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District 9

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Dear Friends and Residents:

Last month, Council reviewed recommendations from the Charter Review Commission. As the first elected official to call for an election regarding Streetcar and Light Rail, I was delighted to vote "Yes" to put this on the May 9th ballot. So, on May 9th you will have a chance to vote on Proposition 1 regarding Streetcar and Light Rail.

The next proposal was an amendment that would provide the newly elected Mayor earn $61,725/year and City Council $45,722/year. I voted "No" on Council pay because I believe the number one issue Council should be working on this spring is resolving our police and fire union contracts. As long as we are in union negotiations, our number one priority should be to get a fair and equitable contract that is good for our police and fire personnel and good for the City's long term finances. I'm glad the City's current offer met my longstanding requirements. First, a contract that provides better health care benefits for our uniformed personnel and second keeps our total expenses within the 66% cap we agreed on last

year. That leaves 34% of the General Budget for streets and drainage, parks and libraries.

We do not yet have a handshake deal, much less a contract to vote on. I think a campaign over Council pay in the middle of our own campaigns would be a significant distraction from the effort to get the police and fire union negotiations resolved in a way that is fair and equitable to both sides. That is why I voted "No" to placing council pay on the May ballot.

Click here to read the latest City contract proposal to the police union.

I am always interested in what you have to say. I have a number of poll questions at the District 9 website. I hope you'll consider participating by clicking here.

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

On December 11, 2014, City Council approved regulations regarding Transportation Network Companies (TNCs). Last month, Mayor Ivy Taylor announced the City would expedite the initial review, so today we looked at the insurance requirements again and voted to delay the gap coverage requirement. The City is unable to implement this part of the ordinance because gap coverage is not yet available in Texas. The legislature could also take action to set a statewide standard.

Any updates or changes need to ensure that drivers are screened and that they meet certain insurance and safety standards.

Click here for more details. Click here for articles by the San Antonio Business Journal. Click here for a recent article by the Express-News.

Panther Springs Park Grand Opening

You are personally invited to join me for the Panther Springs Park Ribbon Cutting and

Grand Opening on March 11, 2015. This new 279-acre park has two trails that will connect to the Wilderness Oak Elementary School and the Parman Branch Library.

Meet me at 22635 Wilderness Oak, San Antonio, Texas 78258 at 10:30 a.m. on March 11th as we celebrate this new park with walking trails and a dog park. See you then!

The S.A.P.D. and Nextdoor

On February 25, 2015, Interim Police Chief Anthony Trevino spoke at the District 9 Neighborhood Alliance meeting. Chief Trevino informed residents about nextdoor.com. The San Antonio Police Department has a partnership with this online Neighborhood Watch Group.

Nextdoor is a private social network that allows residents in a neighborhood to communicate to improve their neighborhood safety. For more information click here.

Interim Chief Anthony Trevino at District 9 Neighborhood Alliance

Lila Cockrell & Edith McAllister recognized

This week Mayor Lila Cockrell and longtime civic leader and philanthropist Edith McAllister were honored at the Ninth Annual International Women's Day Luncheon.

The luncheon is presented by the Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women. Mayor Ivy Taylor and City Manager Sheryl Sculley delivered remarks.

I am so thankful for the ongoing contributions both these women continue to make to our city.

Click here for an article by the San Antonio Business Journal.

With Edith McAllister
International Women's Day Luncheon
March 2, 2015

Meet District 9 residents serving our Boards and Commissions

Michael Howard serves on San Antonio's Building Standards Board. The board consists of 14 members who hear cases related to the San Antonio Maintenance Code.

Michael and his wife have lived in District 9 for more than 30 years. He's a graduate of Central High School and St. Mary's University. Michael served in the U.S. Army and is a Vietnam Veteran.

Following his time in the Military, Michael went to work at USAA where he retired in 1994.

Michael now spends some of his time volunteering to make his community a better place. He's active at United Way, San Antonio Children's Transplant Association, Cellular on Patrol, San Antonio's Public Safety Team and the North Central Thousand Oaks Neighborhood Association.

"I want to do what I can to make the neighborhood a great place to live," said Michael Howard.

Thank you Michael for your service to our community.

Michael Howard
Building Standards Board

News from the Neighborhoods

District 9 Alliance leader Art Downey and
Governor Greg Abbott
Lincoln Day Celebration
February 19, 2015

Speaking at District 9
Neighborhood Alliance meeting
February 25, 2015

Please join us
NORTH EAST
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
The North East ISD Board of Trustees and
Superintendent of Schools Dr. Brian G. Gottardy invite you to the
Larkspur Elementary School SPARK Park
Grand Opening
to commemorate the opening of the District's second
SPARK Park located at 1802 Larkspur
on the campus of Larkspur Elementary School.
Tuesday, March 17, 2015
3:30 p.m.
Join us for a ribbon-cutting ceremony and celebration of
the second SPARK Park in North East ISD.
For questions and to confirm your attendance,
please call Communications 210-407-0040.

