants to help you find a park. Residents now have a new tool on the web to customize their search. You can find a park by name, zip code, address and by City Council District.

The map allows you to search for the amenities you want like greenway trails and trail heads, walking and cycling trails both paved and unpaved. You can also find which parks have community centers, pavilions, gazebos, picnic areas, BBQ grills, playgrounds, swimming pools, baseball, softball and soccer fields, dog parks, skate parks, disc golf parks, basketball and tennis courts and fountains.

To start your search click [here](#).

## Recycle Old Tennis Shoes

Thank you to the City of San Antonio Solid Waste Management Department for this clever information about recycling your unwearable tennis shoes. Go to [www.earth911.com](http://www.earth911.com) for more information.



## SA Volunteers

Are you planning an event in your neighborhood and need volunteers? Contact the City's Volunteer Program Coordinator, Melissa Escamilla at (210) 207-8178 or [melissa.escamilla@sanantonio.gov](mailto:melissa.escamilla@sanantonio.gov) to help you recruit volunteers.

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### **District 9 residents who serve our Boards and Commissions**

Elizabeth Feldman serves as a member of the Historic and Design Review Commission (HDRC) for District 9. She is a graduate of the University of Texas and the University of San Francisco.

Feldman is Senior Architect at MARTINFeldman Architects & Planners.

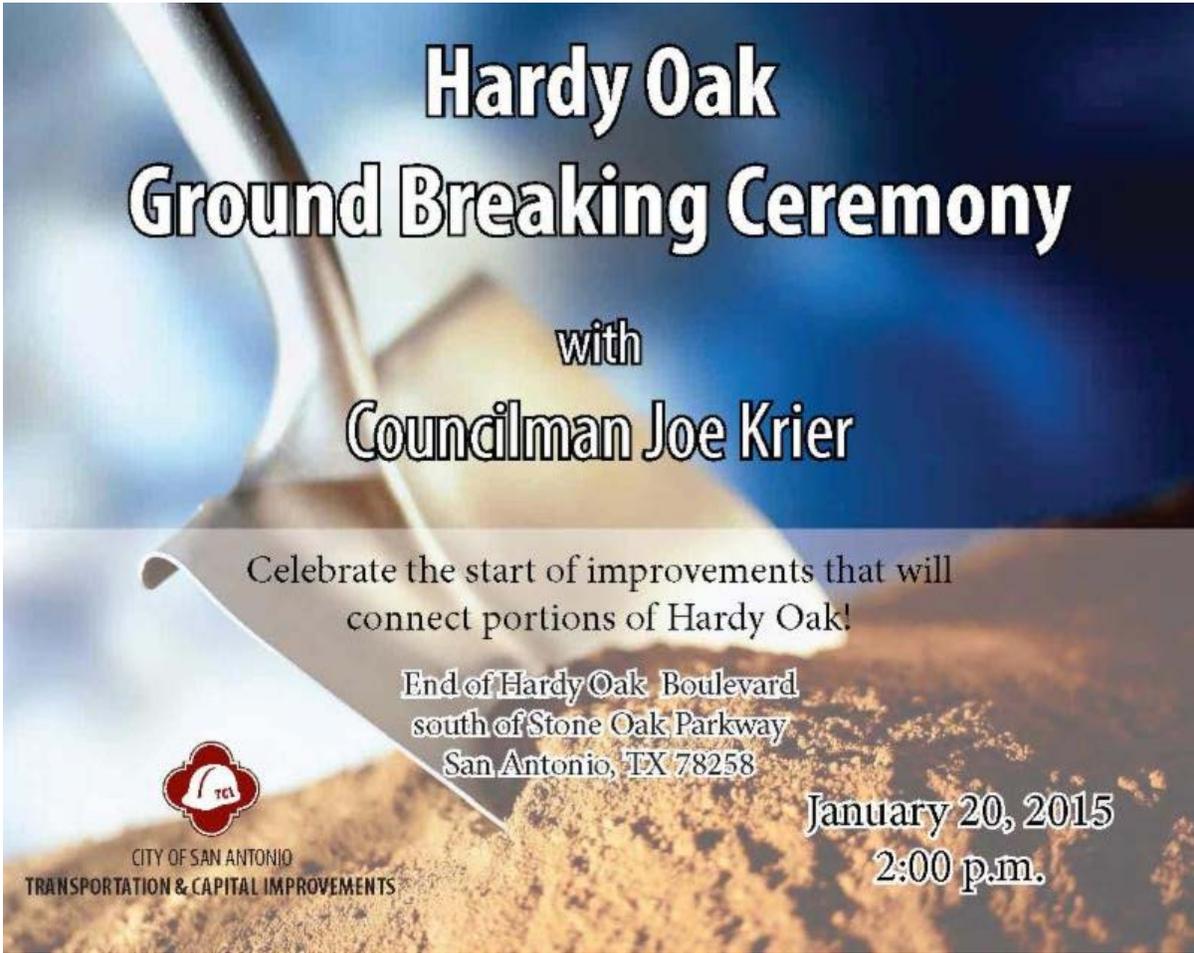
"I serve on the HDRC to be of public service to the community and to help the public understand the codes and directives which the City has placed on the various overlay districts. As a trained architect, I feel my skill set can best be used in the way," said Feldman.

