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The Jefferson Neighborhood Association News

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"Preserving the integrity of the Jefferson Area since 1982"



Greetings Neighbors,

As the memory of our short San Antonio winter rapidly fades, the breath of fresh air, that the spring season brings, is a reminder of an ever present opportunity for new beginnings. Keeping this in mind, I want to share the "tree of opportunity" that JNA presents and its many branches that eagerly await your attention and participation.

As I journey through this thing called life, quite often I find myself in a conundrum about how to divide my day, where to apply my daily allotment of personal hours and how to avoid distancing myself from family and friends. All of this while still committing to those organizations that benefit my family, friends and neighborhood.

I'm sure that many of you are faced with this same challenge of where best to apply your time, talent and treasure. I encourage you to seriously consider a stronger commitment to JNA this year. There's still time to join our membership, or as a member already, to assist us in strengthening one of our many "branches." As a member you can assist with growing our membership, assisting with our block party, assembling a candidate forum, organizing a rummage sale, setting up hospitality at one of our meetings, managing our neighborhood meeting signage, organize graffiti clean-up. The list goes on and on. You could even propose a new area of focus and assemble a committee. Anything and everything will help. Have time to set up tables and chairs for our meeting? Members don't realize the physicality of something so small, such as meeting set up; can take a toll on some of our members.

All of these "branches" within JNA come together to make our neighborhood organization a tall strong "tree" of life, with room to grow upward and outward for generations to come.

Committed to growing together, Ted



JNA SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications are now being accepted for the 2014 **Evelia Reyna/JNA Scholarship** until May 8, 2014. Each year a scholarship is given to as many as three high school seniors (depending on available monies) to who attend Jefferson High School or whose parents/guardians live within the JNA boundaries, but are attending another high school. The scholarship is named for Mrs. Evelia Reyna who was an avid supporter of education in our city.

Anyone seeking information about these scholarships is encouraged to contact **Elia Reyna at 279-7204**.



It's time to plant annuals for warm-weather blooms, and that means getting raised beds ready so the flowers can do their best.

Most annuals are not xeriscape plants. They will require watering several times per week, and drip irrigation is the best option.

Zinnias are the mainstay for the summer garden. There are many selections to choose from, and they can be planted by seed or transplants.

Semperflorens begonias are another top color plant for the summer garden. We think of them as a shade plant, but they survive most summers in good shape in the sun if they are planted early into well-prepared soil.

Cosmos planted by seed now will bloom beginning in April or May through Thanksgiving. They will grow to 5 feet tall in good soils, 18 inches in less-fertile soils. They require little fertilizer and, in fact, can be treated like a summer wildflower. Pick a sunny site and spread the seed over the same poor soils that grow spring wildflowers for a summer replacement.

For hanging baskets and low-growing flowers consider purslane and moss rose for summer in full sun. They grow to 6 inches tall and spread to cover 12 to 18 inches in diameter. Select from pink, white, yellow, orange, lavender and bicolor blooms.

Coleus is a foliage plant to grow in shade. The most striking colors are light green and dark bronze, but there are selections of every shade in between and many multicolor versions. Protect coleus from slugs and snails.

[Calvin R. Finch](#) is a horticulturist and director of special projects with [San Antonio Water System](#).

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Human Sex Trafficking Reform

*April 4, 2014	*April 5, 2014	*April 6, 2014 11:00
7:00 PM	6:00 PM	AM and 2:00 PM
HOPE CHURCH	The Fellowship Hall	Trinity University
*April 5, 2014	1443 S. St. Mary's	Coat 111 Fiesta
9:00 AM		Room
Rayburn ES		

Please contact Rosie Gonzalez at 210-224-1283 for more information.



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Democratic Minority Leader **Nancy Pelosi** was here in our own neighborhood at the Young Women's Leadership Academy on Saturday, March 15, 2014. Pictured with Mrs. Pelosi is our very own JNA member, Linda Wilson.



Mejican Restaurant

Arnulfo Zamora
Owner

Serving Hours

Monday - Thursday: 7 a.m. To 2 p.m.
Friday: 7 a.m. To 9 p.m.
Saturday: 7 a.m. To 5 p.m.
Sunday: 8 a.m. To 3 p.m.

FOOD TO GO

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*Kid's Corner**Sienna Guerra***CRACKIN' THE HISTORY OF FIESTA FUN!!!!**

Hey kids!! The month of April is quickly arriving which means STAAR testing and almost the end of the school year which means a whole lot of FUN! During the month of April, a lot of people celebrate with parties and gatherings, but can you crack the history of fiesta?

If not, here is the answer! Fiesta was first celebrated in 1891 when a group of citizens decided to honor the Heroes of the Alamo and Battle of San Jacinto with a parade called the Battle of Flowers. This parade was the only parade in the country to be planned and directed by women! (GIRL POWER!!) After the success of the parade, it later became a tradition in San Antonio which we celebrate with carnivals, festivals, parades, parties, dancing, food, and fun! The tradition had been celebrated every year except for 1918 due to World War I and during the years of 1942-1945.

