



The Jefferson Neighborhood Association News



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"Preserving the integrity of the Jefferson Area since 1982"

President's Message_from Ted Guerra

The new school year has begun for many of the youngsters in our neighborhood. In light of this, please be mindful of all school zones, including new hours, and the current cell phone laws.

I hope everyone enjoyed our "Summer Series." I know I had a great time. Thanks to all who attended. Special thanks to **Dr. Kellen Kee McIntyre** of Bihl Haus Arts, **Robby Vance** with the Woodlawn Theatre and the wonderful actors from their latest production of 9 to 5, and local artist, **Fernando Andrade**, all of whom turned our August meeting into an Arts Extravaganza.

As appreciative as I am of San Antonio's great weather, I have been saddened to hear of the recent deaths due to the West Nile Virus. I can't stress enough how careful we have to be when enjoying the great outdoors. With

mosquitoes at what seems to be an all-time high, steps must be taken to protect yourself and your family. The Texas Department of State Health Services suggests the following as your best defense against infection:

- ✓ Use repellent containing DEET, picaridin or oil of eucalyptus.
- ✓ Dress in long sleeves and pants while outside.
- ✓ Stay indoors at dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are most active.
- ✓ Drain standing water where mosquitoes breed i.e. tires, flowerpots, birdbaths and clogged rain gutters

I am excited to announce that membership dues continue to come in. Thanks to **Lynn Waghalter** for the great job she's doing as our membership chair. The money that is generated from dues goes toward

the printing of this newsletter, postage and a few extra copies to share with local businesses. If you are reading this newsletter and are not currently a member, I encourage you to join to get monthly neighborhood updates.

Our newsletter is also published on our website: www.neighborhoodlink.com/Jefferson. We also invite you to look for us on Facebook under the name **Jefferson Neighborhood Association**.

This month we will have the installation of officers for the new fiscal year. We have invited State Representative **Trey Martinez Fischer** or a representative from his office to do the honors. We are excited to have him, as one of our more distinguished neighbors, take this opportunity to share the latest on the



blocking of the Texas Voter ID Law and the Redistricting Map by the federal government and his insight on what has been taking place at the capital.

I have also invited a professional locksmith from a Safe and Lock Company out of Austin, which has a mobile commercial and residential unit in San Antonio, to come out to the September 10th meeting.

He will offer advice and recommendations on how we can better secure our residences from the threat of burglary and/or theft.

I look forward to seeing you soon,

Ted



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Stanley Waghalter

Are You In?

Dues for FY 2012-2013 are now being collected.

Some of you have already paid and if so, have the (pd) symbol posted by your name on the mailing label.

Several JNA members have paid twice. We're crediting you for the NEXT fiscal year in that case.

If you have paid and still have an extra envelope, please pass the envelope to a neighbor and have them join us.

Lynn Waghalter has volunteered to become our Membership Chairman. If you haven't paid in awhile, she'll be contacting you.

Dues go to help defray the cost of this newsletter including postage.

Some of the money is also used for our scholarship fund.

Welcome to our new members: **Daniel & Leonela Silvas, Frances Estrello, Liliana & Gilbert Moreno, Thomas Crane, Phyllis & Qaiser Toor, Dennis & Amy Flores, and Len McClure!** Thank you to all of you who have already renewed your membership! Come to our meetings and get involved!!!!

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Historic Homeowner Fair A Success



I just wanted to thank you all for participating in this year's Historic Homeowner Fair. Your involvement helped make the Fair's fourth year a success and I hope you all enjoyed being there as much as we did.

Please let me know if you have any feedback or comments so that we can improve next year's event.

Thanks again,
Sara Ludueña, LEED Green Associate

Planner
City of San Antonio
Office of Historic
Preservation
210-207-4680.

JNA Members **Lynn Waghalter**, **Toni Cadena** and **Elia Reyna** (with a little help from **Stan Waghalter**, too) helped reign in several new members to our group at the fair.

Vendors representing all phases of historic preservation attended the August Green event.



Did You Know?

There are 73 Code Enforcement Officers assigned to seven Field Enforcement Units.

Each Unit provides inspection and enforcement services across the city. These units respond to complaints received from citizens, the City's 311 system, and on a proactive basis.

Denise Hastings is the Supervisor of the Northwest District, which includes the Jefferson area. (210) 416 - 5851.

The Neighborhood Enhancement Team (NET) is a newly created team of proactive code enforcement officers dedicated to coordinated code investigations and special projects with special emphasis on highly traveled areas throughout the City's main district corridors and inner city reinvestment areas.

More information is forthcoming on this group.

The Fox Tech HS Class of '63 will host its 50th Reunion Dance on October 5, 2013 at the San Antonio Shrine Auditorium.

