

NOVEMBER

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HEAD START 50TH ANNIVERSARY

City of San Antonio Head Start's mission is to prepare children and engage families for school readiness and life-long success. Free. City-wide. Call (210) 206-5500 for details.

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GET FIT AND GIVE BACK THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE AT THE S.A. NATATORIUM

The Thanksgiving food drive will be held from Monday, Nov. 2, until Wednesday, Nov. 25. Citizens will be given admission to the Natatorium, located at 1430 W. Cesar Chavez, with the donation of two non-perishable food items. The donations will be given to the San Antonio Food Bank for distribution. Call (210) 207-3299 for details.

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MEET THE AUTHOR: NEWBERY MEDALIST JACK GANTOS

Jack Gantos is a writer who loves to talk about writing. Jack will speak about creating picture books, crafting chapter books, writing a memoir and dashing off works of semi-autobiographical fiction. Young writers – and readers – looking for information and inspiration are invited to join us for an energetic and amusing conversation with Mr. Gantos. 6 p.m. Free. Central Library, 600 Soledad. Call (210) 207-2500 or visit MySAPL.org for details.

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FAMILY FLASHLIGHT NIGHT

When the sun sets, it's your chance to see a different side of the San Antonio Botanical Garden. Encounter nighttime insects, create a constellation craft and test your directional skills in a light maze. Be sure to bring your flashlight. Kids and adults alike will enjoy this rare look at the Garden. 6-8:30 p.m. Regular admission. San Antonio Botanical Garden, 555 Funston Place. Call (210) 207-3250 for details.

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STARTING OUT WILD: TURKEYS ARE TERRIFIC

Children, ages 1-3, are invited to learn about turkeys through stories, songs, and hands-on fun! These high energy, engaging programs are a perfect way to foster an appreciation of the natural world. It is recommended that a child be walking and a parent or caretaker attend with each child. Most classes will take place outdoors. 10-11 a.m., Friedrich Wilderness Park Classroom, 21395 Milsa. Call (210) 207-3782 to register.

7

ARBOR DAY

The entire community is invited to come celebrate San Antonio Arbor Day and also adopt a tree to plant. The event will include a tree giveaway, family and kid friend activities, Last Chance Forever Bird of Prey demonstrations and tree care demonstrations. 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Rosedale Park, 340 Dartmouth. Call (210) 207-3256 or visit AlamoForestPartnership.org for details.

7

TURKEYS OF VOELCKER HOMESTEAD

Did you know who wanted the turkey to be the symbol for the national bird? What is a baby turkey called? Why does the President pardon a turkey every year? Find out answers to these questions and more. 1201 Voelcker Lane behind Blanco BBQ. 9-11 a.m. A donation of \$3 per individual or \$5 per family is suggested. For more information call (210) 207-3280.

7

WHITE SHAMAN PANEL: THE COAHUILTECAN CREATION JOURNEY

Near Comstock, Texas, sits a rock panel upon which a 4,000 year-old painting depicts the Coahuiltecan creation story and ritual aligned with the Aztec and Huichol. Dr. Mario Garza (Coahuiltecan Miakan-Garza Band) of the Indigenous Cultures Institute in San Marcos will share how the White Shaman Panel records the birth of the sun, the journey to the underworld, and the First People who emerged upon Mother Earth. 3 p.m. Free. Central Library, 600 Soledad. Call (210) 207-2500 or visit MySAPL.org for details.

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JOHN IGO: A BOOK SIGNING

Writer and educator John Igo will sign copies of his new book, A Stone for Plot Four: Or Mendez, a Quest. The book is a biography of writer Mendez Marks, who vanished at the height of his success. Copies of the book will be available for purchase at the signing. 3 p.m. Free. 13330 Kyle Seale Pkwy. Call (210) 207-2500 or visit MySAPL.org for details.

7

THE ROBERT CRAY BAND

Five-time Grammy award winner, guitarist and blues icon, Robert Cray rocks the Carver stage! Considered "one of the greatest guitarist of this generation", Cray is credited with reinventing the blues with his distinct razor-sharp guitar sound. 8 p.m. \$35. 226 N. Hackberry. Call (210) 207-2234 or visit TheCarver.org for details.

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POETRY TO THE PUEBLO

This poetic tribute to Texas State Poet Laureate Carmen Tafolla will combine her poems with dance, film, music, and dramatic readings by some of San Antonio's top performing artists. Come enjoy the multicultural flavors of San Antonio, and create a poem on our word wall - Poetry to the Pueblo! 6:30 p.m. Free. Central Library, 600 Soledad. Call (210) 207-2500 or visit MySAPL.org for details.

10

COMMANDER'S HOUSE VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION

Come join us as we honor and recognize Veterans. Veterans and guests will enjoy a flag ceremony presented by the American Legion Post 485 Color Guard, guests speakers, entertainment and lunch courtesy of HEB. Lunch for Veterans is complimentary, all other guests are \$3 each. 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Commander's House, 622 S. Flores. Call (210) 207-3010 to register.

