



The Jefferson Neighborhood Association News



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"Preserving the integrity of the Jefferson Area since 1982"



As summertime quickly approaches, we begin thinking of summer get-a ways. There are many things to remember when leaving you home for a couple of days or longer.

- *Ask a friend or neighbor to watch your house. * Do not tip off criminals by posting your plans on social media sites. * Do not call the police to notify them of your absence, they do not need to be made aware of your vacation plans.**
- *Curtains open or closed? Leave them just as you always do. *Use light switch timers. * Make arrangements for your pets if not taking them with you. *Stop your mail, if you will be gone longer than one week and remove that spare key from its hiding place!**

Follow these tips to ensure peace of mind and a worry-free vacation.

As you may have noticed, this is the June/July issue of our newsletter. At the May general meeting, it was decided, after a vote, that we would go to publishing our newsletter every other month instead of monthly until further notice. As you can imagine, it takes a lot of time and effort to put out a quality newsletter for our members month in and month out. While we try to gather interesting information and facts for each issue, as President of this association and co-editor, my wife and I can no longer commit every month to doing so. We have two teenage daughters (need I say more); both have jobs and also commit our time and talent to our church and the school where our daughters attend school. I have asked for help in the last several months, but busy schedules, no doubt, have prevented anyone from answering the call. We will, however, continue our monthly meetings and will send out a postcard as a reminder in the months a newsletter is not published.

In August, we will seek new leadership for our association. If you feel a call to lead in any capacity, please notify me or any other board member before that month's general meeting, though you can always run off the floor for any position you seek.

Together we can do great things and perhaps you taking on a leadership position in our association will help us continue our path of growth and success.

See you at our June 9, 2014 meeting, *Ted*

Vandalism to our sewer system impacts all of us!

There has been a recent rash of vandalism to the sewer system that serves your neighborhood. These perpetrators have forced open manhole covers and have blocked wastewater flow with building materials, rocks, dirt and other types of materials. Bulky computer monitors as well as engine parts have also been found inside the manholes. In some cases the manhole covers have been stolen, creating a very dangerous situation. These actions can cause the sewer to back up into the street or even into your home. This makes for a very unsanitary situation as well as an expensive one to clean.

We need your help. Since many of our wastewater manholes are in or near subdivisions, we are asking residents to be extra vigilant and report any suspicious activity by calling **704-SAWS (7297)**.





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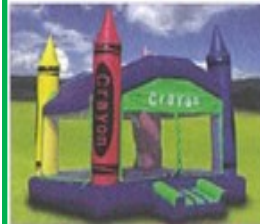

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Can I Recycle This? Check Your Phone!

iRecycle is a really useful app for those of us interested in recycling - and aren't we all? The city has its own app (called My Waste), but it's only for the city's program, and it pales in comparison to the depth of information to be found in iRecycle. Plus, iRecycle is ridiculously simple to use. The first screen shows 12 waste categories – from Automotive to Plastic. Within those basic categories are over 350 specific items, and many of those are found in several categories, just to be sure. Search results default to your location. For instance, that old hulking pickup truck rusting behind your garage? Click on Automotive, then Auto Body, and you'll see five places in San Antonio that will take it off your hands! How about all those broken and used crayons your kids have outgrown? Go to Household, then Crayons, and you'll find there is a Crayon Recycle Program in Steamboat Springs, Colorado. Who knew? And did you know that Yoga Charities all across the US are in desperate need for your donated yoga mat? Here's a more realistic question: Does city recycling take wire coat hangers? You can't find it mentioned on their app either way. But iRecycle lists 10 businesses in San Antonio that take them. Click on any one in that list and you'll find their address and phone number as well as materials accepted and any restrictions. If they have a website, you'll be able to click on the address to take you there. As you can see, there are listings for things you might never have thought of recycling. In the Construction category, a company listed under Roofing Materials suggests you work with your roofer to be sure they recycle your old shingles. Also, I was glad to see several places like Habitat for Humanity for building materials and Goodwill for clothing, linens, etc. listed. (Why not Salvation Army?) And remember, do call the business beforehand to be sure they actually accept the items listed. One review I read mentioned that they had found some discrepancies there, but that is to be expected with such a huge database. One of the most amazing things about this app – it's free! And it's available for iPhone, iPad, and Android.

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Alteration Anyone?

