

# The Jefferson Neighborhood Association News



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*Preserving the Integrity of the Jefferson Area Since 1982*

## Message from the President



During the month of February we held the first JNA Political Forum for this year. I want to thank our guest speaker **Trey Martinez-Fisher** for addressing and answering questions about our Texas government at work. I also want to thank everyone who attended. I especially want to thank the volunteers who helped get this program off the ground. My thanks goes to **Toni Cadena, Stanley Waghalter, Elia Reyna, Judy Jackman, Mary Morales**, and, last but not least, **Alex Soto**. Thank you for your support in organizing and participating in this event. I want to thank Mary and Judy for being on the refreshment committee always making something special for everyone.

I write this the night of the autograph party for the “On and Off Fredericksburg Road Studio Tour”. My husband and I attended and it was a great success. The event has grown so much in the past few years. As always, it is a welcoming and fun party where everyone is able to have a sneak preview of what’s to come during the weekend when the artists open their studios to the public. I have great admiration for the artists and their affordable art work.

I want to thank the Executive Director **Kellen Kee McIntyer, PhD** for all her dedication and her labor of love for the Arts; her appreciation for the arts is inspiring. I also want to thank her Administrative Assistant **Lala Vasques**, all the Board Members and the Docent Committee for their commitment to the arts. And I want to thank everyone who had a hand in promoting this event.

It is a feather in our cap that this event occurs in our neighborhood and the surrounding neighborhoods. Art is such an important part of what we have to offer. I want to thank the artists who gravitate to live here. You are a welcome part of our community.

Thank You,  
**Marie Cooper**

## Aircraft Noise Bothering You?

by Mark Cooper

Has it seemed to you that more planes are flying over our neighborhood than before? If so, you may want to track the time and number of them and then call the Federal Aviation Authority on their 24-hour a day, 7 day a week line, 210-207-3471. As part of the larger San Antonio community, we need to bear our fair share of incoming and outgoing flight paths, but it is unreasonable for us to be subjected to more than our share.

The runway that affects us is Number 4, and part of the Jefferson Neighborhood is on the highest density approach path to that runway. In the past couple years some runway repair projects have steered much more air traffic our way. Even so, per the Noise Exposure Map Update and Noise Compatibility Program Revision San Antonio International Airport December 2014, (available online at <http://www.sanantonio.gov/Aviation/EnvironmentalStewardship/Noise.aspx>) runway 4 is projected to carry only 9% of all incoming and 7% of all outgoing air traffic from 2014-2019. At minimum we should be generating lots of credit for the extra air traffic over our heads.

If the noise bugs you, please call. Use specifically the term “annoyed” or “highly annoyed” and it will be registered. If enough people are bothered and speak up, adjustments can and ought to be made. Call 210-207-3471.

A note: Since February, it has seemed to me that we have had somewhat less air traffic than in the recent past. Mid-February, I received a call from the Environmental Manager with whom I shared my concerns and spoke to the report’s promise of 9% and 7% average overflight. The manager was responding to my earlier “annoyed” complaint and his was intended to be the second follow-up; apparently the complaint had some impact. I believe the key to any complaint is to keep in mind that we need to bear our fair share, but if it seems we are seeing more planes over our community than we ought, then we should call.

## HELPFUL CONTACTS

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207-SAPD (7273)

**SAPD West Substation:** 207-7420

**SAISD Police:** 271-3124

**SAISD Truancy Office:** 223-2360

**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

**At the March JNA Meeting** our guest speaker will be Sonia Rogers, from City Public Service. She will be available to answer your CPS-related questions and present several programs for people on fixed incomes including:

- The Affordability Discount Program
- The Casa Verde Weatherization Program, and
- The Senior Late Payment Waiver Program