Thank you Elizabeth for your service to our community.



Elizabeth Feldman  
Historic and Design Review  
Commission

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A promotional poster for a groundbreaking ceremony. The background features a close-up of a shovel digging into the ground, with a blue sky and clouds in the upper portion. The text is overlaid on this image. The main title is 'Hardy Oak Ground Breaking Ceremony' in large, bold, white letters with a black outline. Below it, 'with Councilman Joe Krier' is written in a similar style. A central message reads 'Celebrate the start of improvements that will connect portions of Hardy Oak!'. The location is listed as 'End of Hardy Oak Boulevard south of Stone Oak Parkway San Antonio, TX 78258'. The date and time are 'January 20, 2015 2:00 p.m.'. In the bottom left, there is a logo for the City of San Antonio Transportation & Capital Improvements, featuring a red and white hard hat with 'TCI' on it.

# Hardy Oak Ground Breaking Ceremony

with  
Councilman Joe Krier

Celebrate the start of improvements that will  
connect portions of Hardy Oak!

End of Hardy Oak Boulevard  
south of Stone Oak Parkway  
San Antonio, TX 78258

January 20, 2015  
2:00 p.m.



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TRANSPORTATION & CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

### **Adopt-a-Pet**

Meet Dory! She is a two-year-old Boxer and Hound mix. Dory would love to meet your family. She is 30 pounds and is spayed, micro-chipped and current on vaccinations. For more about Dory go to [www.adltexas.org](http://www.adltexas.org) or drop in anytime at the Animal Defense League at 113000 Nacogdoches Road, San Antonio, Texas 78231.



Meet Dory

### **Animals at ACS**

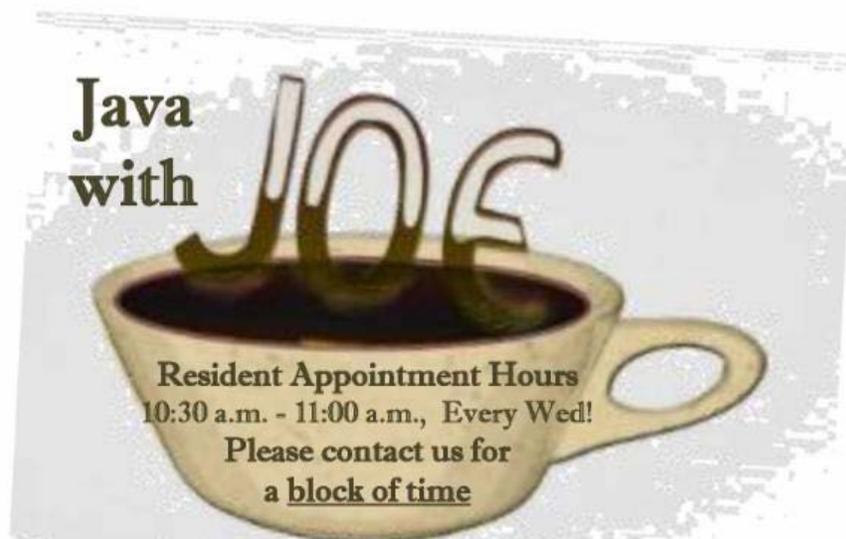
Gonzo is about 8-years-old. He has black and white fur and luxuriant whiskers. Gonzo was given up to Animal Care Services because he was blind. He has a genuinely gentle disposition with a real love for his food bowl. Gonzo can memorize the layout of his home quickly and has not trouble getting around or playing with toys. Click [here](#) to contact ACS.



