



The Jefferson Neighborhood Association News

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"Preserving the integrity of the Jefferson Area since 1982"

From a *Past* President _ Ted Guerra

Greetings Members and Neighbors:

Our President, **Elia Reyna**, has invited me to write the President's message this month. I was excited and honored to do it!

First of all, I wanted to begin by giving credit where credit is due. As the current JNA president, Ms. Reyna has done such an excellent job. She has attended all meetings concerning our neighborhood and has brought informative guest speakers to our general meetings. She also works closely with our Councilman and his office, as well as surrounding neighborhood leaders. Kudos to Elia, for her hard work and commitment to our neighborhood.

On Wednesday, January

14, 2010, the San Antonio Parks and Recreation Department, along with Councilman **Justin Rodriguez**, had a meeting to show the community a new proposed site plan for the Woodlawn Lake Park bridge.

The existing bridge at Josephine Tobin and Woodlawn Ave currently serves vehicle, bicycle, and pedestrian traffic. Because of safety concerns, city staffers suggested a separate bridge be built.

In 2007, all City Council representatives appointed committee members to sit on the 2007-2012 Bond Committee. Elia Reyna, sat on this committee for the Parks part of the bond. This committee decided to support the city recommendation and it went to the voters.

The Bond to construct a separate pedestrian bridge alongside the existing bridge was passed. At previous meetings, some opposed and wanted to close the existing bridge to vehicle traffic and leave it open to only pedestrian and bicycle traffic.

Councilman Rodriguez wanted to come up with a solution which would be pleasing to all. Because the initial bond amount was not sufficient to cover the cost of the current proposal, he fought for additional monies.

The current proposal is to build a separate bridge at the intersection of Kampmann and Woodlawn Ave. Please refer to the plan illustrations located below.

Personally, the current proposal brings two concerns immediately to mind. First,

the increased traffic into the neighborhood through Kampmann. Currently there aren't any sidewalks on Kampmann to ensure pedestrian safety under increased traffic conditions.

My second concern is the drainage issue. Right now, drainage on Kampmann flows into Woodlawn Lake where Woodlawn Ave. intersects. What are the city's plans should the intersection, or new bridge be overwhelmed by flood waters?

These concerns were made at the January 14th meeting and hopefully will be taken into consideration prior to implementation of this new proposal.

I have asked Parks and Recreation to be at our next JNA meeting on **Monday, February 8, 2010**. Any concerns or questions of your own can be directed to the Councilman's office or the San Antonio Parks and Recreation Department representative at that time.

Please keep Elia in your thoughts as she undergoes knee surgery and won't be at our February meeting. Our Vice President, **Toni Cadena** will preside. Hope to see you there,

Ted Guerra



Happy Birthday

February 2010

- 3 Maria Flores-Rodriguez
- 5 Philip Muñoz
Stanley Waghalter
- 6 Laura Codina
- 7 Chuck Whitehead
- 8 Francesca Lopez
- 10 Guillermina Garcia
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- 13 Sandy Pamplin
- 18 Michael Drudge
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Stanley Waghalter

Looking Ahead at Upcoming Events

- ✓ February 8 - JNA meeting.
- ✓ February 15 - President's Day
- ✓ March 2 - Primary voting
- ✓ March 8 - JNA meeting
- ✓ March 14 - Daylight Saving time begins. (Spring ahead)
- ✓ March 17 - St. Patrick's Day.
- ✓ March 27- Basura Bash
- ✓ March 29 - Passover begins
- ✓ April 12 - JNA Meeting
- ✓ May 10 - JNA Meeting

(Regular JNA meetings start at 7 PM.)

**Free Landfill Disposal Day
Saturday, February 6, 2010
8:00 A.M to 2:00 P.M.**

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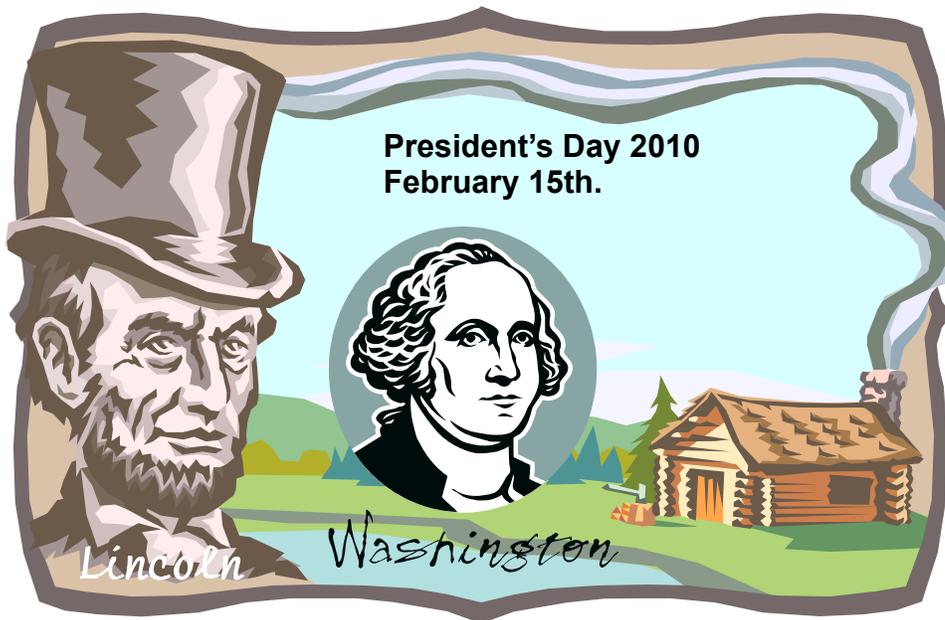
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Basura Bash comes to Woodlawn Lake

Basura Bash 2010 is on Saturday, March 27th. This is the annual clean up of the San Antonio River and its tributaries. Last year, it was extended to Woodlawn Lake Park for the first time. About 2600 volunteers pitched in throughout the City, with 300 showing up at our local park. In all, over 30 tons of trash was collected, plus 1.5 tons of scrap metal, 3 tons of recyclable material, and about 500 tires.