Texas Independence Day

2015 Texas Independence Day Celebration

On March 2, 2015, I observed Texas Independence day with a ceremony at the Alamo in front of the Cenotaph. More than 150 people attended to honor local fallen World War II hero William James Bordelon. He was the first Marine from Texas awarded the Medal of Honor.

The Alamo Mission Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas presented a flag to Central Catholic High School where Bordelon was a student. Click here to read the proclamation from the City of San Antonio.

Reading the Certificate of Commendation for Central Catholic High School

Volunteer

Here's your chance to use your skills and talents to benefit the City of San Antonio. SA Volunteers is committed to encouraging community participation to enhance City services. From walking dogs to planting trees your help is needed.

If you'd like to make a difference in San Antonio with SA Volunteers go to www.sanantonio.gov/volunteer.

Upcoming Events

March 23-29th **Valero Texas Open**

April 7th **District 9 Mayoral Forum**

April 11th **3rd Annual San Antonio Book Festival**

Click here for the City of San Antonio Calendar of Events.

Adopt-a-Pet

Frankie is a friendly seven-month-old male Shepherd mix who is sprightly and calm natured. Frankie weighs 44 pounds. He loves to stretch his legs so daily walks are a breeze for this guy.

Frankie will fit right into a home where another dog is in residence. He's an Animal Care Services rescue and he's already neutered, micro-chipped, and current on his vaccinations.

If you think Frankie is the companion for you, stop by and meet him at the Animal Defense League located at 11300 Nacogdoches Road, San Antonio, Texas, 78217, or for after-hour viewing check out Frankie's profile on ADL's website at www.adltexas.org.

Meet Frankie

Animals at ACS

Samson has become a very confident boy that LOVES to play with other dogs and all kinds of toys. He's alert to strange noises and barks when appropriate, but also enjoys cuddling with his humans. Samson is very smart and learns quickly. Once he bonds with you he will always be by your side. He likes to go on walks and prefers to be outside.

Click here to contact ACS about Samson.

Meet Samson

***Please note Java with Joe is canceled March 11, 2015 due to Panther Springs Park Grand Opening. Hope to see you at the Ribbon Cutting!

SA Volunteers

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Wyatt's brother Logan helps cut the ribbon at Panther Springs Park March 11, 2015 Photo: Fred Gonzales, City of San Antonio Photographer

Dear Friends and Residents:

I'd like to thank the 150+ residents who attended the Panther Springs Park Grand Opening on March 11, 2015. Special thanks to Mayor Ivy Taylor and former Councilwoman Elisa Chan for attending as well.

The park, located at 22635 Wilderness Oak, allows neighbors to experience Mother Nature the way she really is. You rallied behind this project, supported the 2012 Bond election and got everyone on board to make this new park a reality.

Panther Springs Park has a dog park, walking trails and will showcase a public art installation in the near future. Local businessman and philanthropist Dan Parman donated about seven acres of land that is now the entrance to the park. The San Antonio River Authority donated the remaining 279 acres.

Wyatt McDaniel
October 3, 2005 - January 25, 2013
Photo Courtesy: McDaniel Family

Two trails connect to the Wilderness Oak Elementary School and the Parman Branch Library. The trail connected to Wilderness Oak Elementary School is named Wyatt's Way, in honor of 7-year-old Wyatt McDaniel.

Wyatt's Way
Photo Courtesy: Adam Trevino

Wyatt was a student at Wilderness Oak. He passed away in 2013 as a result of a tragic outdoor accident. Wyatt was an honor student with perfect attendance. He was a delightful child who loved the outdoors. Wyatt's Way shows our support of Wyatt's family and the monument will remind us of his playful spirit for years to come.

Girl Scout Troop #44
Panther Springs Park Grand Opening
March 11, 2015

I appreciate Girl Scout Troop #44 attending the Ribbon Cutting ceremony. Malena Dasai and Sarah Rudolph handed out pet safety stickers. The stickers are placed on home windows to help inform emergency workers about the number and type of pets inside a home.

Photo Courtesy:
Fred Gonzales, City of San Antonio Photographer

The Wilderness Oak Alliance started the grassroots campaign to build this new park. We have not opened a new park in District 9 since Hardberger Park opened in 2010. Let's continue advocating for new green spaces north of Loop 1604.

To watch a story by KSAT News Anchor Ursula Pari click here.

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SPARK Park at Larkspur Elementary

The second SPARK Park is open in the North East I.S.D. San Antonio Sports and the City of San Antonio helped make this possible.

