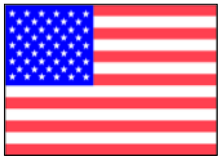


The Jefferson Neighborhood Association News



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Preserving the Integrity of the Jefferson Area Since 1982

JNA Scholarship Applications Now Being Accepted

Applications are now being accepted for **Jefferson Neighborhood Association Evelia Reyna Scholarships**. Each year scholarships are given to deserving graduating 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 JNA member **Mrs. Evelia Reyna** who was an avid supporter of education in our city.

The JNS scholarship committee decides the number and amount of the scholarships awarded each year. The mission of the scholarship program is to support the youth of our community towards achieving their academic goals.

ELIGIBILITY:

- Either attend Jefferson HS or live within the boundaries of the JNA (see page 2 for map) if attending a high school other than Jefferson.
- Be a US citizen.
- Have a GPA of 3.0 (B) or higher.
- Acceptance to any school, college or university.

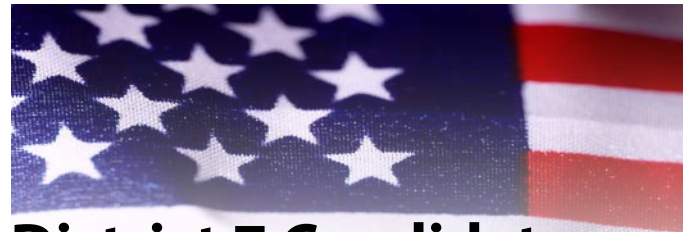
RESTRICTIONS:

- Awards shall be for tuition, fees and/or books.
- Applications will be accepted from March 1, 2015 through 6:00 PM on May 6, 2015.
- The scholarship committee reserves the right to screen all applicants and to interview the most outstanding candidates in person before a decision is announced.

TO APPLY:

- Complete the application form.
(downloadable at the JNA websites - see page 3)
- Provide proof of GPA.
- Provide a copy of acceptance letter from any school, college or university.
- Write a letter stating why you should receive a scholarship. Include your immediate objectives and long-range goals. Also include school, church or volunteer activities.
- Submit one letter of recommendation from teachers, religious leaders, volunteer advisors, or community leaders.

For more information about these scholarships, please contact **Elia Reyna** at 210-279-7204.



District 7 Candidate Forum Planned for the Next JNA Meeting, Monday, April 13

At the next JNA meeting a candidates' forum of people running for city council District 7 will take place. Childcare will be available for children over 3 years old.

District 7 Candidate Forum

**Monday April 13th
7PM - 8:30PM**

**Jefferson United Methodist Church
758 Donaldson Ave**

Join us for a San Antonio District 7 Candidate Forum to hear the candidates talk about the future of our community and their priorities. The Candidates will be asked questions from the audience.

Moderated by The League of Women Voters

**Hosted by:
Jefferson Neighborhood Association
Monticello Park Neighborhood Association
Woodlawn Lake Community Association**



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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

Message from the President



Hello everyone. I hope you are enjoying the wonderful spring weather, and if you celebrated Easter, I hope you had a wonderful day. Happy Fiesta!

The most important event for this month is our **District 7 Political Forum**. The Jefferson Neighborhood Association along with the **Monticello Park Neighborhood Association** and **Woodlawn Lake Community Association** are co-hosting this political forum for City Council District 7 on Monday, April 13, from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM, at the Jefferson United Methodist Church, located at 758 Donaldson at Wilson, across the street from Thomas Jefferson High School.

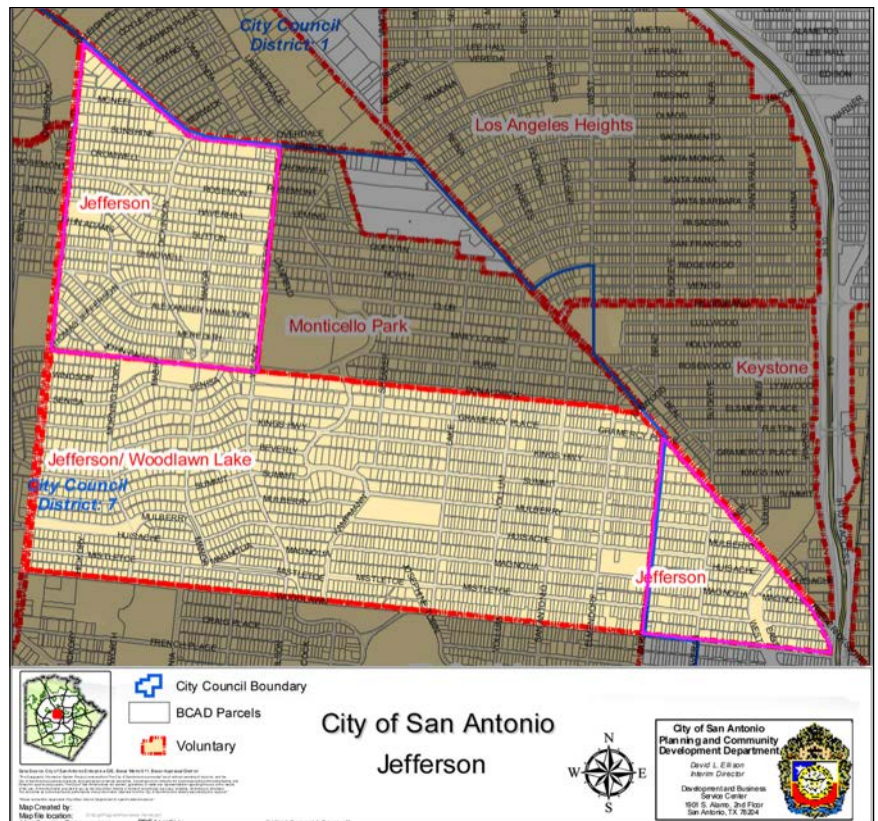
The audience will have the opportunity to meet the candidates and ask questions. The forum will be moderated by the **League of Women Voters**. This is your opportunity to hear the candidates, listen to their platforms, and see if what they envision for our community is in sync with your expectations. Now is the time to think and decide what is most important for our neighborhood and city.

