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MESSAGE FROM COUNCILWOMAN TAYLOR

Dear Neighbor,

As the year winds down and we look ahead to 2013, I am pleased with the progress our community has made and enthusiastic to the future for upcoming projects that will enhance District 2 in the New Year. So many wonderful things continue to materialize throughout the District. This newsletter issue will touch on a couple of the catalytic projects that have occurred in the District including an update on the IH-35 Fly over Project, the Camelot Elementary Spark Park—the 2nd Park of its type in San Antonio, a recap of the University of Incarnate Word (UIW) Health and Eye Institute, and upcoming events that continue to occur in the community. Other significant news you should know includes SAHA constructing the Park at Sutton—the first multi-family community to achieve Build San Antonio Green Level II certification—and new improvements to the District including drainage to Sapphire/Flora Mae and Menger Creek, a new District 2 library, construction of 2 new fire stations, parking lot expansion at the Carver Library, improvements to Martin Luther King Park, Copernicus, Lou Kardon, Pittman- Sullivan, Lakeside, Coliseum, Northampton, Herrera and Lincoln Parks as well as street improvements to Cherry street, Rio Grande to Houston street and Peggy Road through the \$596 Million BOND package that was approved by voters in May.

Thank you for your support and I look forward to working with you on new projects in 2013. May you have a joyous holiday season and a wonderful New Year.

Sincerely,
Ivy R. Taylor
Councilmember, District 2



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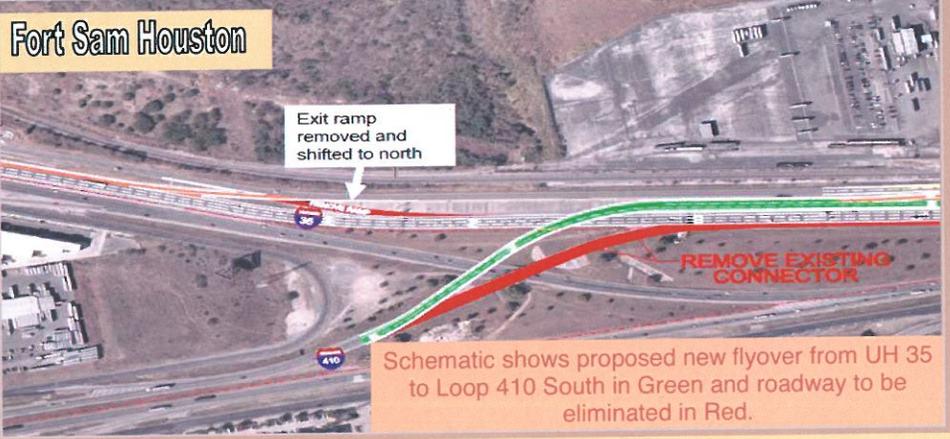
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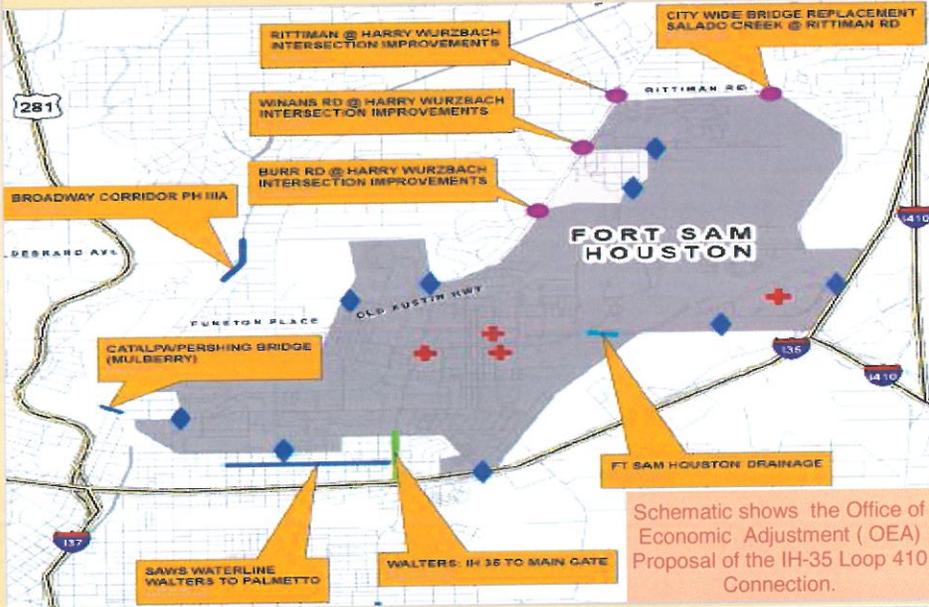
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IH-35 Fly Over Project Update