All 1963 classmates interested are encouraged to contact:

Lupe Leos (210) 372-0355 or **Vangie Perales** (210) 834-6993.



Across Freiling St. near the (Arnold Elementary School location) is a restored house that belonged to Mark Granados' mother Virginia.

Mark donated the house when he developed the shopping center anchored by Wal Mart on Vance Jackson Road.

The renovated house now belongs to the City of San Antonio Parks and Recreation Department and serves as a Senior Center for area senior citizens.

New Officer Elected for FY 2012-2013

JNA Members have elected the following persons to run the group for FY 2012-2013 which began September 1.

President: Ted Guerra
Veep: Elia Reyna
Sec: Myra Lorenz
Treas: Stan Waghalter
 For board positions:
Chuck Whitehead
Judy Jackman
Marie Cooper

Officers will be sworn in officially at our September 10th meeting.

Register to vote NOW

The November general election will take place on Tuesday, November 6, 2012.

Voters did not have to vote in the May 29, 2012 primary election in order to qualify to vote in the general election. Whether you voted or not in the primary, you may vote for whomever you choose in November.

Eligible Texans who are not registered to vote must register by October 9, 2012 to vote in the November 6, 2012 election.

2012 Night Out Plans

Just a reminder to save the date of October 2nd, 2012. On this evening we, in conjunction with the Monticello Neighborhood Association, will celebrate National Night Out. This October date is exclusive to Texas due to our extreme summer heat. Nationally, NNO was celebrated on August 7, 2012.

This event is an effective, and extremely enjoyable, way to promote neighborhood spirit and police community partnerships in the fight against crime.

On October 2nd, as we gather at Monticello Park (across from Jefferson High School), you are invited to share your favorite side dish or dessert with friends and neighbors, old and new alike.



Tribute brings money to the JNA

A tribute to **Gilbert Reyna, Jr.** resulted in over \$200 being donated to the **Evelia Reyna / JNA Scholarship Fund.**

The event was held in June. Reyna was the brother of JNA members **Elia Reyna** and **Estella Kierce.** Their surviving brother, **Dr. Roy Reyna,** also participated in the tribute.

Gilbert was a 1963 graduate of Thomas

Jefferson High School. He passed away in May.

Long time members of the JNA know of the devotion to education the Reyna family has held.

Our thanks to the family for their continued devotion to education and the JNA scholarship fund.



Free Spay/Neuter for cats in the area

JNA members living in Zip Code 7228 can trap/neuter/return (TNR) homeless cats for free.

Over 150 cats in the Jefferson Area were treated under the TNR program last year.

If you want more information on this program, call 366-4345.



Road Construction will tie up traffic in the area

Traffic along Woodlawn continues to be disrupted.

Motorists will see detour signs posted along Wilson near Woodlawn.

For the next month, Woodlawn will be closed along Wilson to Lake and from Huisache to French.

The construction is part of the drainage project along Woodlawn Lake.

Motorists are advised to take alternate routes.

Construction is expected to last through October 6th.

No Go On Green Carts_yet

A north side city councilman has put a red stop sign on the green recycling carts that were supposed to be launched in our area.

District 10 Councilman **Carlton Soules** requested, and got, the 2013 budget item pulled from council consideration.

Soules says he doesn't like the idea of going into the expense

of another cart for organic waste pickup.

The city would like to have a 60% recycling rate by year 2020.

A "Pay as you Throw" rate scheme is in the recycling plan, too.



District 10 Councilman Carlton Soules

78228 Post Office Closing

According to a letter given to all Post Office Box holders at the University Post Office (78228), located on Bandera Road, the facility will be closing Sunday, October 7, 2012.

All post office boxes and window services will be moved to the Beacon Hill Station, located at 1064 Vance Jackson.

The loss of their lease is the reason being given for the closure.

Wal Mart will be constructing a shopping plaza in the area and is expected to use the PO site for their outlets.

Officer Dispenses Advice on Safety

Automobile burglaries in our area are still high according to San Antonio Fear Free Environment (SAFFE) officer **Marcos Cerda.**

Cerda says to be sure and remove your keys and lock your vehicle.

He also says graffiti is on the decline because of stricter enforcement.

Cerda emphasized the need to watch your neighbor's property and call 9-1-1 if you see suspicious activity.

Cellular on Patrol is still a viable crime prevention tool. Call 827-3707/207-1363.

Jefferson Neighborhood Association Membership Form

Name: _____ Birthday (mo/day) _____

Name: _____ Birthday (mo/day) _____

Address: _____

Zip: _____ Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

FY 2012-2013

*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
September 12th at the Grace
Presbyterian Church, 950 Donaldson
@ Manor at 7PM.