The ribbon cutting ceremony was held Tuesday, March 17, 2015. Families can use the park after school hours. This great community collaboration ensures students have a safe place to play and stay healthy near their neighborhood after regular school hours.

The SPARK at Larkspur has two covered playgrounds, a soccer field, walking trail, disc golf and park benches.

The first SPARK Park in the N.E.I.S.D. opened in 2013 at Camelot Elementary.

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Larkspur SPARK

SPARK PARK

Introducing George Block with
San Antonio Sports
March 17, 2015

3rd Grade Larkspur Choir

Survey Says

Your opinion matters! I have several new poll questions at the District 9 website regarding the Youth Curfew ordinance. I hope you'll consider participating by clicking here.

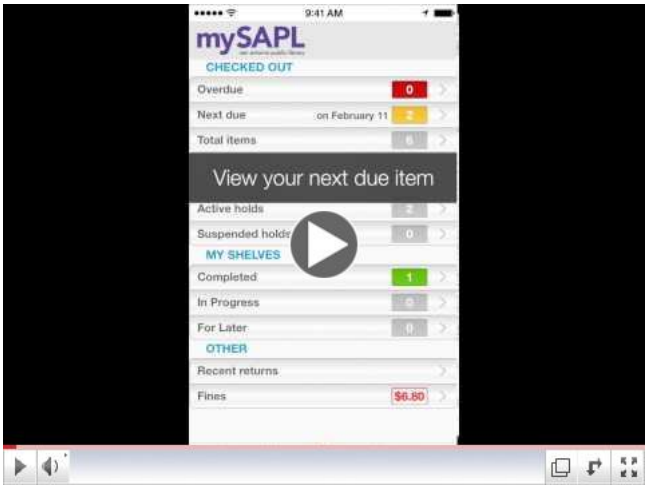
There is a Youth Curfew Public Hearing scheduled for April 8, 2015 at 6 p.m. at Council Chambers.

To read a recent presentation by Interim Police Chief Anthony Trevino regarding the Youth Curfew click here.

San Antonio Public Library offers new Mobile App

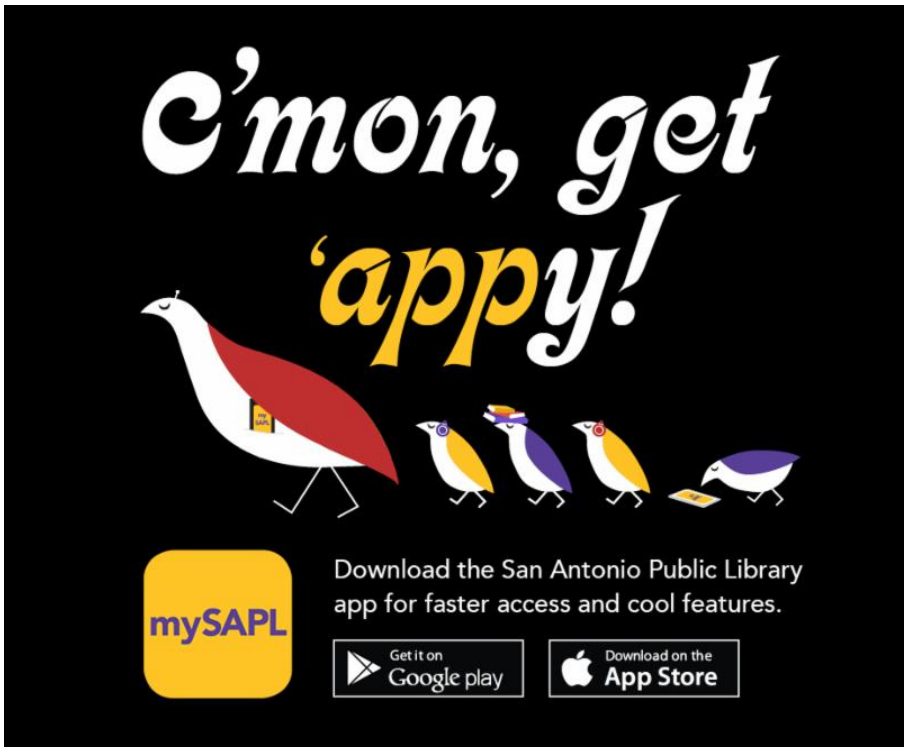
The San Antonio Public Library (SAPL) has introduced the mySAPL app which offers a number of features and faster browsing. The app is free and is available for both iOS and Android.

Users can access account information, browse recent arrivals and check out the New York Times bestseller list. To watch a brief tutorial click below.



Introducing the mySAPL Mobile App

For more details you can go to mysapl.org or call (210) 207-2500.



Update at Port San Antonio

Port San Antonio just released an annual report on its progress in our community. The Port (formerly, Kelly Air Force Base) continues working hard to attract jobs to grow our key aerospace industry.

