



# The Jefferson Neighborhood Association News

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*"Preserving the integrity of the Jefferson Area since 1982"*

## From a *Past* President \_ Stan Waghalter

**G**reetings Members and Neighbors:

Since Elia is still recuperating from knee replacement surgery, she has asked me to write a few words for this month's newsletter.

When I was president of the JNA in the mid 1990's, city manager **Alex Briseño** made a remark at a city council meeting that was the rallying cry of neighborhood groups at that time. Keep in mind that there weren't that many organized groups then.

He said something like this: "Neighborhoods don't make the city."

In later years, he changed his tune and began to recognize the importance of neighborhoods in San Antonio.

Today, the city has offices which cater to the neighborhoods. Even City Public Service has now created an office of Neighborhood Liaison to hear concerns of residents in the neighborhoods.

We've come a long way since the mid 1990's in getting what's best for our neighborhoods. Developers have tried to change the character of many areas inside the loop by tearing down older homes and building new and more expensive units.

In the Jefferson boundaries, with the creation of the Conservation Overlay District and the expansion of the Monticello Park Historic District, developer's attempts have been thwarted.

That doesn't mean we can let our guard down however.

There are opportunities for structures to be built on vacant lots or where homes have burned and have been demolished, creating a vacant space.

Just like Briseño learned that yes indeed, neighborhoods *do* make the city, developers must learn to work with neighborhood leaders in constructing buildings which blend with the neighborhood's character.

Officials with the Albertson's grocery chain took neighborhood leaders' advice and conformed to our wishes. That proves cooperation can exist between all parties.

As a resident within the boundaries of the JNA, you have the power to shape our neighborhood. There's strength in numbers. Trying to fight an issue on your own

may yield some results, but when you involve your neighborhood association with that fight, chances are you will be much more satisfied with the outcome.

Before our March 8th meeting, why not talk to your neighbors and encourage them to attend and join our group? The cost is very reasonable (\$10 a year for an individual, \$15 per family) but the results can be substantial.

A membership application can be found on pg. 6 of this newsletter.

See you March 8th.

**Stan**

## Stray animals and abuse to be discussed at meeting

Several JNA members have expressed concern over the high number of dogs running in packs around the neighborhood.

At our March 8 meeting, **Randy Murdock** from Animal Care Services is scheduled to be with us to discuss the issue.

Also planned for our March meeting, is a representative from the Bexar County District Attorney's office who will discuss the

correlation between animal abuse and its effect on children.

According to studies conducted on the above topic, experts have found the following:

- ✓ The FBI considers animal cruelty to be one of the predictors of violence and considers past animal abuse when profiling serial killers.
- ✓ National and state studies determined that from 54 to 71

percent of women seeking shelter reported that their partners had threatened, injured or killed one or more family pets. If children are victims of domestic violence they may in turn represent that abuse with an animal, the only being they feel they can control.

- ✓ In assessing youth who are at risk of committing interpersonal violence, the U.S. Department of Justice

emphasizes the importance of including information about past animal abuse.

- ✓ More than 80 percent of families being treated for child abuse were also involved in animal abuse. In 2/3 of the cases, the abusive parent killed or injured the pet. Sadly, in 1/3 of the cases, a child victim continued the cycle of violence by abusing a pet.

## Happy Birthday

### March 2010

- 3 Brenda S Leal
- 4 Cynthia Germeroth
- 5 Jennifer Hiller  
Diana Villarreal
- 12 Mark Cooper
- 13 Mary Morales
- 15 Michael Soto
- 20 Jan Varga
- 21 Thomas Placier
- 25 Samuel Rosado, Jr.  
Patricia Ledesma
- 27 Jose De La Garza
- 28 Maricela Drudge
- 29 Sylvia de Los Santos  
Gloria Mayorga
- 30 Mel Gonzalez



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Stanley Waghalter

### Looking Ahead at Upcoming Events

- ✓ March 2 - Primary voting
- ✓ March 8 - JNA meeting
- ✓ March 14 - Daylight  
Saving time begins.  
(Spring ahead)
- ✓ March 17 - St. Patrick's  
Day.
- ✓ March 22 - Spring starts
- ✓ March 27- Basura Bash
- ✓ March 29 - Passover  
begins
- ✓ April 12 - JNA Meeting
- ✓ May 10 - JNA Meeting
- ✓ June 14 - JNA Meeting
- ✓ July 4 - Independence  
Day
- ✓ July 12 - JNA Meeting

(Regular JNA meetings start at 7 PM.)

Location: Jefferson Church of Christ, Kampmann & Donaldson.



### See your mailing label?

Collection of FY 2009-2010 dues is underway. If your mailing label has a "pd" symbol by your name, you're paid up for the fiscal year.

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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.

**Daylight Saving Time  
begins at 2AM  
March 14th.  
Spring Forward one hour**

### Recycling program underway at Woodlawn Lake

A public-space recycling program has started at Woodlawn Lake. It's the first city park to feature the program.

The six month program encourages park patrons to place recyclable items in the proper bins instead of discarding them in the regular trash containers.

Cans and bottles are the main focus of the recycling project.

Also, the city's Solid Waste Management Department will answer your questions about the new automated residential recycling program coming in March to this area.

Their phone number is 207-6410 or e-mail your questions to: [maria.blake@sanantonio.gov](mailto:maria.blake@sanantonio.gov).

