



Vote May 9, 2015, San Antonio Medical Foundation releases recommendations & ChildSafe



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Dear Friends and Residents:

As co-chair of the Strategic Planning Committee of the San Antonio Medical Foundation, I am pleased to share with you the report's recommendations that are significant not only for our Medical Center, but also for the city's Bioscience and Healthcare Industries. The report was released this week and shows the city at a crossroads.

The report stresses the urgency and importance of increased collaboration, cooperation and coordination among the city's healthcare, research and medical education institutions.

This report is important for District 9 residents because its recommendations will help ensure that we all live in a community with world class patient care, medical research and medical education.

Our committee interviewed a broad cross-section of key individuals in San Antonio's Bioscience and Healthcare arenas. The recurring theme was the need for, "inter-institutional collaboration well beyond what currently exists". If we do this we can become a national and international leader in the biosciences and healthcare.

The recommendations spelled out in the report are urgent and if we follow through San Antonio can not only remain competitive but become great. The Foundation's commitment of up to \$1 million to incentivize cooperation and collaboration among our crown jewel institutions is a major first step to moving the ball forward for San Antonio.

One in six San Antonians is employed in healthcare, medicine and bioscience. The industry has a local economic impact of more than \$24.5 billion/year.

New UT-System medical schools are planned in Austin and the Rio Grande Valley. These developments raise the competition for attracting and retaining top research and medical assets.

There is no doubt San Antonio will have to work harder to stay competitive and move ahead when it comes to Bioscience and Healthcare.

To read the Strategic Planning Committee's Recommendations for San Antonio's Bioscience and Healthcare Industries from the San Antonio Medical Foundation click [here](#).

For more about the San Antonio Medical Foundation:
<http://www.samedfoundation.org/>

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.

Sincerely,



Joe Krier
City Councilman, District 9

May 9, 2015 Elections

Early voting begins April 27, 2015 and Election Day is May 9, 2015. San Antonio voters will choose the Mayor and the entire City Council and vote on several other issues including Aquifer Protection, Linear Parks Development, Streetcar and Light Rail Systems, City Council Pay and Mayoral special elections.

Please vote in this election which will guide our City for the next two years. A total of 263 Election Day sites will be utilized and 36 Early Voting sites will open April 27, 2015.

Early Voting locations within District 9 include [Parman Library](#), [Brookhollow Library](#), [Cody Library](#) and [Shavano Park City Hall](#).

To review a voter information guide click [here](#).

Youth Curfew

On April 30, 2015, Council will decide whether to eliminate, continue or adjust the Youth Curfew Ordinance. On average over the last three years, the San Antonio Police Department (SAPD) has issued 125 citations and 252 warnings annually. Most of the citations were issued by law enforcement agencies other than the SAPD.

The Youth Curfew Ordinance was initially adopted in the summer of 1991 and must be renewed every three years. It applies to children under the age of 18. The curfew is between 9:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday when school is in session and between 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. any day of the week or weekend. There are several exemptions or defenses to the ordinance.

At this time there are no recommended changes to the ordinance and I support its renewal.

I recently asked for your opinion on this issue and in an unscientific [poll](#) 89% of you support continuing the current Youth Curfew.

For more details on this topic click [here](#).

Transportation Network Companies Update

As you know, Uber and Lyft chose not to accept the very reasonable public safety and insurance protections, the city insisted on in the revised ordinance we passed last month. I strongly agreed with the Police Chief's firm recommendation that we require a ten fingerprint background check. Uber insisted on using only its own background check.

Click [here](#) for a recent Houston story about a tragedy that underscores the reason I supported our Chief's position and continue to believe the city's independent

background check is a better way to ensure public safety.

Protecting Military Installations

On April 2, 2015, I seconded a motion by District 10 Councilman Mike Gallagher to support legislation to protect military installations. The motion prevailed with a unanimous vote.

The areas around Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph (JBSA-Randolph) have grown and developed significantly over the last ten years. Encroachment and incompatible development could degrade the missions at JBSA-Randolph.

To read more about this topic click [here](#).