## JNA SCHOLARSHIPS

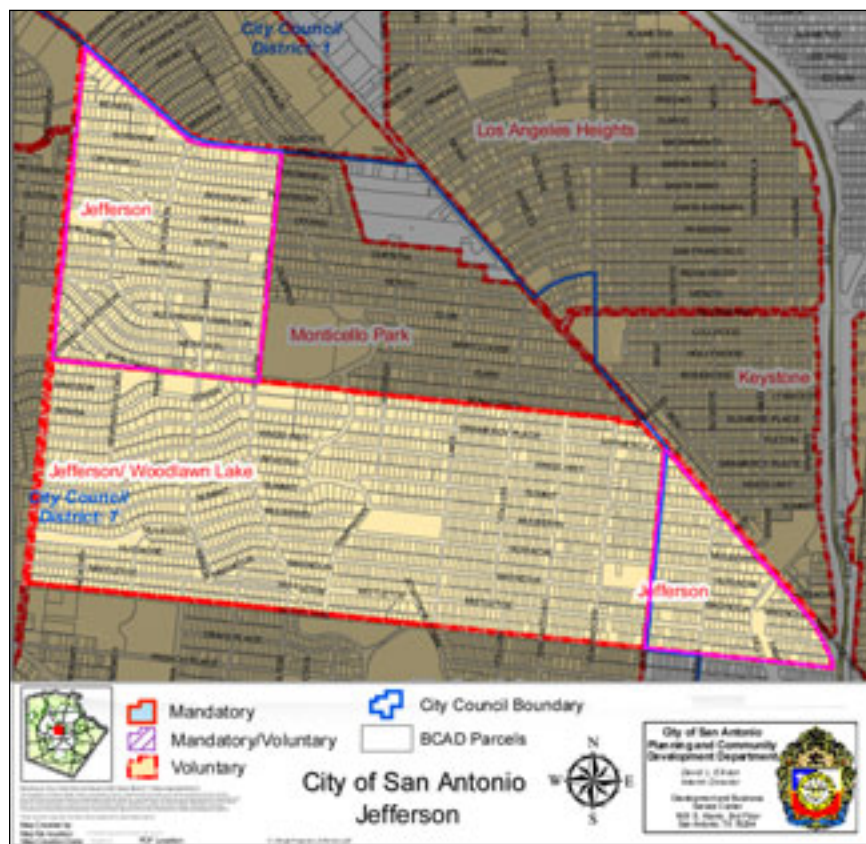
Applications are now being accepted for the EVELIA REYNA JNA SCHOLARSHIP until May 7, 2015. Each year a scholarship is given to high school seniors who attend Jefferson High School or whose parents/guardians live within the JNA boundaries, but are attending another high school. The scholarship is named 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.

## Get Your 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](mailto:henryg@stic.net). You will get your copy hot off the computer, and in color too!

## 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!

- **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](mailto:veesalon@sbcglobal.net)



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## Save the Dates!

Mar 7, Sat: Ballet Folklorico Fundraiser (see page 5)

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

Mar 9-13: Spring Break Camp (see page 4)

Mar 14, Sat: SAWS Spring Bloom, 9a-1p, 2800 US Hwy 281 North

Mar 14-15: St. Patrick's Day Parade and Festival, River Walk and La Villita, [www.the-sanantonioriverwalk.com/events](http://www.the-sanantonioriverwalk.com/events)

Mar 16-22: Fix a Leak Week, [www.epa.gov/watersense](http://www.epa.gov/watersense)

Mar 17, Tue: St. Patrick's Day

Mar 21, Sat: Lifeguard Introduction Clinic, Parks and Rec, call 207-3299

Mar 22, Sun: M Villalpando basketball tournament (see page 4)