Now that you know the history of FIESTA, why don't you celebrate in a creative way with family and friends with the following activities!

Create your own FIESTA PIN!

Materials needed: markers, colors, bottle caps, cardstock or paper, safety pins, scissors, hot glue, and ribbon.

Steps: get your bottle cap or paper for the base of the pin, make a design for the pin, glue or design it on the pin, attach ribbon to the end of the pin and wear it for FIESTA!

Make Cascarones

Materials needed: a dozen empty egg shells (the more the better!), paper confetti, glue, tissue paper, and dye.

Steps: first empty out yolk from the eggs leaving a little crack at the top, then dip the eggs in dye, let the eggs sit until completely dry, now stuff the eggs with confetti, glue the tissue paper over the crack and enjoy cracking them on family and friends heads gently!



Collection of Leaves

Residential solid waste customers may request two (2) free of charge collections for leaves per fiscal year. Additional collections within the same fiscal year may be requested but are subject to a fee. The City will only pick up leaves placed in paper bags or cardboard boxes and must meet the following specifications:

Paper Bags

- total material not to exceed eight (8) cubic yards
- not to exceed fifty (50) bags
- individual bag must not weigh more than forty (40) pounds
- must be of two-ply kraft (lawn and leaf paper bags)
- must have a wet strength of forty (40) pounds
- must be securely closed
- must be resistant to breakage when lifted Lawn and leaf paper bags can be purchased from various home improvement, grocery, and department stores.

Cardboard Boxes

- total material not to exceed eight (8) cubic yards
- not to exceed fifty (50) boxes
- individual box must not weigh more than forty (40) pounds
- must be made of brown bio-degradable cardboard
- must be securely closed
- must be resistant to breakage when lifted
- not to exceed four (4) feet in height or width size of box must allow for easy lifting and handling by one (1) person

Unacceptable Piles

- Leaves in plastic bags will not be collected.
- * Local businesses that sell lawn and leaf paper bags may opt to have their company name listed on this site to assist Solid Waste customers in locating retailers who carry these paper bags. Please call 3-1-1 to provide us with your information.*

**JNA 2nd Annual
Fiesta Block Party
Thursday, April 10th
6-8 PM
2100 Block of W. Gramercy**



We make the Hot Dogs and you bring your favorite side dish to share! Don't forget your lawn chair. We will also have music, face painting and lots of fun!

**For more information please
contact Lilly Moreno at
lilianamireles@sbcglobal.net**

If you ever want/need to know why there's a cop car, EMS or fire truck nearby, here's how to find out.

**<http://www.sanantonio.gov/sapd/Calls.aspx>
<https://webapps1.sanantonio.gov/activefire/?res=1024&ver=true>**

**Submitted by
JNA member
Michael Drudge**



Membership is Our Future!

We are proud to have the following businesses who have chosen to grow in partnership with the Jefferson Neighborhood Association. If you are a JNA member, please ask if they give a JNA discount.

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 Mex Rest. 1009 Donaldson Ave.

Caffé Tutti, 1933 Fredericksburg Rd

We encourage all our members to frequent these businesses.

If you have a question about the business membership, please contact
Pablo Ledesma at ads4103@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.

Hosted by: Mirta Hernandez, VP, Jefferson Bank (210) 736-7644

Robert Salcido, Adviser Liberty Mutual Insurance (210) 560-1918

Mike Leahey, Inspector, Precise Home Inspections (210) 782-2518

Cynthia Gomez, Realtor, First Texan Realty (210) 307-4075

(Please call for time and place)

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The Deco District

Arts and Music Festival

April 13, 2014, Noon - 10:30 PM

The Network for Young Artists (NYA) presents its inaugural official fiesta event: The Deco District Arts and Music Festival 2014. This **free** world class celebration brings together local residents and tourists to the historic Deco District. This outdoor boutique like festival offers dozens of performances by local and national musicians of all ages, a diverse food and drink menu, local art vendors and community spirit for all to enjoy. One of our stages is dedicated to NYA and other local youth centric organizations highlighting local talent who are certain to WOW you. This event highlights the cultural, economic and social vitality of the Deco District.

Jefferson Neighborhood Association Membership Form

Name: _____ Birthday (mo/day) _____

Name: _____ Birthday (mo/day) _____

Address: _____

Zip: _____ Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

FY 2013-2014

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

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

(Calendar year is September—August)

Fiesta® San Antonio is the city at its best, brimming with color, music and passion. Come early and experience this rich San Antonio tradition which began in 1891. Each April, more than 3 million people participate in the 11 day celebration of over 100 events and 3 parades honoring the heroes of the Alamo and Battle of San Jacinto, as well as the diverse culture of San Antonio.

Fiesta Flambeau® Night Parade will celebrate it's 66th anniversary in 2014. It's one of the largest illuminated parades in the United States traveling over 2 miles through downtown San Antonio.



The next JNA meeting will be held Monday, April 14, 2014 at 7 pm at the Jefferson United Methodist Church, Donaldson and Wilson.

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