



The Jefferson Neighborhood Association News

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"Preserving the integrity of the Jefferson Area since 1982"

President's Message_Ted Guerra

Howdy Neighbors and Friends:

Oh, these past two months have really been something else. On February 21, 2012, I went in the hospital for a total knee replacement. Since then I have undergone a fall at home, another surgery on my knee and unfortunately, contracted a staph infection.

I was released from the hospital on March 18, 2012. Today I am on an IV regimen for the infection and am healing very well. While recovering at home, I haven't stopped advocating for our neighborhood. Here are a few updates I want to share with you:

As you know I had been working closely with **Charles Mazuca**, former chief of staff for Councilman Chris Medina on many of my neighborhood goals for 2012. He diligently worked on getting some of our issues addressed. If you've driven on Babcock Rd. lately you've noticed it has been re-surfaced. What a pleasure not to be jostled while driving down this street as has been the case for many, many months.

Another issue we brought to Charles was the prospect of moving the bus stop at the corner of

Woodlawn and Wilson where tragedy recently occurred. The response from VIA Transit was "moving the stop mid-block would increase the distance for customers wanting to transfer to or from buses on Woodlawn and Wilson."

I am still conflicted about this issue. I understand the tragic accident was due to reckless/careless driving, however, the safety of bus riders remains a concern.

Recently, one of our very own senior residents approached me to assist in arranging for a ramp to be built at his home. His inability to climb stairs was preventing him from getting in and out of his home with ease. I immediately spoke to Charles and with his help and thanks to a non-profit, Mr. Don Dvorak now has a ramp and coming and going has become a little easier.

There are many other issues that I feel still need our immediate notice or attention. The first is the proposition of a new curfew for Woodlawn Lake. The proposal is to impose a curfew between the hours of either 11:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. or 12:00a.m. to 5:00 a.m. or to not adopt a curfew at all and the park would remain open 24 hours.

Details on a final decision regarding this issue will be forthcoming.

The second issue that I want to mention is the Jefferson High School Master Plan which was recently reviewed by the Historic District Review Commission. Several neighborhood associations, including JNA, have voiced concerns over the included proposal to install stadium lights around Pony Field and the suggestion to place chain-link fencing all around the softball/baseball fields.

The stadium lighting is sure to cast invasive, extreme light into many of the surrounding homes causing discomfort for many. The chain-link fencing will not complement the historic structure that is Jefferson High School and does not make sense considering that neighborhood residents in the historic area are not allowed to install chain-link fencing in their own yards. I eagerly await new information regarding these issues and will share the information as it becomes available.

As a reminder, I am still in the process of

assembling a committee of individuals interested in reviewing the IMP scores for our neighborhood streets. If you are interested in joining this group, please contact me at (210) 219-4696. I would love to have your input on this matter that directly affects our neighborhood streets, curbs and sidewalks.

As I mentioned at the top of the newsletter, Charles has been instrumental in assisting our neighborhood association in so many ways this year. While he is no longer with the Councilman's office, I want to offer our sincere thanks for his professionalism, diligence and service to our community.

We wish him much success in all his future endeavors. I look forward to working with his successor to continue on this path of making positive changes to better our neighborhood and our city over all.

Thank you for all your prayers and best wishes.

Ted



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**April 9th
is the date for the
next
JNA meeting.**

See your mailing label?

Payment of FY 2011- 2012 dues is now underway. If you have the (pd) wording on your mail label, you've paid for the new fiscal year. **Our Fiscal Year begins September 1.** Please join us in support of our scholarship fund and other year-round activities.

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Tidbits

According to the Texas Transportation Institute's 2010 study, I-10 between Loop 1604 and Huebner Road is one of the most congested areas of San Antonio and one of the three most heavily trafficked segments of road in the San Antonio metro area.

The \$36 million expansion to relieve this congestion is under construction and on track for completion by summer 2014.

When construction is finished, the following improvements will help get you to your family quicker each day by increasing traffic flow and reducing congestion points.

