



THE MISSION

DISTRICT 3 NEWSLETTER

Keeping the Community
Connected and Informed



Spring 2016



In February, the City hosted the third World Heritage Symposium and in early April, a World Heritage Open house. Read more on page 2.



Enjoy one of San Antonio's largest and newly improved parks -Southside Lions Park. Learn more on Page 5.

A Message From Councilwoman Viagran

The momentum continues in District 3. Spring is a time of growth and celebration. It is one of my favorite times of year in San Antonio. District 3 is experiencing growth and flourishing with new partnerships, more groundbreaking and ribbon cuttings and additional street and park improvements.

This issue of THE MISSION highlights the work of the first quarter of 2016. Included are updates regarding the World Heritage Work Plan, infrastructure improvements, and upcoming community events. In addition, you will learn about our partnership with Animal Cares Services and Harlandale ISD for the launch of D3's newest initiative – PAWtrol.

This spring, I invite you to visit our improved parks and enjoy the beautiful outdoor areas around our neighborhoods. Rediscover our Missions that exemplify San Antonio's past, present and future.

I look forward to working with all of you as we grow together as a community to make our beloved District 3 a place where we all can thrive.

Thank you for this opportunity to serve,

Councilwoman Rebecca J. Viagran



In February, District 3 launched the PAWtrol Program – an initiative for elementary school-aged children to learn about responsible pet ownership. Learn more about the PAWtrol Pledge which commits to providing a safe environment for pets and our neighborhoods on page 3.

World Heritage, Our Heritage: Working Together and Our Next Steps



On April 5, the City hosted the World Heritage Open House at the National Park Service Visitor Center at Mission San José.



On October 22, Colleen Swain was named the first World Heritage Director. She is a Southside native who will continue the work of the symposia series and engage our partners in the implementation of the comprehensive plan to preserve the cultural history of the Missions, to promote sensitive development, and to enhance tourism.



Starting June 6, VIA will extend service to the new Mission Reach Route to rides every 30 minute all the Missions, except for Mission Espada whose service will begin in 2017 when construction on Espada Road is complete.

Since October of 2015, District 3 has hosted three World Heritage symposia designed to engage the public in the effort to preserve and sustain the Missions of San Antonio. The symposia facilitated an open process for not only residents of San Antonio's Southside, but also for the entire San Antonio community.



In April, the City hosted an Open House and invited the public to view the progress of the World Heritage Work Plan and to provide feedback. City departments and community partners displayed input received from participants throughout the symposia series.

Last month, the City hired the first World Heritage Director, Colleen Swain, a San Antonio Southside native. This position is the first of its kind for designated World Heritage sites, again making San Antonio a leader for those seeking designation.

It takes a team and all of us working together. For the last eight months, since the designation in July, a team of City departments and partnering organizations such as the Office of Historic Preservation, the San Antonio River Authority, SA Convention & Visitors Bureau, VIA Metropolitan Transit, and the National Park Service. It is our continued collaborative efforts to promote this designation and our status as an international city that make us a leader and model.



These organizations are continuing to find ways to capture and share stories of the Missions and to improve the wayfinding experience, by developing a multimodal concept to direct visitors to and from downtown connecting all five Missions. The City will encourage investment in neighborhoods while preventing and minimizing displacement. In the coming weeks, the City will meet with neighborhood associations and community groups to continue the dialogue and shared outline goals.

Councilwoman Viagran and the City are committed to ensuring that the economic development and growth surrounding our Missions is authentic to our character, respectful of the surrounding parishes, parks, neighborhoods, and businesses, and that it includes input from everyone. We are the first World Heritage site in Texas and with it comes much responsibility.

The results of the last eight months of community engagement are encompassed in the World Heritage Work Plan. As we move towards the year anniversary since receiving designation, there is still work ahead to ensure the Outstanding Universal Value of the Missions is shared and that San Antonio continues to be a leading global city.



#District3GlobalCity #D3AuthenticSA

Animal Care Services

District 3 and Animal Care Services continuously partner to ensure our pets and neighborhoods are safe through promoting responsible pet ownership.

In February, Councilwoman Viagran launched the District 3 PAWtrol Program to address important issues while providing a hands-on civic engagement experience for youth. This partnership unites local elementary schools, Animal Care Services (ACS), 311 Services and the Transportation & Capital Improvements (TCI) department. The program, which launched at Bellaire, Gillette, and Columbia Heights Elementary Schools, addresses needs regarding roaming pets, promotes pet and neighborhood public safety, and teaches responsible pet ownership throughout the community.

This March, ACS strategically focused on District 3 with a Microchip Mania Event and a Mobile Pet Vaccination Clinic – both held at the Southside Lions Community Center. ACS provided District 3 residents 111 microchips at the Microchip Mania event and 187 free rabies vaccinations plus an additional 203 microchips at the pet clinic.

