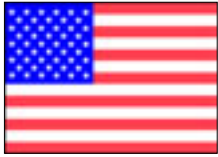


The Jefferson Neighborhood Association News



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Preserving the Integrity of the Jefferson Area Since 1982

Message from the President



As I write this note it's a few days after New Year's Eve and I am again reminded that there is an indisputable truth: Our neighborhood really knows how to bring in the New Year. The fireworks-both official and unofficial-were really spectacular. I believe we are all in agreement that everyone held permits, of course. After the holidays most of our lives are back to normal with politicians working on campaigns while the rest of us are back to work and in our comfort zone of watching Spurs and Cowboys.

Traditionally, JNA holds a political forum prior to elections which affect our neighborhood. This year we plan to have a political forum in lieu of our February 9, 2015 meeting since the special runoff elections are going to be held on February 17th. The following candidates will be invited to speak: State Rep. Trey Martinez Fisher and State Rep. Jose Menendez for the Senate Seat. You will be kept apprised of the forum if there are changes. It is always interesting to meet our candidates and hear their campaign messages. There will be a question and answer session so please start thinking about what you would like to ask these candidates.

Last month I reported that one of our goals was to make our neighborhood a crime free environment and gave a justification for installing pedestrian street lampposts to make our streets safer and more attractive for taking walks. This is under review by Councilman Cris Medina who has requested more information. Other suggestions made include considering placing surveillance cameras throughout the neighborhood to capture license numbers of crime suspects.

Last month I asked for suggestions concerning the goals set for 2015 and got a great response on

Facebook from Adam Vega. He made following suggestions:

1. *Donaldson is too wide, both around Jefferson High School and Jefferson Village. Bringing it down a bit, adding sidewalks that aren't immediately next to a busy street would increase pedestrian traffic. In the long run this will save taxpayers money as the maintenance of the road is reduced.*

2. *Trees. During the summertime it's way to hot to walk along Donaldson. Drought tolerant oaks and other species would help, and give the area a much nicer feel as they mature.*

3. *Installing a traffic turn around would help control traffic at Manor and Donaldson. They have one at Blanco and Fulton and its done wonders for the walkability of the nearby stores.*

4. *The space between the Primera Iglesia and Donaldson has an astounding pavement to building/business ratio. There's got to be a better plan that allows for safe pedestrian crossing.*

5. *Growing local business always yields more in the long run. We don't have to sell out to some large chain store with endless tax incentives.*

You don't always need giant interventions to make change. These are all relatively small projects that should yield plenty of rewards for the local community and businesses.

Bianca Maldonado responded: *Attend your neighborhood meetings and lend your support because there will be another City Bond.*

Thank you Adam Vega for your great suggestions and thank you Bianca for your advice. Change is possible with your support. Let's band together to keep improving our neighborhood.

Hope to see you at our next meeting on February 9th,
Marie Cooper

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Code Compliance Issues: 311 or

download the City's "311" phone app

Animal Control Issues: 311

Graffiti in Progress: 911

Graffiti Abatement Program:

207-BUFF (2833)