Meet Gonzo

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# DISTRACTED DRIVING ORDINANCE

## IMPORTANT DATES

- Jan. 1, 2015: Ordinance Takes Effect with a 30-day Grace Period
- Feb. 2, 2015: Grace Period Ends

## ORDINANCE SUMMARY

The ordinance prohibits all "hand-held" use of cell phones and other hand-held mobile communications devices while operating a motor vehicle on any City street.

## WHAT YOU CAN'T DO

- Engage in a call
- Send, read or write a text message
- View photos or written text
- Engage in gaming
- Engage in any other use of the device (GPS, etc.)

## EXCEPTIONS

The ordinance does not apply to a person who is:

- On private property or legally parked
- Using a hands-free device (e.g. Bluetooth)
- Using a GPS device affixed to the vehicle
- Operating an emergency vehicles
- Reporting illegal activity
- Communicating with emergency response personnel
- Preventing injury to a person or property



For more information, visit [SanAntonio.gov/SAPD](http://SanAntonio.gov/SAPD).



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Dear Friends & Residents:

San Antonio is fortunate that our local State Representative, Joe Strauss, was elected as Speaker of the Texas House.

On October 16, 2014, Council approved the City's 84th State Legislative Program which reflects our priorities including, Economic and Workforce Development, Education, Military Protection and Transportation & Infrastructure.

On January 13, 2015, as Chair of the Council's Intergovernmental Relations Committee, I joined area leaders in Austin for the opening of the 2015 Texas Legislature.



Watching the opening session of the Texas House, January 13,

2015.

I am honored to work with our local and state leaders to promote San Antonio.

For more on the City's 84th Legislative Program 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](mailto:district9@sanantonio.gov). If you have an upcoming event in District 9 that you like posted in our newsletter email [james.doughty@sanantonio.gov](mailto:james.doughty@sanantonio.gov).

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

Sincerely,



Joe Krier  
City Councilman, District 9 & Mayor Pro-Tem

### **Aquifer Protection and Linear Creekway Programs**

Like many people, I have several questions when it comes to seeking reauthorization of the Edwards Aquifer Protection Program and the Linear Creekway Parks Development Program. This would renew for five years a 1/8 cent sales tax and extend the City's ability to purchase land over the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone which is still our primary source for water. Using revenue from an eighth-cent sales tax for these programs would also allow the City's Greenway Trail System to be further developed. These parklands have been described as the pearl necklace around San Antonio.

My questions have included:

1. We've had this "temporary" tax for 15 years, and have acquired 130,000 acres of land and/or development rights and thereby saved approximately 36 billion gallons of water annually. When will we have acquired enough and how will we measure that?
2. What other unmet community needs could be funded with this tax? What is the most important urgent need?

I believe the citizens of San Antonio want more information as to when this effort will be over and how we measure its success. When do we know we've achieved what we set out to accomplish?

I look forward to more discussion on this topic next week at City Council. For more information click [here](#). To review the Council Agenda click [here](#).

### **Provide Input on City Charter**

Through February 25, 2015, you have several opportunities to provide input on possible amendments to the City Charter.

Last fall, Council ordered an election for Saturday, May 9, 2015, to amend the City Charter by requiring an election before any use of the City's right-of-way for streetcar

or light rail.

Subsequently, Council created a Charter Review Commission to study the issues of Council pay, filling of the office of the Mayor in the event of a midterm vacancy and other possible suggestions for amendment. Council will review the recommendations next month.

Residents can sign up to speak online between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. by clicking [here](#). The site is accessible now, but online sign-up does not begin until 8 a.m. the day of the meeting. Residents can sign up in person 4-6 p.m. in Council Chambers on the day of the meeting.

The upcoming meeting dates include, Jan. 28th, Feb. 11th, Feb. 18th and Feb. 25th. You can also provide input by emailing [charter.review@sanantonio.gov](mailto:charter.review@sanantonio.gov) or call (210) 207-5602.

