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Happy St. Patrick's Day !

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Greetings Neighbors!

As we look forward to spring, with all things sprouting fresh and new, I would like to highlight a few areas our neighborhood association has been focusing on lately. We have been pleased bring you candidate forums, a commitment to building memberships and an increased attention on fostering good relationships with neighboring associations. Joining efforts with other neighborhood associations in our area has allowed us to come together on important recent issues affecting Woodlawn Lake, Jefferson High School, Jefferson Village and the Jefferson United Methodist Church. We are also looking toward the future of the organization and would like to invite new people, such as you, to come forward and make a difference in our association.

Inside this newsletter you will find a new **"kid's corner"** page for those of you who have children or grandchildren. My daughter Sienna enjoys reading our monthly newsletter but thought we needed more kid-friendly "stuff", so I asked her to make a contribution to our newsletter which you can see on page 4. You too can contribute! We welcome our members to contribute to our newsletter and are delighted about the two submissions coming from readers this month. Any submission must be submitted by the 15th of the each month.

"Springing" forward with you in mind, *Ted*

Memories of Woodlawn Lake by Fran Rich

In 1962, my family moved to San Antonio, where we lived the first several years with my grandmother on Cincinnati directly across from Woodlawn Lake. I was in 5th grade and the younger of my brothers in 6th. I was not happy with the move, so I immersed myself in books checked out from a tiny branch library that was in the south end of the park gym. Meanwhile my more sociable brother took square dance lessons at the Bertha Almaguer Dance Studio across the street. The library was closed at some point and all the books moved to Westfall Library. As it happened, I became a librarian, and some 25 years later worked at Westfall where I was amazed to find books that had my 5th grade signature in them!

I loved exploring Woodlawn Lake. There was a small island surrounding the lighthouse, and probably buried deep in the mud between it and the shore is the rotted skeleton of a boat my oldest brother built with a friend in the 1950's and tried to row across. Unsuccessfully. The park was pretty unimproved back then, and I'm sure plenty of unsavory activities went on. There was no pavilion, playground, or basketball court at the Yacht Club end. A lot smaller parking area. No landscaping. Certainly no hiking trails or picnic tables. The tennis courts were rough asphalt and not kept up, but we played plenty of tennis there. The biggest use of the west side of the lake was by members of the Yacht Club and their Sunfish races. Also what is now Seeling Channel was just a creek, and you can still see the walls of the bridge it ran under back then on Josephine Tobin near the courts. I'd ride my bike to an old-fashioned wood-floored drugstore called Gracie's at the corner of Cincinnati and Wilson and spend my allowance on candy, then ride down to the bridge at the lake and sit under it, eat my candy, and sulk. That whole end was reconfigured to put the channel closer to Woodlawn. My brother and I also frequently rode our bikes to Dibbles Hobby Shop in Jefferson Village to buy balsa wood gliders and cheap kites.

I moved back into the area 25 years ago, and it's so great to see all the changes at the lake. It has become the family place that it never was in the 60's. But I still wish they hadn't taken out the lighthouse island!

Slow down and Save Lives



Last month the speed limit around Woodlawn Lake and neighboring residential areas was reduced to 25 mph. This pilot project was implemented to make streets safer and is part of the Safer Streets SA initiative. After a period of one year, city leaders will evaluate the effectiveness of this speed reduction project and could possibly implement the same in other areas of San Antonio.

Studies show that speed reduction will save lives when it comes to vehicle/pedestrian accidents. At 40 mph, chances of survival are only 15 percent. At a reduced speed of 25 mph, the potential survival rate increases to 90 percent. There will be an increased police presence in this area to ensure compliance and success of the project.

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Alley Maintenance Requirements

- Mow the alley to its center and keep it free of debris and other obstructions; your neighbor is responsible for maintaining the other half.
- There must be a clearance of at least fourteen (14) feet high by fifteen (15) feet wide for vehicles to enter the alley, and the alley bed must be reasonably free of debris and passable to the vehicle.

Remember that additional regulations apply for garbage and recyclable collection in an alley, [City code 14-10\(d.\)](#).

- Contact the City if you have any questions or have received a notice of violation from Code Enforcement.

- **Do Not** let your alley become overgrown and filled with junk.
- **Do Not** fence off any portion of the alley; it is a public passage way and must be kept open just like a city street.
- **Do Not** obstruct the alley with plants or stored items.
- **Do Not** ignore a notice of violation from the City.

