

The Jefferson Neighborhood Association News



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Preserving the Integrity of the Jefferson Area Since 1982

National Night Out 2014

This year National Night Out will again be jointly celebrated by the Jefferson and Monticello Park Neighborhood Associations on October 7th at 6:00 PM in Monticello Park, 444 Club Drive. All are welcome. We will have food, face painting, a balloon bounce and music. Feel free to bring your favorite side dish. Help us fight crime together.

About National Night Out

National Association of Town Watch (NATW) is a non-profit organization dedicated to the development and promotion of various crime prevention programs including neighborhood watch groups, law enforcement agencies, state and regional crime

prevention associations, businesses, civic groups, and individuals, devoted to safer communities. The nation's premiere crime prevention network works with law enforcement officials and civilian leaders to keep crime watch volunteers informed, interested,

involved and motivated. Since 1981, NATW continues to serve thousands of members across the nation.

The introduction of National Night Out, "America's Night Out Against Crime", in 1984 began an effort to promote involvement in crime prevention activities, police-community partnerships, neighborhood camaraderie and send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back. NATW's National Night Out program culminates annually, on the first Tuesday of August (In Texas, the first Tuesday of October).

NATW's Executive Director, Matt Peskin introduced National Night Out in 1984. The first National Night Out took place on Tuesday, August 7th 1984. That first *Nat'l Night Out continues on page 4...*



POLICE-COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

JNA Fall Social Fundraiser Set for October 25th

All JNA members, neighbors, and friends are invited to attend the second Annual Fall Social Fundraiser on Saturday, October 25, 2014. The evening is a time to get to know your neighbors in a calm and relaxing outdoor atmosphere. It will be held in the backyard at 1942 W. Summit Ave.

Local musicians will provide entertainment and local artists will present a display and sale of their work.

The menu will consist of Bar-B-Que chicken plates or Vegan Plates for the vegetarian palate or anyone who enjoys a delicious meatless meal. We will be serving from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM. Come and enjoy a delicious supper and a good time. Plates are also available to go. We had a great time last year and anticipate the same this year.

Meal tickets are \$10.00 with all proceeds benefitting the JNA Evelia Reyna Scholarship Fund.

For information on purchasing tickets, please email mlcooper@satx.rr.com or call (210) 391-7889. Tickets will also be sold at National Night Out, on October 7th at the Monticello Pocket Park, 444 Club Dr at 6 PM. We look forward to seeing you either at National Night Out for tickets, or at the event on the 25th.

In case of inclement weather the event will be held at the Jefferson United Methodist Church across the street from Jefferson High School.

Thank You in advance for your support,

Marie Cooper

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Code Compliance Issues: 311 or

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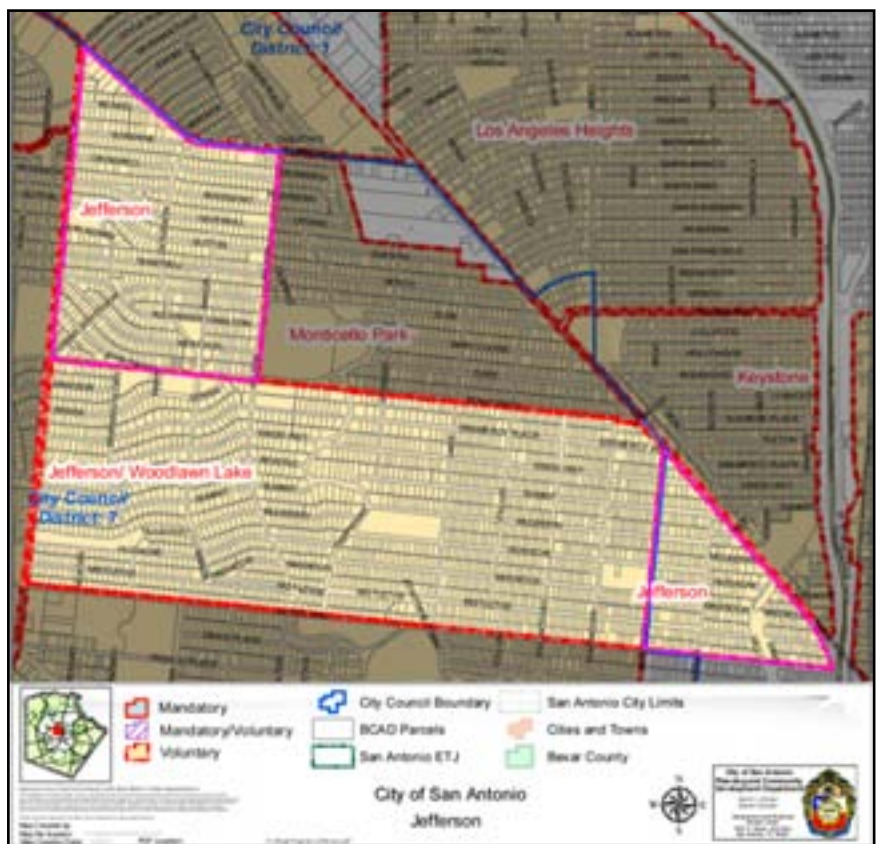
Message from the President