### **Hardy Oak Improvements**

On January 20, 2015 I joined Transportation & Capital Improvements to celebrate the start of improvements that will connect portions of Hardy Oak.

The Ground Breaking Ceremony was held at the end of Hardy Oak Boulevard south of Stone Oak Parkway. Construction started earlier this month with a completion date expected October 2015.

Plans include constructing a new four-lane divided roadway from Stone Oak to Knights Cross with a shared use path, curbs, sidewalks, driveway approaches and traffic signal and drainage improvements as needed.

Thank you for your patience during this construction project.



Hardy Oak Ground Breaking Ceremony  
January 20, 2015

### **SAPD Promotion Ceremony, January 16, 2015**



Ester Diaz with daughter Analisa Chavez. Chavez was promoted to Detective-Investigator. Thank you for your 12 years of service to San Antonio.



SAPD Officers  
Congratulations on your promotion!  
Photo courtesy:  
Frances Collins



Interim Police Chief Anthony Trevino and District 3 Councilwoman Rebecca Viagran.

## Our District 9 Children

A big thank you note goes to Malena Dasai and Sarah Rudolph who are Cadettes in Girl Scout Troop #44.

These 7th grade girls are working toward their Silver Award, which is the highest award given to Girl Scout Cadettes.

Malena and Sarah are providing the community with information about fire safety and our pets, including distributing those popular "Animal Inside" stickers so firefighters know how many pets are inside a home.

Thank you to Fire Station No. 46 and Animal Care Services for helping Malena & Sarah with this great project. Keep up the good work!



Malena & Sarah with Fire Station No. 46

## Transportation Network Companies

I'm one of the many who welcome Uber and Lyft to our community. I believe we are doing that under a system that makes sure we have safe drivers, safe vehicles and insurance that covers everyone in the event of a crash.

We made big steps in the ordinance we passed at City Council on December 11, 2014. I am confident that when we review it again we will be able to make additional changes that will encourage these transportation network providers to come to our

community to do well and provide an additional option for people who live here. Click [here](#) for a recent local news article on the topic. And click [here](#) for one by the New York Times Editorial Board.

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### **Meet District 9 residents who serve our Boards and Commissions**

John Kent serves is a member of the Linear Creekway Parks Advisory Board. He is a retired Air Force Colonel with 30 years of service. John served as a clinician, researcher and residency program director.

He is also President of The Overlook HOA and the Wilderness Oak Alliance.

"I am an avid cyclist and believe the linear creekway parks that San Antonio is developing along its creeks and streams is an excellent use of a long neglected natural asset of the city," said John Kent. "The development of the Creekway Parks will provide the people of San Antonio an excellent recreational opportunity by eventually creating more than 130 miles of hike and bike trails circling the city. I am honored to be a part of this exciting initiative."

John also enjoys flying and building his own airplane, ham radio and astronomy. Thank you John for your service to our community.



John Kent  
Linear Creekway Parks Advisory Board

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### **Helping District 9**

On January 14, 2015, my staff and I went to meet with two residents who live in the Dreamland Oaks Neighborhood who are concerned about erosion along an alley near Burr Oak and Lockhill-Selma. Flood waters create pot holes at least a foot deep in some areas.



With District 9 resident Armando Vasquez

January 14, 2015

Photo courtesy: Adam Trevino

The Transportation and Capital Improvements Department (TCI) also looked at the area and has plans to build a sidewalk and a retaining wall nearby to control water flow and prevent flooding to a nearby home. This should also reduce erosion in the alley. TCI will also make minor repairs to the alley and close it off except for use by utility crews when necessary.

Thank you to District 9 residents Mario Sandoval and Armando Vasquez for helping us solve this situation.

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### **8th Annual City Manager's Step Up to Wellness 5K**

On February 28, 2015, you can participate in the 8th Annual City Manager's Step Up To Wellness 5K Walk & Run at SeaWorld San Antonio. This is a great way to support the City of San Antonio and our fine City Manager.

For more details call 1-877-806-3987 or go to [www.athleteguild.com](http://www.athleteguild.com).

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### **April is National Poetry Month**

The Department for Culture & Creative Development (DCCD) is working to increase and enrich National Poetry Month outreach and awareness. The City of San Antonio invites you to submit your National Poetry Month event online at [www.npmsa.com](http://www.npmsa.com). The DCCD will distribute more than 10,000 printed calendars to more than 70 outlets, including 26 public library branches, 10 council district offices, area colleges and universities, bookstores and 20 art agencies and organizations.

