

# District 6 Report



## Holiday 2015

## CITY OF SAN ANTONIO



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Dear Neighbors,

The weather is starting to get cool and decorations are being put up all across the city. My staff and I would like to wish everyone a happy and healthy holiday season. As we reflect on 2015, and look forward to 2016, we wanted to share with you all the recent projects and accomplishments in District 6.

In this newsletter, you will find information about our upcoming 7th Annual District 6 Holiday Open House on Tuesday, December 22nd. We hope you and your family can join us for this wonderful holiday event. We also spotlight the Tara Neighborhood Association and their ongoing efforts to revitalize and beautify their community. On Page 3, we highlight the important budget items in the FY 2016 city budget that directly impact our District 6 community. Recently, we participated in a wall breaking ceremony with the YMCA and the San Antonio Public Library for the new District 6 Recreational Center. Complete details on the new recreational center can also be found on Page 3. Check out our Calendar of Events section to for upcoming dates and events.

I encourage you to read through this newsletter and learn all about what's happening in our community. If you have any questions or comments, please contact my office. My staff and I are here to serve you.

Sincerely,

Ray Lopez

## Featured - National Night Out 2015

Councilman Lopez, along with his staff, attended several National Night Out festivities on Tuesday, October 6, 2015. National Night Out (NNO) is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness;



generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime programs; strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

If you would like us to visit your neighborhood next year please call (210) 207 - 3749.

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## Sock it to School Drive

Beginning on November 2nd and running through December 11th, your District 6 Council Office is collecting **NEW** socks for distribution to surrounding elementary schools. We invite you to help our community by dropping off socks for this worthy cause. Please feel free to drop them off at any time at any of our senior sites or our field office located at 8373 Culebra Rd., #202.

If you look around and wonder how one single person could make a difference join the "Sock it to School" Drive. In years past a large number of socks were collected by our hardworking community of caring, compassionate folks.

*District 6 Presents*  
**SOCK**  
it to  
**SCHOOL DRIVE**  
Nov. 2 - Dec. 11, 2015  
Help keep District 6 students feet warm this Holiday Season by donating NEW SOCKS

Drop Off Locations:

- Alicia Trevino Lopez Senior Center; (210) 558-0178
- Bethel Senior Center; (210) 432-5554
- Casitas de Villa Corona; (210) 432-4339
- O'Keefe Garden Brook Apartments; (210) 674-7847
- Virginia Gill Community Center; (210) 207-3237

Something so simple, that many of us take for granted, but it is more than just a simple comfort; it is a necessity that is often out of reach for some children. Your contribution will make a difference for someone in need.

## District 6 Holiday Open House

Councilman Ray Lopez and Staff would like to invite the entire District 6 community to the 7th Annual District 6 Holiday Open House Tuesday, December 22, 2015 from 4pm to 8pm at the San Antonio Event Center (8111 Meadow Leaf Dr., 78227). Please RSVP to: [district6@sanantonio.gov](mailto:district6@sanantonio.gov).

Again this year, we will be collecting toys for the Blue Santa Program. Please bring a new unwrapped toy to help us with our toy drive.

The Blue Santa Program is all about bringing hope and joy to families that struggle to make ends meet during the toughest times of the year, the holidays. A simple gift can change a life. Blue Santa is SAPOA's way of saying to the community "we care and we are here to protect you and your family!"

**DISTRICT 6 HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE**  
Please Join Councilman Ray Lopez & Staff  
Tuesday, December 22, 2015  
4:00 pm to 8:00 pm  
San Antonio Event Center  
8111 Meadow Leaf Dr., 78227  
Please RSVP:  
[district6@sanantonio.gov](mailto:district6@sanantonio.gov)  
"Help a child in need & bring an unwrapped present to help with our toy drive."  
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## Neighborhood Spotlight - Tara N.A.

Tara Neighborhood Association was established in November of 2013 to strengthen the immediate community, improve partnership with the city and create a better living space for all of us; we have volunteers who pick up trash throughout the neighborhood; help to beautify the medians by landscaping common areas and also remove graffiti. Our first community wide National Night Out (NNO) was held in October, 2015 with over 300 residents in attendance. We enjoyed free food provided by local sponsors. In attendance were Buddy the HEB mascot, Warren HS AFJROTC, two Elected Officials; State Representative Ina Minjarez and Councilman Ray Lopez. For activities, a bounce house, face painting, and sack races.



