

The Jefferson Neighborhood Association News



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Preserving the Integrity of the Jefferson Area Since 1982

The next JNA Meeting is on Monday, May 11, at 7:00 PM, at the Jefferson United Methodist Church, Donaldson at Wilson.

Speakers:

- **Margaret Pahl**, AICP, Senior Planner for the City of San Antonio Development Services Dept
- **Allison Smith**, City of San Antonio Office of Historic Preservation

Childcare will be available for 3 years and older.

JNA Business Member Spotlight: Jefferson Thrift Store

By Mary Morales

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

Just when you think you know everything about your neighborhood, BAM!! enter **Jefferson Thrift Store**, 2002 Bandera Rd in the St John's United Methodist Church complex.

Jefferson Thrift Store is a double treasure, not only will you find great values on collectibles and unique finds; your purchase directly impacts our Jefferson community, as all sales profits go directly to the **Jefferson Area Community Outreach**.

Opening a thrift store was a logical progression for Jefferson Area Community Outreach, as some of the folks they have helped for the past 35 years have donated belongings which they may no longer be in need of. The store volunteers are so dedicated and helpful; you can feel their commitment to the good works they provide, not only to area seniors, but to others in need of affordable goods.

As a pioneer neighborhood based senior assistance program, Jefferson Area Community Outreach, which helps area residents stay in their homes by providing visits, meals, grocery deliveries and common home repairs, has served as the model for such groups throughout San Antonio. **Wayne Thomas**, one of the may dedicated volunteers, explained their grocery delivery service; volunteers take orders by phone and deliver the groceries the next day. Our Deco HEB has an employee dedicated to filling these grocery orders, I hear "**Ambrosia**" is that joyful key person, and 12 to 20 seniors gratefully get their groceries delivered each week.

As you drive to Jefferson Thrift Store, take notice of the marquee. I have enjoyed reading the many inspirational and sometimes fun puns, such as "Can't sleep? Try Counting Blessings", and "Love thy neighbor, even whilst thou drive".

My favorite one: "Help Seniors Stay in Their Homes, Shop at Jefferson Thrift Store"



Congratulations to the Jefferson Mustang Band who took first place in Category 5A at the 2015 Fiesta Battle of Flowers Band Festival.



Kens5.com photo

Lots of practice and snappy new uniforms bring out the best in our Jefferson Mustang Band members!

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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

Message from the President



Hello everyone, by the time you receive this note we will have celebrated Fiesta, and I hope everyone had a great time. Last month we held the District 7 Candidate Forum which was successful and soon our newly elected councilperson will be in office.

In the April JNA Newsletter **Toni Cadena**, **Elia Reyna**, and **Chuck Whitehead**, who were on the 2009 Jefferson Neighborhood Conservation District planning team, collaborated in writing an article on our Conservation District. They suggested that before you start renovations, become informed of the design standards laid out in the Neighborhood Conservation District (NCD-7) document*.

Keeping this in mind and with the fact that May is Historic Preservation Month we will have two guest speakers attending our next meeting on May 11. They are **Margaret Pahl**, AICP Senior Planner for the City of San Antonio Development Services Department, and **Allison Smith**, City of San Antonio Office of Historic Preservation. They will present information concerning the guidelines we need to follow.

Our Jefferson neighborhood is comprised of conservation district, historic district, and as yet undesignated areas. At the meeting you will be able to find out about your property's designation. We have well over 2,000 homes in this neighborhood, and I believe you will benefit from the presentation. The floor will be open for questions. If your property is in neither the conservation nor the historic district, your area might be up for review and you may want to find out more about the benefits and responsibilities of being in these districts. You will have a voice in choosing to join or not.

There have been instances when neighborhood residents have had to alter their renovations when the HDRC Board found they had not followed the guidelines.

The following is a quote from the Historic and Design Review Commission: "In considering whether to recommend approval or disapproval of an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness, the HDRC is guided by the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation, the City of San Antonio's Unified Development Code, and any additional design guidelines adopted by City Council."**

Please join us and become informed. I look forward to seeing you on May 11, 2015, at the Jefferson United Methodist Church across the street from TJHS.

Remember the words of Toni, Elia and Chuck: "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". There could be big savings :) or the alternative :(... We want :)

Thank you,
Marie Cooper

* See page 7 for more information on Jefferson NCD boundaries and document

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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!