The deadline to submit your event is February 23, 2015. For more details go to [www.getcreativesanantonio.com](http://www.getcreativesanantonio.com). You can also call (210) 207-5951.

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### **Senior Corner**

There are a number of resources for seniors in our community. We want to be able to provide news for District 9 seniors and we need your help. Please email upcoming events seniors might be interested in to [james.doughty@sanantonio.gov](mailto:james.doughty@sanantonio.gov).

Click [here](#) to learn what the City of San Antonio offers for our senior citizens. For the Seniors Resource Guide click [here](#).

I attended a meeting with the Holy Spirit Amigos of Holy Spirit Catholic Church, January 21, 2015 and a member pointed me to this [article](#) regarding the Village to Village Project. I will keep you updated as we have reached out to the San Antonio Area Foundation for any new information.

## San Antonio Chapter of Hadassah

On January 18, 2015, I joined Councilman Ron Nirenberg for a visit with the San Antonio Chapter of Hadassah at the Jewish Community Center. I'd like to thank this group of women who support Hadassah Hospitals and other ventures in our community.

For more information go to [www.hadassah.org](http://www.hadassah.org).



Emily Sparks, Immediate Past  
President of San Antonio Chapter of  
Hadassah



Sandy Leigh, Life Member of San Antonio Chapter  
of Hadassah

## Bulky Waste Collection Center

On January 13, 2015, the City opened the newly-renovated permanent household hazardous waste (HHW) facility and third bulky waste collection center at 7030 Culebra Road.

The new center will provide you with a one-stop drop-off location to dispose of bulky items such as appliances, car tires, old furniture, barbecue grills, lawnmowers as well as HHW items such as antifreeze, batteries, e-waste, paint and pool chemicals for free. These materials are then either recycled by the Solid Waste Management Department (SWMD) or disposed of properly at the landfill.

Official business hours for the Culebra HHW site and bulky waste center will be Tuesday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m. to noon.

For more information on SWMD services, visit [www.sanantonio.gov/swmd](http://www.sanantonio.gov/swmd) or follow us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/SASOLIDWASTE](http://www.facebook.com/SASOLIDWASTE).

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### Upcoming Events

February 12th - March 1st **San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo**

March 6th - 8th **Remember the Alamo Weekend**

March 14th - 15th **St. Murphy's St. Patrick's Day River Parade & Festival**

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### Adopt-a-Pet

This serious looking guy isn't serious at all. In fact, Boone is quite charming and playful. He won't even mind snuggling up with you at the end of the day. He weighs 32 pounds and is full-grown at two years of age. Boone is a male Pointer mix; he is neutered, micro-chipped and current on his vaccinations. Boone will welcome every opportunity to go on a walk and spend time with his family. All he needs is you to bestow his love upon each and every day.

You can check out Boone's profile on ADL's website at [www.adltexas.org](http://www.adltexas.org) or stop by Animal Defense League located at 11300 Nacogdoches Road, San Antonio, Texas 78217. Take some time to meet Boone and many of his other friends in person.



Meet Boone

### Animals at ACS

Peaches is a 7-8 year old dog that weighs about 35 pounds. Peaches is a loving older dog that does well with children and other dogs. She is not a big fan of cats. Peaches loves to lounge on the couch and will follow you around just to be close to you. Click [here](#) to contact ACS.



Meet Peaches

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### **New ACS website**

Animal Care Services knows it's never too late to resolve to be a responsible pet owner. The department is introducing a new online educational tool to help local residents learn more about ACS and the ways they can help San Antonio become a more humane community.

The new Animal Care Services website is an updated version of the shelter's online presence at [www.saacs.net](http://www.saacs.net). New pages spotlight adoptable pets, low cost services and partnerships as well as local animal laws.

ACS is ranked fourth overall in terms of the most visited City of San Antonio websites and the website had more than a million hits in a recent twelve month period. In addition to the enhanced features, SAACS.net will also offer online donation options in the coming weeks.

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

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**\*Due to a scheduling conflict Java with Joe is canceled January 28,  
2015.**

**Sessions will resume February 4th.**

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