District 6 Report

Ray Lopez  Fall 2016
City Councilman

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CITY OF SAN ANTONIO

Dear Neighbors,

The weather is getting cooler and 2017 is fast approaching. As you prepare for the upcoming holiday season, please take a few minutes to read through our newsletter and get caught up on all the latest in District 6 plus all of the exciting things we have on the horizon.

In this newsletter, you will find an invitation to the Grand Opening celebration of the state of the art District 6 Potranco Branch Library & Mays Family YMCA on November 4th. We hope you and your entire family can join us as we open the doors to this amazing new facility. Our neighborhood spotlight will focus on the New Territories neighborhood and their efforts to improve their community. Also in this newsletter, we highlight the FY 2017 City Budget and several priority projects I was able to secure for our community. We have also included photos from the recent National Night Out celebrations and our 8th annual Back to School event held in August. And as always, check out our Calendar of Events section for upcoming activities across the district.

Please share what you have read with your family, friends, and neighbors so everyone knows what’s happening in our community. If you have any questions or comments, feel free to contact my office anytime. My staff and I are here to serve you.

Sincerely,

Ray Lopez

District 6 Backpack Event 2016

On Saturday, August 27, 2016 hundreds of families lined up at Meadow Cliff Community Center for the 8th Annual Back to School Back Pack Event for District 6 students, hosted by Councilman Ray Lopez & staff.

Counselors and teachers from each school identified students in need of school supplies. A voucher was given to each student’s family for a backpack, fully stocked with school supplies, to ensure the child has all the tools they need to have a successful school year.

This event would not have been possible if it were not for our generous sponsors and contributors.

Visit: www.sanantonio.gov/council/d6 or
Sock it to School Drive

Beginning on October 28th and running through December 16th, your District 6 Council Office is collecting NEW socks for distribution to surrounding elementary schools. We invite you to help our community by dropping off socks for this worthy cause. Please feel free to drop them off at any time at any of our senior sites or our field office located at 8373 Culebra Rd., Suite 202.

If you look around and wonder how one single person could make a difference, join the “Sock it to School” Drive. In years past, a large number of socks were collected by our hardworking community of caring, compassionate folks.

Something so simple, that many of us take for granted, but it is more than just a simple comfort; it is a necessity that is often out of reach for some children. Your contribution will make a difference for someone in need.

National Night Out (NNO) 2016

Councilman Ray Lopez & staff celebrated National Night Out (NNO) with some of the District 6 neighborhood associations on Tuesday, November 4, 2016. We would like to thank all that participated in celebrating NNO.

National Night Out (NNO) is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime programs; strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Every year the number of NNO events have increased in District 6 and that means the District (as a whole) is becoming a safer, better place to live. Together, we are making that happen.

New Territories Neighborhood Alliance

Begun in the mid 2000’s & made official in 2010, the New Territories Neighborhood Alliance was created to promote safety and awareness in their community. They strive to work together to deter criminal activity, enhance homeowner’s safety, form a bond with their neighbors, and beautify the neighborhood. As a voluntary organization, their goal is to unite neighbors in one common goal and work together in the interest of the neighborhood. Please join them at their monthly meetings on the first Thursday of every month in the Brauchle Elementary cafeteria beginning at 7:00 pm.

A few items completed or in progress with the help of city and state officials:

- Installation of 25 street lights in the neighborhood and park
- Installation of “Do Not Block Intersection” sign on Old Tezel
- Park maintenance and improvements
- Work with SAFFE officers to monitor areas and items of concern
- Joint efforts with the office’s of Councilman Lopez, State Rep. Minjarez and State Senator Menendez
- Support from school district and state officials for future discussions regarding the potential addition of a community garden in the local elementary school

For more information please email NTNA2010@gmail.com.
**Policy Update**

**FY 2017 Budget**

On September 15th, the San Antonio City Council approved the Fiscal Year 2017 Budget. This $2.5 billion dollar budget is balanced & includes several important items for our city & District 6.

Our 2017 Budget includes the creation of 32 new police officer positions to help keep our city safe. Also included is nearly $80 million dollars for street & sidewalk repairs, & a $7.9 million dollar investment in our Smart Cities Initiative. The Council also approved raising the city’s starting minimum wage to $13.75 per hour. I believe this wage increase, along with our employee benefits program, is an important step towards recruiting & retaining the best individuals to pursue a long-term career with the city.

I am also proud of two budget priorities I was able to secure for our District 6 families. First, I secured $165,000 for a new senior citizen transportation program. This program will give our seniors the opportunity to travel by bus from their home to regularly visit surrounding senior centers. Also, I was able to secure $625,000 for a new Park Police store-front on Tezel Rd. This will give officers access to our city-wide greenway trail way system to patrol and keep residents safe.

I am proud of the budget we approved and look forward to the two new initiatives we secured for our community.

**D6 Projects**

**Potranco Branch Library & Mays Family YMCA Grand Opening Celebration**

You’re invited to the Mays Family YMCA & Public Library (8764 State Hwy 151) Grand Opening celebration on November 4, 2016. This celebration will begin with a ceremonial ribbon cutting at 4pm followed by facility tours, bounce houses, activities, refreshments and more. At 7pm there will be an outdoor screening of The Peanuts Movie. Bring your lawn chairs & blankets.

The Public Library will occupy 5,000 sq. ft. and will feature books, media, Wi-Fi, laptops for check out & programming for all ages along with a public computing lab with broadband internet.

The YMCA will be approximately 53,000 sq. ft. with multiple group exercise classrooms, a family adventure zone, a multi-generational center, a large meeting room, a teaching kitchen, & two indoor swimming pools. This will be the 2nd largest branch of the 12 locations in the Greater San Antonio area.

For more information on the Grand Opening celebration please call the District 6 office at (210) 207-3749. For YMCA information please call (210) 901-6622. For Public Library information please call (210) 207-2500.
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