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District 7 Progress Report!

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I have had the pleasure of serving as your City Councilwoman for a little over 30 days now and it has been incredible opportunity to help the needs of the community in which I have been a lifelong resident. From private citizen to public official, I've participated in our governance system in a new way. It is a great responsibility and not one that I take lightly or for granted.

In the past month, I have met with more than 40 neighborhood association presidents (twice!), visited with 38 city department directors to learn more about their work and the resources available to residents, and attended more than 50 budget work sessions, public hearings and community meetings. I have also given great thought on the infrastructure and quality of life needs for all of the citizens of San Antonio.

I believe in making data driven decisions so it was important to me to meet with residents and city officials in order to make informed decisions on what is one of the biggest responsibilities of the City Council-passing the budget. We are fortunate that in San Antonio we have an amazing 311 system and by using the data compiled from your calls for city services, I was able to drill down to the most important issues you face, to ensure resources are adequately allocated. An update on the 2015 budget and how it affects District 7 is below.

San Antonio is a City on the rise. We all have a part in ensuring the future success of our community for our families and one another. From the Mayor, the City Council members I have grown to know personally, city personnel and you, the residents of District 7, it is imperative that we work together proactively on the tough issues facing San Antonio. As a wife, working mother, and business owner, I intend to continue to work hard as your community advocate in District 7.

Sincerely,

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2014 Infrastructure Project Accomplishments

Fiscal year 2014 is quickly approaching its end. A few of the larger infrastructure projects passed in 2014 and scheduled for District 7 will result in improved drainage, better pedestrian and vehicular bridges and improvements to parks. They include:

Seeling Channel Phase I

- Amount Allocated: \$13,652,808
- Scope description: Improvements to seeling Channel from Woodlawn Lake to Wilson to reduce flooding and roadway construction along Mistletoe and Woodlawn Avenue. Working in conjunction with the Woodlawn Lake Park Project, converting the existing South Tobin Drive Bridge, upstream of Woodlawn Lake, into a pedestrian only bridge and constructing a new vehicular bridge 200 feet West of the existing bridge and to include channel improvements.
- Construction completion slated for February 2015

Seeling Channel Phase II Drainage

- Amount Allocated: \$24,606,000
- Scope description: Reconstruct channel to west of St. Cloud and construct a detention pond to improve drainage and minimize flooding. This is a continuation of the Phase I project funded from the 2007 Bond Program.
- Construction to start April 2015 with completion slated for January 2017.

Woodlawn Lake Park

- Amount Allocated: \$1,000,000
- Scope description: Development, improvement and rehabilitation of basic park infrastructure to possibly include improvements to the park's walking trail and east side playground area.
- Construction to start November 2014 with completion slated for July 2015.

Fiscal year 2015 Budget

This week, City Council unanimously passed a balanced budget for Fiscal Year 2015. This marked a great accomplishment for everyone at City Hall. The budget includes an additional \$15 million for street projects citywide and an additional \$7 million for drainage. District 7 will receive \$7.3 million for infrastructure needs such as sidewalks, bike facilities, alleys, and intersection improvements. In addition, I was able to include amendments for specific District 7 needs including:

General Fund

- Code Enforcement: Adds resources for overgrown yards for 4 neighborhood Code Sweeps. (\$25,000.00)
 - Health: Adds resources for Family Partnerships (\$68,000.00)
 - Parks: Adds resources for Woodlawn Lake WiFi Room. (\$25,000.00)
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Capital Budget

- Thunderbird Hills Parking Lot Improvement (\$30,000.00)

Upcoming Events

District 7 has many events lined up in the coming weeks. We welcome feedback from you as to what types of future events you feel would be most helpful to the residents of our community. We hope to see you at the following:

September 25th, 2014

What: District 7 Discussion on SA2020

Where: Woodlawn Lake Wi-Fi Room at 5:30 pm - 6:30pm

On September 25, 2014, SA2020 will release the second annual SA2020 Progress Report. This report will feature an update on our community's progress towards each of the 59 Measures of Success that make up the SA2020 community vision.

Join District 7 Councilwoman Mari Aguirre Rodriguez and SA2020 President and CEO Darryl Bryd for a conversation about this important initiative and how it effects the advancement and development of our community. It will take place at the Woodlawn Lake WiFi room, 1103 Cincinnati, from 5:30pm-6:30pm. We will also discuss and brainstorm ways to better utilize the WiFi room to benefit the residents of District 7.

Officials from Parks and Recreation as well as the San Antonio Library will also be present. In addition, we will have Youth Orchestras of San Antonio in the gymnasium to give children the opportunity to explore and try instruments. Light snacks and refreshments will be served.

September 27th, 2014

What: 311 Ambassador Training Academy

Where: Brooks City Base at 9:00 am - 11:00 am

RSVP: Please RSVP to Paula X. Stallcup, Assistant Director, Communications and Public Affairs Department at paula.stallcup@sanantonio.gov

District 7 Councilwoman Mari Aguirre-Rodriguez and District 3 Councilwoman Rebecca Viagran invite you to our inaugural 311 Ambassador Training Academy. The Call Center is located at 8130 Inner Circle located on Brooks CityBase at the City's Emergency Operations Center. The Program will include an overview of the Call Center as well as a Tour. As an Ambassador, you will gain the full insight and knowledge of the daily operations at the Call Center and how we work with departments to respond to the citizens' requests for services.

October 5th, 2014

What: District 7 Pet Walk

Where: Woodlawn Lake Park at 9:00 am - 10:00 am

District 7 will be having a pet walk at Woodlawn Lake. One of the issues that was reflected in the 311 data report was a high number of incidents of aggressive animals and stray animals. We will be walking the park with Animal Care Services (ACS) to bring more attention to this matter. We are also having affordable micro chipping available for your pets courtesy of ACS for \$15.00.

For more information on any of these events or on any other constituent issue, please do not hesitate to contact us.