BRT Corridor Council Meeting
will be held
Wednesday, February 10, 2010
in the VIA Administration Board Room



Reminders on auto theft prevention

Recent car burglaries within the boundaries of the JNA has brought a response from a local SAPD officer. His thoughts:

I have worked in the St. Paul area for the last twelve years of my career as a police officer and burglary of vehicles and thefts have always been a constant problem. I've posted a list of guidelines when folks leave their car parked or unattended. This information is based on my experience when taking reports and dealing with individuals involved in these types of crimes.

- don't leave your car unlocked
- don't leave any valuable property in your vehicle whether it can be seen or not.
- if you can, try to keep the interior of you vehicle free of any property. If car burglars don't have anything to

- consider they will move on.
- don't secure valuable property in the trunk of your car as this area is often checked after your car is burglarized
- aftermarket car stereos, speakers and amplifiers are common items stolen from vehicles and are usually the vehicles which are targeted.
- work trucks and vehicles that may have a large number of tools are targets.
- any property that can be pawned or sold by car burglars should not be left in your vehicle. (cellular phones, radar detectors, gps systems, purses).
- individuals involved in these crimes are skilled at what they do and can commit a burglary in seconds. The time of day does not matter to these individuals and they are not deterred by car alarms.

Here is also a list of some of the most common property left in vehicles. Car stereos, speakers, amplifiers, television screens, dvd systems, money, purses (especially name brand purses), cd cases, ipod, gps systems, radar detectors, insurance cards, wallets, credit cards, firearms, tools, backpacks, laptops in or out of cases, cellular phones and car chargers, clothing, sports equipment, any type of bag that may contain property or appear to contain property, dvd's, video games, portable video game systems, and jewelry.

The best deterrent is to monitor what type of property you keep in your vehicle.

Sidewalk construction brings questions

JNA member Randy Watson has made an inquiry about sidewalk construction occurring in our neighborhood.

Here's his letter to councilman Justin Rodriguez.

I have a concern that I am contacting your office about ... currently contractors are working on the east side of Wilson repairing the sidewalks and driveways.

It also looks like they have begun to install sidewalks on the west side of Wilson as well. See the attached photos of the new sidewalk/wheel chair accessible ramp installed about 2 weeks ago at the west side of Wilson at West Kings Hwy.

I am concerned about this sidewalk being immediately adjacent to the heavy and often over the speed limit traffic of Wilson Blvd. The property line is at least 8, 10 or 12 feet from the curb on Wilson. The wheel chair ramp that was just installed has the ramp/sidewalk dead-ends at 2 poles at the corner of West Kings Hwy and Wilson. Making it not wheel chair friendly or in my opinion not even safe for pedestrians to be walking that close to heavy traffic on Wilson Blvd.

As you can see from the photos, all of the telephone poles along Wilson would be required to be moved to facilitate a sidewalk immediately adjacent to Wilson. As an alternative, since the city owns up to as

much as 8-12 feet from the curb, why not put some green space between the sidewalk and the curb, just like the east side of Wilson already has?

*Thank you,
Randy Watson*



City Public Service Designates Rep for groups

City Public Service (CPS), the city owned electric and gas utility serving San Antonio, has established a Neighborhood Relations Department.

Linda Chavez addressed our group at the January meeting and told us if there are any concerns from the group, to call her at 353-2962.

During her presentation, she handed out various items pertaining to saving energy.

She was asked about the

utility poles along Wilson. Several years ago, CPS moved their lines to new poles.

Because the telephone and tv cable lines haven't been removed from the old poles, the eyesore poles will remain.

Action is needed at the Council level to push AT&T and Time Warner into moving their lines so the old utility poles can be removed.



Linda Chavez



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Juvenile Probation head discusses his department

Saying the number of juveniles getting into trouble in the county is under 5%, Chief Probation officer for Bexar County **David Riley** addressed the JNA at our January meeting.

Riley says the *Cindy Taylor Krier* Youth Center has 96 beds. This facility holds juveniles who aren't compliant with their probation terms.

As of October 31, 2009, there were 2,499 juveniles under supervision by the county probation department.

The department has 643 employees and has a budget of \$40 million annually.

Riley says the percentage number of referrals to his department has been dropping over the past two years. No particular reason for that drop was given.

Several programs are

utilized by the judicial system to work with the juveniles.

Juvenile District Judge **Lisa Jarrett** of the 436 District in Bexar County also attended our meeting.



David Riley

Around the Neighborhood

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The next JNA meeting will be
Monday, February 8th, 2010 at
the Jefferson Church of Christ,
702 Donaldson at Kampmann.
The meeting begins at 7 PM.



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