



City Councilman

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District 7

A Community Impact Report for the Citizens of District 7



CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
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DISTRICT 7

Dear Friend,

I hope this letter finds you and your family enjoying this wonderful autumn weather in San Antonio. With fall festivals, football and the holidays right around the corner, it's hard to believe that the month of October is nearly half way over. That is why as your Councilman, I wanted to keep you updated on the work and progress we are making for you at City Hall.

As a family man and father, my focus is working to make our streets safer, investing in our neighborhoods, helping businesses thrive and grow, and improving our infrastructure. This year we have taken aggressive action to reduce speeds on our neighborhood streets to increase safety for kids, reform the speed hump request and approval process, and increase graffiti abatement activities.

In the recently passed budget, I led the fight to oppose any increase in the property taxes and any significant reduction in city services. And throughout the budget process, I worked to make certain that the values and priorities of District 7 families were represented. In this budget, I secured significant additional funding for our brand new, first ever District 7 Senior Center, a new park at Thunderbird Hills, a new roof for the Woodlawn Lake Gym, the rollout of Safe Streets SA and a new fire truck for our first responders.

The new budget also eliminates vacant city positions, refinances our debt, and utilizes new technologies and processes to reduce government spending and ensure that we live within our means. In addition, the 2014 Budget will make meaningful investments in roads, sidewalks, parks, police, fire, and EMS. We also allocated an additional \$6.7 million to pay down our debt.

I am also happy to tell you that I was successful in cutting the CPS Energy rate increase request and triggering significant reforms to the controversial executive bonus program. It is a huge victory for ratepayers as we keep rates low and customer service high.

The state of District 7 is strong and getting stronger. The progress we have made at City Hall is achieving two of my primary goals: attracting new businesses and improving the quality of life for families. As always, our office is here to serve your family. If we can ever be of assistance, I hope you will feel free to reach out via phone, email, or an office visit. We look forward to serving you in 2014!

Sincerely,

Cris Medina (handwritten signature)

Cris Medina
City Councilmember, District 7

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Construction of the new vehicular bridge at Woodlawn Lake Park continues at the Seeling Channel Phase I drainage project.



Councilman Cris Medina crosses Fredericksburg Rd with residents of the Primrose Senior Apts after installation of the HAWK Pedestrian Crosswalk System

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NEIGHBORHOODS FIRST

Improvements Coming to Our District 7 Parks

Multiple parks and green spaces in your community are scheduled for major improvements and additional development. Keep an eye on the following parks as they continue to beautify our community:

- Gilbert Garza Park
- 36th St Park
- Thunderbird Hills Park
- Joe Ward Park
- Lee's Creek Park
- Sunset Hills Park



Councilman Cris Medina unveils the newest park in District 7, Thunderbird Hills Park, achieved through 2012 Bond Funds.



The beautiful Woodlawn Lake Park is scheduled to receive over \$1 million for park and playground improvements

BUDGET NEWS

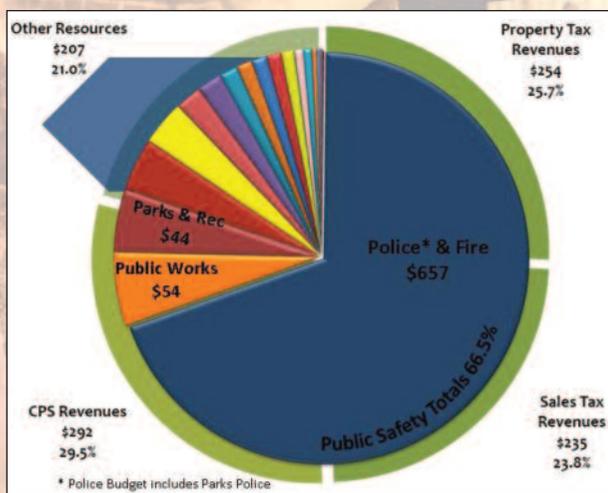
2014 City Budget

On September 12th, the City Council voted to adopt the City of San Antonio Fiscal Year 2014 Budget. The \$2.3 billion budget aligns the City's spending plan with SA2020 goals and focuses on the community and city council priorities of police, fire, streets and sidewalks, animal care services, code enforcement, neighborhood revitalization and economic development. The FY 2014 Budget also allows the City to maintain responsible fiscal health and a strong credit rating.

Other highlights in the FY 2014 Budget include:

- No City Property Tax Rate Increase
- FY 2014 Budget is balanced
- Maintains current Public Safety staffing levels
- Continues funding for streets
- Increases funding for sidewalks and drainage
- Expands 3 Senior Centers
- Neighborhood Revitalization

For complete information regarding the City's budget, please visit www.sanantonio.gov/budget.



NONPROFIT SPOTLIGHT

The San Antonio Children's Shelter

The Children's Shelter is a private, non-profit, nationally accredited corporation that has been providing services to San Antonio and Bexar County since 1901. Located in District 7 at 2939 W. Woodlawn Ave, the mission of The Children's Shelter is "Providing safety and well-being for children and their families through leadership and innovation." The vision of The Children's Shelter is "Happy children, nurturing families, strong communities." Their core values are respect, compassion, optimism, integrity, excellence and innovation.



