



The Jefferson Neighborhood Association News

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"Preserving the integrity of the Jefferson Area since 1982"

President's Message_from Ted Guerra

Warm Holiday Greetings Neighbors.

I want to share with you an observation I made the other day during a pleasant lunch date with my wife. A few, very thoughtful, co-workers from my days spent at Baskin Elementary gave me a Maggiano's Restaurant gift card for my birthday.

Sharing this gift card with my wife recently, while my daughters immersed themselves in the two hour teenage frenzy that is the recently released Twilight movie, I found myself with a perfect booth seat that gave me more of a view than I expected.

The view provided was not only of the beautifully appointed dining area, but also a view of how we as families are currently interacting considering the distraction of modern technology. First, a quick disclaimer, I am very attached to my iPhone and am grateful for technological wizardry and the ease it provides to most these days.

However, indulge me a

bit here if you will.

To our right was a young married couple, each on their respective smart phones. With barely a glance at their waiter to order, and not a word to each other as they consumed their meal, the real time they were spending was with their phones and random screens they perused with a touch of a finger.

the Dad angrily shoved the instrument in the boy's direction and went back to silently consuming his meal.

In front of us, a family of four, Dad, Mom, an approximately 10 year old girl and 8 year old boy. Both children were fully engrossed in their individual iPads and Dad and Mom were not speaking. Dad's eyes hardly strayed from his plate as he ate in silence and Mom was quiet and very still as she slowly cleared her plate.

The young boy asked his father a question about

a particular screen. Instead of addressing the question, the father took the iPad from his son and immediately became unaware of not only his family but his meal as well. When the young boy asked if he could have his iPad back, the Dad angrily shoved the instrument in the boy's direction and went back to silently consuming his meal.

As my wife and I journeyed through a delicious Italian lunch, we observed how at each of these tables, and at many tables throughout the world no doubt, families have ceased speaking and sharing with one another in lieu of an obsession with modern technology. In some cases, an affliction.

I invite you, during this very special time of year, to put down the phone, turn off the computer, iPad, iPod, etc... and look your children in the eye. Talk to your friends and families while actually tasting your food and drink. Distract yourself with lights, laughter,



good times and cheer. I guarantee it's the best gift you'll give yourself all year.

With this in mind, I cheerfully invite you to join us for our annual JNA Christmas/Holiday Celebration. We will be gathering at the Grace Presbyterian Church on Monday, December 10, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.

JNA will provide the main dish and we invite you to share a special recipe with us by bringing a side dish of your choice.

I look forward to sharing this evening with you and your family and wish you the very best this holiday season has to offer.

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and Happy Kwanzaa.

Ted



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Volunteer to Wipeout Graffiti!

The Graffiti Ranger Volunteer Program is a new program designed to offer neighborhood leaders and volunteers a menu of volunteer opportunities that will allow program participants to quickly and effectively address graffiti issues in their community.

Candidates must submit an application, pass a background check and complete defensive driving.

Upon being accepted into the program, volunteers will have access to utilize city vehicles, supplies and equipment to complete assignments. The Graffiti Ranger Program is more than just a graffiti abatement program; volunteers will also assist with special projects, educational outreach activities at local schools and complete neighborhood assessments.

For more information or to schedule a presentation to your neighborhood contact **Joe Frank Picazo**, (210) 207-5421 or via email at joe.picazo@sanantonio.gov.

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CALL FOR PARTICIPATION . . . VISUAL ARTISTS, MUSICIANS, POETS, GALLERIES, ALTERNATIVE SPACES

The 6th Annual **ON AND OFF FREDERICKSBURG ROAD STUDIO TOUR**, organized by Bihl Haus Arts, is scheduled for February 16 & 17 2013, with a preview party at Bihl Haus on Friday, Feb. 15, 2013.

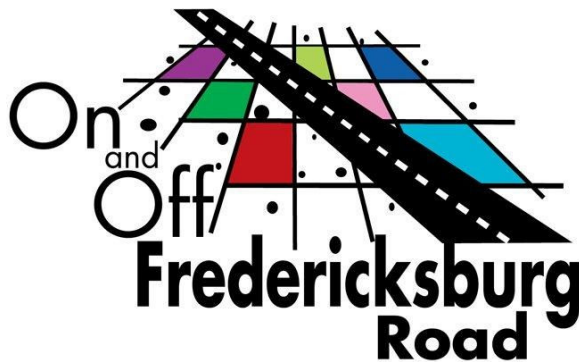
Our goal is to highlight the quality, variety, and sheer numbers of professional artists—visual, musical, performing, literary—who live and/or work in the Los Angeles Heights, Keystone, Beacon Hill,

Monticello Park, Jefferson, Woodlawn and Alta Vista neighborhoods.

2012 participants must apply, but they are pre-approved to participate. New applicants, please apply to the review process.

All application materials available online at www.OnAndOffFred.org.

Application deadline: 5 pm, Friday, Dec. 7th, 2012.



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Jefferson Class of 1977 Grad

New Members

JNA welcomes new members **Miguel Falcon** and **Gina Konoval**.

Your membership in the JNA helps us provide a yearly scholarship to a graduating high school senior as well as be able to provide this newsletter.

Our fiscal year runs from September 1-August 31.

The JNA is a 501 (c) (3) tax exempt organization, so any donations to our group means they are potentially tax deductible.

Our meetings are held at the Grace Presbyterian Church, Donaldson & Manor Drive on the second Monday of each month starting at 7PM.

Elections for officers is held in August with the installation of officers held in September.

Each November, we have a Turkey Bingo fundraiser and in lieu of a December meeting, the JNA sponsors a Christmas/Holiday Party.

The membership form is on the back of this newsletter.

Please join us and continue to make our area a viable living area.

City Gets Medals

San Antonio has been awarded two medals recognizing achievements.

The National League of Cities (NLC) has recognized **Mayor Julián Castro** for recent completion of key health and wellness goals for Let's Move! Cities, Towns and Counties (LMCTC).

LMCTC is a major component of First Lady **Michelle Obama's** comprehensive Let's Move! initiative, which is dedicated to solving the childhood obesity epidemic within a generation.

Another medal was awarded to San Antonio for action taken to improve access to healthy affordable food and increase opportunities for physical activity.

The medals were awarded achievements in having an active interagency collaboration on early care and education programs and for having over 90% of public schools in San Antonio participating in the School Breakfast Program.

Jefferson Neighborhood Association Membership Form

Name: _____ Birthday (mo/day) _____

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