To view the full report click here.

News from the Neighborhoods

Speaking at Reagan High School "Shattered Dreams" March 6, 2015

Educator Marie Marks at Reagan High School "Shattered Dreams"

Reading the City of San Antonio proclamation at the UIL Boys Basketball 6A State Championship Tournament Congratulations to Plano West March 13, 2015

Deerfield HOA March 17, 2015

UTSA Student President
Zach Dunn
March 18, 2015

HEB Fest of Tails
Willard and I had a great time!
March 14, 2015

3rd Annual San Antonio Book Festival

The San Antonio Public Library Foundation presents the 3rd Annual Book Festival. More than 80 authors will attend the event with readings, book sales and signings.

The Book Festival is Saturday April 11, 2015 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Central Library and Southwest School of Art. This part of the event is free and open to all.

Literary Death Match takes place in the evening at 7 p.m. at the Charline McCombs Empire Theatre. For tickets go to www.saplf.org/festival/ or visit the Empire Theatre Box Office.

Community Action Advisory Board

The Department of Human Services plans to fill a vacancy on the Community Action Advisory Board. The individual will represent the low income in Area 5 which consists of Council Districts 8, 9 & 10.

The board is comprised of 15 members: 5 elected Public Officials (4 from City Council, 1 County Commissioner), 5 Representatives from Private Organizations and 5 Low Income Representatives.

Applicants need not be low-income themselves, but must live in Area 5 and be able to represent low-income families.

For more information call Cynthia Ybarra at (210) 207-1467 or email her at

cynthia.ybarra@sanantonio.gov.

Click here for more information.

New Encino Branch Library

Please join me on May 2, 2015 for the Grand Opening of the Encino Branch Library. The new library is located at 2515 East Evans Road.

The San Antonio Public Library has a full day of events planned for you and your family. The library celebration is from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

This Encino Branch Library will have a drive-thru window to help busy families, commuters and the mobility-impaired get what they need quickly from the library.

For more details about our library system go to www.mysapl.org. To learn more about the new Encino Branch Library click here.

SA Tomorrow

U.S. Census data from 2010 shows Bexar County is expected to grow by 1,000,000 people by 2040. SA Tomorrow is a planning effort to guide the city toward smart, sustainable growth.

You're invited to a kick-off event April 11, 2015 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the SAISD Alamo Convocation Center located at 110 Tuleta.

This event is free and open to the public. SA Tomorrow will host workshops, surveys and activities for children. For more follow SA Tomorrow on Twitter @SATomorrow2040.

Summer Youth Camp

The Parks and Recreation Department's Summer Youth Program keeps children active and engaged while school is out for summer vacation.

The program offers young people ages 6 to 14 the opportunity to enjoy eight weeks of recreation-themed activities. Twenty-two community centers across San Antonio will host a summer program.

Registration takes place March 28, 2015 from 8 a.m. to noon at participating centers. For more details call (210) 207-3000.

Skilled Trades Job Fair

The City of San Antonio will host a job fair on Saturday, March 28, 2015 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Callaghan Service Center located at 110 S. Callaghan Rd.

Learn about skilled trade positions including, plumbers, electricians, welders and concrete finishers.

The city offers benefits, retirement, tool and protective equipment allowances and family-friendly schedules.

For more information call (210) 207-8705 or apply online by clicking here.

North SA Chamber Golf Tournament

The North SA Chamber is hosting a Golf Tournament on Thursday, April 2, 2015 at The Dominion Country Club. For more information go to www.northsachamber.com or call (210) 344-4848. Shotgun Start 1 p.m.

In the News

Texas' famed Alamo to be under new management after a century

$250 Million Proposed for Alamo Plaza Renovation

KSAT 12 report on Alamo Plaza Renovation

Panther Springs Park Grand Opening

Adopt-a-Pet

This easy-going dog is named Mack. He's an eight-year-old male Flat Coated Retriever mix with a gentle disposition. Mack is a friendly guy who enjoys the company of just about everyone. Although he is social and loves to play with his friends he is not one to pass up one-on-one time with people.

Mack weighs 70 pounds, is neutered, micro-chipped and current on his vaccinations. To meet Mack in person, visit the Animal Defense League located at 11300 Nacogdoches Road, San Antonio, Texas 78217, or you can check out his profile on ADL's website at www.adltexas.org.

Meet Mack

Animals at ACS

Hershey is a four-year-old shepherd blend. He is officially ready to have a Forever Home. Hershey is fixed, loves playing video games with children and gets along well with other dogs, but he doesn't seem to be a fan of cats.

If you or someone you know would love this big 60 pound sweetheart click here to contact Animal Care Services.

Meet Hershey

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