

## SAWS, City Strike Deal to Keep Military Bases Flowing

Mayor Ivy Taylor, Councilman Joe Krier and SAWS President/CEO Robert R. Puente announced a groundbreaking agreement Sept. 15 to provide a redundant water source to the city's military bases.

A reliable, plentiful water supply is crucial in maintaining and attracting future military missions. Mayor Taylor and Councilman Krier led the coordinated effort to take water concerns off the table for all military bases in San Antonio.

"This agreement is a milestone in the City of San Antonio's long and rich history with the military," said Mayor Ivy Taylor.



Courtesy Photo – Joint Base San Antonio

"It will ensure that Joint Base San Antonio has a stable, abundant supply of water for the vital work of its missions. This deal is also a demonstration that the City of San Antonio is a preeminent municipal partner for the Department of Defense."

The plan will have SAWS infrastructure constructed to the military bases, ready to connect and deliver water to

Camp Bullis, Fort Sam Houston, Lackland Training Annex and Lackland Air Force Base. As well, a project currently underway will provide reliable water to "Security Hill," which houses cybersecurity, intelligence and space command efforts.

The projects will provide a combined 20,450 feet of pipeline to the installations.

### Reminder: Got Your Fall Coupons Yet?

The fall cycle of the WaterSaver Landscape Coupon continues through Nov. 30. This season it's all about trees — autumn is the perfect time to plant them!

Here's how it works:

- You are required to purchase seven plants total from the approved list; two must be small trees and the remaining five plants can be any combination of trees or shrubs.
- You must remove at least 200

square feet of grass and any existing irrigation in the area to create one new contiguous bed or patio.

- Plants purchased with the Landscape Coupon may not be used in existing beds.

Want a new patio to go with your new plants? For the fall Patioscape Coupon, you must purchase a minimum of 160 square feet of the feature item (pavers, flagstones or stepping stones) for a new 200-square-foot patio.

Customers with an irrigation system must schedule a free irrigation check-up upon applying for the coupon.

To get started on your outdoor dream-scape, apply online at [GardenStyleSA.com/coupons](http://GardenStyleSA.com/coupons).



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► **Observe the night skies with the San Antonio Astronomical Association Saturday, Nov. 14 from 6-8:30 p.m. at Friedrich Wilderness Park, 21395 Milsa Dr. Suggested donation is \$3 per individual, \$6 per family. For more information, call 210-207-3782.**

# Local Calendar

## Is Your Water Meter Playing Hard to Get?

SAWS would like to remind customers to keep access to their water meter free of debris or other obstructions.

Keeping your property well maintained is always a good idea, but did you know alleyways are a property owner's responsibility as well?

According to San Antonio city code, each homeowner must mow the alley to its center and keep it free of debris and other obstructions. Adjacent neighbors are responsible for maintaining the other half of the alley.

So while the city generally maintains public

streets, natural creekways and drainage channels, homeowners are responsible for maintaining their property all the way from the alley to the front curb line.



This partnership helps keep our neighborhoods safe and beautiful. It also helps ensure SAWS can read your water meter each month. If your alley is overgrown, it could prevent SAWS staff from reading your meter. It could also result in a citation for city code violation.

To learn more about San Antonio's Property Maintenance Code, visit [sanantonio.gov/dsd/codes.asp](http://sanantonio.gov/dsd/codes.asp).

## SAWS Reaches Out to Families in Need



SAWS, in partnership with Councilwoman Shirley Gonzales, hosted an Affordability Fair Sept. 19 at El Progreso Hall on the city's West Side. In all, SAWS was able to assist nearly 200 families.

SAWS offers two payment assistance programs for families who qualify:

- Project Agua is a one-time, direct payment assistance for customers at risk for water service disconnection.
- Affordability Discount helps reduce the customer's monthly bill amount on a continuing basis.

To learn more about these and other assistance programs or see if you qualify, visit [saws.org/afford](http://saws.org/afford) or call 210-233-CARE (2273).

## Building to Serve You Better

It's official — the new SAWS North Side Operations Center near 1604 and I-10 is beginning to take shape. Contractors poured the concrete slab for the administration building in September, with construction moving forward at a brisk pace ever since.

The new facility will also include fleet garage and supply warehouse buildings, as well as outdoor supply areas, fuel islands and a materials yard. A new West Side Operations Center is also under construction, with both facilities scheduled for completion in the summer of 2016.

Both new locations will give SAWS repair and maintenance crews better access to highways,

reducing transportation costs and improving response times for both day-to-day and emergency situations.



### Family Flashlight Night

Nov. 6

San Antonio Botanical Garden  
555 Funston  
[sabat.org](http://sabat.org)

### Wurstfest

Nov. 6-15

Landa Park  
(New Braunfels)  
178 Landa Park Dr.  
[wurstfest.com](http://wurstfest.com)

### Essentials of Gardening Class

Nov. 16

San Antonio Garden Center  
3310 N. New Braunfels Ave.  
[gardeningvolunteers.org](http://gardeningvolunteers.org)

### International Peace Market

Nov. 27-28

Esperanza Peace and Justice Center  
922 San Pedro Ave.  
[esperanzacenter.org](http://esperanzacenter.org)