# The Jefferson Reighborhood Association Rews

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State Representative Trey Martinez Fischer presented an 84th Legislative Session update at the July JNA meeting.

# **Funding for San Antonio Parks**

During the 84th Legislative Session, Representative Trey Martinez Fischer and Representative Justin Rodriguez successfully passed an amendment to the state budget securing funding to provide \$3 million in matching grants to four San Antonio parks. The rider by Representatives Martinez Fischer and Rodriguez is included in the final state budget that was signed into law on June 20, 2015. In fiscal year 2016, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department will allocate \$3,000,000 in matching grants for the following parks in the city of San Antonio in the following amounts: Hardberger Park: \$1,000,000; Rosedale Park: \$250,000; Monterrey Park: \$250,000; and Woodlawn Lake Park: \$1,500,000.

The rider stipulates that "grants to Woodlawn Lake Park shall be made in coordination with the City of San Antonio and its development of a library or activity center in or adjacent to the park." The City of San Antonio's Parks and Recreation Department will be meeting with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) at the end of August and will then outline a public engagement process with stakeholders to include finalizing the project scope. For updates, please call the City of San Antonio Parks and Recreation Department at (210) 207-8482.

The next JNA Meeting is on Monday, August 10, at 7:00 PM, at the Jefferson United Methodist Church, Donaldson at Wilson. Childcare will be available for 3 years and up.

Election of 2015-16 JNA officers
Speaker: Former Mayor Ed Garza, SAISD Board

Member, with an update on TJHS renovations

# **Airport Noise Update**

by Mark Cooper

Have you noticed that there are fewer planes flying over our houses in the last couple months? The planes we hear are almost always the arrivals using Runway 4 at the San Antonio International Airport, and there have been measurably fewer recently.

Departures for planes leaving the airport and climbing in the airspace above our neighborhood are from runway 22 (the other end of runway 4) and typically don't cause much noise for us because the planes climb so rapidly. The Jefferson area is, however, right in the middle of the flight path for runway 4, and is, thankfully, supposed to be one of the least used for the next several years, according to the FAA mandated noise report submitted December 2014.

At a JNA member's request, Steve Southers, Environmental Stewardship Manager for the San Antonio Airport System, performed a study of the percentage of plane arrivals on runway 4 for this year compared to all arrivals on all runways. Here are the results: for the first quarter of 2015 (Q1), the percentage was 13% of all arrivals using runway 4. For the last time measured (mid-June) the percentage is a much more livable 5%, making the first half of 2015 (H1) average work out to about 9.2%. According to Mr. Southers, the choice of runway is finally the airport controller's and the pilots. He states that because of prevailing winds, Q1's and Q4's numbers are usually higher than for the rest of the year. The FAA report sets the goal for runway 4's arrival percentage at 9% and 7% for departures on runway 22. Although the actual arrival percentage was off goal by quite a bit in Q1, it is now closer to the estimate.

Regarding complaints, the airport aviation department answering machine states that voicing a complaint has no impact, but letting local officials know if you believe there are excessive fly overs cannot hurt and may help keep our area a little quieter. If you do choose to voice a complaint, your statement will have much more impact if you make accurate counts (ideally with visual confirmation) of date, time and number of planes and state that you are "annoyed" or "very annoyed." As I've said before, I believe our neighborhood has good citizens who want to do their fair share in absorbing the discomfort of the noise, but vigilance helps to ensure that we don't get taken advantage of as a neighborhood.

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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

Elias Alcaraz: 677-5883 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.** It's the middle of the summer and I hope you are having a wonderful vacation, are rested, and ready to attend our next JNA meeting on August 10, 2015. At that meeting we will have our general election of officers. The Nominating Committee has nominated **Susan Hudnall** for secretary. Susan is relatively new to the neighborhood and has been working diligently to renovate her home which is in our Monticello Historic District. Welcome, Susan,

and thank you for accepting the nomination for this position.

Since **Stanley Waghalter** is stepping down as our JNA Secretary I would like to thank him especially for the many things he has done over the years for the Association. Stan has been with JNA since its inception and has held every office, including President. As I mentioned at the last meeting "If you have any questions about JNA, just ask Stanley. He's the go-to man." We will miss you as an officer Stan, but JNA is grateful that you will continue working behind the scenes on our Facebook page making sure we are abiding by the guidelines. Again, thank you so much Stan.

I want to thank **Chuck Whitehead**, our editor for making it possible for our current newsletter to be viewed by downloading at *www.jefferson-sa.com*.

