

# The Jefferson Neighborhood Association News



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*Preserving the Integrity of the Jefferson Area Since 1982*

## Six Students Awarded 2015 JNA Scholarships



*2015 JNA Evelia Reyna Scholarship recipients include Delano Covarrubias, Luis Cruz and Madison Halvorson, pictured with Ms. Elia Reyna and JHS principal, Mr. Orlando Vera. Three additional recipients, Jared Guardia, Jonathan Rosales, and David Vela were unable to attend the presentation ceremony due to job responsibilities.*

On May 11, 2015, at our JNA Meeting, six gifted and talented high school seniors were each awarded a JNA Evelia Reyna Scholarship in the amount of \$750. This scholarship is of particular significance to me since it was begun in honor of my mother **Evelia Reyna** who started the JNA Scholarship. Both **Mr. Orlando Vera**, the principal at Thomas Jefferson High School, and I had the distinct honor of presenting the awards, seconded by the applause of the JNA members present. The students and their parents were appreciative of the awards, and the proud parents took many pictures to memorialize this important milestone in these young scholars' lives. Many of these students will be the first to graduate college in their family and they recognize the importance in taking the first step

towards earning a college degree.

The JNA wants to wish them the best of success as they continue to pursue their education and life goals.

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**The next JNA Meeting is on Monday, June 8, at 7:00 PM, at the Jefferson United Methodist Church, Donaldson at Wilson.**

**Speakers:**

- **SAPD Interim Chief Anthony Trevino**
- **Fabian Molina: CoSA Graffiti Abatement Program**

Childcare will be available for 3 years and older.

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**Graffiti Abatement Program:**

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## Message from the President



Hello everyone, I hope you had a wonderful Memorial Day weekend and are enjoying the beautiful varying shades of green in our neighborhood as a result of the much needed rain. I recently heard that there has been so much rain on the Guadalupe River that in some areas tubing is no longer allowed. Who would have imagined this last summer?

What you are about to read is what has motivated the JNA Officers and Board Members to start our Membership Campaign. Just as the weather changes so does the JNA. We have had great success in attendance in our monthly meetings and we are thankful for all the loyal members who attend on a regular basis. Although we still have close to 200 members we are experiencing a slow decline in membership. This attrition is mostly occurring in our senior population. I try to reach out to as many members as possible a week before our monthly meeting to remind them to come. I find that most people I talk with are cordial and thank me for the reminder call. The older members, who are in their late eighties and early nineties and no longer able to attend meetings, enjoy engaging in conversation. The most prevalent topic is their recollection of the good old days in the neighborhood; when it was once a grand place to live. Some have lived in this area since the early fifties. And, if the truth be known, I have lived in the same home on and off since I was a child in the fifties. It is both interesting and fun talking with our elders because they don't hesitate in giving advice and sharing experiences. My next door neighbor, who is 92, still lives independently and loves her home. She reports having had many opportunities to move but refuses to do so because she would miss her home and neighbors. She loves her neighborhood and she still votes.

JNA is a close knit community where we feel we can still make a difference. For example, Woodlawn Lake was a major battleground for both WLCA and the JNA, who worked together to have a pedestrian bridge and walkway in the park. Both neighborhood associations worked together with the powers that be at the time and collaborated with the Parks and Recreation Department to accomplish what is currently being built. The 2012 bond monies are also currently being used to work on the drainage project. While the JNA community has worked hard and has many accomplishments; we are still working to get more infrastructure improvements. None of this occurs without committed members. Although social media is interesting and plays a role in keeping us informed of what goes on in the neighborhood on a daily basis, it still lacks the capacity to make changes in areas such as infrastructure.

This is why I am asking all JNA members to join our Membership Campaign in getting one new member from your block to join. The more we grow our organization the more community voice we have in accomplishing projects. There is still much work to be done.

On the last page of this newsletter is a membership application. Please share this information with a neighbor.

– Marie Cooper

## 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:

**Mary Morales**, [veesalon@sbcglobal.net](mailto:veesalon@sbcglobal.net)



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## Save the Dates!

June 1-9: Early voting for runoff election

June 4, Thu: Last day of school!

**June 8, Mon, 7p: JNA Meeting, Jeff United Methodist Church**

June 13, Sat: Runoff Election Day - *Su voto es su voz*, don't loose it!

June 13, Sat: Outdoor city swimming pools open for the summer

June 13-14, Sat-Sun: Texas Folklife Festival

June 14, Sun: Flag Day

June 19, Fri: Juneteenth

June 20, Sat, dusk: Movies at the Lake, Woodlawn Lake Park (TBA)

June 21, Sun: Father's Day and first day of Summer

June 29, 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](mailto: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 Business Member Spotlight: Vee's Hair and Spa Salon

By Judy Jackman

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



*Mary Morales and Yolanda Martinez at Vee's can handle all of your hair and skin care needs.*

Vee's has been a longtime fixture in Jefferson Village since the shopping center was built in 1950. Owners, **Mary Morales** and **Yolanda Martinez**, have been in partnership since 1987. What was originally a neighborhood beauty shop has evolved over the years into Vee's Hair and Spa Salon, an Aveda concept salon with all natural botanically based products. They have an experienced staff that can meet all hair and skin care needs. On any given Saturday you will see multi-dimensional highlights next to a classic shampoo and style happening. Their clientele ranges from women who have been customers for decades, to high school girls getting their prom hairdos, to men getting a haircut.