Click [here](#) for more about this new library.

Annexation

The City's Department of Planning & Community Development (DPCD) will host several sessions on San Antonio's proposed Annexation Program.

The first meeting took place on Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at 7 p.m. at the Cliff Morton Development and Business Center located at 1901 S. Alamo. A second session will take place on Thursday, May 7, 2015, same time and place.

On December 4, 2014, City Council directed staff to begin the evaluation process of limited purpose annexation for five areas. The areas include I-10 West - 14.2 square miles near Camp Bullis, U.S. Highway 281 North - 12.01 square miles, I-10 East inside Loop 1604 - 12.72 square miles, SH 151 - 14.64 square miles along Culebra

Road and U.S. 90 at Loop 1604 - 12.9 square miles near the Lackland Annex.

We have traditionally had smaller programs of annexation over the years. We need to grow or we may lose control over development outside our current boundaries and control over long-term finances, but we need to make sure this is the best move for San Antonio's citizens today.

To read more about this topic click [here](#).

POA Water Conservation

The Stone Oak Aesthetics Committee and the Board of Directors is setting an example when it comes to water conservation efforts.

The Stone Oak Property Owners Association (Stone Oak POA) has an agreement with the City of San Antonio to maintain 11 miles of medians within the boundaries of Stone Oak. In 2007, the Stone Oak POA developed a plan to reduce its irrigation water consumption.

In 2013, the Stone Oak POA Board of Directors targeted 8.5 miles of the 11 miles of medians for conversion of turf to hardscape where appropriate. The remaining turf was converted to a more effective and efficient irrigation plan. To date, it has completed 5 miles of the targeted 8.5 miles of medians.

As a result, SAWS has disconnected 5 water meters in the Stone Oak area. The Stone Oak POA has capped 1,514 sprays and rotors that were no longer needed in areas converted to hardscape.

Property Manager Meg Lorente said the goal is to maintain the health of the turf, eliminate runoff and further reduce water consumption beyond the 60% reduction achieved over the last three years.



Hardscape medians along Huebner off Blanco Road

Become a...

Trail Watch Volunteer!

Making our trails safer one smile at a time.

San Antonio Parks and Recreation is recruiting all types of trail users (hikers, bicyclists, runners and walkers) to help spread the word about trail safety and etiquette along the Howard W. Peak Greenway and the Mission and Museum Reach Trails.

We are looking for volunteers ages 18 and up who:

- Are friendly, outgoing and passionate about parks
- Are willing to commit to at least 4 hours of service a month
- Have experience using park trails and a willingness to learn

Sign Up For an Orientation Session!

Thursday, April 29, 2015

6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Run Wild Sports

1900 Broadway St, 78215

The orientation will cover an overview of Trail Watch volunteer roles along with valuable information from Park Police about trail safety.

Space is limited to 25 people for this session.

RSVP Today! Call 207-8603 or email Meredith.Tilley@sanantonio.gov



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Overlook Town Hall



**Brigadier Gen. Robert LaBrutta
April 2, 2015**

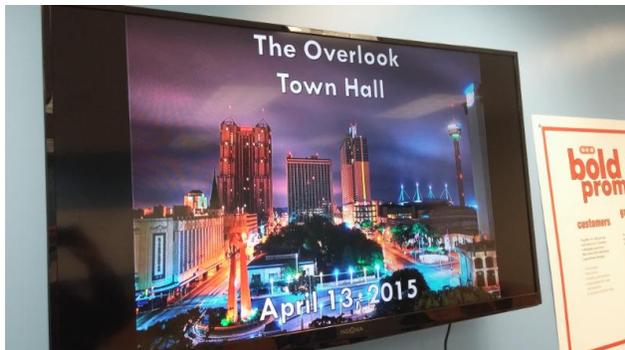
**HEB at Wilderness Oak
L to R, Drew, John Kent & Katie
April 13, 2015**



