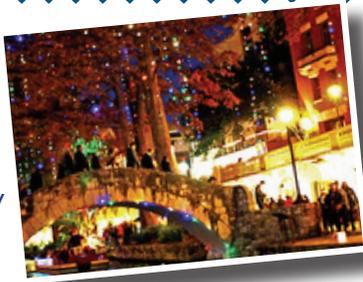




THE MISSION DISTRICT 3 NEWSLETTER

Keeping the Community Connected and Informed

Winter 2014



Take time to enjoy the holiday lights during this festive season.

In addition to the Riverwalk, local neighborhoods have spectacular displays. It's fun for the whole family.



Hundreds of families gathered at Mission Drive-In to watch FREE movies this fall. Once the weather warms up again in the spring, we'll have a new series of movies to show.



A Message From Councilwoman Viagran

Winter has arrived and the holiday season is just about over. I hope you were able to take time to gather with friends and family to rejoice and celebrate this wonderful time of year.

Here in District 3 there is much to celebrate. The holiday season has brought visitors from around the world, and they have made a significant economic impact on the Southside and San Antonio. It's a wonderful way to end an incredible 2014.

This past year we have accomplish so much by working together. Multitudes of streets from S. New Braunfels to South Flores to Hallie have seen improvements. For children and families, we have increased the number parks through programs like KaBOOM! and SPARKS, which opened at Adams Elementary School. My office is committed to continuing to work hard for you in the coming year.

In this edition of THE MISSION, you can read about some important updates on current projects underway in District 3. It's been a busy few months. We are closer to the ground breaking of the new multi-generational center slated to open at Lions Park, and construction of the University of Incarnate Word Medical School at Brooks City-Base is underway. Thank you for letting me serve you, and I will continue to work tirelessly to make District 3 safe and prosperous.

Yours in Service,

Councilwoman Rebecca J. Viagran

The Second Annual District 3 Fall 5K Fun Run/Walk was a great success. See page 2.

Spay/Neuter & Rabies Vaccinations

Spay/Neuter drives as well as free and low cost Rabies Vaccinations clinics will continue in 2015!

Call 673-7722 for info on the next pet event in your neighborhood.



UIW MEDICAL SCHOOL AT BOOKS CITY-BASE

Construction has begun on the University of Incarnate Word's School of Osteopathic Medicine. We are excited to welcome this institution of higher learning to the Southside.



Speed Check Sign

D3 has purchased a portable speed check sign designed to slow drivers down in problem areas by displaying the vehicle's traveling speed.



Honoring Our Veterans

Many sacrifices have been made by the brave men and women who have served our country. December 7th was National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, which commemorates the 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor, in Hawaii, during World War II. Many American service men and women lost their lives or were injured on that day. We salute them for their service.



Second Annual District 3 Fall 5K Fun Run/Walk

On Saturday, November 1st, on the campus of Brooks City-Base, Councilwoman Rebecca J. Viagran hosted the 2nd Annual District 3 5K Fun Run/Walk, bringing the local community together for a morning of blood-pumping fitness, friendly competition and camaraderie.

The event began with a Zumba warm-up followed by the singing of the National Anthem by the McCollum High School Choir.

Runners were cheered on by volunteers as well as their friends and family throughout the entire course of the run.

This fun-filled event was designed to celebrate fitness and healthy activity within our city's community.



Entire families were able to participate at NO COST.

Free commemorative medals and T-shirts were given to participants.

National Night Out

This year's National Night Out was a huge success, with countless neighborhood associations participating. Groups of neighbors gathered together close to home to promote safer communities. Many held barbecues and provided activities for their children. It was a chance for neighbors to get to know each other a little better.

Councilwoman Viagran helped sponsor many of the events, and she and her staff attended several gatherings, handing out glow

necklaces to kids. Hand sanitizers were also given out to promote wellness as during this flu season.