**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](mailto: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

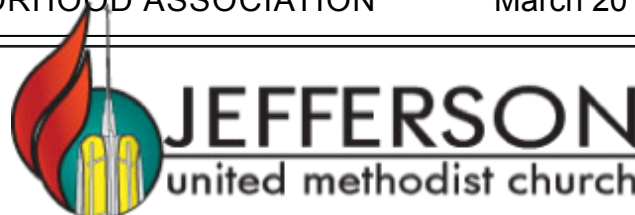


**The Melissa Villalpando Memorial Scholarship Fund** (MVMScholarship) is a nonprofit founded in 2009 in memory of Melissa Villalpando, who passed away at the young age of 39. Melissa was especially dedicated to the success of Catholic schools. Her passion for volunteering is why we have chosen to continue the scholarship in her memory. The scholarships are to reward students that have followed Melissa's example in serving the community, church, and school. Catholic high school juniors who have excelled in the classroom, extracurricular activities and community are eligible to apply. The scholarship will assist with a fraction of the recipient's senior year tuition.

We are also looking for company sponsorships and experienced referee volunteers. For more information, call 210-853-6909 or visit our website at <http://melissavillalpando.wix.com/mvmscholarship>.



**3 ON 3 ROYAL CLASSIC BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT**  
 Sunday March 22, 15 St. Mary's University  
 Deadline to Register is Friday, March 13, 2015  
 \$75.00 per team of 5 players  
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 Male Age Divisions: 12-14, 15-18, 19-25, 26 + yrs  
 Co-ed and Female Age Divisions: 10-11, 12-18, 19 + yrs  
 Visit our website at [melissavillalpando.wix.com/mvmscholarship](http://melissavillalpando.wix.com/mvmscholarship)  
 Direct: 210-853-6909  
 Cell: 210-438-0512



Jefferson United Methodist Church extends a warm invitation to join us this Sunday for worship or activities throughout the week. We are a welcoming congregation to all newcomers. You are encouraged to contact the church with 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](http://www.jeffumcsa.org)

## Spring Break Camp Registration Underway!

The Parks and Recreation Department offers a fun Spring Break Camp Monday, March 9 - Friday, March 13, 2015 for youth ages 6 to 14. Participants will enjoy a variety of activities such as active games, seasonal crafts, fitness and more in a safe, structured environment.

Camp hours are 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The cost is \$3.00 per child, per day, and includes a lunch and a snack provided by the San Antonio Food Bank. Space is limited to 50 participants per site, parents are encouraged to register soon to ensure a spot.

Registration is offered at participating centers during regular hours of operation from 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday - Thursday; 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Friday; and 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday.

For more information, please call 210-207-3000.

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## JNA Business Member Spotlight

By Mary Morales

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



You've seen her. She's that petite power walker with the bouncing pony-tail, visor and sunglasses, enjoying one of the perks of living

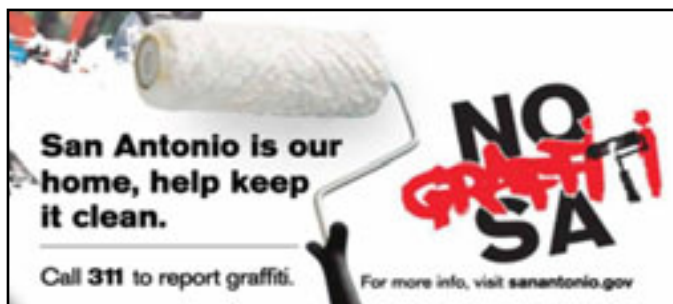
in this neighborhood. "When not practicing Real Estate I'm usually taking a brisk walk. I like to soak in all the glory of this neighborhood on my round trips to Woodlawn Lake." She recently told me.

Janice Wolf and husband Richard have been Jefferson residents since 1985. Originally from Corpus Christi, their move was prompted by the relocation of HEB Headquarters, Richard's employer.

With their love for older homes, they were delighted when they stumbled upon the Jefferson Terrace/Monticello Park Neighborhood. They raise their family here, and because of the charm, diversity and the proximity to everything 'San Antonio' they have remained proud Jefferson home owners.