Plans call for addition of at least one main lane in each direction.

Elimination of a redundant west-bound on-ramp at the Huebner Oaks shopping center

Elimination of a redundant west-bound off-ramp at DeZavala.

Addition of a turnaround at UTSA Boulevard for east-bound traffic.

Check http://www.txdot.gov/project_information/projects/san_antonio/ih10_1604/default.htm for more information on this two year project.

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Earth Day 2012 Coming

The Earth Day Committee, in partnership with the City of San Antonio, will hold its annual Earth Day event on Saturday, April 21, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Woodlawn Lake Park, 1103 Cincinnati.

This event was created to share and educate the community on the value and respect we should give our planet.

Earth Day pre activities kicks off with a 5k run/family walk at 7:30 a.m. To participate in the 5k run/walk register by April 19 by logging on to <http://m.active.com> (Search: Earth Day Fiesta).

The Earth Day event will also include a tree giveaway by CPS Energy, entertainment, food (vegetarian), beverage booths and a demonstration on various energy and conservation ideas and techniques.

The JNA will be participating in this year's event.

Also featured this year will be a tree-planting demonstration, workshops, and

seminars.

The event is part of the 2012 Fiesta festivities which will run from April 19-29.

Free admission.

As a bonus this year, Bring in your old computers for 100% Data Destruction.

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You Can Support Our Scholarship Program

Application form for the 2012 Evelia Reyna/JNA Scholarship is now available.

The form will be handed out to the counselors at Jefferson H.S..

Each year, the JNA gives a scholarship to as many as three high school seniors (depending on how much money is available for the scholarship) who either go to Jefferson H.S. or whose parents/guardians live in the JNA boundaries, but attend another school.

The scholarship is named for Mrs. Evelia Reyna who was an avid supporter of education in the city. Presentation of the scholarship started with former JNA President Ed Gaitan. Mrs. Reyna's name was added to the program after her passing.

Members of the scholarship committee include:

Ande Tokoly, Chairman. Elia Reyna, Judy Jackman, Lynn Waghalter, Myra Lorenz, Toni Cadena, and Becky Whitehead.

Anyone seeking information about the scholarship can do so by contacting Elia. Her numbers are: 734-0085; 279-7204.

You can help support this neighborhood program by donating to the JNA Scholarship Fund. Send your donation to our post office box or give your donation to any JNA officer at the monthly meetings.

Applications for the scholarship are being accepted from now through May 8th, 2012.

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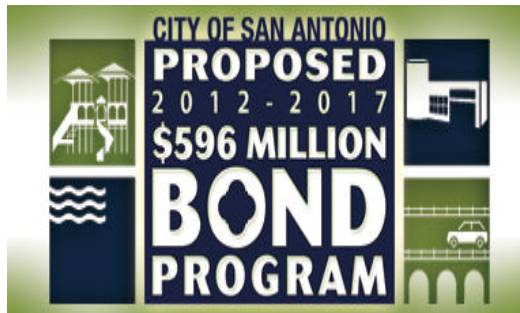


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Thomas Jefferson Graduate class of 1966

City Calls for Bond Vote



CALLING A GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE 12TH DAY OF MAY, 2012, IN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS ON A PROPOSED BOND ISSUE FOR STREETS, BRIDGES, AND SIDEWALKS IMPROVEMENTS; DRAINAGE AND FLOOD CONTROL IMPROVEMENTS; PARKS, RECREATION, AND OPEN SPACE IMPROVEMENTS; LIBRARY, MUSEUM, AND CULTURAL ARTS FACILITIES IMPROVEMENTS; AND PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITIES IMPROVEMENTS; SPECIFYING THAT SAID ELECTION SHALL BE HELD JOINTLY WITH O T H E R

PARTICIPATING LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS WITHIN BEXAR COUNTY; MAKING PROVISION FOR THE HOLDING OF THIS ELECTION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Early voting for this election will start April 30th and last through May 4, 2012.



