



Welcome back



Carlos Mendez

CIMS is proud to announce that **Carlos Mendez**, Senior Landscape Architect in Vertical, is home safely and back at work after a nearly yearlong military deployment in Iraq.

The Kingsville native, a City employee since 2001, was in the Middle East since January 2008 with the Air Force Reserve's 557th RED HORSE (Rapid Engineer Deployable Heavy Operational Repair Squadron Engineers). Mendez married the former Rosie Perez, who works in Human Resources, on Jan. 19, 2008, and was on military orders one week later.

Mendez has a bachelor's in landscape architecture from Texas A&M University-College Station. He also has 19 years' service in the military, including three years of active duty with the Army, Army Reserves, and Air Force Reserves.

He leads the Vertical team overseeing "quality of life" capital projects like libraries, health and clinics, community initiatives, and parks and recreation. Other Vertical teams are responsible for downtown projects and public safety.

Tech. Sgt. Mendez enjoys golf, dove hunting, and fishing.

Capital Projects Officer Pink hangs up safety vest

Longtime Horizontal Capital Projects Officer **Mike Pink** has retired after 15 years with the City.

The Minneapolis native spent the first 18 months of his employment with the City as a Traffic engineering tech, and was a capital projects officer after that.

He has a bachelor's in

chemical engineering from the University of Minnesota and a master's in management from Troy University in Alabama. Pink served in the Air Force for 20 years, retiring in 1991.

Pink will stay in San Antonio. His son is graduating from Texas A&M University-Kingsville and his daughter



is an employee at Fort Hood in Killeen.

He enjoys hunting and visiting the casinos in Louisiana and Mississippi.

Happy birthday in January

Happy birthday to CIMS employees born in the first month of the year:

Courtney McClure, Contracts Support (4th); **Tamara Langwell**, Design Enhancement (9th); **Richard Casiano**, Horizontal (14th); **Manuel Vidal**, Technical Services (14th); **Araceli Rodriguez**, Real Estate (19th); **Angelica Mata**, Vertical (20th); **Victor Vasquez**, Technical Services (20th).

Jose Hernandez, Technical Services (23rd); **Martha Almeria**, Real Estate (24th); **David Lopez**, Horizontal (24th); **Chris Kurzon**, Real Estate (27th); **Bill Hensley**, Vertical (28th); **Alma Nuñez**, Vertical (29th); **Manuel Martinez**, Technical Services (30th); **Pete Rodriguez**, Horizontal (31st).

From the Director's Chair

By Mike Frisbie, P.E., City Engineer

Happy new year everyone! I hope 2008 was a good year for you at work and at home. CIMS certainly enjoyed a productive 12 months.

CIMS saw City Council approve full appropriation for the Bond Program, as well as the consultant-selection process and contract execution. CIMS staff finished the Design Guidance Manual and updated the City's standard specifications.

We also have new design and construction contracts, an Executive Utility Committee, and a Public Art Master Plan.

What can you expect in 2009? Some of our 2007-2012 Bond projects



and other Capital Improvement projects are scheduled for completion, and numerous others will be under way or in various stages of the design and construction process.

We are on course to fulfilling our goal of having the Bond Program substantially complete by June 2012.

CIMS will launch its new Dashboard, which allows Web users to view snapshots of key indicators. For example, users can view data in various forms, including graphically, in text mode, or both. A refresh interval will ensure timely, accurate information.

Let's work together to make 2009 a great year!



Beacon Hill sculpture lights the way

The CIMS **Public Art Division** joined District 1 Councilwoman Mary Alice P. Cisneros in a lighting ceremony Dec. 15 for a new sculpture in the roundabout at Blanco Road and Fulton Street.

Local artist Angel Rodriguez-Diaz created the 28-foot, metal illuminated obelisk dubbed "The Beacon." Public Art San Antonio supports a public process for incorporating artist services and artwork into the design of civic spaces and capital improvement projects. The sculpture base was tiled with a design created by the artist.

Images from the CIMS Holiday Luncheon

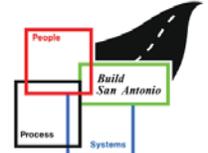


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CIMS Mission Statement

Together, Dedicated to Our Community ... Building a Great San Antonio

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Our Core Values

- Accountability & Integrity
- Enjoying every day
- Respecting our customers
- Valuing our diversity & history
- Forward thinking



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