- **Bihl Haus Arts**, 2803 Fred Rd, 210-383-9723
- **Chile, Tomate y Cebolla Mejican Restaurant**,
1009 Donaldson
- **Cynthia Gomez**, Realtor, Texan Legacy, 210-254-0503
- **Jefferson Thrift Store**, 2002 Bandera Road
- **Camille Rodriguez Brigant**, Realtor, Rey Garza,
210-802-9797
- **Jorge Sanchez**, Farmers Insurance, 210-732-1886
- **Vee's Hair and Spa Salon**, 1022 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:

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JNA CONTACTS

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Save the Dates!

May 2, Sat: Woodlawn regional swimming pool opens

May 2, Sat: MPNA Garage Sale, Montecello Park

May 5, Tue: Early voting ends

May 6, Wed: JNA Scholarship application deadline

May 9, Sat: Election Day - *Su voto es su voz*, don't loose it!

May 10, Sun: Mother's Day

May 11, Mon, 7p: JNA Meeting, Jeff United Methodist Church

May 22, Fri, dusk: Movies at the Lake, Woodlawn Lake Park (TBA)

May 25, Mon: Memorial Day

May 25, 7:30p: Saltarelli String Orch, 1st Mex Bapt Church

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 20th 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 Scholarship Applications Being Accepted Through May 6

Applications are being accepted through May 6 for Jefferson Neighborhood Association Evelia Reyna Scholarships.

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 listed under JNA Contacts on 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.

The Jefferson Neighborhood Association and Scholarship Committee would like to thank **Centric Group** for its generous donation of \$1,000 to the JNA scholarship fund. We particularly want to thank **Jim Theiss**, President and CEO of Centric for his kind words for JNA in his letter, stating that Centric Group was proud to be a part of an organization that puts great emphasis on education and enhancing the community in which we live.

We want to thank **Liliana Moreno**, who is employed by Centric Group for her hard (and successful!) work in fundraising for JNA. This most recent gift occurred due entirely to her initiative.

This is an appropriate time to remind JNA Members whose employers and companies have a matching contribution benefit to consider the nonprofit organization JNA for tax deductible donations.

E – The New Free Downtown Circulator



The **E** is VIA's new Downtown circulator, providing an easy and convenient way to explore entertainment venues, dining, and cultural sites. Whether you're planning to take a stroll through La Villita Historic Arts Village, checking out a new public art installation at Travis Park, or taking in a show at the Majestic Theatre - the **E** can get you there.

The Free **E** Service operates Tuesday - Saturday from 6 p.m. to midnight. Service runs every 10 minutes.

For more information, call 210-362-2020 or visit Vainfo.net/BusService/EMain



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

Progress on the Woodlawn Lake Park and Seeling Channel Projects

After many years and an approved 2012 bond vote of more than \$24 million, the Seeling Channel project is moving full steam ahead. With Phase 1 at Woodlawn Lake Park almost completed, and Phase 2 set to begin right after, the improvements in this area will add much needed drainage and protection to this flood-prone area.

During Phase 1, which spans from Wilson Blvd. to Morning Glory, work involves constructing the concrete channel and improving Wilson Bridge and the storm drain. There will also be a 6-foot safety fence installed along the channel.

Phase 2, one of the largest drainage projects on the schedule for San Antonio's Transportation & Capital Im-

provements Department, will include widening the channel, in addition to improving surrounding streets, bridges, storm drains and utilities. This phase is expected to be completed near December 2016. Phase 3 is not yet funded, but is expected to be covered under a bond proposal in 2017.

Seeling Channel Phase I Work Schedule for the week of April 20, 2015:

- Continue Channel work near Wilson & Mistletoe pouring concrete for the walls.
- Continue Wilson St. bridge construction
- Continue construction of storm drain on Wilson north of channel.



Channel bottom prep work for concrete at Wilson St. bridge



Channel work

Dist 7 Political Forum Recognition

This is a sincere thank you to everyone who attended the District 7 Political Forum; over a hundred people attended. The League of Women Voters of the San Antonio Area did a great job running the forum. Their motto: "Bad Politicians are elected by good citizens who don't vote." The essential purpose of the meeting was to prepare good citizens to take those steps to the polls on Election Day.

I want to thank all the candidates. They were prepared and knowledgeable in answering questions. Also many thanks to our cohosts: Bianca Maldonado, President of the Monticello Park Neighborhood Association, and Alex Soto, president of the Woodlawn Lake Community Association. I want to give special recogni-

tion to the JNA Board Members and officers who made this possible. I would also like to give thanks and recognition to Toni Cadena, Judy Jackman, Mary Morales, Liliana Moreno and Elia Reyna for all their dedication and hard work.