**Thank you ChildSafe!
April is National Child Abuse
Awareness Month
April 9, 2015**



**Thank you for the Birthday
Wishes!
April 15, 2015**



To read the survey from



**Animal Care Services
at B Session**

Overlook Town Hall

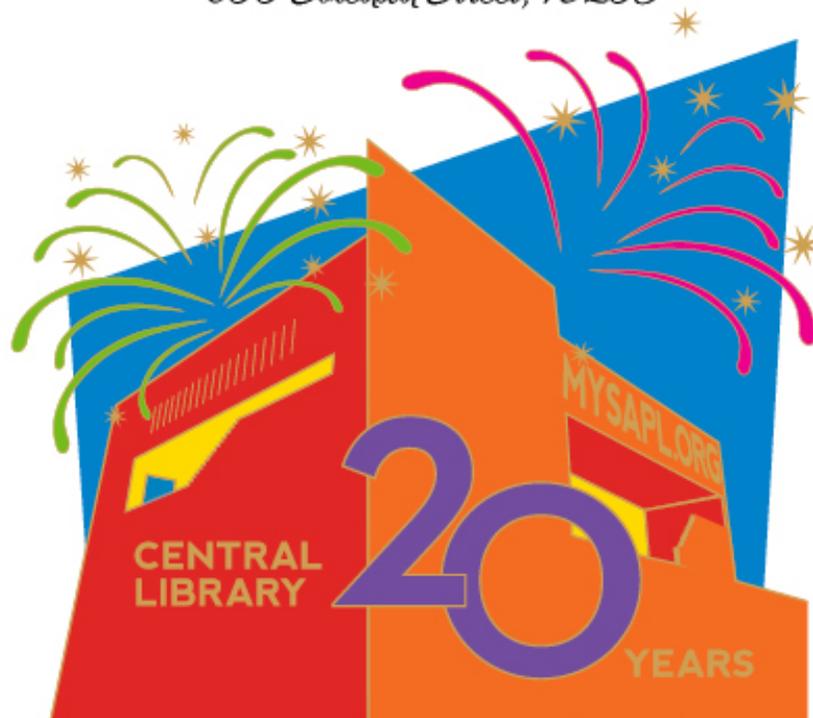
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Adopt-a-Pet

Milky Way is an outgoing two-year-old Jack Russell Terrier Mix. She would love nothing more than to be part of your life. Milky Way is friendly, playful and has a unique appearance and personality. She weighs 32 pounds, current on her

vaccinations and is spayed and micro-chipped.

To meet Milky Way stop by the Animal Defense League at 11300 Nacogdoches Road, San Antonio, Texas 78217 or go to www.adltexas.org.



Meet Milky Way

Animals at ACS

by Lisa Norwood

Bear is a big Lab gentleman with an even bigger heart who was taken to Animal Care Services (ACS) with his friends last month. Although he was being fed (perhaps too much), he and his companions were left on their own most of the time by an apparently neglectful owner. When ACS cruelty investigators found Bear, he was chewing on a tin can-his only toy. Now in foster care, Bear has discovered the joy of real toys and nutritious chews. He loves children plus he gets along great with other dogs and cats. Bear walks great on a leash and is learning "sit" and "down".

Bear is working on his weight issues and his earlier tin can chewing has left him with some broken teeth and a cut up tongue-no worries though-other than watching his intake, Bear has no food restrictions. That being said, Bear is a tall boy and has done some counter surfing. He once stole (then ate) an entire package of tortillas but he's sorry about that and knows that was a bad idea. He is trying not to take off with any more baked goods but he does need your help with that--tortillas are delicious!

Bear's animal ID is A323874. He is a five-year-old pure bred Yellow Labrador Retriever. Click [here](#) to learn more about pets at ACS.



Meet Bear

In the News

[Express-News: Council takes long-awaited vote](#)

[Houston Chronicle: Looming Army Cuts](#)

[San Antonio Business Journal: Ride-Sharing Bill](#)

[Local control means honoring laws](#)

[San Antonio Medical Foundation](#)

[Fiesta Medals are a fun tradition](#)

[KABB on SA Medical Foundation report](#)

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 to help you recruit volunteers.

Spread the Message

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



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