



District 6 Report

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City Councilman

Happy Holidays

Holiday Issue 2014

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Dear Constituents,

The holiday season is upon us! As we prepare to celebrate with family and friends, I wish you and your loved ones a happy and healthy holiday season. We continue our hard work at City Hall, and our latest newsletter has updated information regarding the various projects and policies directly impacting you.

In our last newsletter, we discussed the proposed Vista Ridge Pipeline project developed by SAWS. On Thursday, October 30th, the City Council unanimously approved the pipeline project to diversify our city's water supply, further lessening our dependence on the Edwards Aquifer. Along with efforts to build a water desalination plant, this new water pipeline will also provide the city a long-term, sustainable supply of water as we anticipate San Antonio to grow by over one million new residents over the next 25 years.

In this newsletter, you will find several articles and photos from our district-wide 2014 National Night Out (NNO) celebrations. We will discuss the exciting, and much needed expansion of the Alicia Trevino Lopez Senior Center which opened in June, 2011. You will also find an article about my proposal to rename Old U.S. Hwy 90 to Enrique M. Barrera Pkwy. In addition, we highlight two wonderful organizations and their efforts to serve families during the holidays. And finally, we have information on our upcoming 6th Annual District 6 Holiday Open House.

I know you will find plenty of valuable information in this newsletter. Please feel free to contact my office anytime and I look forward to seeing you out in the community. Happy Holidays!!!

Featured



Throughout the holiday season, the Food Bank works tirelessly to ensure people create memories around the dinner table. On November 22 from 1-5 PM at the H-E-B Plus located at 281 & Evans, you can be a part of the Holiday Turkey Round Up by donating a frozen turkey. In December, they will be hosting the Holiday Box with Fox campaign where you can fill up a box for a family in need and ensure they have a holiday meal. Boxes maybe picked up and returned at any Wells Fargo location. For more information, go to www.safoodbank.org.

Blue Santa Program

In 1976, the Blue Santa Program was created to help bring holiday cheer to families and children throughout San Antonio. Blue Santa is all about bringing hope and joy to families that struggle to make ends meet during the toughest time of the year. During the month of December, SAPD along with volunteers and our Blue Santa, work very hard to deliver all the needed items to these underprivileged children and their families. For more information please contact (210) 370-3944.



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National Night Out 2014

Cable Westwood Neighborhood Association

This event hosted over 300 people and had tables set up by Parks and Rec., Boy Scouts, S.A. Public Library and the Family Assistance Crisis Team. Speakers included Councilman Ray Lopez, Cable Elementary, Vice-Principal, Pedro Chavez, VFW Commander Armando Gonzalez and a representative from San Antonio Emergency Services.

Activities included face painting, coloring of SAPD Badge fans, custom made aprons, toss-a-cross game, and hula hoop contests. There was also fun music and a variety of food and desserts.

The Cable Westwood N.A. would like to thank everyone who contributed their time and support to this event as well as making this neighborhood the best neighborhood in District 6.



Westover Elm's Home Owner's Association

Westover Elms/Bluffs is a wonderful small community that was established in 2001. With a total of 224 homes, they are a diverse community that is fortunate to have many active duty and retired military residents. They enjoy a wonderful green zone behind a majority of the neighborhood which adds to its elegance. Last month, with the participation of many Community members, the association successfully held their first annual NNO and were very pleased to have Councilman Ray Lopez, members of his staff and members of the SAPD attend.

The Westover Elms Homeowners Association Board of Directors is represented by three volunteers that help guide the community in its growth. The President is Kermit Bryant, Secretary, Frank Erazo and Treasurer, Ben Ramirez.



Great Northwest Community Improvement Association

Tuesday, October 7, 2014 marked the 31st anniversary of "America's Night Out Against Crime" (National Night Out). From the very beginning, the Great Northwest has actively participated in this celebration.

Over the years, the neighborhood has grown to almost 5,000 homes in seven subdivisions. This year there were eleven registered events along with numerous residents that turned on their porch lights and came out to meet their neighbors. Special guests included Councilman Ray Lopez and staff, SAPD officers and SAFD fire fighters, Explorers, McGruff the Crime Dog, Animal Care Services and Code Compliance officers, GNW security officers and board members.