Thank you for being civic minded and a member of JNA. District 7 is vibrant in the political arena. Several mayors have come from this neighborhood as well as state representatives, a state senator, a currently appointed member of the US House of Representatives, and an installed Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

For those of you who live in our neighborhood and wish to become a member, please turn to the last page of this newsletter and complete the membership form. We need to have as many members as possible working together towards the common goal of bettering our community.

District 7 traditionally turns out the most voters in the city. This is an important race. Please vote!

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



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Save the Dates!

Apr 4-5, Sat-Sun: 53rd Annual Starving Artist Show, La Villita

Apr 11, Sat: SA Book Festival, 10a-5p, Central Library & SSA campus

APR 13, Mon: JNA Meeting, 7p, Jeff United Methodist Church

Apr 16-26: FIESTA SAN ANTONIO

Apr 17-18, Fri & Sat: Fiesta Oyster Bake, St Mary's University

Apr 18, Sat: Earth Day, 9a-2p, Woodlawn Lake Park

April 22, Wed: Earth Day

Apr 19, Sun: Deco Dist Arts & Music Fest, 12p-10:30p, 1800 Fred Rd

Apr 27, Mon: Saltarelli String Orch, 7:30p, 1st Mex Bapt Church

May 2, Sat: Woodlawn regional swimming pool opens

If your non-profit organization has an event that might 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

Ads accepted on a space available basis.

JNA Business Member Spotlight

By Mary Morales

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



What can I say about **Jorge Sanchez Jr** but that his smile is the first thing you notice about him, and what you take away when you meet him. I personally don't think he is capable of generating a frown, his eyes wouldn't allow it, I think. Wonder if his wife **Belen** would tell us he smiles in his sleep. =)

His chosen career, as a **Farmers Insurance** agent, is directly related to his love of helping others and providing genuinely personal service. He is all too willing to help a neighbor, and lives the motto "What you don't know can hurt you" by caring and sharing. I know he's always been ready to help with any neighborhood project I've been involved in.

Jorge opened his new office in **Jefferson Village** in December of 2011, and consequently he says "I have met so many fellow small business owners and lots of great neighbors here!" He chose Jefferson Village for his office because of its central location and proximity to "the beautiful neighborhood I live in," he told me recently.

Jorge and his family have lived in the Jefferson/Monticello neighborhood for over 18 years. The choice was easy for them when they settled here, Jorge's extended family have been area residents for a couple of generations, and most of his cousins are Jefferson High School graduates.

His daughter is a member of the Thomas Jefferson Lariats, and his business is a dedicated "Thomas Jefferson Sports Booster" sponsor. Jorge says, "I try not to miss many local events, and there are plenty of fun things to do in this neighborhood."

I bet a lot of us have bumped into him in and around our Jefferson/Monticello neighborhood; it's nice to know a bit more about the man behind the smile!




JEFFERSON
united methodist church

The Jefferson Neighborhood Association thanks the Jefferson United Methodist Church congregation for the use of Jackson Hall for our meetings!

They are a welcoming congregation to all newcomers. Sunday Worship Service begins at 10:15 AM in Wheeler Chapel. www.jeffumcsa.org

For those of you who were not able to attend the District 7 Public Safety Town Hall Meeting held on March 5, here is a brief synopsis:

San Antonio **Police Chief Trevino** stated that he is focusing on developing a dialogue between SAPD and the community. He makes it a point to attend all new SAPD training classes to directly inform the class of the importance of gaining respect from the community they serve. He mentioned that our neighborhoods continue to have a large SAPD patrol presence and that crime is lower. He also emphasized the importance of joining *Next Door.com*, a community based media resource, to help keep the neighborhoods safe. Another message is to keep in touch with the SAFFE Officers. Our SAFFE Officer is **Marcos Serda** and he can be reached at 207-5524 or cell 286-6134.

