



# The Jefferson Neighborhood Association News



## June 2013

First Day of Summer  
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*"Preserving the integrity of the Jefferson Area since 1982"*

## President's Message

### JNA Summer Series Part II

Last year JNA enjoyed a three month summer series focusing on some great topics that enlightened us while being quite entertaining. This year we want to continue the fun with three new topics for June, July and August.

In June we enjoy "Fabulous Herbs", in July we find ourselves "Pondering Perfect Pets" and in August we learn to "RE-purpose with Purpose."

Be sure to join us at our monthly neighborhood association meetings during these months for an opportunity to learn something new, meet a few new neighbors and perhaps win a cool theme door prize. See you there!

**Please visit our JNA Facebook group and ask to be added as a subscriber. Check our page frequently for updates and news you can use. Follow us also at our JNA website:**

**[www.jefferson-sa.com](http://www.jefferson-sa.com)**

Hello Neighbors,

I want to share my thoughts on the way we started this past Memorial Day weekend. I am sure most of us awoke that Saturday morning to the loud booms of thunder and the wondrous show of lightning. Who knew this particular storm would bring such a great amount of rain. While we certainly wanted rain, we didn't need it all at once. As soon as I thought it was safe, I ventured out with my family to assess the damage. I was shocked to see such disaster. I've included some of the photos I snapped during my visit around the neighborhood in this newsletter. I was happy to see our **Councilman, Cris Medina**, on the corner of Woodlawn and Kampmann, speaking with residents and also assessing the storm damage. I had already been in contact with several of our JNA members and shared with Councilman Medina the stories I had heard from them. He had already collected many stories of his own. I appreciate how responsive he was and that he made a visit to several of the homes I mentioned to him in our brief morning conversation out by Woodlawn Lake. Shortly after our encounter, I saw several city trucks in our neighborhood, responding to the Councilman's calls, clearing streets and picking up debris that had been swept into the streets, against bridge rails and around homes. I commend our Councilman and the hard working city employees who sacrificed their time and made great efforts to restore order to our neighborhood streets. The flooding we experienced is a good example of how important it is that the channels along Mistletoe and Mulberry be widened as well as the opening to Woodlawn Lake. Many of the residents I spoke to that morning expressed a wish that the bridge and drainage projects be expedited. I agree wholeheartedly. I have invited Councilman Medina and Richard Casiano, Capital Improvements Management Services (CIMS) Project Manager for the channel and bridge work at Woodlawn Lake to attend our next general meeting.

On a much lighter note, we will have **Leslie Bingham** from the San Antonio Herb Board at our next general meeting to kick off this year's JNA Summer Series with a presentation on herbs. Ms. Bingham will share her wisdom on the topic of how to plant, care for and cook with fresh herbs. All who attend this meeting will have an opportunity to win a "mini" herb garden to take home and enjoy.

I thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter each month. I encourage you, if not already, to become a JNA member to take full advantage of the benefits of "strength in numbers." I also invite each of you to actually attend our general meetings to share your latest news, meet new friends, learn something different and stay in touch with the people and places around you.

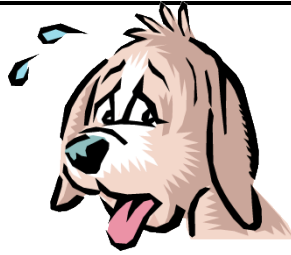
Until then, I continue moving forward with you in mind,

*Ted*



Looking for an exercise buddy?  
Visit the website below to join an informal group of people interested in running and walking around Woodlawn Lake.

