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Dear Friends and Residents,
This month I was in Washington D.C. serving as an advocate for San Antonio's interests with regard to federal legislative priorities. I spent a day at the Pentagon discussing with uniformed and civilian leaders there how we can best support military



missions in the event of another base closing effort. More than ever, the Pentagon is supportive of San Antonio. Based on our Pentagon meetings, I would be surprised if there are any Pentagon recommendations to move or reduce missions in Military City USA in the future. However, we need to continue our efforts to make the case for San Antonio as a next round of base closures is considered.

The new Air Force Installation and Mission Support Center will bring about 350 military and civilian jobs to San Antonio next year. We assured military leaders we will be ready for these new residents. The city will be working with the Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce to help those transferred here get into our schools, find homes and find jobs for their spouses.

On February 4, 2015, we focused on air transportation. As you know, many residents would enjoy more non-stop flights. I know business leaders and members of the military community who would benefit from non-stop flights to Reagan National Airport. We met with key Transportation Department leaders in this area and received good advice on our best strategies for this.

The U.S. Department of Transportation also reviewed with us how the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery, or TIGER Discretionary Grant program works best. It allows the Department to invest in roads, rail, transit and port projects. Since 2009, Congress has dedicated more than \$ 4.1 billion for six rounds of funding. Congress is in the process of authorizing a 7th round of project funds. It is important for San Antonio work with Bexar County, the San Antonio Mobility Coalition (SAMCo) and the private sector to secure our fair share of Department of Transportation highway funds.

Senator John Cornyn (R-Texas) and Representative Lamar Smith (R-Texas) assured us they are working to secure funding for a new federal court house in San Antonio. San Antonio has been seeking this for several sessions of the Congress. In light of the volume of federal cases involving drugs and other crimes, a new and more secure facility is essential.

It's clear that each member of our Congressional delegation works hard for San Antonio's interests.

As always, if there are items you would like to see in future newsletters, please let me

(L to R) Councilman Roberto Trevino, U.S. Congressman Lamar Smith (Texas-21), Councilman Joe Krier
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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

84th Legislature



Councilman Joe Krier on Gov. Abbott's State of the State ad

As Chairman of the Intergovernmental Relations Committee, I have been to Austin several times this year as the 84th State Legislative Session is underway.

On February 16, 2015, I met with several House and Senate Committee Chairs and/or their staff. I also met with Speaker Joe Straus.

Earlier this month the Speaker announced appointments to House Committees. Among the local delegation we have Rep. Joe Farias as Vice Chair of Defense & Veteran Affairs, Rep. Ruth Jones McClendon as Chair of Rules & Regulations and Rep. Roland Gutierrez as Vice-Chair of Licensing & Administrative Procedures.

Here is a listing of other committee assignments:

Diego Bernal

International Trade & Intergovernmental Affairs, Urban Affairs

Joe Farias

County Affairs, Vice-Chair

Defense & Veterans' Affairs

Rick Galindo

Government Transparency & Operation

Public Education

Roland Gutierrez

Government Transparency & Operation

Licensing & Administrative Procedures, Vice-Chair

Local & Consent Calendars

Lyle Larsen

Calendars

Culture, Recreation & Tourism

General Investigating & Ethics

Natural Resources

Trey Martinez-Fischer

Special Purpose Districts

Ways & Means

Ruth Jones McClendon

Appropriations

Rules & Resolutions, Chair

Transportation

Justin Rodriguez

Appropriations, Pensions

Rules & Resolutions

On January 26, 2015, Lt. Governor Dan Patrick announced the following Senate Committee assignments:

Donna Campbell

Committee on Education

Committee on Health and Human Services

Committee on Intergovernmental Relations

Committee on Veteran Affairs and Military Installations, Chair

Jose Menendez

Committee on Criminal Justice

Committee on Higher Education

Carlos Uresti

Committee on Administration

Committee on Finance

Committee on Health and Human Services

Committee on Natural Resources and Economic Development

We have very important work ahead of us and I look forward to working with your elected leaders to make San Antonio a better place. I am confident our members will get the job done and I thank them in advance for their service.

This Thursday, I voted against supporting birth control programs, including implants, in the City's State Legislative Agenda. District 10 City Councilman Mike Gallagher joined me in that vote. For the entire session update click [here](#).

Animal Care Services Progress Report

On February 11, 2015, Council received an update of Animal Care Services progress on the stray animal population. ACS is working with area schools and targeting some neighborhoods to educate residents about ways to control stray animals.



Last year, ACS picked up 25,460 dead animals that's down from 30,924 in 2010. It received 40,000 calls for service and picked up 30,000 roaming pets. I appreciate the hard work by ACS. And many thanks to those of you who are good pet owners.

Meet Willard

On December 5, 2015, I picked up Willard from ACS. He was featured in our November newsletter.

Willard is a 2-year-old 75 lb. Wolf Hound/Dalmation blend. He's now part of Cyndi and my family.

We feature two wanted pets in our bi-weekly newsletter and just last week someone adopted Sheila. The German Shepherd Blend was one of our featured animals on February 5, 2015.

Thank you for helping us make a difference. If you need a pet click [here](#).