VIA Transit: 362-2019

SA Water System: 724-7097

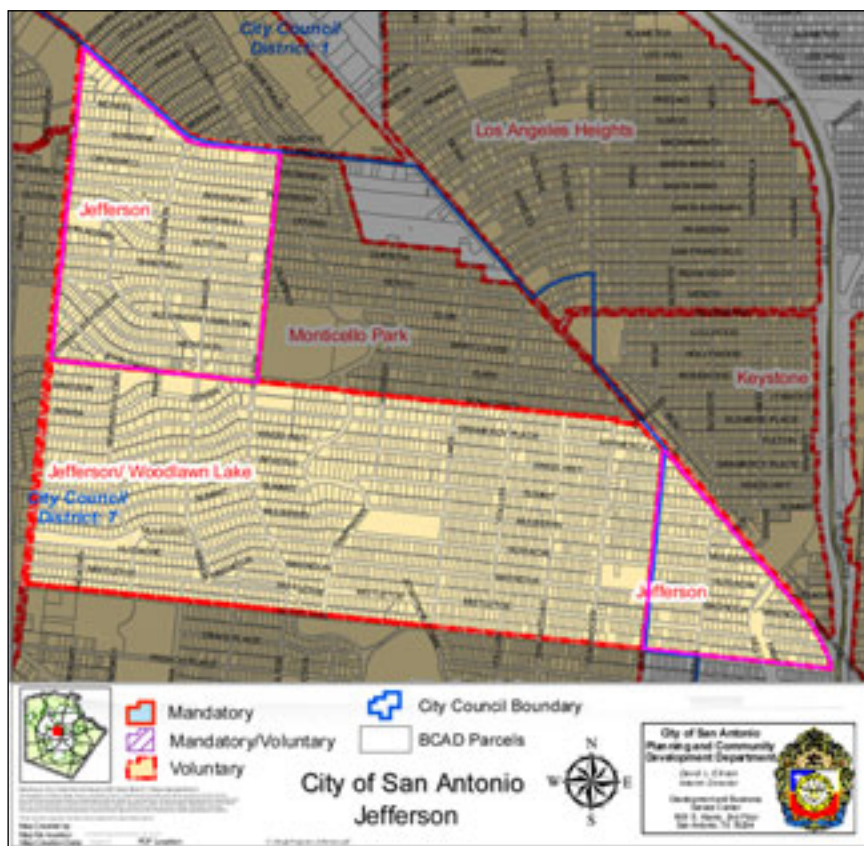
CPS Energy: 353-2222

New JNA Officers



New JNA officers are sworn in at the January meeting by District 7 Councilman Chris Medina. From left to right, boardmember Mr. Henry Garcia, Vice-President Elia Reyna, President Marie Cooper, and Councilman Medina.

JNA Boundaries



Digital edition of the JNA News

If you would like to help save a tree (and some postage) by receiving the digital edition of the JNA Newsletter by email, please send a request to Henry Garcia at henryg@stic.net. You will get your copy hot off the computer, and in color too!

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!

- **Cynthia Gomez**, Realtor, Texan Legacy, 210-254-0503
- **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
- **Camille Rodriguez Brigant**, Realtor, Rey Garza,
210-802-9797
- **Chile, Tomate y Cebolla Mejican Restaurant**,
1009 Donaldson
- **Janice Wolf**, Realtor, KellorWilliams, 210-416-6100

We encourage all 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:

Mary Morales, veesalon@sbcglobal.net



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Hospitality Committee:
Judy Jackman
Mary Morales
Andi Tokoly

Newsletter: Chuck Whitehead
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cdw.fifty@gmail.com

Save the Dates!

Feb 9, Mon: JNA Meeting, 7p, Jeff United Methodist Church

Feb 9-13: Early voting in runoff elections

Feb 14, Sat: St. Valentine's Day

Feb 17, Tue: Runoff election day - Su Voto es Su Voz

Feb 21-22, Sat-Sun: On-and -Off Fredericksburg Road Studio Tour

Feb 21, Sat: Basura Bash Waterways Cleanup, basurabash.org

Feb 23, Mon: Presidents' day

Feb 24, Tue: JNA Board Meeting, 7p, Deco Building

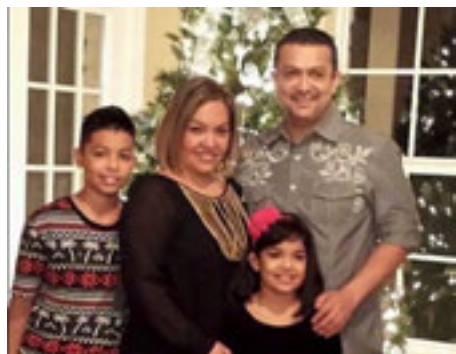
If your non-profit organization has an event date that would be of interest to JNA members please e-mail the details to **Chuck Whitehead**, cdw.fifty@gmail.com by the 15th of the prior month.

Ad rates/month: 2"x3.5"=\$30; 3.5"x3.5"=\$40; 3.5"x7"=\$50

JNA Business Member Spotlight

By Mary Morales

"Strong neighbors build strong communities, forging and building relationships that become the enduring mortar that unites."



Arnulfo and Miriam Zamora, owners of the restaurant 'Chile Tomate y Cebolla', at 1009 Donaldson Ave in Jefferson Village, are such neighbors.

They fell in love when they worked at another restaurant together, and soon their entrepreneur spirits united, forming business and family simultaneously. On April 16, 2001, they opened what has now become a cornerstone business in the Jefferson/Monticello community. Fourteen years later, their hard work and dedication has resulted in their 3rd consecutive "Critics Choice" award winning "Best Tortilla Soup" in town recognition!

As a testament to community, neighbor and long time resident, **Don Dvorak**, befriended the young couple and volunteered several years and many hours to the restaurant. Those of us that have been customers since the beginning of the restaurant, remember Don's tireless service and welcoming face.