To become a member contact us on our Facebook page; Tara Neighborhood Watch or by going to [nextdoor.com](http://nextdoor.com) and request to become a member. Our Neighborhood Association (N.A.) hosts different events during the year; an Easter egg hunt, NNO, a Thanksgiving food drive and a Christmas Toy drive with a Fitness event being planned for the future. Our N.A. recognizes its members with a Yard of the Month competition and on festive holidays with a decoration contest. We meet at Christian Evers Elementary School cafeteria on the first Wednesday of the Month from 6:30pm - 8:00pm, all are welcome. The current board Members are: Oscar Rosalez; President, MaryAnne Adams; Vice-President, Brady Adams; Secretary and Ramiro Cabrera; Treasurer.

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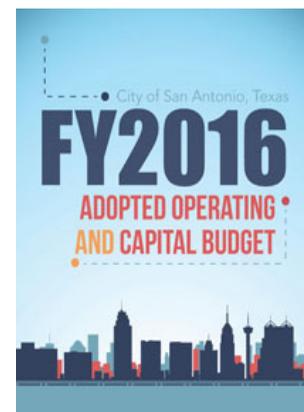


## Policy Update - 2016 Budget

The FY 2016 Adopted Consolidated Budget for the entire City of San Antonio is 2.5 Billion. The Budget decreases the City's property tax rate, increases funding to streets and sidewalks, increases the civilian living wage to \$13 per hour, and maintains public safety spending below 66% of the general fund.

### **2016 Budget Implications for District 6**

- **\$16.8 Million for Street Improvement Projects**
  - Major Street Projects in 2016 Capital Budget (\$10.5 Million) - Edgewood Area Public Improvements; Ingram Road (Culebra Road to Mabe Road); Kerrville Quiet Zone; Marbach Road, Phase II; Old Grissom Road and Tezel Road (Culebra Road to Timber Path).
- **Street Maintenance in Infrastructure Management Program (IMP)** - Street maintenance for 69 street projects in the District as part of the Infrastructure Management Program (\$6.3 Million).
- **\$1.3 Million for Sidewalk Improvements** - Sidewalk Improvements for 9 sidewalk projects in the District as part of the Infrastructure Management Program (\$1.3 Million).
- **\$10.8 Million for Drainage Improvements** - Major Drainage Improvements in 2016 Capital Budget, Castleridge/Slick Ranch Flood Plain Improvement, Meadow Knoll Drainage, Mountain View Estates, Phase III Drainage, Westover Valley Relief Channel Construction, Drainage Improvements in Infrastructure Management Program (IMP), Drainage improvements in 23 additional areas in District 6 as part of the Infrastructure Management Program (\$853,000).
- **\$5.6 Million for Park and Creekway Improvement Projects** - Acme Park, Cathedral Park, Cuellar Park, Culebra Creek (Shaenfield to Culebra Creek Park), Culebra Creek Greenway (Cathedral Rock Park to Grissom Road), Leon Creek Greenway (Bandera Road to Ingram Road, and Ingram Road to Military), Levi Strauss Park, New Territories Park, Northwest Area Recreational Facility and Oscar Perez Park.
- **\$1.8 Million for a New Branch Library and Improvement Projects.**
- **\$490,000 for Facility Improvement Projects** - Westside Education & Training Center



## D6 Projects - Mays Family YMCA & Public Library

Residents of District 6 will soon be able to access a new branch library & YMCA at the corner of Highway 151 & Potranco Rd. in what will be known as the Mays Family YMCA at Potranco & the Potranco Branch Public Library.

On Monday, November 2, 2015, the City of San Antonio & YMCA held a wall breaking ceremony to celebrate the interior renovations currently underway within the former Albertson's building which is approximately 58,500 square feet. The library will occupy approximately 5,000 square feet and will feature books, media, public computing lab with broadband internet, WiFi, laptops for check out, & programming for all ages. The YMCA will occupy approximately 53,000 square feet will feature multiple group exercise classrooms, a family adventure zone, a multi-generational center, a teaching kitchen, & an indoor swimming pool.



Construction began this month & both facilities are scheduled to open simultaneously in Fall 2016. The Mays Family YMCA will be the 12th branch location in Greater San Antonio & is estimated to serve 8,000 members. The Potranco Branch Public Library will be the 30th location for the San Antonio Public Library System.

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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

### Calender of Events

#### 2015

**November 25th - 27th**  
District 6 offices closed for Thanksgiving

**November 26**  
Thanksgiving Day

**December 23rd - January 1, 2016**  
District 6 offices closed

**December 25**  
Christmas Day

#### 2016

**January 1**  
New Year's Day

**January 18**  
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day  
District 6 offices closed

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