The salon has a strong commitment to supporting many Jefferson neighborhood groups and activities including Jefferson High School athletics, Bihl Haus Arts, Ballet Folklorico, the Jefferson Lassos, and the Monticello Park Home Tour. Mary is active in the JNA and has written columns on other neighborhood businesses for the JNA newsletter. She is also part of the Hospitality Committee providing refreshments at JNA meetings. Over the years Vee's has contributed products and gift basket to many JNA fund raising events.

"I love this neighborhood, particularly Jefferson Village," Mary said. "I envision its resurgence, and collaborate enthusiastically with my fellow merchants toward that goal."



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 10:30 AM in Wheeler Chapel. For more information go to [www.jeffumcsa.org](http://www.jeffumcsa.org)

**Got speeders?** SAFFE Officer Marcos Serda and his radar gun may be able to help. Give him a call (see page 2); maybe he can help to put on the brakes!

## Scholarships

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I want to thank **Ms. Nora Potthast**, the Lead Counselor from Thomas Jefferson High School for her dedication in guiding these students to participate in the Scholarship Program. A thank you also goes to the Scholarship Committee: **Myra Lorenz**, **Judy Jackman**, **Toni Cadena**, **Lynn Waghalter** and **Andy Tokoly** for their continued dedication in reviewing the applications.

The student qualifications went above and beyond the criteria needed to qualify for a scholarship. The criteria included a grade point average of 85% or higher, extracurricular activities, community service and acceptance to an accredited college or university.

The following Thomas Jefferson High School graduates received a scholarship: **Delano V. Covarrubias** accepted to UTSA and is pursuing a degree in Political Science, **Luis A. Cruz** accepted to UTSA and is pursuing a degree in Engineering, **Jared D. Guardia** accepted to University of the Incarnate Word and is pursuing a degree in Music, **Jonathan M. Rosales** accepted to UTSA and is pursuing a degree in Architecture, **David Vela** accepted to UTSA and is pursuing a degree in Education. **Madison Halvorson** is graduating from the Young Women's Leadership Academy, and has been accepted to Arizona State University. She will be pursuing a degree in Geographic Information Science.

The Jefferson Neighborhood Association and Scholarship Committee would like to thank the **Centric Group**, the **Woodlawn & Jefferson CDC**, and all **JNA members** for making the JNA Scholarships possible with their generous donations.

Elia Reyna,  
Chairman of the Evelia Reyna JNA Scholarship Fund



## VIVA SWIM for Life Program - Register for Free Lessons

Being able to swim is an important skill for every child to have. Swimming is great exercise, it's an important safety skill, and it's a fun activity that can occupy children all summer long. Thanks to the generous support of several sponsors, the Parks and Recreation Department will offer free lessons during the 2015 regular outdoor pool season as part of the VIVA SWIM for Life Program presented by University Health System.

Sessions will run June 23 through July 2; July 7 through July 16, and July 21 through July 30. The sessions are Tuesday through Thursday for two weeks. Sessions will be free at outdoor pools for the 2015 Summer season.

Mass registration for VIVA SWIM classes began May 16. Interested patrons may contact the Natatorium at 207-3299 to find out which pools still have openings. For more info visit <http://www.sanantoniosports.org/vivaswim/>



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## At Bihl Haus Arts

Are we still standing on the precipice? Is there time to step back from the edge, to retool, retrofit and save the environment? In "Nature on the Edge: Mutation and Hybridity in 21st Century Art," guest curator David S. Rubin has assembled the work of 17 outstanding San Antonio-based artists who tackle these concerns in recent artworks. The exhibition is free and open to the public, and continues through July 25, 2015. For more info: <http://www.bihlhausarts.org/>

## Progress on the Woodlawn Lake Park and Seeling Channel Projects



Wilson St. bridge sidewalks



Wilson St. bridge

### Seeling Channel Phase I Work Schedule

#### Week of May 25, 2015

- No work on Monday 5-25-15 Memorial Day Holiday.
- Continue Channel work near Wilson & Mistletoe pouring concrete for the walls.
- Continue Wilson St. bridge construction pouring the concrete handrails
- Continue construction of storm drain on Wilson north of channel.
- Continue street reconstruction of Mistletoe installing drainage boxes.