The Shelter is a United Way of San Antonio and Bexar County agency, and is affiliated with the Texas Alliance of Child and Family Services. Over the years, the Shelter's services have expanded from emergency shelter care to a continuum of care of emergency shelters, foster care, adoption, residential treatment care, child abuse prevention and teen pregnancy programs. For those interested in supporting the Children's Shelter, please visit their website www.chshel.org or call (210) 212-2500.



Councilman Cris Medina contributed backpacks filled with school supplies for students at the Children's Shelter

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IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Laddie Place Phase III



Residents driving down Fredericksburg Rd have likely seen work being completed on new drainage project for the area, Laddie Place Phase III. Formerly the Northwest Shopping Center, Bexar County Flood Control purchased the property to complete the third phase of the Laddie Place flood control projects. The City of San Antonio completed Laddie Place I and Laddie Place II projects, and will assume ownership of Phase III once completed.

The scope of this \$7 million dollar project includes the construction of a Regional Storm Water Facility (RSWF) to alleviate the flooding that occurs at the corner of Gardina Street and Fredericksburg Road as well as downstream along Kampmann Blvd to the Woodlawn Lake area. The project will also include a recreational area, soccer fields and playgrounds for public use and enjoyment.

Additional Laddie Place Phase III highlights include:

- Over 70 homes removed from the corrected effective floodplain
- Approximately 37 acres of floodplain reduction
- Fredericksburg Road (18,000 ADT) and Kampman Blvd made passible during a 100-yr storm event (Fredericksburg Road is a main arterial for emergency vehicle access between downtown San Antonio and the Medical Center)
- Hike and Bike trail system and park for public use
- Utilization of detention pond basins for recreation
- Construction kicked off June 2013; Expected completion date is December 2014 (18 month construction schedule)

For more information about the Laddie Place Phase III project, please visit www.bexarfloodcontrol.org.

SERVING OUR SENIORS

Update: The New District 7 Multi-Purpose Senior Center



The new District 7 Multi-Purpose Senior Center is well on its way to becoming a reality for the community. Councilman Medina convened a committee of twelve community members to provide input and ideas for the new center. A future public meeting for the entire community to participate in the process is also planned for later this year.

Some of the highlights seniors can look forward to with the new center:

- 23,000 sq feet center
- A hot, nutritious meal served daily
- An on-site social services worker
- An exercise area for equipment and exercise classes
- On-site registered nurse and support staff
- Computer/internet café to search the web
- A gaming area to include pool tables, table tennis, and bingo
- Arts and crafts supplies and classes
- Library/reading area

After an exhaustive search, a location for the center was recently identified. The center will be located at 6157 NW Loop 410, previously a Mervyn's Department Store. Since District 7 stretches from Bandera and 1604 to Woodlawn Lake, the site was selected because it is centrally located.

To provide input or ideas for the new District 7 Multi-Purpose Senior Center, please give our office a call at 207-0870 or email us your suggestion to district7@sanantonio.gov.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- October 19** St. Dominic Catholic Church Fall Festival, 11am – 10pm
- October 26** District 7 Family Fall Fest at Nani Falcone Park, 2pm – 8pm
- October 31** **Happy Halloween**
- November 11** **Veterans Day**, City Holiday
- November 16** District 7 Community Health Fair at St. Paul’s Community Center, 9am – 1pm
- November 28** **Happy Thanksgiving**
- December 5** District 7 Excellence in Leadership Holiday Banquet at St. Luke’s Church, 6:30pm – 9pm
- December 25** **Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!!!!**
- January 1** **Happy New Year**

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nix HEALTH FOUNDATION | **Cris Medina** District 7 Councilman | **West San Antonio CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

2013 WESTERN SECTOR COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR

Free Flu Shots*
Free Drinks*
Free Healthy Snacks*
Free Admission
* While supplies last

Saturday, November 16
9am to 1pm
St. Paul Community Ctr.
(1201 Donaldson)

Health Screenings Provided by Nix Health

- Foot Screening
- Blood Sugar
- Blood Pressure
- Depression and Stress Screening
- Grip Strength
- Body Mass Index (BMI)
- SAW System

Other Vendors and Providers Include

- CPS Energy
- San Antonio Water Systems
- San Antonio Parks and Recreation
- Dept. Health & Human Services
- SPAY SA
- Dist. 7 City Council Constituent Serv.
- Plus more!!!

For more information please call (210)579-3157 or visit www.nixfoundation.org

COUNCILMAN CRIS MEDINA INVITES YOU TO THE ANNUAL

District 7 FALL Festival

Entertainment
FOOD
 information booths

October 26th
Nani Falcone Park
2:00 PM to 6:00 PM

OUTDOOR MOVIE SHOWING
Activities
DOOR PRIZES