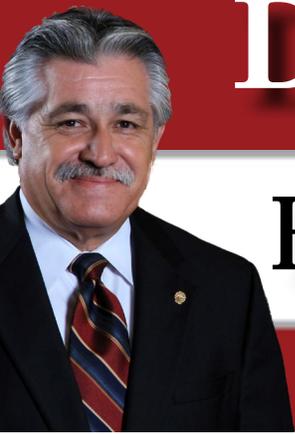


# District 6 Report



## Ray Lopez

City Councilman



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District 6 Constituents and Friends,

I hope this newsletter finds you and your family well. So far, the first four months of 2014 have kept our office very busy. Therefore, I wanted to provide you with an update to all of the tremendous progress and successes we have experienced here in District 6.

In this newsletter, you will find articles concerning our efforts to improve San Antonio's air quality with a new policy that will ensure a healthy and vibrant community. We will also spotlight an amazing non-profit partner located here in District 6, The San Antonio Food Bank. With so many wonderful neighborhoods and home owner groups in our district, we will spotlight a different neighborhood in our newsletters. For this newsletter, we will highlight the hard work of the Cable Westwood Neighborhood Association and its residents.

With so many projects scheduled or currently ongoing, in this issue we have highlighted 2 infrastructure projects for our area. Along with all of the great stories, you will also find a calendar of events and helpful phone numbers. We want to keep you informed of important upcoming events going on and hope you will join us at these various activities.

I encourage you to read through this newsletter and become better acquainted with all that is going on in our community. I hope you will see the great progress we have achieved together, and the work still needed in order to accomplish so much more. My staff and I are here to serve you.

Sincerely,

Ray Lopez

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## Featured

### Dial-A-Trailer



Throughout the years, D6 staff and I have worked closely with Solid Waste to provide the Dial-A-Trailer program which is a free service for neighborhoods. This program helps remove

the potential waste being illegally dumped. These events are generally scheduled in between the brush/bulky collection and Free Landfill Day's. Call (210) 207-3749 for more info.

### Graffiti Wipe-Out



During the month of April groups of volunteers, my staff and I have assisted with the Mini-Graffiti Wipe Out in D6. Those who volunteered received a Graffiti Fiesta Medal for their

participation. In all they painted over 9,000 sq. ft. which comes out to 30 plus gallons of donated paint. I personally would like to thank all of the volunteers.

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## Providing for Our Seniors

### Alicia T. Lopez Senior Center

Since its opening in July 2011, the Alicia T. Lopez Senior Center has served thousands of seniors from across the city. It has proudly served its mission as a one-stop shop for senior citizens and will continue to serve many more seniors to come. If you have never visited the Lopez Center, located at 8353 Culebra Rd, or have not been there in a while, take a few hours to explore all the great features and resources included at the center.



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## Community Partnerships



The San Antonio Food Bank has recently undergone a series of improvements

at their facility to provide food and services more efficiently to those in need. Warehouse space has doubled and refrigeration units have tripled, allowing the storage and distribution of more food and healthy fresh produce. A new volunteer lobby along with a sorting area was constructed and two new event spaces were added, allowing the food bank to better serve the community.

Working with Councilman Ray Lopez's office, the Food Bank has also entered into a lease with the City of San Antonio to cultivate fresh produce at a 23-acre fully organic drip-irrigated urban farm located nearby. More than 400,000 pounds of produce can be grown throughout the season. In addition, a composting area will be developed to prepare the soil to grow a variety of produce. Currently, the land is being primed for planting these crops in the near future.

## Neighborhood Spotlight



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### Cable Westwood Neighborhood Association

The mainstay of the community in D6 has always been the HOA's and NA's, such as The Cable Westwood Neighborhood Association. Since its establishment in 1998 the purpose of the association is to protect, develop and preserve the community around the Cable Elementary area. The mission of the CWNA is to provide an avenue for grievances, resolutions and to create a spirit of cooperation among residents. They also preserve and elevate the image of the neighborhood by participating with the D6 council office and all city departments. CWNA also extends assistance when possible to residents and business owners in the area. Currently the association is lead by long-time resident, Ms. Bonnie Weed. The entire board consists of community volunteers elected by its members to promote the common good and general welfare of the Cable Westwood community. Monthly meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at the Cable Elementary school cafeteria, beginning at 6:30 pm. For more information about the association or if you would like to be a member, please contact Bonnie Weed at (210) 675-2329. If you would like your own neighborhood featured contact Joseph Lopez, at our office email: [joseph.lopez@sanantonio.gov](mailto:joseph.lopez@sanantonio.gov)

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## Policy Update

### **Comprehensive Air Quality for San Antonio**

With tougher federal restrictions concerning air quality pending, San Antonio may soon fall into non-compliance of air quality standards. The city would then be open to fines, penalties, and additional regulations while losing access to federal funding for infrastructure projects.