PANTHER SPRINGS PARK RIBBON CUTTING AND GRAND OPENING

22635 Wilderness Oak

San Antonio, TX 78258

March 11, 2015

10:30 am

PLEASE CARPOOL



Councilman Joe Krier will lead residents and City Officials in celebrating this new park with walking trails and a dog park.



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Encino Branch Library

On February 12, 2015, Council unanimously approved a contract with Alpha Data Corporation for equipment at the new Encino Branch Library that will allow visitors to self-check library books and other items.

This will be San Antonio's only library with a drive-thru window at 2515 East Evans Road. Residents will be able to reserve their materials on-line and then drive through to pick up those items.

This new library is on time and on budget, with a grand opening expected in May of

2015.

For more details click [here](#).

No Graffiti SA

I'd like thank the Development Services Department for always working hard to keep San Antonio beautiful. We reported graffiti along Wurzbach Parkway between West Ave. and Blanco Rd. and within a few weeks it was wiped clean.

There are upcoming meetings for TAG, that's the acronym for TerminAte Graffiti. It's a team of law enforcement officers and citizens who meet to discuss hotspots, cases, issues and solutions to graffiti.

TAG meets the 1st Wednesday of each month. The next meeting is March 4, 2015 at 1 p.m. at the Public Safety Headquarters Building, 315 S. Santa Rosa, Room 1410. For more information click [here](#) or email lisa.mckenzie@sanantonio.gov. You can also call (210) 207-5430.

3,700 sqft 12.5 gal 76 min



Thank you No Graffiti SA!

Teed off at cancer

The Alamo Pachyderm Club has partnered with Teed-Off at Cancer for the second year in a row to host a fundraising golf tournament.

The tournament is scheduled for Monday, April 6th, 2015 at the Quarry Golf Club. Proceeds benefit the Children's Hospital of San Antonio.

For more information call Tournament Director Steve Chafin at (210) 702-3324 or email gataevents@thegatagroup.com. You can also visit www.teedoffatcancersa.com.

65 PLUS

Christian Senior Services is seeking volunteers for its Senior Companion Program. The program is designed to foster independence among participants by engaging them in community service. You can sign up to volunteer or you may be interested in the services offered.

For more information click [here](#).

Book House

Click on this photo of a Little Free Library to learn about how this idea started in 2009. There are now more than 15,000 of these across the country with 11 in San Antonio.



JOBS

Webhead is hosting a hiring blitz this Saturday. Webhead was established in 1994 and operates on the cutting edge of internet technology. The company specializes in website development and design, content management systems and cyber security. Webhead has experienced an increased demand for jobs in STEM, specifically in Information Technology, Software Development and Engineering. Webhead plans to hire 25 people in and out of Texas and has immediate need to fill at least 10 positions this Saturday.

Go to <https://www.webheadtech.com/register> for more information.

Fitness in the Park

Fitness in the Park provides opportunities for you to volunteer. Fitness in the Park provides participant and instructor incentives and has a large network of participants who might be interested in joining your free fitness class. Start one up today by emailing travis.davey@sanantonio.gov.

Meet District 9 residents serving our Boards and Commissions

Jim Evetts is a member of the Transportation Advisory Board for District 9. He has thirty years of management experience working with large workforces and managing

multi-million dollar budgets.

Jim was Director of Community Activities at Fort Sam Houston for twelve years. He was born in San Antonio.

"The Transportation Advisory Board gives me a chance to have a positive influence on the future expansion of safe and efficient public transportation for our citizens and visitors," said Evetts.

Jim graduated from St. Mary's University with a Bachelor of Business Administration with an emphasis on accounting.

Thank you Jim for your service to our community.



Jim Evetts
Transportation Advisory Board

News from the Neighborhoods



With Oakwood HOA resident
February 7, 2015



Thank you to the Oakwood HOA for collecting items for the Food Bank.



"Warm Your Heart" event by Oakwood HOA



Community Leaders Meeting
Parman Library
February 17, 2015

Adopt-a-Pet

This beauty goes by the name of Frenchy. She is a sweet Labrador Retriever mix who longs for a forever home. Frenchy is a year old and has so much love to share. Frenchy's outgoing nature will make her the perfect companion for any and all adventures. Why not give this upbeat, attentive gal a shot at becoming your next best friend? She keeps a very clean kennel, walks nicely on a leash and does just fine with other dogs in the home.

Frenchy weighs 39 pounds, is spayed, micro-chipped and current on her vaccinations. She's temporarily residing at the Animal Defense League at 11300 Nacogdoches Road, San Antonio, Texas 78217.

If you just can't wait to learn more about Frenchy, find her pet personal online at www.adltexas.org.



Meet Frenchy

Animals at ACS

Mabel desperately wants to be part of a family. She is a 40 lb. retriever mix that is about 2-years-old. Mabel is heartworm negative, spayed and has all of her shots. Her current foster family calls her Sadie and describes here as happy, playful and full of energy.

Mabel enjoys snuggling on the couch and prefers to be indoors.

Click [here](#) to contact ACS about Mabel.



Meet Mabel

LOST CAT REWARD



Last seen on 2/5/15 at 14930 Cadillac Dr. Goes by Aphro (Aphrodite), was wearing red collar and is micro chipped. Half of her face is black and other half is orange.

Contact 210.872.7484 with information. Thank you

Animal Care Services offers a number of great tips should you ever lose a pet. Click [here](#).

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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