Janice, a realtor, currently practices with KellerWilliams at their City-View office. I asked Janice how she presents the Jefferson Community to prospective home buyers. She said "Jefferson is a truly affordable treasure that sells itself when my clients visit the area. It's a real treat to let my own neighborhood pride show when I have the opportunity to list in our area!"

Residents like Janice make up our community, with pride and commitment to the neighborhood. Her friendly smile is a testament to it.



### 50th Anniversary Rummage Sale and Raffle Fundraiser 50" Flat Screen TV

Raffle tickets: \$2.00 or 3 for \$5.00

**Saturday, March 7th, 2015**

9:00am to 4:30pm ~ Jefferson Village

1008 Donaldson Ave 78228 ~ 210 478-7830

*Need not be present to win!*

**For many people, their home is their biggest financial investment. Here are two low cost ways to significantly raise the value of your home.**

#### 1. Invest in Landscaping

According to the 2012 HomeGain Home Improvement Survey, investing in landscaping generates an average return on investment of 215 percent. The same study found that over 90 percent of real estate agents recommend that clients invest in some professional landscaping prior to selling.

Not ready to invest 10 percent of the value of the home in landscaping, as the American Society of Landscaping Architects ([www.asla.org](http://www.asla.org)) recommends? Then at least make sure the lawn is green, mowed and raked at all times.

#### 2. A New Front Door

The annual Cost vs. Value Report put out by Remodeling magazine identified a new steel front door as one of the top value-enhancing improvements sellers can make to a house that actually adds value, above and beyond the cost of the repair, on average.

In fact, a new entry or door was the only renovation or improvement studied that did, in fact, earn its keep by generating about 101 percent of its cost in resale value. If the front door is old or unsightly, this is a no-brainer for boosting a home's curb appeal.

(thanks to Cynthia Gomez for contributing this article)



## The Gardener's Corner

by Marie Cooper

I do not profess to be a Master Gardener, but I do have some experience with certain plants and enjoy working in the yard. My goal is to give you some tips for gardening.

As the days become longer and warmer it is time to start working in our yards again. Gazing at my back yard I am always charmed by the lush color of green in early spring. Closer inspection always reveals, darn it, every year, that it is not from carpet grass; instead it is from dandelions and crabgrass. I suspect that most of you can identify with this situation.

But in your heart you know that the time has come to start pulling weeds. Since weed killers are harmful to tree roots, shrubs and the environment, it's a good idea not to use them. I have lost some plants by taking the shortcut using weed killers and have learned the damage it can do to the rest of the yard. So back to the weed puller and pointy garden trowel. The best time to pull weeds is right after a rain when the ground is moist. Sometimes I cheat and water the yard the night before I begin the project.

After pulling the weeds you're likely to find the need to plant grass where the weeds had taken over. It's time to decide what type of grass you want to plant. There are many types of grass to choose from, but I have lived in the neighborhood for most of my life and am partial to St. Augustine. During my formative years living in this neighborhood I recall St. Augustine and Bermuda grass were most prevalent.

While St. Augustine is more work, it is well worth the effort. It entails digging between 2 to 4 inches, leveling the ground, planting the sod and watering until established.

Bermuda grass is much easier to plant. All one needs to do is rake the ground, sow the seeds and water daily until the grass is established. Bermuda grass has its benefits. It tends to choke out weeds and it is drought tolerant. During August and September though, it will turn brown without rain water. It seems to need the nitrogen from the rain more than just tap water can provide. St. Augustine, on the other hand, can tolerate the summer heat more easily during July, August, and September if watered once a week for two hours. It thrives in the sun and is less invasive and better for gardens. If the temperature is in the three digits you will need to water twice a week for two hours. The key is deep roots and deep watering. Sprinkling water daily only damages the roots.

The weather in San Antonio is unpredictable at times. Some years we have El Nino, a time when it rains frequently and floods. During this time the gardens can become lush with monkey grass, Ajuga, and other tropical plants. Then there are years in which we experience droughts that last for years. During this time, xeriscaping works best in planting gardens. However, these plants, even though they may be indigenous, do not do well during the rainy seasons. I try to have some of both types of gardens and keep them separated.