To improve is to change; to be perfect is to change often.

-Winston Churchill

In the everyday execution of life, day in and day out, sometimes boredom or a sense of staleness can set in. This, of course, is truly not our own fault, but a side effect of too much to do in not enough time. It is easier to accomplish all of our tasks and responsibilities in an orderly fashion if we create a routine to pay our bills, mow our lawns, attend meetings etc...

However, to counter the boredom and possibly make a great difference in our lives, we are going to suggest a few minor alterations. This month we invite you to examine the path of your life and make a few changes that might just be the shot in the arm you need.

Below are a few places you may want to start looking to make that much needed change:

Finances-Are the interest rates you are paying to the credit card companies too high? Have you been a loyal customer? Take the time to call your credit card company and request a lower interest rate. Doing so will put a little more money in your pocket and immediately improve your finances. Have you pursued a more competitive price for your auto/home insurance lately? Making a few inquiries may save you big dollars. Do the same with your phone and/or cable provider may lead to some surprising changes in your bill.

Family-Are there family members who you've been meaning to visit, but have not had the time? Make it a personal trip, find a spot in the town or state they are located to visit and enjoy. Combine family time and vacation time to guarantee memories that will last a lifetime.

Repairs-Been wanting to fix that broken shutter? Paint that old door? Improving the appearance to your environment can give an immediate sense of refreshment and enjoyment.

Person-Try a new haircut, make an appointment for that long overdue visit to the doctor, get your teeth cleaned, change your eating habits, start taking those long walks, any or all of these changes will improve your health and your life.

Route-On a smaller scale, simply changing the route you take on the way home can be a rejuvenating experience. Wake your senses by making small changes to your route through life and enjoy the benefits that are sure to come.



With another year of school behind us, we celebrate the upcoming summer break with a little bit of fun:

On the last day of kindergarten, all the children brought presents for their teacher.

The florist's son handed the teacher a gift. She shook it, held it up and said, "I bet I know what it is - it's some flowers!"

"That's right!" shouted the little boy.

Then the candy store owner's daughter handed the teacher a gift.

She held it up, shook it and said. "I bet I know what it is - it's a box of candy!"

"That's right!" shouted the little girl.

The next gift was from the liquor store owner's son. The teacher held it up and saw that it was leaking.

She touched a drop with her finger and tasted it. "Is it wine?" she asked.

"No," the boy answered.

The teacher touched another drop to her tongue. "Is it champagne?" she asked.

"No," the boy answered.

Finally, the teacher said, "I give up. What is it?"

The boy replied, "A puppy!"

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.

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SPRINGING TO ACTION (Believe it or Not, we are still in Spring)

In the month of June, we find ourselves enjoying the last of spring and heading fast towards summer. Haven't finished that spring cleaning? Below we share 12 spring cleaning tasks that only take 10 minutes each:

Wash and dry the slipcovers from your pillows, sofas and chairs. Put in the washer and dryer one day, put back on the furniture the next day.

Take 10 minutes and clean the junk drawer in your house. For many people, this drawer is in the kitchen. Toss the junk and use a silverware organizer to manage the chaos going forward.

Clean the blades on the ceiling fans.

Make today toy clean-up day. Put all the game pieces together in Ziploc bags throw out broken items and donate toys your kids have outgrown.

Clean out your refrigerator. Check expiration dates and toss everything that is old or will not be eaten.

Clean out your medicine cabinet and toss old medications (both prescription and over-the-counter). Go to safeguardmymeds.org to find out how to safely dispose of these items.

Clean your most cluttered countertop. For many it's the dining room table or kitchen counters. Recycle what you can and shred sensitive materials.

Change the batteries in your smoke and CO2 alarms. Why wait for the annoying beeping sound?

Clean your blinds. Try using fabric softener sheets (you can show your kids how to do this).

Take three days to clean windows. Start with the dirtiest windows and go from there. Wash and dust the baseboards in each room. This is another task the whole family can get in on.

Just remember, five people, each working 10 minutes, is almost an hour of cleaning time.

Jefferson Neighborhood Association Membership Form

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(Calendar year is September—August)

A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing, and the lawn mower is broken.

~James Dent



The next JNA meeting will be held Monday, June 9, 2014 at 7 pm at the Jefferson United Methodist Church, Donaldson and Wilson.

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