The City of San Antonio and the Texas Department of Transportation was awarded a \$25 million grant from the Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA) for infrastructure improvements at the Loop 410/IH-35 South Interchange. The grant will fund a much needed flyover/connector at the interchange and will significantly improve mobility in the area by reducing accidents and congestion. The flyover will also reduce travel delays on the interstate system and will provide improved access for patients seeking treatment or care at the former Brooke Army Medical Center) at Fort Sam Houston.



Improvements to the area will include reversing the entrance and exit ramp to and from Southbound IH-35, south of Rittiman road, building a right side exit to a new connector to Southbound Loop 410 from Southbound IH 35, and closing the untraditional left lane exit from IH 35 for access to Loop 410 South. Design completion for the project is scheduled for June 2013. The construction start of the project is scheduled for October 2013 and the project is expected to be completed January 2015. All dates are tentative and subject to changes due to design, environmental or other issues. For more questions on the IH-35 Fly Over Project, please call 207-2122.



INTRODUCING:
DISTRICT 2'S
"WHAT'S HAPPENING" HOTLINE
 -24/7 Hotline geared to inform residents of upcoming events in community-

District 2 Welcomes SPARK Park

In October, students, teachers and residents participated in the SAPRK Park Community Meeting in an effort to brainstorm ideas on items the park should include. At the meeting, participants suggested themes, health and fitness opportunities, entertainment, learning and appreciation for art and culture opportunities. The Camelot Elementary SPARK Park will be the 2nd Park of its kind in San Antonio. The purpose of the SPARK Park Program is to improve school playgrounds by turning them into fitness parks the entire community can enjoy. The goal of the San Antonio SPARK Park Program is to build one park in each of the 10 council districts for the next decade. The program is a partnership between San Antonio Sports, The City of San Antonio, local schools, residents and The UTSA College of Architecture. For more information on the Camelot Elementary SPARK Park, please call 207-2122.



In an effort to continually inform residents of upcoming District 2 events and information, Councilwoman Taylor introduces the District 2 "What's Happening" Hotline. Residents can call the hotline at any time to hear information pertaining to town hall meetings, District 2 walk-ins and upcoming events occurring in the community. To listen to upcoming events and information occurring in District 2, please call the District 2 Hotline at 207-0947.



WHEATLEY HEIGHTS SPORTS COMPLEX UPDATE



The Wheatley Heights Sports Complex includes a football field, a 9 lane all weather track, 4 AAU/UIL soccer fields, and a cross country track.

The Wheatley Heights Sports Complex has been quite busy this year. The facility has become the favorite spot for the NFL Punt Pass Kick—the oldest NFL Youth Football Program where children (boys and girls) between the ages of 6 and 15 can experience the fun of learning football fundamentals in a non-contact environment—and was home to the San Antonio for Growth on the Eastside (SAGE) Music Festival. Starting in January, the Wheatley Heights Sports Complex will hold San Antonio Inde-



These proud young ladies show off their medals and awards during the NFL Punt Pass Kick event held at the Wheatley Heights Sports Complex.

pendent School District's soccer, track and field meets. For more information on the Wheatley Heights Sports Complex including upcoming events, please visit their website at (<http://wheatleyheightsportscomplex.com/index.htm>) or call 207-477-8909.