[facebook.com/groups/RunAtWoodlawn/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/RunAtWoodlawn/)



### Dog Days of Summer

Keeping your pet cool during the hot summer months can sometimes be a real challenge. Did you know that your pooch can suffer from overheating, dehydration and sunburn during this time of year? A dog's normal body temperature is 100-102 degrees and they have sweat glands on their nose and pads of their paws. They pant and drink water to cool down so having fresh, cool water available for your dog is very important. If your dog lives outdoors, bring it inside during the hottest hours of the day or provide a shaded area in your yard. Heatstroke can occur when your dog's body temperature is too high for a prolonged period of time which can lead to brain and organ damage, heart failure and even death. Take care not to over-exercise your pet during the hottest hours of the day. Some signs of heatstroke are panting hard, staggering gait, rapid heartbeat, dazed looks, listlessness, restlessness, dark red or purple gums and/or tongue and vomiting. If you notice any of these signs immediately move your pet to the shade, apply cold packs to the head, neck or belly area, immerse it in cool (not cold) water, give small amounts of cool water or ice cubes to lick and then make a trip to the vet right away. Never leave your pet alone in a car during hot weather and protect your dog from sunburn using a sunscreen that is labeled specifically for use on animals. Pay special attention to your dog's nose and ear tips. Do not put sunscreen on the underside of your pet because it can be licked off. Walk during early morning or evening hours to prevent your dog's paws from getting burned and don't forget how hot sand gets in the afternoon if you are making a trip to the beach.

One last note- supervise your pets, especially puppies, around your backyard swimming pool. Your dog's quick dip to cool off can sometimes result in tragedy if you are not around. Your dog is part of your family, so remember to treat him or her with the greatest of care.

### Thinking of buying a home in the Jefferson Area?

As you drive the beautiful streets of our great Jefferson Neighborhood, you may notice the occasional gems, that are homes for sale, nestled among tall shade trees and native foliage. If you are considering the purchase of a new home, the City of San Antonio's Homeownership Incentive Program (HIP) may be able to help. This program provides assistance to eligible persons who are buying a new or existing home within the city limits of San Antonio. The program provides financial assistance to qualified families who do not exceed the gross household income guidelines updated annually by HUD. You may be eligible to receive up to \$12,000 for your down payment and closing costs. Visit [www.sanantonio.gov](http://www.sanantonio.gov), Department of Planning and Community Development for more details.

### Flaky Tomato and Mozzarella Tart

Serves 4

#### Ingredients

All-purpose flour for the work surface  
½ sheet puff pastry (1/4 of a 17.3 ounce package)  
1 cup grape or cherry tomatoes (halved if large)  
4 ounces grated mozzarella (1 cup)  
1 tablespoon olive oil  
Kosher salt and black pepper

#### Directions

Heat oven to 425 degrees.  
On a lightly floured surface, roll the puff pastry into a 9 x 6 rectangle. Place on a parchment-lined baking sheet and refrigerate until firm, at least 30 mins.  
Prick the puff pastry all over with a fork and top with the tomatoes and mozzarella.  
Drizzle with the oil and season with ½ teaspoon salt and ¼ teaspoon pepper. Bake until golden brown and cooked through, 20 to 25 minutes. Cut into pieces before serving.

**YUMMY!**



“Where thou art, that is home.”  
-Emily Dickinson





**Sonora Dodd**

### **The Origins of Father's Day**

In 1909, while listening to a Mother's Day sermon, Spokane, Washington resident, Sonora Dodd was struck with the idea of Father's Day. She wanted to honor her own father, William Smart, who was a widowed farmer left alone to raise his six kids single-handedly. Area residents embraced the idea and by June 19, 1910, the first Father's Day celebration was proclaimed in Spokane because it was the month of Dodd's father's birth. In 1966, decades later, the first presidential proclamation honoring fathers was issued by President Lyndon Johnson, who designated the third Sunday in June as Father's Day. Father's Day, in America, has been officially celebrated annually since 1972 when President Richard Nixon signed the public law that made it permanent. Due to her efforts, Sonora Dodd is now known as the mother of Father's Day.

**Father's Day  
Sunday, June 16, 2013**

### **Free Fun in the Sun**



Not sure how to keep the kids/grandkids busy this summer? Here are a few suggestions of where you can spend quality time with the kiddies without breaking your budget. Pack a lunch and head out to some great local spots that are sure to have your friends and family asking "When can we do this again?" Don't forget the sunscreen, hats and comfortable shoes.

**Japanese Tea Garden at Brackenridge Park:** Find yourself among lush gardens complete with lily ponds filled with interesting fish. Enjoy walking over stone bridges and climbing stairs to a pavilion area overlooking the garden. Visit the rest of Brackenridge Park to enjoy your picnic under a shady tree among the plentiful ducks and geese hanging out by the river.