In addition, I would like to thank the volunteers from MPNA who helped to set up and greet the guests at the sign in tables, and the MPNA volunteers who had a hand in sorting the questions. I especially want to thank the Thomas Jefferson HS students who greeted everyone, and I am also thankful for our Day Care Volunteer. I think everyone left the forum a little better prepared to vote with confidence.

Sincerely,
Marie Cooper



ART IN BLOOM

Presented by Rey Garza Real Estate

Saturday May 16th 11am - 4pm

Dear Neighbor,

A historic home's true value can only be understood by a Realtor who understands and appreciates the character of such unique homes. I am your neighbor over on Gramercy Place. I am also your neighborhood Realtor.

Rey Garza Real Estate is a boutique business specializing in the Deco District. In fact, our office located on Huisache and Zazamora is a historic home.

Historic homes are unique and possess their own set of challenges when it comes to accurately pricing a property and appealing to a specialized buyer. Because of my knowledge and experience, I know how to price a home when no other comparable homes are available. I also have a unique, specialized marketing strategy. Furthermore, I can recommend affordable contractors familiar with older systems who can prepare your home for sale or provide repairs that arise from the buyer's inspection.

I was born and raised in San Antonio. My first job in high school was working at my mother's Real Estate firm. After graduating from Princeton University in '96, I worked in both the Residential and Commercial Real Estate fields before returning home to be a full time Realtor. Rey Garza has worked in San Antonio Real Estate full-time for 40 years and is consistently recognized as a Top 100 Latino REALTORS in the San Antonio Area.

When it comes to choosing a Realtor, you want one who knows your neighborhood and knows how to target the buyers who want to live there and appreciate the character of mid-century homes. You do not need to install granite or demolish pink tile to sell your house for an optimal price!

As part of our ongoing support for our great local artists, we would like to invite you to join us on Saturday May 16th from 11am to 4pm for great local art, food, drinks and fun at our office located at 2722 N Zarzamora.



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Ad for Jefferson Manor in the San Antonio Express, May 7, 1932



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217 W. Travis St. FRANK E. PIERCE, Director of Sales Cr. 2722

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Near an Outstanding Real Estate Location and Perfectly Convenient to the City Center. The Home is a 2-story bungalow with a full bath, a large front porch, and a full kitchen. The home is a perfect example of the best of the city's architecture.



Jefferson Outreach

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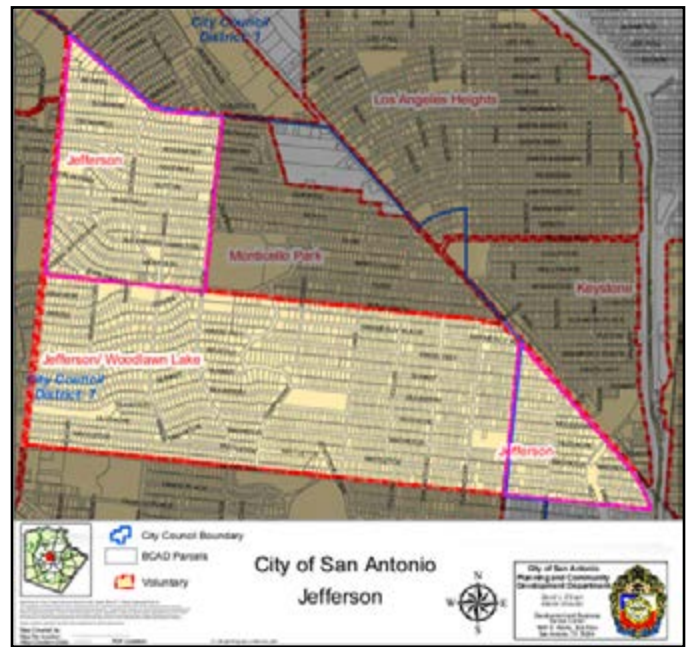


San Antonio is our home, help keep it clean.

NO GRAFTI SA

Call 311 to report graffiti. For more info, visit sanantonio.gov

Jefferson Neighborhood Association Boundaries



Jefferson Neighborhood Cons. District Boundaries



Download a copy of the **Jefferson Neighborhood Conservation District** document at www.sanantonio.gov/Portals/0/Files/Planning/NPUD/NCD7_Jefferson.pdf

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

The JNA Needs Your Support

Dues are accepted year round. They support our scholarship program and help pay for our monthly newsletter. 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*

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