University of Incarnate Word (UIW) Health and Eye Institute

Located on the corner of Walters and Commerce, the \$8 million dollar institute will provide the health and vision care needs of residents on the Eastside and surrounding areas—regardless of their ability or inability to pay. Through the City's Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone #11 (TIRZ 11), \$1.2 million has been allocated for the project and \$1.6 million has been allocated through the City's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Section 108 Funds. The UIW Institute also received a \$1 million award in federal funds provided by the U.S Economic Development Administration for the purchase of specialized equipment for the facility. The UIW institute will create and sustain 40 to 50 new jobs in the community and will prepare youth for careers in the health and science field by allowing them to gain a Doctorate in Optometry. The UIW Health and Eye Institute is scheduled to be completed in 2013.



L-R- Dr. Loston, Councilwoman Taylor, Dr. Buzzelli, and Dr. Agnese break ground for the University of Incarnate Word (UIW) Health and Eye Institute. The facility will be located at 2527 E. Commerce.



EPN and McGruff the Crime Dog takes a bite out of crime during National Night Out with residents at Wheatley Courts, Dignowity Park and Harvard Place.

STEADY PROGRESS: EASTSIDE PROMISE NEIGHBORHOOD

Earlier this year, Eastside Promise Neighborhood (EPN), United Way of San Antonio and Bexar County played host to a peer learning exchange with fellow Promise Neighborhood sites. The peer learning exchange provides an opportunity for sites to strengthen the national Promise Neighborhood network and share practices about what is working in each respective community. San Antonio is one of five US Cities with a Promise Neighborhood implementation grant. Furthermore, the Eastside Promise Neighborhood assisted 76 Eastside children to enroll in Pre-Kindergarten. EPN partnered with SAISD to provide satellite Pre-K classrooms at Miller Child Development Center and the Ella Austin Community Center's Child Development Center. For more information on the Eastside Promise Neighborhood, please call 352-7000.



District 2 children participate in the EPN Pre-Kindergarten efforts at Ella Austin Community Center's Child Development Center.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

December 2012

- 12/6 DISTRICT 2 HOLIDAY SOCIAL AT SUNSET STATION
- 12/8 NFL PUNT PASS KICK AT WHEATLEY HEIGHTS SPORTS COMPLEX
- 12/14 RENAISSANCE GUILD PRESENTS "BLACK NATIVITY" PLAY
- 12/22 TRANS SIBERIAN ORCHESTRA

****All District 2 Offices will be Closed December 24h, 2012 -January 1st, 2013. District 2 Offices will resume Wednesday, January 2nd, 2013.****

January 2013

- 1/1 HAPPY NEW YEARS!
- 1/5 US ARMY ALL AMERICAN BOWL
- 1/21 26TH ANNUAL MARTIN LUTHER KING (MLK) MARCH

February 2013

- (CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH)
- 2/3 STOCK SHOW RODEO BEGINS
 - 2/14 HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!
 - 2/15 RENAISSANCE GUILD PRESENTS "A RAISIN IN THE SUN"
 - 2/20 PRESIDENTS DAY

March 2013

- 3/17 HAPPY ST. PATRICKS DAY!
- 3/22 AN EVENING WITH TERRI HENDRIX AT THE LITTLE CARVER
- 3/31 HAPPY EASTER!

April 2013

- 4/12 KENNY BARRON PERFORMS AT CARVER CULTURAL CENTER
- 4/18 FIESTA BEGINS

IMPORTANT NUMBERS:

- 24 hr. City Hotline.....311 or 207-6000
- Utility/Rental assistance.....207-7830
- Housing Rehab.....207-0147
- Bexar Utility Assistance.....335-6770
- Fair Housing.....207-5910
- Senior Services.....207-7172
- Childcare Services.....206-5200
- Youth Services.....207-8198
- Health Department.....207-8780
- SAPD (East) Substation.....207-7781
- SAPD (North) Substation.....207-8126
- SAFFE Office (East).....207-7566
- SAFFE Office (North).....207-8350
- SAPD Non-emergency.....207-7273
- Homeless Services.....207-7823
- Animal Care Services.....207-4738
- Graffiti.....207-6460
- CPS Energy.....353-2222
- SAWS.....704-7297
- VIA Metro Transit.....362-2020
- Literacy GED/ESL Classes.....207-7227
- Traffic Sign Signal Request.....207-7765
- United Way.....211
- Animal Resource Center.....351-SPAY