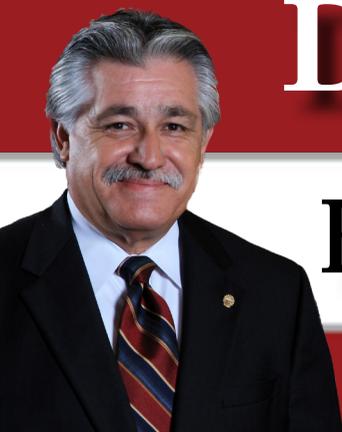


# District 6 Report



## Ray Lopez

City Councilman



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Dear Neighbors,

CITY OF SAN ANTONIO



The dog-days of summer are here, and I hope you and your family have found time to enjoy the summer break while staying cool. The work at City Hall continues and my office has created this newsletter to provide you with the latest information regarding the various projects and policies directly impacting you.

As you likely saw in the news, our annual July break was cut short due to the departure of Mayor Julian Castro to Washington D.C. and the process we undertook as a Council to appoint his replacement to the Mayor's office. Although I came up short in my efforts to fill the mayoral vacancy, I was proud to be the 6th vote on the Council that appointed Ivy Taylor as the new mayor of San Antonio. I look forward to working with Mayor Taylor and all of my colleagues as we continue to find solutions for the major issues facing our city.

In this latest newsletter, you will find an article regarding the Vista Ridge Pipeline, a major project that will help to diversify our city's water supply. You will also find articles with updates to several important projects currently underway throughout District 6. And, as we have done before, we will highlight two of our wonderful neighborhood associations and the work they do to improve our community.

I hope 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 and your family out in the community.

Sincerely,

## Featured

### Fitness 5K and 1 Mile Fun Walk

District 6 held its Annual free Fitness 5K on June 7, 2014 at Gustafson Stadium. Councilman Lopez wanted to include more families so he added the Fun Walk before the 5K Race started. This event brought out 1,300 participants. The first 1,000 people who registered received a free t-shirt and everyone who finished the race received a District 6 5K medal.



### Early Childhood Training & Resource Fair

On August 9, 2014, District 6, District 8, Northwest Vista College and Voices for Children teamed up to host a FREE, all-day professional development workshop. The presentations and workshop training sessions served to prepare the youngest community members with appropriate development opportunities that will help them grow and mature into successful students and productive adults.



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## Providing for Our Seniors

### **Alicia Trevino Lopez Senior Center 3rd Anniversary**

On July 7th, the Alicia Trevino Lopez Senior Center celebrated its 3rd Anniversary to the delight of over 500 members and guests. Leaders from the WellMed Charitable Foundation and the City of San Antonio were on hand to help ring in three successful years of service to the seniors in District 6 and all of San Antonio. The Lopez Center has grown tremendously over the last three years and now has over 6,500 registered members. It offers everything from top quality fitness equipment and personal training, to health education classes, cooking demonstrations and art classes. A big congratulations to Councilman Ray Lopez, The WellMed Charitable Foundation and the City of San Antonio for bringing such an innovative center to our community!



For more information, go to [www.wellmedcharitablefoundation.com](http://www.wellmedcharitablefoundation.com)

## Community Partnerships

### **Guerra Branch Library Celebrates It's 10th Anniversary**



San Antonio Public Library (SAPL) celebrated the 10th Anniversary of the Guerra Branch Library. This library was named to honor long-time San Antonio historian, author and broadcast journalist Henry Guerra.

The library opened to the public on July 14, 2004. The occasion was an opportunity for the Guerra Branch Library community to celebrate 10 years of Library services. In the 10 years, Guerra Branch has received over 1.9 million visits and has circulated almost 2 million items! The branch provides programs and services for children, teens, adults and seniors. For more information visit [www.mysapl.org](http://www.mysapl.org).