If it's not too wet this spring, I suggest planting beautiful yellow Esperanzas and purple Plumbagos which are both perennial. I also like annuals such as orange Mexican Zinnias, which hang in there during the heat of the summer.

Remember there all types of chemicals on the market. I suggest organic environmentally friendly ones. There are also different types of grass and I suggest you do some research to determine which one is best for your yard.

Here is wishing you a wonderful spring!  
And happy Gardening!

If you have any questions please email [mlcooper@satx.rr.com](mailto:mlcooper@satx.rr.com) or call 210.391.7889



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### TYPES OF GRASS AND THEIR RESISTANCE FACTORS

Some types of grass and turf are excellent for shade while others need sunlight. Some types of grass and turf are great for foot traffic, like grass used on golf courses, while others are not so tolerant. The chart below is a guide to help you make your selections.

TURF	HEAT	COLD	DROUGHT	SHADE	WEAR
Raleigh St. Augustine	Good	Excellent	Good	Excellent	Fair
Palmetto St. Augustine	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Fair
Tifway 419	Excellent	Good	Excellent	Poor	Excellent
Celebration Bermuda	Excellent	Good	Excellent	Good	Excellent
Palisades Zoysia	Good	Excellent	Excellent	Good	Excellent
Empire Zoysia	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Moderate	Excellent
Cavalier Zoysia	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
Buffalo	Excellent	Good	Excellent	Low	Moderate
Centipede	Poor- Moderate	Excellent	Poor- Moderate	Moderate	Poor
Jamur Zoysia	Moderate	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
Tifdwarf	Excellent	Poor	Excellent	Poor	Excellent
Tif sport	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Low	Excellent

1. This information was gathered from the All American Stone and Turf, College Station, Texas  
 2. For more information contact Texas A&M Management TURF GRASS EXTENSION WEBSITE: <http://publications.tamu.edu/publications/Turfgrass/L-5339 Maintaining Bermudagrass.pdf>  
 TURF PUBLICATIONS: <http://publications.tamu.edu/publications/Turfgrass/turftips022003.pdf>

## San Antonio Express News Realtor Spotlight

### Rey Garza Real Estate

By Jeanette McNamee

San Antonio's most-established neighborhoods hold a special attraction for Realtor Rey Garza, who was born and grew up here.

Garza started in the real estate business 40 years ago, and opened Rey Garza Real Estate in 1997.

"San Antonio is filled with neighborhoods and pockets of distinct and proud communities," he said. "I love rediscovering these neighborhoods and introducing them to the younger generation of homebuyers who want to live and work closer to downtown."

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#### Q&A

#### with Rey Garza

##### What areas or communities do you serve?

All my agents reside inside Loop 410, in such unique and vibrant neighborhoods as the Deco District, where a lot of restoration and redevelopment is taking place.

There is a trend of buyers being attracted to neighborhoods such as Jefferson, Tobin Hill and Alta Vista because of the unique and timeless architecture. There is a whole generation of buyers who are being drawn back to San Antonio's original suburbs for the exact reason that made them popular to begin with: affordability, accessibility and well-built homes with character.

##### What do you enjoy most about your job?

It is a fantastic feeling to be an integral part of my client's life event, particularly with repeat clients. After 40 years in the business, it is not uncommon for me to sell someone their first home, then transition them into a bigger home as their family grows and their housing needs change.

##### Is there anything you would like to tell the public that you've never had the opportunity to tell them?

I can't stress enough the importance of working with a Realtor who knows your area. San Antonio's real estate market is transforming before our eyes. If you are selling, it is important that your Realtor understands your competition and the consumer that is drawn to your area because that is how we competitively price and successfully market your home.



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# 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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### Dues:

☐ \$10 per year for an individual

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☐ \$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*

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