Demand Car Sharing Underway

San Antonio Mayor Julián Castro and The Hertz Corporation (NYSE:HTZ) have officially unveiled a new transportation option for the city with the launch of Hertz on Demand car sharing program.

To celebrate the launch of Hertz on Demand, the Company is offering members, through April 30, the opportunity to receive their first hour of usage free when reserving and using a car for seven hours or less.

Vehicles are available in three different locations throughout downtown San Antonio. As the program expands, the plan is to add 15 cars in additional areas, with the goal of serving future demand, improving convenience and enhancing air quality in the center city.

For more information on this program, call 1-877-654-4400.

Stray Animals Can Be Controlled

San Antonio Animal Care Services is working toward a No Kill Shelter status. Many animals are still being put down by the city.

There are some good reasons to Spay or Neuter Your Pet. It helps greatly to reduce our current overpopulation problem.

Spaying/neutering is encouraged at an early age for the better health of the pet.

Spaying/neutering can cut down on nuisance behaviors like spraying, mounting and roaming.

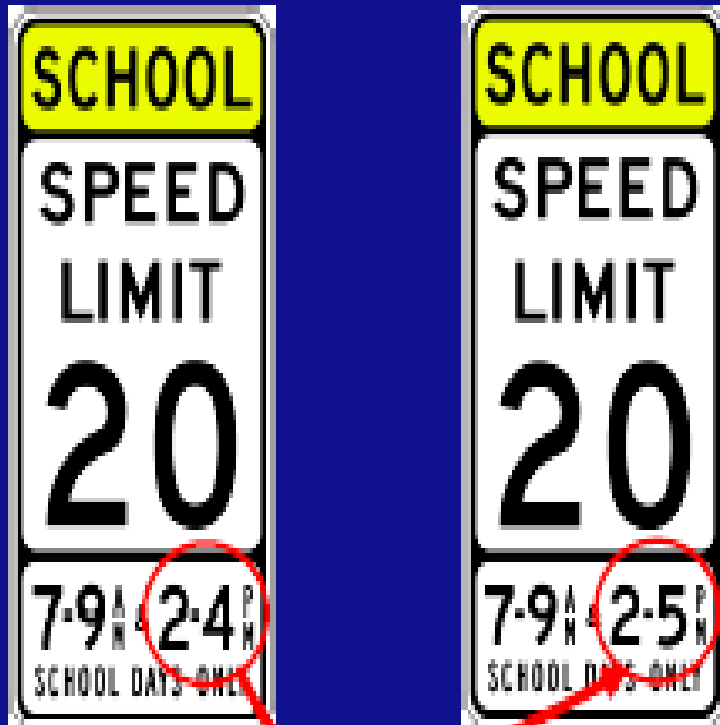
All animal shelter pets are required by law to be sterilized.

Remember, your pet depends on you to provide them with yearly checkups and vaccinations!

Find a vet in your area of the city and get tips on how to prolong your pet's life with proper care.

The ACS office can be reached by calling (210) 207-6653.

Times are Changing!



In our continuing effort to keep our children safe, the City of San Antonio's Department of Public Works will be adjusting the posted afternoon time periods on some of the school zone signs within your school district. This change will go into effect in early April 2012

For more information please call 207-6981.

Burbank High School
Connell Middle School
Cooper Academy
Davis Middle School
Edison High School
Fox Tech High School
Harris Middle School
Highlands High School
Houston High School
Irving Middle School
Jefferson High School
Lanier High School
Lowell Middle School
Page Middle School
Poe Middle School
Rhodes Middle School
Tafolla Middle School
Twain Middle School
Wheatley Middle School
Whittier Middle School

The schools listed above are in the SAISD and will be part of the new time change.

Call 207-6981 for information regarding other school districts in the city which are changing their times.

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.
Cut out and Mail to: PO Box 28552, SA TX 78228*

The next JNA meeting will be held
April 9th at the Grace Presbyterian
Church, 950 Donaldson @ Manor at
7PM.

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