As Miriam was expecting their first child and managed their restaurant, Arnulfo worked 5:30pm to 1:30am at his other job, and at Chile Tomate y Cebolla he worked from 5:30am till closing. That schedule went on for about 2 years. Looking back on those days, they wonder how they kept up that difficult schedule, keeping their eye on their goal however fueled their spirits.

Miriam told me she "loves all her customers, and the neighborhood is awesome and unique!" They have formed many bonds with customers and love the caring sense of community. She and 'Arny', as the regulars have come to call Arnulfo, would like to thank their customers for many years of loyalty, and hope to make new and lasting friendships in the years to come.

Mejican Restaurant

Mon-Thu: 7 am to 2 pm	FOOD TO GO
Fri: 7 am to 8 pm	1009 Donaldson Ave.
Sat: 7 am - 3 pm	210.736.0223
Sun: 8 am - 3 pm	

Enclosed you will find an envelope for Gene Estrada or Diane Switzer C/O The Jefferson Neighborhood Association. These folks are the parents of two children who lived in our neighborhood until they lost most of their belongings to a fire during the Holiday Season. If you want to make a donation, please mail a check payable to Gene Estrada or Diane Switzer. Thank you in advance for your generosity, and support. They are very grateful.

Gene Estrada or Diane Switzer
C/O Jefferson Neighborhood Association
PO BOX 28552
San Antonio, TX 78228



JEFFERSON
united methodist church

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



Rey Garza Real Estate is a proud sponsor of On and Off Fredericksburg Road Studio Tour

Please join us as we host local artists at our Zarzamora location.

When Saturday February 21: 11am - 6pm
Sunday February 22: Noon - 5pm

Where Rey Garza Real Estate
2722 N. Zarzamora

Complimentary hors d'oeuvres, drinks, door prizes and great art by local artists



Camille Rodriguez Brigant Realtor®

p: (210) 802-9797
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2722 N Zarzamora, SA, TX 78201



Neighborhood Update!

- Thomas Jefferson neighborhood residents helped keep the neighborhood secure. Separate incidents occurred in which two residents of our neighborhood saw something suspicious and reported it to SAPD. This led to the apprehension of several criminals. Remember you know your neighborhood and if you see something suspicious or out of the ordinary report it. Call 911 and you will be asked if it is an emergency or nonemergency. If you are not sure they can make the determination. Whenever possible get a license plate. We live in a safe neighborhood but remember there is always room for improvement.

- Congratulations! The Thomas Jefferson H.S. Cheerleaders have won the State Championship and are due to compete in Florida for the National Championship in February. Let's wish them good luck!

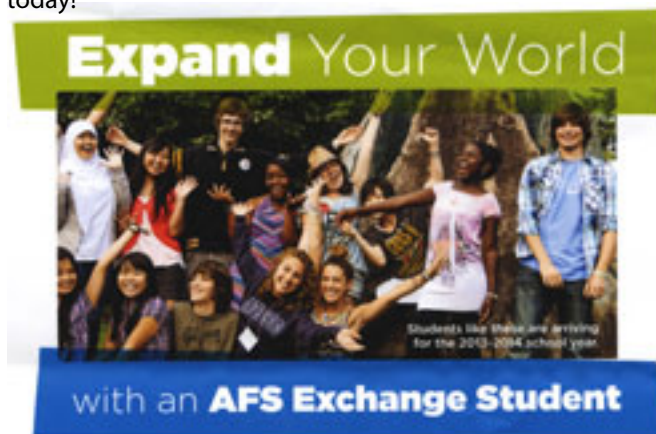
- Sweeney Todd was the latest play held at Thomas Jefferson High School Auditorium January 22-24. The lead actors were talented seniors who had some experience on stage acting in other plays held at the high school. They had a level of sophistication not usually seen by high school students. They did a darn good job!

- The streets on the corner of Wilson and Woodlawn are scheduled to open to vehicular traffic in June. It is behind schedule due to the rain.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Marie Cooper at mlcooper@satx.rr.com

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For more information go to www.afsusa.org/host or contact Francesca Rolando, (646) 381-3352, frolando@afsusa.org, or Ray De Leon (210) 912-6793, ray.deleon@afsusa.org

The Bob Ross Senior Multi-Service Health & Resource Center

Located in the heart of the City's Medical Center, at 2219 Babcock Road at Wurzbach, this 24,400 square-foot facility features comprehensive, wrap-around services including:

- Basic medical screening/assessment
- Comprehensive Nutrition Program
- Multi-function & demo kitchens
- Dining & Events Room
- Customer Service Center
- City & County Caseworkers
- Pool
- Exercise Room
- Homebound products display & demo
- Three multi-use conference rooms
- Computer lab
- Reading/resource room
- Arts & crafts room
- Two atriums

For more information contact them at 210-207-5300 or visit their website: www.sanantonio.gov/humanservices/SeniorServices/SeniorCenters.aspx



During his time in the public eye, from his national service, to his service on City Council and his role as the first chair of the City/County Joint Commission on Elderly Affairs, **Bob Ross** made every effort to give voices to the voiceless, to provide a heart to public policy and most importantly, to serve as a role model to untold citizens who always found a kind word in his statements. He devoted much of his life and efforts raising awareness of senior concerns and issues in San Antonio.

In May 2003, under the leadership of Mr. Ross, the Commission presented a recommendation to City Council and the Bexar County Commissioner's Court that senior one-stop access centers be created in each of the county's four quadrants. Councilman **Art Hall**, Council District 8, responded to the Commission's recommendation and in November 2003, San Antonio and Bexar County voters approved bond funding for creation of the first senior one-stop center to be located in the South Texas Medical Center (Council District 8 and County Precinct 3).

On October 20, 2005, City Council unanimously approved the naming of the future senior one-stop center to the Bob Ross Senior Multi-Service Health and Resource Center.



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- Lunch



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Mon-Fri: 6:30 AM-4 PM
Sat: 7 AM-2 PM

Cakes & Catering for All Occasions
1025 Donaldson Ave, 210.365.6797
cakecafe2012@gmail.com

What's Yours is Mine

At the last JNA meeting on January 12, Robert Saucedo, founder and owner of Pre-Sentence Assistance Services (PSAS), and two probationers presented a home burglary prevention dialogue. PSAS is a free service provided to those who have been arrested for DWI, assault, drugs, or other offense, and need help, advice and guidance. PSAS is not a law firm and does not work for attorneys. They are a group of legal advisors, criminal law specialists, retired probation officers and former prosecutors who joined together to offer free legal advice, and diversion plans to defend against lengthy probation or prison sentences, enhance opportunities for reduced or dismissed sentences, or help probationers qualify for early probation release.

They offered the following tips to help keep your household safe from burglars:

- Lock your doors, even when you're home
- Keep bushes trimmed below windows
- Windows are the most common entry point
- If you have a privacy fence take extra measures to secure the enclosed area, burglars love privacy
- Cameras and alarm signs are sometimes a deterrent
- A big dog in the back yard, or a Chihuahua inside is sometimes a deterrent
- If you're hit, get fingerprints from any hard surfaces on the car or house
- Take pictures of your property with serial numbers because pawn shops must get the serial numbers of pawned goods plus the ID of the pawner
- When a service or repairman is over don't give out too much information about yourself
- When you get new appliances don't leave boxes on the street for trash collection, break them down and put them in the recycle bin
- Burglars look for predictable times when occupants are gone, it's the number one thing they want to know
- Burglars usually knock first to see if anyone is home
- The first target of thieves is the master bedroom
- Order of things burglars want: Cash and creditcards; jewelry; drugs; electronics; guns; tools; household goods; liquor; and ID information
- Communicate with your neighbors
- Tell the neighbors when you will be away from home
- Don't leave trash bins on the street for extended periods, get neighbors to move them in
- Leave a TV or radio on when you're gone
- Call police if anything looks out of place

For more information about Pre-Sentence Assistance Services programs call 210-288-1238.

SAPD, Social Network Nextdoor Announce Partnership

By Isis Romero

The San Antonio Police Department has announced a partnership with Nextdoor, a private social network for neighbors, in an effort to improve safety and communication across the city.

Nextdoor is a free service available both online or through their smartphone app, and allows residents to communicate with one another on a variety of topics related to their neighborhood.

"What this is going to allow us to do is tie our communities close together in an effort to prevent crime, increase awareness in neighbors, and really get neighbors to get to know neighbors through this social media platform," said Chief Anthony Trevino.

According to Trevino, there are 420 communities in San Antonio, and 60 percent of them are already using the service. The goal, Trevino said, is to get the remaining 40 percent to take part, as well.

When a resident signs up for the service, they must undergo a verification process to be able to access information in their particular neighborhood.

For more information go to nextdoor.com

Thanks to KSAT 12, www.ksat.com, for this article.