The two biggest contributors to poor air quality are: Energy Production using coal powered generation plants and Vehicle Emissions. The CPS Coal Burning Plant will be retired early in 2018, years ahead of schedule which is a great start.

We must now tackle Vehicle Emissions. The question that we must adopt as we decide how to invest in our transportation system must always be: How does this investment effect Air Quality?

In October 2013, I introduced a Council Consideration Request (CCR) that proposed a comprehensive air quality policy review for San Antonio that would:

- (1) Proactively address ozone air pollution by specifically identifying ozone reduction opportunities for the region;
- (2) Support and coordinate all and any existing initiatives and programs that work to address ozone air pollution and identify additional measures;
- (3) Coordinate with relevant municipal partners and outside agencies in order to determine additional reductions and control measures;

In April 2014, City staff presented several initiatives for Council consideration to improve San Antonio's air quality. Those initiatives included the creation of a regional air quality plan formulated by various community stakeholders with the purpose of reducing ozone pollution and keeping our city out of non-compliance status. This is an important first step for our city and as this important dialogue evolves, we will continue to ask for your input and ideas. For additional information, please contact the D6 Field Office at (210) 207-3749.

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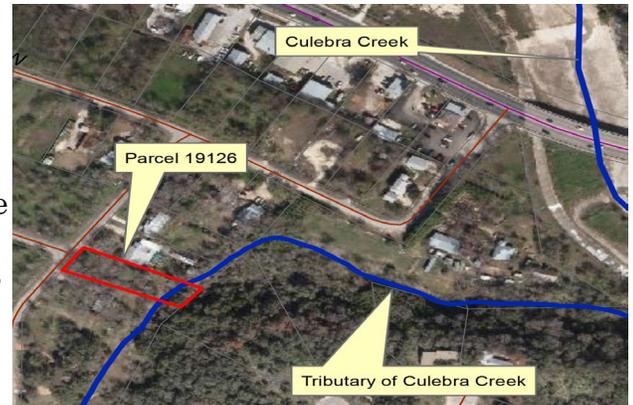
## D6 Projects

### **Westwood Village Detention Pond**

D6 along with Transportation and Capital Improvements (TCI) and area neighbors celebrated the start of construction for the Westwood Village Drainage Phase II Project. This project will improve drainage in a flood prone area and create a detention basin west of Pinn Road, adjacent to Westwood Village Creek. It is expected to be completed in the fall of 2014. This project is a continuation of the Westwood Village Drainage Phase I Project that was funded out of the 2007 Bond. That project improved the existing box culvert system and drainage channel to increase capacity. For more information on this project please call (210) 207-3749.

### **Mountain View Estates Phase III Drainage**

The Phase III project will install a drainage system that ties into an existing box culvert



system on Rogers Rd. and outfalls into a tributary of Culebra Creek to resolve flooding issues in the Mountain View Estates area. The project will complement Phases I and II presently under design and funded via the Regional Storm Water Facilities Fund. Phase III design is scheduled to be completed in June 2014 and construction will begin in January 2015. For more information on this please call (210) 207-3749.

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### Important Numbers

Emergency	9-1-1
SAPD Non-Emergency	207-7273
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

<b>May 19</b>	Town Hall Regional Budget Meeting Alicia T. Lopez Senior Ctr., 6:30pm
<b>May 31</b>	Dial A Trailer - D6 Field Office 8am - 1pm
<b>June 7</b>	District 6 Fitness 5K Gustafson-Northside Stadium, 7am
<b>June 21</b>	Dial A Trailer - D6 Field Office Pipers Meadow, Timber Ridge, Woodglen, Crown Meadows, Grissom Trails
<b>July</b>	HOA/NA Presidents, Board and Commission Appointees meeting
<b>July</b>	Alicia T. Lopez Senior Ctr. 3rd Anniversary, 11am
<b>August</b>	Town Hall/Budget Development Meetings
<b>August 30</b>	Back Pack Give Away event, 8am

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