Front and Side Yard Parking

- Park on an improved surface (gravel, concrete, brick, asphalt, etc.)
- You can utilize your yard for overnight RV preparation for a trip
- Pave no more than 50% of your front yard if needed .
- **Do Not** park on your unimproved front yard
- **Do Not** block your city Right-of-Way or sidewalk
- **Do Not** drive, propel, park or stand any vehicle upon any sidewalk

Garage/Yard Sales

- Obtain a Garage Sale permit before the start of the sale.
- Post the permit in plain view at the time of the garage sale.
- Display up to two (2) signs no larger than four (4) square feet in area.
- Hours of Garage / Yard Sale operations are from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- You may have up to four (4) Garage / Yard Sales per calendar year, on each property, not to exceed one (1) garage sale per quarter.
- **Do Not** have a Garage / Yard sale if a permit has not been obtained.
- **Do Not** post or display signs on telephone poles, light standards, street signs or the City right-of-ways.



To report code violations, call 311, visit sanantonio.gov or

download the new 311 mobile app.

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Kid's Corner

By: Sienna Guerra

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CRAFTS

Happy St. Patrick's Day! My name is Sienna Guerra (Ted Guerra's younger daughter) and I am starting a kid's corner in the Jefferson Neighborhood Association Newsletter. My family loves to involve me and my sister Allura in their lives and I feel that all families should do the same. This kid's corner will help parents and grandparents to interact with their children. The Kid's Corner will include fun activities and information to share with the kiddos!

The month of March is always known for St. Patrick's Day. All most kids know about St. Patrick's Day is that there are four leaf clovers, rainbows, pots of gold, and Leprechauns! But what is the real background of St. Patrick's Day??

St. Patrick's Day is a day celebrated every year on March 17 that began as a religious feast day for the patron saint of Ireland.

To celebrate this day, people all over the world celebrate the Irish culture with parades, festivals, dancing, food, and the color GREEN! Everyone on this day wears something that's the color green and if you aren't wearing green, be ready for pinches!

Now that you and your children/grandchildren know the background of St. Patrick's Day, let's get creative and do an activity to celebrate the Irish culture! There are three activities you and your children/grandchildren can do!

Making a St. Patrick's Day Wreath

Materials needed: Paper plates, markers or paint, green construction paper, scissors, and glue!

Steps: Cut the middle of the plate out, color the rim of the plate according to the colors of the rainbow starting with red and ending with purple, then cut out 4 leaf clovers from the green construction paper(different sizes), glue on the rim, then hang where family can see and enjoy!

Making a Leprechaun

Materials: Paper plate, colored construction paper, scissors, markers or paint, and glue.

Steps: Make the leprechaun hat by cutting out the shape of the hat, getting a black strip of paper and gluing it in the middle of the hat, and then cut a yellow square outline and paste in the middle of the black strip. After making the hat, the get the paper plate and make a face, then color the bottom of the plate orange for the leprechaun's beard, cut the bottom of the plate into strips not fully cutting them off the plate. Now paste the hat on the top and you have a leprechaun!

Making a Leprechaun hat

Materials: Paper plate, colored construction paper, glue, scissors, and markers

Steps: Color the plate green, then make a cylinder shape for the hat and glue it on the paper plate, then make a black strip of paper to go all around the hat, make the yellow square outline and paste in the middle of the black strip and you have your Leprechaun hat! (TO BE CREATIVE, YOU CAN PUT YOUR NAME ON THE HAT AND PUT THINGS YOU LIKE)

Please enjoy these activities with your children and grandchildren and stay tuned for the next Kid's Corner Article (:



FOR YOUR PROTECTION

Recent events involving consumer transactions at Target, Nordstrom and other retail establishments have left many of us with concerns about how to protect ourselves from fraud. In light of the ever developing situations, we offer a few tips on how you can protect your bank account.

ENROLL IN ONLINE STATEMENTS-Stop receiving paper statements in the mail. This prevents the possibility of a paper statement being stolen from your mailbox or trashcan. If you choose to continue receiving paper statements, make sure to shred them before discarding.

SIGN OFF-Always log off and close your browser when finishing a banking session.

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF YOUR BANK'S ALERT SYSTEMS-Bank initiated alerts make you aware of any suspicious activity within your accounts.