**San Antonio River Walk:** Beautiful walkways line the river allowing for tranquil opportunities for exercise and fun. Enjoy people watching, local architecture and river barges floating serenely by. If visiting with very small children, keep in mind that there aren't any guardrails, so keep hold of those tiny hands as you explore.

**The Alamo:** Explore the old Spanish Mission where the Battle of the Alamo was fought. Take the opportunity to conjure images of times past in the minds of your young visitors. Making a visit to the ice cream shop across the street, at the end of your day, is a sure fire way to please everyone in your group.

**Orsinger County Park:** This park is a great place to experience some real summertime fun. Swings, climbing structures with bridges and slides, a large sandbox and lots of shade ensure your picnic will be a great success. Picnic tables, restroom facilities and a walking trail make this spot a real winner.

**Visit a Museum:** Introduce your little ones to a night of culture and fun. The San Antonio Museum of Art offers free admission on Tuesday evenings from 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm and the Witte Museum offers free admission on Tuesday evenings as well from 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

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Under crime and call

Information.

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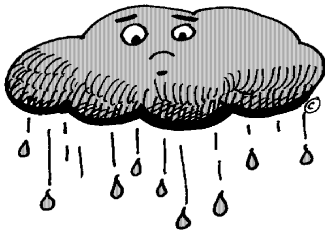
**Mayor's office**

207-7060/7107

**Councilman's office**

207-7044 or 207-0870





May 25, 2013  
JNA on that day...



### CONGRATULATIONS!

At our May 13<sup>th</sup> general meeting, five bright high school seniors were awarded a JNA/Evelia Reyna Scholarship in the amount of \$500 each. Evelia Reyna's daughter, Elia Reyna and JNA President Ted Guerra had the distinct honor of presenting, on behalf of the entire JNA organization, the scholarships that evening. Nathan Paul De Hoyos, Alyssia Escamilla, Maritza Aidee Martinez, Patrick James Martinez and Bianca Salazar were our deserving recipients this year and we were happy to have their families in attendance for the special presentation of these scholarships. We at JNA wish them much success as they continue to pursue their education and life goals.



### Rationalizing Raccoons

**Kimberly Stephens** with Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation, at our May meeting, presented us with some invaluable information about some of the critters that have been making unwelcome visits to our neighborhood lately. After leaving the meeting, we thought we'd do a little research on one critter in particular. The recent activity around Woodlawn Lake seems to have resulted in an increased presence of some very unwelcome visitors, specifically, raccoons. To better understand what we as residents are dealing with, here are a few facts about this fairly large mammal that has decided to share our neighborhood streets.

Raccoons are shy creatures that are mostly active at night. Once thought to be close relatives to the weasel, they are actually more closely related to pandas. Their fur is a grayish brown; they are easily identified by the black mask on the face and the 4 to 6 black rings on their bushy tails. They make their homes in the den of hollow trees, fissures in rocks, caves or burrows. They almost always live near water and eat almost anything including nuts, berries, acorns, leaves, grasshoppers, crickets, grubs, worms, dragonfly larvae, clams, wasps, salamanders, frogs, crayfish, snakes, turtles and their eggs, bird eggs, squirrels and garbage scraps. They are agile climbers, moving forward and backward as they make their way up or down a tree. In fact, they are one of the few animals which can descend a tree headfirst. They can drop 35-40 feet unharmed and run at a rate of about 15 mph. They are excellent swimmers and if cornered are extremely ferocious having the ability to kill a dog. Raccoons have excellent night vision and a keen sense of hearing. Some of the sounds they make are purring, hissing, whimpers and snarls. They can live about 10 years but are most often killed by automobiles. Never try to domesticate a wild raccoon. Ms. Stephens suggested a deterrent of cayenne pepper along fence lines or around the home and vinegar soaked sheets or cloth to repel these animals as well.