There was an interesting guest speaker who gave a condensed version of a 40 minute lecture concerning new technology that can determine the location of gunfire within 1 minute. He used Oakland, CA as an example of how gunfire is underreported and the delay time that calls are made. "Sometimes people don't call because they don't want to get involved, or they do not know the direction of the gun shots". He gave several reasons for its use, i.e. locating shell casings that can be used as evidence in solving crimes. The main drawback to this technology is cost. The current price is \$55,000 per square mile annually. It's questionable if the cost warrants consideration for our neighborhood, but other neighborhoods might benefit.

Lisa McKenzie of Graffiti abatement for San Antonio spoke about the latest deterrent on battling graffiti: to plant trees or other greenery near graffiti-plagued walls. She suggested calling 311 to make reports, and to call 911 if you see graffiti in progress.

There was a question and answer session on how to protect ourselves from becoming victims. **Sargent Ross** suggested taking inventory of our home belongings, locking our doors, using good lighting, looking and seeing if someone is following you when driving. Never go home if you are being followed, instead go to a SAPD substation or go to a well-lit area. Our JNA Facebook tends to keep us well informed. Please continue sharing and reporting anything suspicious to SAPD. You know if there is something suspicious in your neighborhood.



DISCOVER THE ARTISTS OF THE DECO DISTRICT. SUPPORT OUR LOCAL RESIDENTS.

Thanks to artist Rachel Marie Bower for transforming our Real Estate Office into a gallery for the 2015 On & Off Fredericksburg Road Studio Tour!

About the piece

'Housewarming' was painted following the artist's relocation to San Antonio. The narrative scenes were inspired by the search for a place to call home. Originally from Northeast Ohio, the south Texas landscape has been influential on her subject matter and color palette. Vibrant hues and exotic plant life, a result of hot weather and a blooming garden, are symbols of this new life in Texas.

'Housewarming' is currently on exhibition at the offices of Rey Garza Real Estate.

About the artist

Rachael Marie Bower, the artist of Found (Here) Studio & Press, has been at home in Texas since 2012. She is an Instructor at Northwest Vista College, teaching courses in painting, art history and art appreciation. Rachael also teaches painting classes at the Alicia Trevino Lopez and Elvira Cisneros Centers, through the Go! Arts Program by Bihl Haus Arts.



Visit her website, www.rachaelmadeline.com & follow her on www.facebook.com/Foundherestudio

This artist spotlight is brought to you by local Realtor Camille Rodriguez Brigant. Camille specializes in marketing and selling historic properties. Mid-century homes require a Realtor who knows how to accurately price each unique property and market to specialized buyers.

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Do You or Someone You Know Reside in the Jefferson Neighborhood Conservation District 7?

Spring is upon us. Landscaping, painting, and remodeling ideas are all swimming throughout our heads. BUT WAIT!! Before you lift that shovel or swing that hammer, if you live within **Jefferson Neighborhood Conservation District (NCD-7)** you need to check the design standards laid out in the Jefferson NCD-7 document.

In response to the City's 1997 Master Plan and the 1998 Community Revitalization Action Group Report, the concept of the Neighborhood Conservation District (NCD) was determined to be a proactive tool to address neighborhood sustainability through compatible infill construction and rehabilitation in unique areas of the city. Since the adoption of the NCD enabling ordinance and development of the NCD Program, six NCD Ordinances have been approved by City Council: South Presa Street/South St. Mary's Street (NCD-1), Alta Vista (NCD-2), Ingram Hills (NCD-3), Whispering Oaks (NCD-4), Beacon Hill (NCD-5), and Mahncke Park (NCD-6).

The Jefferson area neighborhood was selected for designation based on goals identified in the Near Northwest Community Plan, adopted in February, 2004. Section 2.1.5 of the Plan states, "Investigate a Neighborhood

Conservation District for the Deco District area", and Section 3.3.3 states, "Investigate Neighborhood Conservation Districts as a way to protect the architectural character of the neighborhood."

These are the boundaries of JNCD-7: from St. Cloud and Woodlawn north to Babcock, then east to Wilson, then South to Mulberry, then east to Kampmann, then south to Woodlawn, and then west back to St. Cloud.

There have been instances where major remodeling has taken place, guidelines were not followed, and code compliance then required adjustments or complete removal of projects. So it is worth the time to browse through the Jefferson NCD-7 guidelines to check out the do's and don'ts of your proposed project. Some projects may require permits, others do not.

If you spot an infraction within the NCD-7 boundaries, please call 311. They will need the address of the location where the possible violation is occurring. You may also call code compliance directly at (210) 207-8237. With everyone's assistance we can help maintain the architectural character and charm of our neighborhood.



You can download a copy of the JNCD-7 document at www.sanantonio.gov/Portals/0/Files/Planning/NPUD/NCD7_Jefferson.pdf

You can download a copy of the Near Northwest Community Plan at www.sanantonio.gov/Portals/0/Files/Planning/NPUD/NearNorthwestCP_2002.pdf

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✓ Commitment to the Position

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✓ Independent Leadership

Not a City Hall insider

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✓ Fiscally Responsible



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APRIL 27 - MAY 5

ELECTION DAY: MAY 9

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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 _____

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 the District 7 Candidates' Forum, Monday, April 13, 2015, at 7 PM at the Jefferson United Methodist Church, Donaldson and Wilson.

