



The Jefferson Neighborhood Association News

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"Preserving the integrity of the Jefferson Area since 1982"

Candidate Forum Well Attended

Four candidates seeking election to District 7 City Council appeared at a forum on Tuesday, February 22. The event was held at the Thomas Jefferson High School auditorium.

The forum was co-hosted by the Jefferson, Donaldson Terrace and Monticello Park Neighborhood Associations.

A total of 13 questions were asked by the audience. Here's a rundown of those questions:

1. Would the candidate's support an ordinance concerning gender discrimination?
2. How would the candidates improve the user friendliness of the library system?
3. What is the candidate's stand on the

Woodlawn Lake Bridge?

4. What do the candidates feel about city staff and the city manager developing policy instead of city council?

5. Concerning conflict of interest issues, would the candidates recuse themselves if such a conflict of interest arose?

6. How would you support the education initiative currently being proposed by the mayor?

7. How would you control the stray dog problem?

8. The outsourcing of jobs in the city doesn't create jobs. What's your opinion?

9. What can constituents in District 7 do to help the council person?

10. How will you respond to your

constituents?

11. What will you do about the drainage problems in the district?

12. How will you support the aging population in the district? Will you create senior centers similar to those in other city council districts?

13. What are your priorities in the upcoming proposed bond issue?

Filing for the election, which will be held Saturday, May 14th, has begun.

Persons wanting to run for the council seat, being vacated by **Justin Rodriguez** because of term limits, have from now thru March 14th to submit their application. The application packet costs \$25 and can be obtained in the city

clerk's office.

Contact **Melinda L. Uriegas**, Elections Manager, at 207-7255 or visit <http://www.sanantonio.gov/clerk/elections>.

Early voting dates are May 2 thru May 10th, but early polling locations will be closed Sunday May 8th for Mother's Day.

Candidates who have announced so far include **Chris Medina, Fred Rangel, Dr. Gloria Rodriguez and Elena Guajardo**.

The March JNA meeting will be on the 14th. at 7PM at the Grace Presbyterian Church, 950 Donaldson @ Manor.

Refreshments are served at our meetings. Bring your neighbors and get them involved in our group.



March 2011

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Mark Cooper
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Stanley Waghalter

Looking Ahead at Upcoming Events

- ✓ March 9th - Ash Wednesday
- ✓ March 14 - JNA meeting
- ✓ March 17 - St. Patrick's Day
- ✓ April 11 - JNA meeting
- ✓ April 24 - Easter
- ✓ May 9 - JNA meeting
- ✓ May 14 - City Council Election
- ✓ June 13 - JNA meeting

(Regular JNA meetings start at 7 PM.)

Location: Grace Presbyterian Church, 950 Donaldson @ Manor.

Board meetings are held periodically throughout the fiscal year.

If you want to be notified of them, call Elia.



See your mailing label?

Collection of FY 2010-2011 dues has begun. If your mailing label has a "pd" symbol by your name, you're paid up for the new fiscal year.

Our Fiscal Year ends August 31. Please join us in support of our scholarship fund and other year round activities.

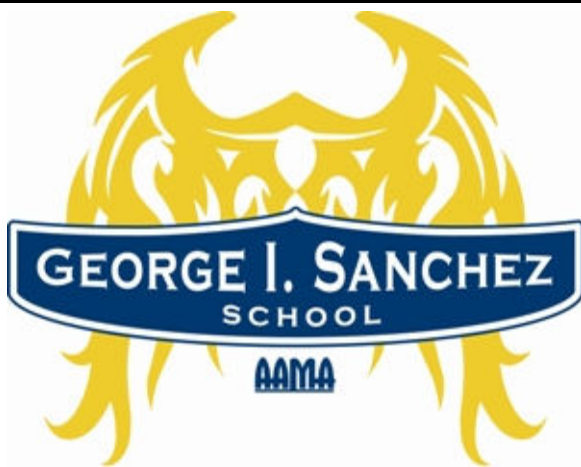
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- Grades 9th -12th
- Dress code uniform
- Smaller class sizes

Tidbits around the neighborhood

The Thomas Jefferson Class of 1966 is holding their 45th year reunion June 24th & 25th. If you know anyone from the class, call them and let them know about the reunion. For more information, call **Lynn Waghalter** at 732.9426.

Spring Bloom Event

Spring Bloom happens from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 12 at SAWS Headquarters, 2800 U.S. Hwy 281 North.

This free event is your opportunity to learn about gardening, landscape care, and so much more! SAWS and other participants will offer great tips to help spruce up your yard while still saving water.

There will be plants for sale at the event, too and the first 1000 guests will get a drought tolerant plant free while supplies last.

TAKE NOTE!!!

Reporting graffiti will soon be just an app away.

The City's Graffiti Abatement Program has teamed up with App-Order.com to create "mySanAntonioTX" smart phone application that will allow residents with Android phones to send real time graffiti information and photos to the department.