## Neighborhood Spotlight

### **Los Jardines Neighborhood Association**

This Neighborhood Association was founded in 2003 and is located on the west side. The name is a reference to one of the first subdivisions that were developed north of the former Kelly AFB which was mostly farmland decades ago. Various community organizations such as the Benitia Family Center and community residents helped to create the association. LJNA is still actively involved today in assisting the community's needs, such as dial-a-trailer to code and safety issues. NNO was first celebrated as a community in 2003 and continues today. Meetings begin

at 6:30 p.m. every third Wednesday of the month at Abundant Life Event Hall located at 1030 Old Hwy. 90W, Suite 1. For more information, go to our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/los-jardinesna](http://www.facebook.com/los-jardinesna)



### **Pipers Meadow Neighborhood Association**



This Neighborhood Association was founded in 1997 and con-

tinues to be fund it's annual expenses with voluntary membership dues of \$10.00 per household per year. All executive officials are elected for a 1 year term. Pipers Meadow Subdivision has over 720 homes and many apartments around the area. The goals and objectives are to maintain and enhance the area, to create a safe environment for the community, to address issues that impact the neighborhood and create a greater sense of neighborhood pride. Meetings are held from 7 – 8p.m. on the 3rd Tuesday of every other month at the District 6 Field Office. Pipers Meadow NA continues working with Councilman Ray Lopez and his staff to achieve Neighborhood Association goals and objectives in making this neighborhood a great place to live.

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## Policy Update

### The Vista Ridge Project: An Investment In Our Future Water Supply

A top priority to ensuring the continued prosperity and viability of San Antonio is water supply diversification. For many years, San Antonio has relied heavily on the Edwards Aquifer as its primary source of drinking water. But as the San Antonio region continues to grow and severe drought conditions persist throughout Texas, work has begun to identify new sources of water.

Along with investments in water desalination projects, SAWS is negotiating a contract for a new water supply project, the Vista Ridge Pipeline. The Vista Ridge Pipeline project calls for the construction of 142 miles of pipeline that will supply water from the

Carrizo Aquifer, transporting it from Burleson County to San Antonio. With Vista Ridge projected to be completed by 2019, San Antonio will realize a 20% increase to its water supply. This new source of water will supply 162,000 new families, while further diversifying from the Edwards Aquifer.

The Vista Ridge Pipeline is currently projected to cost \$110 million per year, and may include a rate increase of 16% by 2020. The San Antonio City Council and SAWS will work to ensure that the cost of water remains affordable for all families. Also, understanding the need for transparency and accountability, multiple community meetings will be held to give the public the opportunity to hear and provide input to SAWS about the project. For additional information regarding the Vista Ridge Pipeline, please contact SAWS at (210) 233-3750 or visit [www.saws.org](http://www.saws.org).



## D6 Projects

### Shaenfield Road Extension and Bridge

In 2012, San Antonio overwhelmingly voted (72%) in favor of a \$337.4 million Bond Proposition for streets, bridges and sidewalks. Shaenfield Bridge is part of the Citywide Bridge program. Construction began earlier this summer and was highlighted by a “Ground Breaking” ceremony attended by Councilman Lopez along with State Rep. Jose Menendez.

Terra Oak, at Burke Elementary, was repaved and striped in time for the first day of school on August 25th. Excavating and drilling for the bridge is ongoing. The project is scheduled to be completed before the spring of 2015.

For updates checkout the periodic e-blast or contact Richard Casiano, Capital Projects Officer with the TCI Dept. at [Richard.casiano@sanantonio.gov](mailto:Richard.casiano@sanantonio.gov).



### Habitat for Humanity



Plans are in place for Habitat for Humanity of San Antonio’s Hope Village community in District 6. The 3.81 acres of raw land was donated by three parties and is located in the focus area of the REnewSA Edgewood Target Area. It will be prepped for infrastructure in 2015, followed by the construction of 21 homes in 2016.

Designs are also underway for a Habitat community off Acme Road on 26.16 acres of land acquired through a partnership with Bethel United Methodist Church. Beginning with infrastructure in 2016, 167 affordable homes will be built in phases of 50 to 60 lots annually, with expected completion in 2020. For more information, visit [www.habitatsa.org](http://www.habitatsa.org) or call 210-223-5203.

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Fire Non-Emergency	207-7744
City Customer Service	3-1-1
Animal Care Services	207-4738
Senior Services	207-7172
SAWS	704-7297
CPS	353-2222

## District 6 Newsletter

### Calendar of Events

Sept.	Ray Lopez Live TV Show Budget & NNO on TVSA Mon. 4pm, Tue. 9:30pm & Wed. 11am
Sept.	National Hunger Month
Sept. 10	San Antonio Budget Hearing, City Council Chambers, 6pm
Sept. 18	San Antonio Budget Adoption, City Council Chambers, 9am
Oct. 04	5th Annual Run for the Fund Sea World, San Antonio
Oct. 07	National Night Out City Wide Event
Oct. 16	Town Hall Meeting, 6pm West Education Center 1235 W Old Hwy. 90

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