### Identity Theft precautions outlined

You open your monthly credit card statement and discover an unauthorized purchase. How did that happen?

You probably have joined the thousands who've had their identity stolen.

SAPD SAFTE (San Antonio Police Department) (San Antonio Fear Free Environment) officer **Roger Reyes** used the above example to illustrate a growing threat to our financial security.

Reyes went onto say that the thief who steals your identity wants access to your credit. He suggests that instead of signing the back of your credit card, you put the phrase "see DL" or "ask for ID".

There are several signs which indicate your identity has been stolen:

- ✓ Accounts not opened by you.
- ✓ You get credit cards you didn't order.
- ✓ You get declined for credit.
- ✓ You get a call from a bill collector.
- ✓ Your bank statement has entries you don't recognize.

Officer Reyes says file a police report immediately if any of the above indicators fit your case. Once the report is filed, send the police case number to the three major credit reporting agencies.

They are: Equifax, TransUnion, and Experian. They are on the internet.

Also file a complaint with the FTC (Federal Trade

Commission).

One last item. Don't carry your social security card with you. Secure it at home.

### C.O.P Information

There's a lot of talk about crime problems in our area, but not a whole lot of citizen participation is there to do something about it.

Cellular on Patrol was started in this area in January, 1994. The original concept was neighbors carrying cell phones provided to them once they attended a two day class and report suspicious activity to the police department.

That concept is still the same. Attend two classes, carry your own cell phone, and be the extra eyes and ears of the police in our neighborhood.

On March 4 & 11 at 6 PM, you can attend the next C.O.P class. They're free. Class length is about 3 to 4 hours on two Thursdays.

After the first session, you can schedule a ride along with a police officer who patrols this area.

Application to the C.O.P class can be found on the web: [www.sanantonio.gov/sapd](http://www.sanantonio.gov/sapd) or fill one out the night of the first class.

For more information, call officer **Rob Valle** at 210-827-3707.

Now is a good time to get involved and help patrol our neighborhood.



## Sidewalk construction brings council response

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

*An aide to Councilman **Justin Rodriguez** responded:*

Mr. Watson,

To answer your questions,

- 1) The wheelchair ramps @ W. Kings Hwy (which were constructed first) were built by a different contractor under a different program. There is a different contractor who will be connecting the ramps soon.
- 2) The sidewalk that is to be constructed along Wilson will have green space for the majority of the project and only in a few areas will the sidewalk be joined with curb because of some conflicts such as underground utilities. Where there are electricity poles and/or fire hydrants, the sidewalk will be routed around those obstacles.

I hope this has answered your questions, if you have any other concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

/\*Derek F. Roberts\*/

Council Aide

Councilman Justin Rodriguez,  
District 7

(210) 733-7525

## Bridge at Woodlawn Lake A done deal?



Xavier Urrutia



At the February meeting of the JNA, **Xavier Urrutia**, Director of the city's Parks & Recreation Department, laid out an elaborate plan showing the new entrance to Woodlawn Lake to be constructed starting next year at a cost of \$2.7 million.

Urrutia says synchronized signal lights will be placed at Kampmann and Woodlawn to control traffic. What he didn't indicate was that there will be over 2000 cars a day using the entrance and didn't say what impact this will have on the residences to the west of the site.

Many public hearings have been held on this project, and citizen comments have **not** been supportive of this plan. Yet the city is marching forward against citizens' wishes.

If you want to add your comments, call the councilman's office at (210) 207-7044.



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## City Inspector cites neighborhood structure

Responding to complaints about a garage leaning on power lines, the city's Dangerous Structure Determination Board has given 45 days for the owner to remedy the problem at 2137 W Magnolia.

According to Bexar Appraisal District records, the garage belongs to Edwin and Esmeralda Casanova.

On February 8, the board told the property owner they could either correct the leaning garage themselves, or the city would tear it down and pass the charges onto them.

According to a city inspector, the structure is leaning on some power lines and is causing a potential hazard.

The inspector said this case has been in progress since 2008.



The Dangerous Premises Unit is made up of nine Dangerous Premises Investigators and one Supervisor.

The Unit is specifically assigned to address concerns regarding vacant and dilapidated structures.

You can call **Danny Liguez** at 416-2157 for additional information about this department.



## Around the Neighborhood

UIL One-Act Play "Seven Rabbits On A Pole" at Jefferson Auditorium, 6:30 P.M., March 30.

Free Income Tax preparation for certain income level families is available through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA).

Call 2-1-1 or go to

[www.vitasa.org](http://www.vitasa.org) for info.

The 2010 Jefferson/Evelia Reyna Scholarship form is now on our website.

Deadline for submitting the form is May 5.

The website address is: [www.neighborhoodlink/jefferson/home](http://www.neighborhoodlink/jefferson/home). Click on pages and links.

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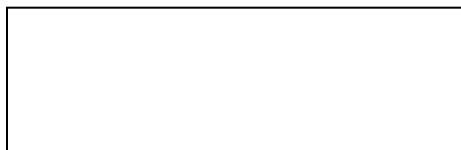
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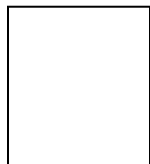
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The next JNA meeting will be  
Monday, March 8th, 2010 at the  
Jefferson Church of Christ, 702  
Donaldson at Kampmann. The  
meeting begins at 7 PM.



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