## 2013 Summer Youth Programs

The City of San Antonio Parks and Recreation Department offers eight weeks of recreation-themed activities as well as lunch and a snack from June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013 to August 9, 2013. The program is held at community centers and more than 40 school sites each summer. The program keeps youth active by engaging them in safe, supervised, age appropriate activities which include traditional sports, craft projects, games, art exploration, fitness, nutrition, reading, math and science enrichment activities. Swimming opportunities will also be offered for program participants at limited sites this summer. The community centers serve children ages 6 to 14 while the school sites accept children ages 6 to 12. Fees are based on a sliding scale. Please visit the City of San Antonio Parks and Recreation website for more details. Registration dates in June are as follows:

### June 3, 2013

8:00 a.m. to 4:00 pm Ron Damer HQ

5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. SA Natatorium

### June 4, 2013

8:00 a.m. to 4:00 pm Ron Damer HQ

5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Ramirez Community Center

### June 5, 2013

8:00 a.m. to 4:00 pm Ron Damer HQ

5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Lincoln Community Center

### June 6, 2013

8:00 am to 7:00 p.m. Ron Damer HQ

### June 7, 2013

8:00 a.m. to 4:00 pm Ron Damer HQ

### June 10, 2013

8:00 am to 7:00 p.m. Ron Damer HQ

### June 11, 2013

8:00 am to 7:00 p.m. Ron Damer HQ

### June 12, 2013

8:00 am to 7:00 p.m. Ron Damer HQ

### June 13, 2013

**Registration is closed**

### June 17, 2013

**Summer Youth Program Begins**

## Cool Calendar Events

Walt Disney once said, "When you're curious, you find lots of interesting things to do." Looking for something different and interesting to do this month? Art and fine wine anyone? The Summer WineFest and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Art In The Dark events are two unique opportunities to enjoy the fun side of our great city. Go forth and enjoy!

### Summer WineFest \$50-\$75

Sunday June 9, 2013

12:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Boiler House Texas Grill & Wine Garden

312 Pearl Parkway, Building 3

210-354-4644



Will feature cool beverages and grilled gourmet treats and meats including baby lamb, suckling pig, quail, local sausage, venison, a gourmet taco bar, sangria bar, beer bar and 10 wines from Boiler House's Discoveries & Selections menu. VIP tickets are \$75 per person which includes 10 luxury wine pairings and special Boiler House "bites" served on the restaurant's second floor overlooking all the fun of the Summer WineFest.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Art In The Dark \$25

Thursday June 13, 2013

The Witte Museum

3801 Broadway

210-357-1876



The San Antonio Lighthouse for the Blind presents an evening that celebrates "The Touch...The Sense...The Feel..." of Art. The evening will begin with hors d'oeuvres, wine and music and will give you the opportunity to meet some of the best artists, potters and sculptors in San Antonio who have donated their art to this event. Each piece will be draped and the artist will discuss the piece and show other works they have designed. You can touch the art, but NO peeking. Guests may bid on the artwork and the highest bidder will be announced during dessert.

## Jefferson Neighborhood Association Membership Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday (mo/day) \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday (mo/day) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

*Membership period Sept. 2012-Aug. 2013*

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

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

### Milk Jug Marvels

In August we focus on re-purposing household items in a whole new way. To kick-off this month's fun summer series we offer the following fun craft activity that will leave you looking at the milk in your dairy aisle a little differently.

Things you'll need:

1 gallon plastic milk jug

Knife

4-6 cups of sand

Acrylic paint, sponges, paint brushes, wrapping paper, misc. craft items

Tea light candle

Remove any labels from the outside of an empty 1 gallon milk jug. Discard labels and the lid. Wash the outside and inside surface thoroughly with soap and water. Rinse and allow to air dry.

Cut off top of the milk jug using a knife with care. Leave the jug handle intact; remove only the front portion of the top of the jug.

Decorate the outside of the jug as you wish. Pour 4-6 cups of sand through the opening of the milk jug until there is a 1 inch layer of sand in the bottom of the jug. Set a tea light candle inside the luminaria, light the candle and watch your work of art glow.

Our next JNA meeting  
 will be held **Monday,**  
**June 10, 2013 at 7:00**  
**pm.** We meet at the  
 Grace Presbyterian  
 Church on the corner  
 of Donaldson and  
 Manor.

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