Hello Neighbors,

October is Crime Prevention Month in Texas. Law enforcement officials work hard to keep our communities safe, but they are unable to get the job done alone. That's why they turn to each and every one of us to be their eyes and ears in this effort. Neighborhood associations such as JNA play a vital role acting as partners in the fight against crime. We have demonstrated our part in keeping our neighborhood safer by using our facebook page as means of communicating with each other and SAPD.

We will be cohosting the 2014 Texas National Night Out (NNO) with Monticello Park Neighborhood Association on Tuesday, October 7th. We invite you to join us at the Monticello Pocket Park, 444 Club Drive, at 6:30 P.M. This is an ideal opportunity to meet your neighbors and share information that is vital in keeping our community safer. We will have food, face painting, a balloon bounce and music. Feel free to bring your favorite side dish. I look forward to seeing each and every one of you there.

Pablo Ledesma



JNA Boundaries

SUPPORT OUR BUSINESS MEMBERS!

We're proud that the following businesses have chosen to grow in partnership with the Jefferson Neighborhood Association. If you are a JNA member ask if they give a JNA discount!

- **Big Bob's Burgers**, 447 W. Hildebrand Ave.
- **Chile, Tomate y Cebolla Mexican Rest**, 1009 Donaldson
- **Deco Pizzeria**, 1815 Fredericksburg Road
- **Rosa Maria "Rosie" Gonzales**, Attorney at Law, 210-224-1283
- **Horno Mision San Jose Bakery/Uptown Taco**,
1212 Fredericksburg Road
- **Jefferson Thrift Store**, 2002 Bandera Road
- **Jorge Sanchez**, Farmers Insurance, 210-732-1886
- **Vee's Hair and Spa Salon**, 1022 Donaldson

We encourage all our members to frequent these businesses.

To join the JNA as a business member, or to inquire about advertising rates or any other questions please contact:

- **Pablo Ledesma**, PO Box 28552, SAT 78228, presidentofjna@gmail.com



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Save the Dates!

Oct 5, Sun, St Paul Fall Festival, 11a-9p

**Oct 7, Tue, Jeff and Monticello Park NAs Natl
National Night Out, at Monticello Park, 6p**

Oct 11, Sun, St Ann Festival, 2-10p

Oct 17, Fri, Texas Historic Tax Credit Workshop, St
Anthony Hotel, 12:30-5p, info: Adriana Ziga at 207-0166

Oct 18, Sat, Deco Farmer's Market, 1800 Fred Rd, 9a-2p

**Oct 25, Sat, JNA Scholarship Fall Social Fundraiser
Supper, 1942 W Summit, 5:30-7:30p**

Nov 2, Sun, Monticello Historic Home Tour, 11a-5p

Nov 10, Mon, JNA Meeting and Turkey Bingo, 7p

Dec 8, Mon, JNA Holiday Party, 6:30p

If your non-profit organization has an event date that may be of interest to JNA members please e-mail the details to Chuck Whitehead, cdw.fifty@gmail.com by the 10th of the prior month.

No JNA Meeting this month!

See you at National Night out on October 7 at 6:30 PM at Monticello Park and at the JNA Fall Social on October 25th from 5:30-7:30 PM at 1942 W Summit.



If you are new or visiting Jefferson United Methodist Church, we here would like to extend a warm welcome to join us this Sunday for worship or activities through out the week. Jefferson is a welcoming congregation to all newcomers and hope you enjoy your visit here. Below is some information that may be helpful upon your visit and you are always welcome to contact the church for any questions or concerns you may have. Hope to see you soon! Sunday Worship Service begins at 10:15 AM in Wheeler Chapel. www.jeffumcsa.org

Here's what you need to know about taking care of your alley...

DO

- 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 Enforce.