Want to get your neighborhood involved next year? Contact the District 3 Field Office at 210-207-0969 to learn more.





Early Childhood Professionals Training

Caregivers of young children were invited to attend the 2nd Annual District 3 Early Childhood Training and Resource Fair on Saturday, November 8, 2014. This all day event provided state-of-the-art information and strategies to improve the care of the youngest children and better prepare them for success in school.

It was made possible through the co-sponsorship of District 3 City Councilwoman, Rebecca J. Viagran, Texas A&M University - San Antonio, and the collaboration of many community non-profit organizations spearheaded by Voices for Children of San Antonio.

As our city continues the Pre-K for SA initiative, early childhood education has been recognized as crucial for the success of children in school and in life. Nearly half of all infants and toddlers are in some form of child care so parents can work or attend school. This training better prepares those caregivers at no cost.



Hands Free Ordinance

In an effort to increase public safety, San Antonio has joined a growing list of cities and states that ban the use of cellphones and other handheld electronic devices by drivers. Beginning January 1, 2015, it will be illegal to hold a phone while driving. The City Council unanimously approved the ban and implemented a 30-day grace period in which drivers will receive warnings. After a thirty day grace period, drivers can be fined up to \$200 for an infraction.

The new ordinance will allow drivers to use cellphones, however they are not permitted to hold them. Instead, drivers must use other hands-free technology in order to be on the phone while driving. An example of Hands-free technology include Bluetooth, speakerphone, or earbuds, must be utilized. If you have any questions regard the ordinance, please call the District 3 Field Office.

District 3 Legacy Leadership Initiative Continues

Councilwoman Viagran has inaugurated the second group of D3 Legacy Leadership students. The program which was initiated last year, provides an opportunity to foster and develop leadership among youth who live within District 3. Participants are given the opportunity to work directly with some of the city's top experts exploring topics in the areas of entrepreneurship, civic engagement, social responsibility, community initiatives, career exploration, city/state demographics and Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM). This year's class will graduate in the spring of 2015.



Front Yard (Lawn) Parking is Considered a Code Violation

City Code prohibits parking of motor vehicles on front lawns of residential zones. These restrictions are noted under chapter 19, article VI, division 2; specifically: Sec. 19-194.

In addition to prohibiting parking on front lawns, the code also prohibits oversized vehicles to park within residential districts.

Citations are \$48.00 if paid within 14 days or \$58.00 if paid after 14 days

If you have questions about code violations and code compliance, call the City's Customer Service Line by dialing 311. You can also report a violation by calling 311.

If you need additional assistance, call the Code Enforcement Division at 210-207-7914.

Let work together to improve our neighborhoods by making them cleaner and safer for everyone.

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**To learn more about
city sponsored events
in your neighborhood,
visit www.sanantonio.gov**

THE SENIOR CORNER

News and Information for District 3 Seniors



SENIOR CENTER TRANSPORTATION - Seniors enrolled at any of the city operated Senior Centers and live within a five-mile radius of the center may qualify for morning pick-up and afternoon drop-off to and from the senior center. Seniors can check at their center site for availability of this service. The service is free, however donations are encouraged.

For more information on Senior Center Transportation please call 210-207-7172
Hours: Monday - Friday: 7:45 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., except City Holidays



Bexar County Senior Medical Appt. Transportation Agencies

Need a ride to get to a medical appointment? Here is a list of transportation agencies in our area focused on Medical Appointment Transportation for seniors:

- * Presa Transportation Collaborative 210-532-5554
- * Southwest Community Outreach for Older People (Swoop) 210-558-0007
- * Southeast Community Outreach for Older People (Scoop) 210-359-6678

THANK YOU POLICE CHIEF WILLIAM MCMANUS

Please join me in thanking Chief William McManus for his years of service as our city's Chief of Police. We are all indebted to the leadership he has provided to make San Antonio a safe and secure community. We wish him and his family all the best as he starts a new chapter in his career.