Over the past years, District 3 has made significant progress through Spay/Neuter events such as the one held in February at Bellaire Elementary. In 2015, D3 office and 311 collectively received more than 10,000 calls regarding ACS calls for service.

We continue to partner with Animal Care Services to bring more services to our community.



Take the PAWtrol Pledge



“Today, I pledge to provide a safe environment for pets and our neighborhoods. As a member of the City Council District 3 PAWtrol, I have received training and understand the importance of responsible pet ownership. I commit to sharing what I have learned with my friends, neighbor, and community.”

Brooks City Base

Brooks City Base is growing and thriving with several current projects including:

HISTORIC HANGAR 9

Rehabilitation and restoration is underway on the Hangar 9 building - the oldest wooden aircraft hangar of its kind still standing in its original location. The project will take approximately one year to complete and includes foundation/structural repairs, new paving and landscaping, electrical upgrades, accessibility improvements, and more. Once complete, the building will be made available for public use and special gatherings.

THE RESIDENCES AT KENNEDY HILL

Construction started in January on the fifth residential development at Brooks City Base. The Residences at Kennedy Hill, a 304-unit, affordable, luxury apartment complex built in partnership with The NRP Group.



New ACS Spay/Neuter Clinic at Brooks City Base Opening Fall 2016

In April, District 3 partnered with ACS and Brooks for the groundbreaking of the new 2,280 square foot Spay Neuter Clinic at Brooks City Base operated by Animal Care Services.

The ACS will use this facility to provide low-cost spay/neuter and wellness services for San Antonio residents' pet dogs and cats.

The facility is jointly funded with City Budget dollars committed by Councilwoman Viagran and funds from Brooks City Base.



For more information, visit:
www.brookscity-base.com
www.sanantonio.gov/AnimalCare

SAVE THE DATE!

UPCOMING D3 COMMUNITY EVENTS



STEMtastic! Saturday
 Presented By:

 Office of the City Council, District 3
 Councilwoman Rebecca J. Viagran

girls inc.
 Girls Incorporated of San Antonio
 Inspiring girls to be strong, smart, and bold!

MISSION SOLAR ENERGY

FREE Event. FREE Parking.
 All ages welcome. Unleash your Curiosity. Enjoy a day filled with hands-on experiments and activities for the whole family.

Saturday, June 25, 2016
 10:00 am to 1:00 pm
 Mission Branch Library
 3134 Roosevelt Ave
 78214



Mark your calendars for yet another fun filled Spring and Summer. The City's Center City Development and Operations Department has put an entire series of programs for you to enjoy at Mission Marquee Plaza.



More than just a place to watch movies, the plaza offers year round events and festivities the entire family. Started in March, the Mecardos de O'live is a monthly farmers and artisan's market every third Saturday of the month. The event features a mix of local vendors, natural products, handcrafted commodities, cooking demos and live entertainment. From May until October, the H-E-B Family Film Series will return to the Marquee. Below is a list of the first half of the series.

Save the date for STEMtastic Saturday, coming up on June 25. Unleash your curiosity and enjoy a day filled with hands-on experiments and activities for the whole family. Schools, organizations, and community have an opportunity to engage in hands on demonstrations on how science, technology, engineering, and math influence your life everyday!

Contact 210.207.0969 for more information.

MISSION MARQUEE PLAZA H-E-B FAMILY FILM SERIES

BRING THE ENTIRE FAMILY FOR FREE MOVIE SCREENINGS PROUDLY BROUGHT TO YOU BY H-E-B. LOAD UP YOUR BLANKETS AND SNACKS, OR CHECK OUT OUR ONSITE FOOD TRUCKS, AND COME ENJOY A MOVIE IN THE COOL-EVENING AIR.

Venue opens at 7 p.m. and movies will begin 15 minutes past dusk.



MAY 07

THE BOOK THIEF
 Courage Beyond Words

The Book Thief tells the story of an extraordinary, spirited young girl during WWII Germany who begins collecting books, learns to read, and creates a magical, inspirational world.
 PG-13 | 2h 10min



MAY 12

WESTSIDE STORY
 The Most Acclaimed Musical of All Time!

This musical tale of a turf war between rival teenage gangs in Manhattan's Hell's Kitchen and the two lovers who cross battle lines has captivated audiences for four decades.
 PG | 2h 31min



MAY 19

THE HUNGER GAMES
 The World Will Be Watching...