DON'T

- Let your alley become overgrown and filled with junk.
- Fence off any portion of the alley; it is a public passage way and must be kept open just like a city street.
- Obstruct the alley with plants or stored items.
- Ignore a notice of violation from the City.

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year, 2.5 million Americans took part across 400 communities in 23 states.


The seed had been planted.

National Night Out now involves over 37.8 million people and 16,124 communities from all fifty states, U.S. Territories, Canadian cities, and military bases worldwide.

The traditional "lights on" campaign and symbolic front porch vigils turned into a celebration across America with various events and activities including, but not limited to, block parties, cookouts, parades, visits from emergency personnel, rallies and marches, exhibits, youth events, safety demonstrations and seminars, in effort to heighten awareness and enhance community relations.



Thanks to our generous
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**Community Health & Wellness Center
at Woodlawn Lake Gym**

Get active, stay fit, and start living a healthier lifestyle today! The San Antonio Parks and Recreation Department, in partnership with the San Antonio Department of Human Services and City Council District 7 Councilman Cro Medina, invite you to visit the newly dedicated Community Health and Wellness Center at Woodlawn Lake Park Gym. Try one of a wide variety of new free fitness and exercise classes starting up this spring.


For the current schedule of program offerings visit
www.sanantonio.gov/parksandrec or call (210) 257-3000.

Free Senior Morning & Afternoon Programming
Monday / Wednesday / Friday 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Zumba * Exercise Classes * Nutrition Education * Games

Free Fitness in the Park Evening Classes
Monday & Thursday 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Walking Group * Circuit Training * Interval Training

Teen Night in the Gym
Every Wednesday 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Basketball * Volleyball * Drills * Skill Development * Scrimmages

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  Woodlawn Lake Park Gym
214 Alexander
San Antonio, TX 78208
www.sanantonio.gov/parksandrec

There are several hiking, biking, and running routes available to the community. Targeted routes along with maps are available on the Parks and Recreation website at www.sanantonio.gov/parksandrec/greenway_trails.aspx

Open JNA Board Position

Mr. Joe Garza has decided to leave his board position. The JNA officers, board and membership thank Joe and Mrs. Garza for their service and support. A new board member to fill this position will be elected by a show of hands at the November 10th meeting. If you would like to run or nominate a member for the position please contact board member Lynn Waghalter or Gill Moreno before then. Their contact info is on page 3. It's not a lot of work and you'll feel good helping improve the neighborhood.

Halloween Safety Tips

Whether we have small children or not, Trick-or-Treat safety should be on the minds of all. As a reminder:

- Make sure children are accompanied by a responsible adult,
- Tell children that they should never enter a stranger's car or home,
- Have your child carry a flashlight, glow stick, or have reflective tape placed on their costume,
- Examine all treats BEFORE they are consumed



Taking a few small measures on that evening will ensure a happy and safe time for all.

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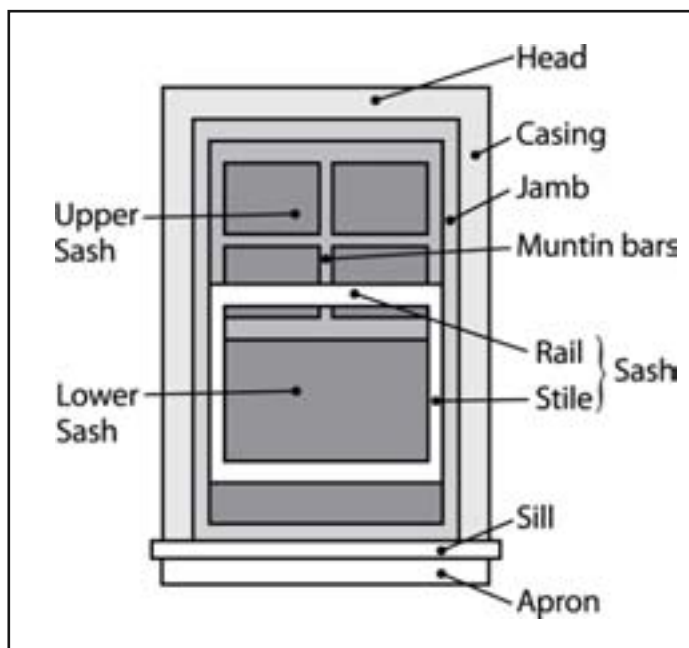


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Why We Love Wooden Windows

by Tom Crane

I have lived in the JNA area for about 14 years. Like many of us, I have worked on my historic home ever since I bought it. I hired folks for many issues, but have done my own work many times. One surprising thing to me is that many modern day contractors do not know how to work on older homes. I used to use this one handyman. John was a wonderful man and very well-intentioned. I asked him to work on the interior casing around a set of wood windows. Much to my surprise, as he pulled off this beautiful casing, he would hammer out the big nails with his hammer. No, no, I thought to myself. Having watched many episodes of "This Old House," I knew he should



Window Anatomy

actually be pulling the nails out from the back of the casing with wire nippers. He should just roll them out with front end wire nippers gradually, doing minimal damage to the casing. Sigh. His old-fashioned method caused unnecessary damage to the beautiful 80 year old casing.