Everyone was reminded to follow McGruff's advice – "take a bite out of crime!" Many area businesses provided some great door prizes and giveaways to the attendees.



Lindsey Place Home Owner's Association

Lindsey Place residents show support for their community by attending several neighborhood events held each year to fellowship with their neighbors. This allows residents a chance to meet the parents of the children that their children play with in the neighborhood and at school. National Night Out (NNO) is one of the oldest neighborhood events. This year marks their 14th Annual Boo Bash Parade and Carnival for NNO. This year's Grand Marshall was KENS 5's Mayra Moreno. Other guests included District 6 Councilman Ray Lopez, members of San Antonio Fire Station #35, HEB Buddy, Rocky from Peter Piper Pizza, The Great Clips Bear and many others.

Lindsey Place HOA would like to thank everyone in the neighborhood for making Lindsey Place a great place to live.



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Policy Update

Coming Soon to District 6... New Library and Recreation Center

In the May 2012 Bond Election, voters approved partial funding for a Recreation Center and Library. Councilman Lopez has been working diligently to bring together partners to bridge the gap and get this project moving. City Council will vote in December on an agreement for a public/private partnership to build a recreation center and a new 5,000 square foot library outlet. The library is expected to include programs for all ages and will house both traditional and e-books. Keep your eyes open for a big announcement.

For more information please contact Stacy Gonzales with TCI (Transportation and Capital Improvements) (210) 207-2046.



Richland Hills and Military Dr.

Congestion has worsened recently due to all the growth in the area. Councilman Lopez is working on two different plans to help with traffic flow. The short term solution is to add a left-turn lane for both East and West bound Military Dr. W. at Richland Hills. The long term solution is to widen Military Dr. W. from 2 lanes to 4 lanes between Sequoia Heights and Ingram Rd. as well as to extend Military Dr. W. from Ingram to Potranco. For more information please contact TCI (Transportation and Capital Improvements) (210) 207-5011.



D6 Projects

Enrique M. Barrera Street Renaming

On July 18th, 2014, Councilman Lopez submitted a Council Consideration Request (CCR) to rename Old U.S. Hwy 90 to Enrique M. Barrera Pkwy. This proposed street renaming would honor the legacy of former District 6 City Councilman Enrique Barrera, who served on the City Council from 2000 – 2005. Councilman Barrera also honorably served for twelve years as a member of the Edgewood ISD Board of Trustees and was an Ordained Deacon at San Fernando Cathedral.

Councilman Barrera passed away in August 2007, leaving behind a distinguished career of over 30 years of community and public service. For additional information regarding the renaming process, please contact Donna Camacho at (210) 207-5016.



Senior Center Expansion

The Alicia Trevino Lopez Senior Center is getting bigger. The expansion project began construction on the senior center at the end of August. The center is adding 4,500 sq. feet, increasing the total to over 27,500 sq. feet. The new section of the senior center will house two large classrooms, one of which will house the chair volleyball teams along with two ping pong tables. In addition, a socializing area with tables and chairs will also be included, as well as two new restroom areas and two additional office spaces.

The completion of the newly expanded area is scheduled for the first week of December.





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District 6 Holiday Open House

Councilman Ray Lopez would like to invite all District 6 residents to attend our 6th Annual Holiday Open House Event. There will be food, music, dancing, prizes and much more. Please contact Vicky Salazar for more information (210) 207-7065

Date: December 22, 2014

Time: 4pm - 8pm

Place: San Antonio Event Center
8111 Meadow Leaf Dr., 78227

Please RSVP to: district6@sanantonio.gov

"Help a child in need & bring an unwrapped present to help with our toy drive"

District 6 Newsletter

Calendar of Events

- Nov. 27 Thanksgiving
- Nov. 27 The Great Turkey Challenge 5k
King William and on the Riverwalk
- Dec 7 Rock 'n' Roll Marathon &
Half Marathon, Relay & 5k
- Dec 22 District 6 Holiday Open House
San Antonio Event Center

City Holiday Hours

- November 27 - 28 CLOSED
- December 24 - January 1 CLOSED

District 6 Holiday Hours

- November 26 - 28 CLOSED
- December 23 - January 4 CLOSED

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