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Councilman District 6



THE DISTRICT 6 REPORT

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CITY OF SAN ANTONIO



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Season's Greetings District 6 Constituents and Friends,

As the end of the year grows near, what better opportunity to reflect on the past six months where so many great things have been done in District 6. Whether getting fit as a community, preparing kids as they returned to school, or celebrating with our seniors, District 6 residents have been incredibly active over the last few months. I am also pleased to share that this year's City of San Antonio Operating Budget of \$2.3 billion was approved by Council in September without any tax increases for residents.

In addition, due to data released from the 2010 Census, the increase to San Antonio's population has necessitated a change to our City Council district boundaries. After holding several public meetings, City Council passed an ordinance which approved changes to council district boundaries. After the ordinance was passed, the changes were sent to the U.S. Department of Justice for further approval. The Department of Justice is expected to accept these changes sometime in December. Pending the Department's approval, the changes will take effect during the Council elections in May 2013.

Lastly, as Chairman of the Education Committee and member of the Brainpower Committee, I am pleased that our community supported and passed Pre-K for SA. This will no doubt provide many great opportunities for our youth and bring economic development to our city. Please take the time to enjoy this newsletter. Happy Holidays to you and your family, and I hope to see you at our future events.

Sincerely,

Ray Lopez
CITY COUNCILMAN, District 6

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Emergency	911
SAPD Non-Emergency	207-7273
Fire Non-Emergency	207-7744
Park Police	207-8590
Municipal Court	207-8970
Senior Services	207-7172
Parks & Recreation	207-8480
Animal Care Services	207-4738
Graffiti Abatement Program	207-5430
City Customer Service	311
Public Works	207-8022
Solid Waste Management	207-6470
Library	207-2500
City of San Antonio Job Line	207-7280
United Way Help Line	211
San Antonio Food Bank	337-3663
CPS Energy	353-2222
SAWS	704-7297

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IN THE COMMUNITY

Alicia Trevino Lopez Senior Center Celebrates One Year Anniversary

Councilman Lopez was joined by the community in celebrating the one-year anniversary of the senior center. There was also a Wall of Honor Recognition and portrait unveiling for three new senior honorees. Festivities also featured an exhibition opening by the Bihl Haus Arts Foundation.



Senior Fall Event

Councilman Lopez hosted a Fall Festival for District 6 seniors where information was available from vendors including SAWS, San Antonio Police Department, Solid Waste Management, San Antonio Food Bank, CPS Energy, Department of Human Services, VIA and the San Antonio Library.

Wheeler Park Clean Up

Residents joined staff from the Parks and Recreation Department in cleaning and beautifying Officer Wheeler Park.



Back to School Events

District 6 hosted their 4th Back to School and School Supply Initiative. This year over 1200 backpacks were given to needy students throughout the district. The students ranged from Pre-K to High School and included the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, Catholic Charities as well as the Children's Shelter. In addition over 50 immunizations were given through a partnership with CentroMed. Along with free food various organizations also partnered to provide free services including haircuts.

District 6 Fitness Field Day

Over the Summer District 6 celebrated its first annual Fitness Field Day with over 600 residents at Northside Stadium. Events included a rock wall, race walk, zumba and many more activities. Participants were also able to get information from health and wellness related vendors. The District 6 Fitness Field Day is part of the San Antonio Sports Fit Family Challenge and will be an annual event.



IN THE COMMUNITY

Callaghan Road Ribbon Cutting

Councilman Lopez, District 7 Councilman Cris Medina, City of San Antonio staff and community members celebrated the completion of the Callaghan Road (Culebra Road to Commerce Street) construction project.

The project widened and reconstructed Callaghan from Culebra to Commerce, to include dual turn lanes at the Culebra intersection, a multi-use path for pedestrians and cyclists, sidewalks, curbs, driveway approaches, a raised landscaped median, and necessary drainage and traffic-signal improvements. The drainage work included construction of a new storm drain system, culverts, and a drainage channel along Callaghan. In addition, the project realigned the road to remove a severe "S" curve.



Nationwide Grand Opening

Nationwide Insurance unveiled a new state-of-the-art, green building in Westover Hills during a ribbon-cutting ceremony. The facility is home to nearly 1,500 Nationwide associates today, and will be able to house 2,000 total employees, for which the company is currently hiring. The company also announced grants from the Nationwide Insurance Foundation totaling \$92,500 to four local charities, including San Antonio Foodbank, San Antonio Chapter of the American Red Cross, Hispanic Religious Partnership for Community Health and SAM Ministries.

Westside Girl Scouts Ribbon Cutting

On October 2nd, Councilman Lopez attended the ribbon cutting. Through a partnership facilitated by the Westside Development Corporation, the Girl Scouts of Southwest Texas (GSST) and Edgewood Independent School District (EISD), has officially opened the West Side Girl Scout Leadership Center. After closing the Coronado/Escobar Elementary School campus in 2011 in anticipation of state budget cuts, EISD is leasing nearly 40,000 square feet of the facility to GSST for three years. Along with serving girls and adults throughout Bexar and surrounding counties, the West Side Girl Scout Leadership Center will provide direct services to thousands of girls and their families through weekly troop meetings, a STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) and robotics lab, MacBook Learning Lab and Girl Genius tutoring sessions.



2nd Annual Rebuilding Together Event

More than 350 volunteers from Rebuilding Together San Antonio painted, raked, repaired and cleaned their way to building a better community. As part of their Annual Home Repair Workday, 10 elderly, disabled or low-income homeowners had their homes revitalized and improved in District 6. Ten homes will receive repairs on the workday and 5 more will receive repairs in the coming months. The homes are in the Cable Westwood and Community Workers Council communities.



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DISTRICT 6 CITY COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

District 6 Holiday Open House

Friday, December 21, 2012

San Antonio Event Center, 8111 Meadow Leaf Drive

9:30 am - 2:00 pm

Help a child in need and bring an unwrapped present to help with our toy drive.

Please RSVP to: district6@sanantonio.gov

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Field Office Hours of Operation

Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Walk-in appointments welcomed 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

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