UPDATE PERSONAL INFORMATION-Make sure your personal address and phone numbers are updated in case your financial institution needs to contact you regarding your account.



SECURITY QUESTIONS-Make sure to select security questions that only you know the answers to.

MEMORIZE YOUR PIN NUMBER/

PASSWORDS-Keep all personal identification numbers and passwords safe by memorizing them or notating them in a very safe place.

USE CARE WHEN YOU SHARE-Use extreme caution when sharing any personal banking information with anyone via phone, text or the web.

LOOK FOR SECURE URLS-Only enter account numbers on secure, trustworthy websites. Look for the "s" in the URL's *https*. The "s" signifies secure communications.

The Hotter the Better

According to a study conducted at Cornell University, the antioxidant concentration in hot cocoa is almost twice as strong as red wine, two to three times stronger than that of green tea and four to five times stronger than that of black tea. Professor Chang Yong Lee, the leader of the Cornell study, added that the "hot" in "hot chocolate" is important as well. The study revealed that more antioxidants are released when the chocolate is heated to a higher temperature.

Now comes the tricky part. Commercial instant hot cocoa mixes often consist of many artificial ingredients that may erase the positive effects of the cocoa. One of the most popular mixes, for example, lists cocoa fifth on the list of ingredients, beneath the higher-level ingredients of sugar, corn syrup and a medley of vegetable oils. In light of this, we offer a recipe for traditional hot chocolate that, because of the more natural ingredients, is not only delicious but good for you as well. Enjoy!

**Traditional Hot Chocolate**

1 cup milk (or nut milk)

1/2 vanilla bean, split

3 ounces semisweet or milk chocolate, cut into small pieces

Heat milk to scalding in a medium saucepan, add vanilla, and let steep with the heat off for 10 minutes. Strain and return milk to saucepan to reheat milk. (You can use 1/4 teaspoon vanilla extract instead and skip the steeping process.) Whisk in chocolate until melted and frothy. Serve very hot and savor the flavor.

Membership is Our Future!

Our Jefferson Neighborhood Association relies greatly on our membership for sustainability and to pursue public service endeavors for the greater good. Although our calendar year is from September to August, we thought we would start the year off right with a purposeful membership drive. This includes a new focus on building our Business Memberships as well.

We are asking all our members to go out and recruit ***your very own*** neighbors. If you have picked up this newsletter at one of our neighborhood businesses, we invite you to join us. There is a membership form on the back of this newsletter. The purpose of our **Business Membership** is to encourage any and all businesses around our neighborhood to join JNA. Since we are halfway through our calendar year, our business membership this year is only \$100.00. Membership entitles the business to a monthly mention in our newsletter which goes out to over 300 homes, is featured on Facebook and our website and made available to the general public at select neighborhood businesses. The business will also get free advertising space in our newsletter during a month of their choosing.

We are proud to have the following businesses who have chosen to grow in partnership with the Jefferson Neighborhood Association:

Vee's Hair and Spa Salon, 1022 Donaldson Ave.

Deco Pizzeria, 1815 Fredericksburg Rd.

Big Bob's Burgers, 447 W. Hildebrand Ave.

Attorney Rosa Maria "Rosie" Gonzalez

Chile, Tomate and Cebolla Mexican Rest. 1009 Donaldson Ave.

We encourage all our members to frequent these businesses.

If you have a question about the business membership, please contact **Pablo Ledesma** at ad3@sbcglobal.net

JNA Real Talk – 3rd Thursday of Every Month

Join us for a neighborhood conversation about all things surrounding your home.

This is an open forum to ask questions, gain insight and share your experiences.

Get your questions answered by local, trusted Real Estate experts.

Topics include:

Buying/Selling Your Home: Contract to Close Process * Determining home values: How to get top dollar

Identifying Value When Purchasing a Home * Neighborhood History & Architectural Significance

Financing Solutions & Special Mortgage Loan Programs * Ensuring Your Home is Properly Insured

Difference between Homeowner & Landlord Coverage * Home Insurance Claims

Home Inspections and Appraisals: What to look for when buying.

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(Calendar year is September—August)

"Each leaf, each blade of grass vies for attention.

Even weeds carry tiny blossoms to astonish us."

- Marianne Poloskey, *Sunday in Spring*



The next JNA meeting will be
held Monday, March 10, 2014
at 7 pm at the Jefferson United
Methodist Church, Donaldson
and Wilson.

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