Andres Lopez, another JNA member, prior Vice-President, will return next month to attend our meetings. Andres had not been attending due to a graduate class schedule conflict. He's now in the final stretch of getting his degree, just needing two classes, but he hasn't forgotten us and he has volunteered to update our email address list so we can keep you informed with email blasts on up-to-the-minute neighborhood events and other important issues. Thanks, Andres.

Quick reminder: remember to renew annual JNA dues this August. The cost is \$10.00 per individual, \$15.00 per family, and \$25 for Business member. Please enclose the completed last page of this newsletter in your response envelope.

There will be some changes this year in the fundraising endeavors. Instead of the Fall Social this year, we are planning to have a raffle. We will explain more about this at the next meeting. Also **Ed Garza**, SAISD Board Member, will be our guest speaker. He will give us an update on Thomas Jefferson High School, providing he does not have a schedule conflict with SAISD Board Meeting. I want to thank **Andi Rodriguez** for agreeing to give the presentation if there is a meeting conflict with the SAISD Board.

When you read the insert for the Young Women's Leadership Academy you might wonder why 8th graders need a fundraiser. It is for their senior class year, and like good future leaders, they are planning ahead. They want to have enough funds to help pay for a Senior Class Trip which includes all seniors.

Almost forgot - how are your endeavors coming along in getting a new resident to join JNA? I have registered one new member, Rebecca Lopez, AKA Rebel Mariposa, who will probably become a business member as well since she recently opened La Botanica Restaurant on the St. Mary's Strip. She is the vegan chef who cooked for us at the last two Fall Socials. Good Food and highly successful!!

During the next meeting after the presentations we will have a Victory Party. Refreshments will be served by JNA Officers and Board members. We will serve from an Ice Cream Bar your choice of Sundaes, banana splits, black cows and any variation of ice cream concoction that suits your fancy.

I look forward to seeing you on August 10th. Have a safe, fun vacation.

Take care, 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, Kellor Williams, 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

# Save the Dates!

Aug 7, Fri, 7:30pm: **Balcones Heights Jazz Festval Concert**, Wonderland Mall Amphitheater, free

Aug 8-15: **Kidcation Week**, for more info visit *KidcationWeek.com* **Aug 10, Mon, 7pm: JNA Meeting**, Jeff United Methodist Church
Aug 14-Sep 6: **West Side Story**, Woodlawn Theater, *woodlawntheatre.org*Aug 15, Sat, 9am-2pm: **Deco Market Day**, Deco Bldg, 1800 Fred Rd
Aug 24, Mon, 7:30pm: **Saltarelli String Orchestra concert**, 1st Mex
Baptist Church, 201 Meredith, free

**COP Classes Update:** Last month Officer Valle had to cancell the July COP classes after this newsletter had gone out. The July classes have been rescheduled to August 10th and 17th at the West Substation, 7000 Culebra Rd at 6pm. The classes run till about 7:30.

**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.



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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."



To say that **Bihl Haus Arts** has put our Jefferson/Monticello neighborhood "on the map" in the art community is an understatement. The *Go! Arts Program* which offers art, poetry and writing classes to seniors through out the city, and the *On and Off Fredericks-burg Rd Studio Tour*, an annual event that has grown to become an acclaimed and respected artist studio tour inviting guests to visit and purchase works from our many neighborhood artists, are just a couple of examples of "community" BHA nurtures.

Living up its mission statement: *Creating Community through the Arts*, Bihl Haus Arts is founded on the belief that each person, when given a chance, will achieve significant personal, social, and cultural growth through the arts.

In 2005 neighborhood residents led by **Eric F. Lane** got solidly behind a project to restore the dilapidated and crumbling Bihl house that dominated the northeast corner of the property that would become Primrose at Monticello Senior Apartments.

With vision and passion, **Dr. Kellen Kee McIntyre** proposed that the Bihl house be redesigned as a multiuse community arts space to meet the needs of both residents of the Primrose at Monticello Park Senior Apartments and the surrounding neighborhoods.

Many local artists, poets and writers have had shows at the Bihl Haus Arts Gallery, too many to mention here, but all passionate about their works. Personally, I have attended many of the Bihl Haus exhibit openings, they are always great fun. Kellen McIntyre pairs the wine, music and food with the featured artist and their exhibit; dancing in the moonlight around the pool is always encouraged! I'm still talking about the Mojitos and Cuban artist Adrian Rumbaut; his exhibit at the Bihl Haus a couple of years ago was amazing, and a testament to the reach the Bihl Haus strives for.

The diversity of the artists and exhibits is part of the charm the Bihl Haus brings to our community; one always takes away a new perspective, sometimes aesthetic, sometimes disturbing, always thought provoking.