More water from recent rains

# Jefferson Renovations Making Progress

## 2010 Proposed Bond Projects

### Safety & Security Improvements

- Improve campus security and access control with additional security cameras, new building access cards and readers for faculty and staff
- Repair and update existing PA system, emergency fire alarm system, and fire sprinkler system in campus buildings
- Improve special-needs accessibility issues
- Improve site lighting and fences

### Technology Improvements

- Provide additional technology equipment for use in campus classrooms, computer labs, or other instructional spaces

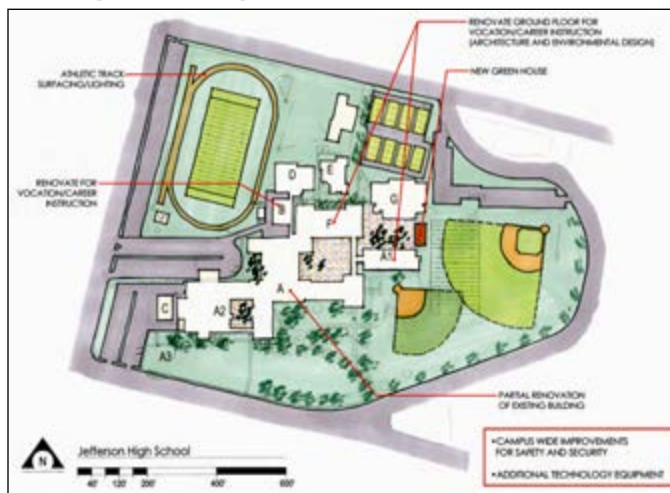
### Major Renovations & Additions

- Renovate existing classrooms and other instructional spaces as needed to meet standards established by Texas Education Agency
- Add or renovate additional space for Special Education, as needed
- Replace or improve Fine Arts spaces for theatre and dance / pep squad / cheerleading
- Renovate space for teacher and administrative support, as needed
- Renovate space for Student Health Services (clinic)
- Restore or replace existing mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems in renovated areas
- Repair and renovate site issues, including parking lots and roadway around buildings, student-drop off locations, outdoor basketball courts, underground utilities, storm water control, and landscaping and irrigation



### Vocation/Career Instruction

- New and/or renovated instructional spaces for the following programs: Business, Marketing and Animation labs; Construction, Architecture, Interior, and Landscape Design studios in support of Architecture & Environmental Design magnet; Criminal Justice; Video Production lab; and Food/Nutrition lab
- New and/or renovated shared spaces for career instruction and campus use, including a GO CENTER for college and career readiness



### Athletic Track

- Provide all-weather surfacing for existing campus track
- Improve exterior lighting at campus track and field

### Comments from March 30, 2015 Status Update

- Designing school to 1,684 student capacity.
- Permitting complete, final GMP #5 executed.
- Structural repairs, drainage and Area A, B & E construction continue.
- Building J framing complete.
- Building E addition concrete complete up to 3rd floor.
- The project received \$3,612,091 budget infusion for structural repairs and \$1,500,000 for city drainage and county flood control issues.

## School Board to re-organize in June; voters return incumbents

**Ed Garza**, who has served as School Board president since January 2012, is stepping down from this role. The District 7 Trustee made the announcement at the May 11 School Board meeting, where he also stated his support for **Patti Radle** to become the next president. Trustees are expected to select new officers in June. In other School Board news, voters supported **Olga M. Hernandez** and **James Howard** in their quest to continue serving their communities for another four years. Hernandez, who represents District 6, and District 2's Howard, both won re-election on May 9. Hernandez is a retired SAISD employee who first was elected to the School Board in 2006, while Howard is a union representative for the local American Federation of Teachers chapter who has served since 1998. No election was held for Radle's District 5, where she ran unopposed. Radle, along with her husband Rod, is the volunteer director of Inner City Development. She first was elected to the School Board in 2011.





**HEALTHY SUMMER MEALS FOR KIDS**  
No Cost For Kids 18 and Younger

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or  
**Text\***  
FOODTX to 877-877

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
COMMISSIONER SID MILLER

SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM  
VISIT [SUMMERFOOD.ORG](http://SUMMERFOOD.ORG)

## SAN ANTONIO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Site ID	Site Name	Start Date	End Date	Breakfast Time	Lunch Time
07	JEFFERSON H S	6/8/2015	6/26/2015	7:30 to 8:30	12:00 to 1:00
50	LONGFELLOW MIDDLE	6/8/2015	6/25/2015	7:30 to 8:30	11:30 to 12:30
150	MAVERICK EL	6/15/2015	8/7/2015	7:30 to 8:30	11:30 to 12:30

For a complete listing of SAISD Summer Meals locations go to  
<http://www.saisd.net/main/documents/2015/SAISDSummer2015Sites.pdf>

### Jefferson Neighborhood Conservation District



Download a copy of the Jefferson Neighborhood Conservation District document at:  
[www.sanantonio.gov/Portals/0/Files/Planning/NPUD/NCD7\\_Jefferson.pdf](http://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](http://www.sanantonio.gov/Portals/0/Files/Planning/NPUD/NearNorthwestCP_2002.pdf)



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Need help with graffiti abatement? Give our SAFTE Officer Marcos Serda a call (see page 2) and he'll be happy to assist. To discourage future tagging graffiti should be erased as soon as possible.

### Get the JNA News Digital Edition

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!

# 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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at the Jefferson United Methodist Church, Donaldson and Wilson.

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