In the ruins of what was once America, twelve districts send a teenage boy and girl to compete in the Hunger Games. If she's ever to return home, Katniss must make impossible choices in the arena.
 PG-13 | 2h 22min



MAY 21

INSIDE OUT
 Meet the Little Voices Inside Your Head

Like all of us, Riley is guided by her emotions. A cast of friendly emotions keep things positive and help guide Riley through the challenges of her childhood.
 PG | 1h 34min



JUNE 04

MINIONS
 Go Back to Where It All Began

One Minion named Kevin ventures out into the world to find a new boss for his brethren to follow. They travel across the globe, where finally they must face their biggest challenge to date: saving all of Minionkind...
 PG | 1h 31min



JUNE 16

THE HUNGER GAMES: CATCHING FIRE
 Remember Who the Enemy Is

Katniss Everdeen has returned home after winning the 74th Annual Hunger Games. She senses a rebellion simmering on a "Victor's Tour", but the Capitol is still very much in control of evil President Snow...
 PG-13 | 2h 26min



JUNE 18

STAR WARS: THE FORCE AWAKENS
 The Force is Calling you...Let It In

The Star Wars saga continues with this seventh entry. The film acts as the start of a new trilogy set after the events of Return of the Jedi.
 PG-13 | 2h 16min



JULY 09

THE PEANUTS MOVIE
 Dream Big!

Life is complicated for good ol' Charlie Brown when the Little Red-Haired Girl moves in next door. Meanwhile, Snoopy embarks on an epic adventure in a fantasy world as a World War I flying ace.
 G | 1h 32min



JULY 21

THE HUNGER GAMES: MOCKINGJAY - PT I
 The Courage of One Will Change the World

Mockingjay - Part 1 finds Katniss Everdeen in District 13 after she literally shatters the games forever, and spreads her wings as she fights to save a nation.
 PG-13 | 2h 5min

District 3 Improvements

District 3 partners with City departments, such as Transportation & Capital Improvements and the Parks and Recreation, to enhance areas of the community in need of repair. These improvements often enhanced safety and connectivity. Many projects are voter-approved bond projects funded by the 2012-2017 Bond Program. That's why it is important to realize the power of your vote!



Highlighted below are recently completed 2012 Bond projects from around the district:



Pickwell Park
\$300,000
 walking trail upgrades and restroom renovations

Southside Lions Park \$750,000
 new walking trail connecting the Southside Lions Community Center to the lake, new trailhead with 2 picnic pads including barbeque and trash receptacles, 3 new rest areas along the walking trail, new parking lot, new drinking fountain, new portable toilet enclosure, benches, wayfinding signs, and landscaping



Pytel Park \$400,000
 parking lot expansion, new sidewalk, new baseball/softball field with lighting, and new electrical service

Goliad Road
 from SE Military to Loop 410



drainage and flood control improvements, new sidewalks, curbs, gutters, roadway reconstruction, dual south and north bound lanes, turning and bike lanes, and pedestrian railing

Projects under construction:

- Belford Area Drainage
- West Vestal Place
 (Commercial Ave to Pleasanton Rd)

Ashley Pedestrian Bridge Replacement
 A pedestrian bridge will be constructed to replace the collapsed bridge structure, two cul-de-sacs additions at the intersections of Ashley and Acequia and Ashley and Roosevelt, improved pavement section and bicycle lanes.
 Estimated completion: August 2016

More Community Engagement

Councilwoman Viagran strives to engage the community to ensure District 3 residents understand the importance of their voice.

In January, Coffee with the Cops provided an opportunity to build relationships with S.A.F.F.E. officers and our SAPD. In March, D3 hosted the annual Neighborhood Associations Presidents Meeting and shared important information such as the SATomorrow Sustainability Program.

We proactively seek partnership with City departments and partners to find new ways to share important information such as with the YMCA Community meeting.



D3LLI

The District 3 Legacy Leadership Initiative participants have been active in the community throughout and will soon graduate from the program.

The mission of the District 3 Legacy Leadership Initiative is to introduce the future generation of young leaders in District 3 to a network of community leaders in order to cultivate education, training and exposure towards a commitment to civic engagement.

The students put leadership into action through civic engagement by participating in the Basura Bash clean-up efforts along the San Antonio River demonstrating the importance of youth involvement in our community.



Boards and Commissions

Thank you to the District 3 appointee currently serving on a board or commission. Civic leadership is vital to reaching community goals.

If you are interested in servicing, call (210) 207-0969 or email District3@sanantonio.gov.

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

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[#D3AuthenticSA](https://twitter.com/D3AuthenticSA)

THE SENIOR CORNER

News and Information for District 3 Seniors

SENIOR CENTER - Progress on the District 3 Multi-generational Senior Center includes the installation of all the steel (structural, joists, decking, and rebar) and pouring of the concrete slab. The project is still scheduled to open November 2016.

In March, we celebrated with our Seniors at the newly opened Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center for the Seniors Spring Fling Dance. At the dance, our area Senior Center kings and queens dressed in spring attire and costumes. For seniors being part of the royal court is a role they take very serious. This event encourages seniors to stay engaged, active and involved in our community.

Spring Break with D3 Seniors is always a great time! Their events included a St. Patrick's Day event and a volleyball tournament at Harlandale Senior Center.



Here are some resources:

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