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VETERANS DAY FITNESS

Join us on Veterans Day for a military-style workout. Participate in a ruck march, an obstacle course, Zumba, cross fit and family fitness frenzy. 1-3 p.m. Free. San Pedro Springs Park, 2200 N. Flores. (entrance to McFarlin Tennis Center). Call (210) 207-3047 for details.

11

CITY HOLIDAY - VETERANS DAY

City Hall and most municipal offices will be closed to observe the Veterans Day. Recycling, garbage and organics recycling collection will take place, as well as brush collection. For more information on holiday services, call 3-1-1 or visit SanAntonio.Gov for details.

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HEALTH AND THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The 3rd annual installment of this conference will look at the impact of the built environment on chronic disease, environmental health and other public health concerns. 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, 200 East Market Street. Registration required. Call (210) 207-8780 or visit SanAntonio.Gov/health for details.

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STAR PARTY

What's to see in the crisp, clear autumn skies? Observe the night skies with the San Antonio Astronomical Association and learn about the planets and the moon. Fun for families of all ages! Eisenhower Park, 19399 N.W. Military Hwy. 6-8:30 p.m. Suggested donation: \$3 per person or \$6 per family. Call (210) 207-3782 for details.

17, 18 and 19

THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON AT COMMANDER'S HOUSE

Adults and Seniors are invited to enjoy a delicious holiday meal with all the trimmings plus musical entertainment. 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., Commander's House, 622 S. Flores. Cost: \$3. Call (210) 207-3010 to make your reservation.

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CHAT WITH A CITY OF SAN ANTONIO RECRUITER

Interested in a career with the City? Have questions about working for the City? Submit your questions on our Facebook page (CityofSanAntonioHumanResourcesDepartment) from 1 - 2 p.m. during our chat with a recruiter session. They'll be answered on the spot by one of our recruiters. Call (210) 207-8705 for details.

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CITY OF SAN ANTONIO EMPLOYMENT WORKSHOP

Interested in working for the City? Attend our upcoming employment workshop at the Callaghan Service Center (110 S. Callaghan Rd., 78227) from 6-7:30 p.m. to learn inside tips on improving your City application and resume. Visit sanantonio.gov/careers for more information.

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DAIRY DAYS AT THE VOELCKER HOMESTEAD

Join us as Southwest Dairy Farmers teaches attendees how to milk a cow. Visit the restored Voelcker Dairy Barn and learn how a windmill works. Great for the entire family. A kid-friendly craft is included. 10 a.m.-noon. Voelcker Homestead, 1201 Voelcker Lane, behind Blanco BBQ. Park in the Salado Creek Greenway parking lot. A donation of \$3 per individual or \$5 per family is suggested. Call (210) 207-3280 for details.

23, 24 and 25

THANKSGIVING CAMPS

Youth, ages 6 to 14, are invited to participate in active games, traditional sports, fitness, nature and science activities, and holiday craft project during the Parks and Recreation Department's Thanksgiving Camps. The camps will be offered at select Parks and Recreation Community Centers. 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. The cost is \$3 per participant per day. Lunch and a snack are provided. Call (210) 207-3047 or visit SanAntonio.Gov/ParksAndRec for details.

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CITY HOLIDAY - THANKSGIVING

City offices and libraries will be closed. Residents who normally receive a Thursday recycling, garbage or organics collection will be serviced on Wednesday, Nov. 26. Friday, November 28 recycling, garbage and organics recycling will be collected as usual. For more information on holiday services, call 3-1-1 (closed on Thanksgiving Day) or visit SanAntonio.Gov for details.

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TRAVIS PARK HOLIDAY LIGHTING

With a countdown to zero, The 2015 Holiday Lighting will officially begin! Come to the Park early to enjoy LIVE Ice Sculpting, Artisans Market, FREE activities, Food Trucks, Photo Booth, LIVE Entertainment, and FREE Hot Chocolate & Apple Cider too! At 8:15 p.m., Mayor Ivy Taylor will lead the all-ages crowd in a countdown to the 250,000 lights and our city wide contest winner, along with a few special guests, will Flip the Switch!

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HOLLY DAZE

Get into the spirit of the season with holiday favorites performed by one of the Parks and Recreation Department's pre-professional dance troupes, Alamotion, and dance students. Arneson River Theater located in La Villita on the San Antonio River Walk. 1 p.m. Call (210) 207-3132 for details.

In the Spotlight



311 - CELEBRATING 15 YEARS OF OUTSTANDING CUSTOMER SERVICE. 311 CITY SERVICES AT YOUR FINGERTIPS ARE AVAILABLE 24/7 BY USING THE CITY'S FREE MOBILE APP OR ONLINE AT SANANTONIO.GOV/311. YOU CAN ALSO CALL THE 311 CALL CENTER FROM 7 A.M. - 7 P.M., MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY OR 8 A.M.-5 P.M. SATURDAY AND SUNDAY. FOLLOW US ON TWITTER @SANANTONIO311.



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