For more information on this new program, call Lisa McKenzie at 207-5430. She says the app should be available within the next six weeks.

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Thomas Jefferson Graduate class of 1966

VITA Program offers free tax service

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program provides free income tax return preparation to taxpayers earning up to \$55,000 annually.

Please call the United Way Helpline at 2-1-1 or 227-HELP(4357) for more information on VITA services, locations, and hours.

This service is available through April 15th.

HEADS UP!

Daylight Saving Time
begins at
2am March 13th.
Spring FORWARD 1 Hr.



Warrant Round UP Underway

The 5th Annual Great Texas Warrant Round-Up is underway through March 11.

The round-Up is a crackdown of people who have Active Warrants for Traffic Tickets and Ordinance Violations.

A grace period ended March 4 for persons to turn themselves in without the penalty of arrest.

From March 7th through the 11th, individuals will be rounded up and brought to the court to address their outstanding warrants before a Municipal Court Judge.

To determine if you have an outstanding warrant, you may call the City of San Antonio Marshal's Unit at (210) 207-2023 or (210) 207-2025.

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Lemonade Day Set for San Antonio

Get your dry whistle ready for "Lemonade Day" in San Antonio on May 1st.

This a community wide event to teach youth how to start and run their own businesses. Through this program, children learn the entrepreneurial skills necessary to successfully establish and operate a lemonade stand for one day.

As part of this effort, City Council waived the usual fees for temporary food booths and allowed some of the participants to set up at local parks.

Participants will be required to follow appropriate health regulations pertaining to proper food handling and will need to be supervised by an adult.

At the time of registration, all participants will be provided written information outlining Metro Health requirements, permitted parks locations, and safety tips. In addition, this information will be provided on the City website.

In District 7, booths will be set up at Woodlawn Lake, Garza Park on Mira Vista, Sunset Park on Inspiration, and Falcone Park on Mystic Park.

Kids in Business Foundation (KIB), a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization, hopes to have 6500 participants this year.

You can get more information on this by calling 3-1-1 or Councilman **Rodriguez's** office.



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Condolences

JNA members extend sincere condolences to the family of **Irving Middleman**.

**Look us up on
Facebook:
Jefferson
Neighborhood
Association
San Antonio**

Advocacy Day in Austin Planned

City Councilman **Rodriguez** will again be hosting a District 7 Advocacy Day in Austin during the current session.

Participants will be taking a bus to the Capitol on Tuesday, March 22, 2011. Our capacity is approximately 55 folks so please RSVP to the councilman's office as soon as possible.

Preference will be given to D7 residents. This is a great way to stay informed and see our lawmakers in action.

Justin's office number is listed on page 2 of this newsletter.

Bookmark Contest set for Earth Day

In celebration of Earth Day 2011, the City's Solid Waste Management Department is hosting a bookmark contest.

Interested contestants must be in grades K-12, and submit an original design with no usage of copyrighted cartoon characters or computer generated images. Only one entry per contestant. Entries must be submitted by Monday, April 4.

All entries will be judged during the city's Earth Day event at Woodlawn Lake Park on April 9. Winners will be announced on world Earth Day Friday, April 22. The winning bookmarks will be printed and distributed at various community events throughout the year.

For a complete list of contest rules and for an application, visit www.sanantonio.gov/swmd or call (210) 207-6416.

How To Move A Mountain

I've been asked to discuss a few troubling aspects of our neighborhood and its relationship with the city.

The city seems to have lost some of the core responsibilities to the neighborhood. Those cores which are still rated high include:

- ✓ Providing security
- ✓ Providing waste management services.
- ✓ Providing a sustainable water supply.

Where the city has slipped is in the area of road maintenance.

While neighborhoods outside loop 410 North and Northwest enjoy fairly smooth pavements, many of the roadways in the Jefferson area have fallen between the cracks (pun intended).

Babcock, from St. Cloud to Wilson is worse than third world.

Donaldson, from Quill to St. Cloud, is another example of deplorable pavement.

Dickinson, from Meredith to Babcock and Manor from Mulberry to Donaldson are some more disasters.

Many of the less traveled streets running through the heart of the neighborhood aren't much better.

This has been a problem for a number of years.

Yes, there has been some reconstruction of streets, but even those are crumbling after a couple years of service.

In a neighborhood rich with tradition such as ours, this ongoing problem needs the attention only a city council person can provide. The JNA membership can complain, but it's the city council representative who must stand and fight for the improvements.

On May 14th, the voters of District 7 will have an opportunity to elect another council representative.

Next time your car shakes, rattles, and rolls on our crummy streets, point your finger towards city council and demand action.

Stan

Jefferson Neighborhood Association Membership Form

Name: _____ Birthday (mo/day) _____

Name: _____ Birthday (mo/day) _____

Address: _____

Zip: _____ Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

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Dues are \$10 per year for individuals. \$15 per year for families.

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