Windows are always an issue in these historic homes. The sash corners are critical. The sashes are made so well, because they have what are known as "mortise and tenon" joints. Those are best joints for framing. But, the tenons expose the end grain of the wood. The end grain will soak up moisture like nobody's business. They must be kept painted. Once the tenons start to deteriorate, then the whole corner of the sash will soon follow.

When I bought my house, there were some half dozen sashes that were totally gone. The prior owner did every sort of jerry-rigging he could do. He taped one or two with duct tape. He taped a plexi-glass pane in place of the glass – apparently because the sash had collapsed and the glass fell out. Those are the wrong ways to repair window sashes. The right way is to pull the sash out of the window and work on it individually. If you hire someone to work on your windows and s/he leaves the window sashes in place, you are doing little more than the old duct tape method. A window craftsman will remove the wood sashes from the windows and work on them on a table or easel.

The word "sash," by the way, refers to the wood frame that holds the glass pane.

One of my many mistakes occurred when I first bought my house. I hired a handyman to replace the rotted sashes. I trusted him. I knew very little about wood windows then. He put in some pretty cheap replacements. They were made of yellow pine and they were not joined at the corners with mortise and tenon joinery. They were simple butt joints and were held in place with these big staples. Unfortunately for me, after some five years, all six of those sashes were rotting at the corners. Those staples seemed to be the first to go, as they rusted - even though the staples were well inside the wood sash.

I replaced one sash with a new custom made window sash. The sash itself cost about \$150 plus the labor to install it. Later, as I worked on the remaining five sashes, I did much of the work myself. Fortunately, I found three perfect sashes that some unknowing homeowner had left by the curb. I wonder sometimes if that homeowner knew he had tossed out some \$450 worth of window sashes.

Now, my five sashes still look good, despite my amateur status. But, I did consult with some good books along the way:

- *Working Windows* by Terry Meany (available at Amazon)
- *Save Your Wood Windows* by John Leeke available at a very helpful website:
- www.historichomeworks.com/hhw/index.htm

I have developed a deep appreciation for wood sashes. They are simple but elegantly designed. They are so well-designed that even an amateur like myself can figure out how to make them work well for a lifetime.

St. Ann Catholic Church
 210 St. Ann Street † San Antonio, TX † 78201
 210.734.6687 † www.stannccatholicchurch.com

Mass Schedule: Sat 5:30pm
 Sun 8:30am, 10:30am (Español), 12:00pm
 Tue-Thu 5:30pm; Fri 10am (nearby Senior home)
Confession: Sat 5:00pm – 5:30pm

Please Note:

- Catechism Classes for adults & children begin soon! Call for more information.
- 2014 Festival: October 11, 2014; 2pm-10pm, church grounds. Food, Games, Music, & Fellowship!



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- Delivering meals cooked at Morningside Manor
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- Hosting weekly lunches at St. John's United Methodist Church for socialization

Jefferson Outreach For Older People

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 San Antonio, Texas 78228
www.jeffersonoutreach.org

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Support your JNA: 2014-15 dues are now due!

Dues are accepted year round. We prefer to get them in September each year, but if you join later, that's ok too. Your dues help support our scholarship program and help pay for the newsletter published each month. Memberships expire at the end of August each year.

Jefferson Neighborhood Association Membership Form

Name _____ Birthday (mo/day) _____

Name _____ Birthday (mo/day) _____

Address _____

Zip _____ Phone _____ E-mail _____

Dues:

☐ \$10 per year for an individual

☐ \$15 per year for families

☐ \$25 per year for business

☐ I would like to receive updates and news through my e-mail address

☐ I would like to volunteer _____

☐ Unique skills I have to offer _____

FY 2014-15

Calendar year is September to August
For business memberships see page 3

Cut out and mail form to:

JNA, PO Box 28552, SA TX 78228

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