From San Antonio Police Department Media Services:

Please be assured that your website remains private. SAPD staff will NOT be able to see any of the content on your neighborhood website except for the direct replies to our posts.

Please be aware that Nextdoor is not the appropriate way to request emergency services, police services, report criminal or suspicious activity, file a report, etc. If you require emergency services, please call 911.

We look forward to connecting with you on Nextdoor to build stronger, safer neighborhoods throughout San Antonio



The JNA Needs Your Support

Dues are accepted year round. They 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 _____

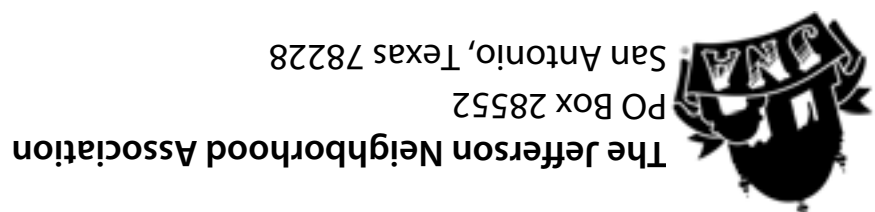
☐ Unique skills I have to offer _____

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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*

The next JNA meeting will be Monday, February
9, 2015, at 7 PM at the Jefferson United
Methodist Church, Donaldson and Wilson.





on and off FREDERICKSBURG ROAD STUDIO TOUR

Get set to explore the 'hood at the 8th Annual On & Off Fredericksburg Road Studio Tour, on **Saturday, February 21, 11 am to 6 pm, and Sunday, February 22, noon-5 pm**, when artists open their home studios, cooperatives and pop-ups for this spectacular annual event. From reclaimed former neighborhood grocery stores to intimate backyard sanctuaries, the studios on the tour provide the environments in which area artists create a broad selection of handmade artworks, such as large ceramic and stone sculpture, jewelry, fashion, metalworks, fiber and textile arts, one-of-a-kind light fixtures, art photography, hand-crafted furniture and a variety of paintings, drawings and prints in all mediums. Demonstrations, hospitality and opportunities to purchase art directly from the artists are all part of the **On & Off** Fred experience.

The tour weekend kicks off Friday evening, **February 20, 6:00-9:00 pm**, with the not-to-be-missed **On & Off Fred Autograph Party** at **Bihl Haus Arts**, 2803 Fredericksburg Rd. On exhibit will be works by each of the 80+ featured visual artists, who will be on hand to autograph your copy of the tour catalog. Hors d'oeuvres, wine, live music by Latin fusion band **Los Nahuatlitos**, and the opportunity to mingle with artists, event sponsors and community leaders fill the evening.

JNA will be well represented in this year's tour by artists Jim Haught (painting & drawing), Laurel Gibson (ceramics & fiberart), Dale Jenssen (metalwork & fiberart) and Stacy Parten (metalwork). Rey Garza Real Estate will also host artists from the Bihl Haus GO! Arts Program in their charming and very colorful offices. Each JNA

featured artist will also host guest artists in their home studios.

For more information, please visit Fred's website at www.onandofffred.org on your computer or mobile device. Admission for two to all events is included with purchase of the full color 100+ page catalog (\$10 advance in print or online versions), which will be available starting February 3rd at these local businesses: **THE JUNCTION** (1704 Blanco Road), **VEE'S SALON** (1022 Donaldson), **DECO PIZZERIA** (1815 Fredericksburg Road) and also at **THE TWIG BOOKSTORE** (Pearl Brewery) and **LA CANTERA BARNES & NOBLE**; or by mail from the website (\$15, includes postage). Catalogs will also be available during the tour for \$15 at Bihl Haus on Feb. 21 and 22. Check the website and follow Fred on Facebook and Twitter. Real-time tweets during the tour will alert you to happenings and special events, like flash performances, art demos, readings and more!

The 8th annual **On & Off Fredericksburg Rd. Studio Tour** is made possible with the support of the City of San Antonio Department of Culture and Creative Development, Texas Commission on the Arts, NEA Art Works. Special thanks to Silver Eagle Distributors and to the Jefferson Woodlawn Lake CDC; and Rey Garza Realty, Oscar's Ironworks, Michael Imbimbo Architects, AIA; and to Fred's Amigos for their amazing support!. On & Off is presented by Bihl Haus Arts (www.bihlhausarts.org), located at Primrose at Monticello Park Apartments, the only non-profit professional art gallery on the premises of 100% senior affordable housing in the U.S. For more information, (210) 383-9723, or bihlhaus@gmail.com