# Sen. Menendez VIA Bus Tour

By Henry Garcia

On Saturday, June 27, I represented the Jefferson Neighborhood Association for District 26 Senator Jose Menendez's VIA bus tour. After a complimentary meal served at the VIA main office, VIA president/CEO Jeffrey Arndt spoke on the transit system's efficiency and highest rating in the country. The bus tour which followed included stops at the Alamo and South Texas Medical Center. Senator Menendez pointed out that he proposed legislation, which passed, placing the Alamo under state control. This ensured allocation of \$52 million for needed repairs and upkeep. The Senator also spoke about the pending designation of the Alamo as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO, which would put the shrine in an elite category.\* Another interesting portion of the tour included visiting the Babcock VIA transit station. Information was given about the newest transit center in downtown San Antonio which will be completed in the fall. Our tour transportation on Saturday was aboard one of the Primo buses. These buses are available for rental by groups or organizations for private tours.

\*The San Antonio Missions were so designated in July: whc.unesco.org/en/news/1316

## 6th Annual Citizen Preparedness Workshop

The San Antonio Office of Emergency Management (SAOEM), in support of National Preparedness Month, invites you to the 6th annual Citizen Preparedness Workshop. The workshop encourages San Antonio residents to create a preparedness culture. This interactive training prepares participants to be preparedness leaders in their neighborhoods and communities.

This year the workshop will consist of Active Bystander Training. The goal of this training is to strengthen the role of bystanders who help at the scene of an emergency. Over the past several decades, the United States has experienced a rise in the number of manmade and natural disasters and other tragedies like motor vehicle accidents and house fires affect individuals every day. A common theme emerging from these experiences is the importance of bystanders - people at the scene of an emergency who are not part of the formal emergency response system. Typically, there are not enough responders immediately available after an emergency, and often they do not have immediate access to those who require assistance after an event. Bystanders can and do save lives when they step forward to help.

Saturday, September 12th, 2015, 8:30 am - 3:30 pm

Sign-in and agency exhibits begin at 8:00 am

Location: Emergency Operations Center 8039 Challenger, San Antonio, Texas 78235

**For more information:** visit www.SAOEMprepare.com.

Event contact: Leigh Middleton, 210.206.8552.

leigh.middleton@sanantonio.gov

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

#### About the piece

"Into the Bayou" is 20 inches tall and sculpted from beautiful Portuguese onyx, mounted on black marble. Most pieces the artist sculpts are created to enhance formal dining room settings, entry way or den.

For more information and sculpture pieces please visit www.codyvancesculpture.com.

#### About the artist

Cody Vance is an award winning Department of Defense military graphic artist and illustrator.

Originally from Albuquerque, New Mexico, much of his artistic life has been spent creating 2-dimensional figurative and representational art.

In 2008, while studying under sculptor Rachman Ulmer in San Antonio, Texas, Cody discovered his passion for stone sculpting.

While much of Cody's career still encompasses figurative paintings, drawings, and graphic art and design, his current focus and passion is primarily sculpting in stone.



Cody is a member of the Air Force Art Program, Texas Sculpture Group and Texas Sculpture Association. You can see his work at www.codyvancesculpture.com.

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

You can contact her for a free personalized evaluation of your home's value. Looking to buy? Camille can provide information on assistance programs which can enable you to move in with no money down.

Call or stop by her office, conveniently located at Huisache & Zarzamora.





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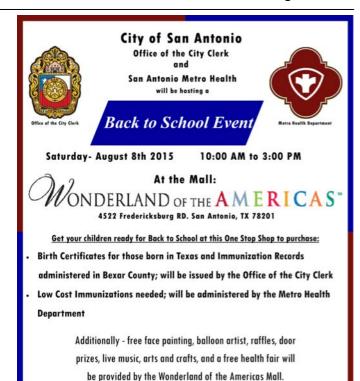
## JNA dues are due!

Our calendar year begins in September. Memberships expire at the end of August. Your support is needed to keep our neighborhood strong. Please see the form on the back page to renew. And thanks!





Saturday, Aug 15, 9am-2pm at the Deco Building, 1800 Fredericksburg Rd



The JNA received this letter from Emerson Villegas, the new Pastor at Jefferson United Methodist Church. The JNA thanks the members of JUMC for use of Jackson Hall for our meetings.

Dear Members of the Jefferson Neighborhood Association,

It is a joy to be the new Pastor of Jefferson United Methodist Church. I further anticipate making new friends throughout the Jefferson Community. My wife, Maria and I look forward to working with everyone in the surrounding community!

I had the opportunity to get acquainted with Marie Cooper, the Jefferson Neighborhood Association President. I also attended my first JNA meeting and had the opportunity of introducing myself to many of the members of JNA. I look forward to both, Jefferson Neighborhood Association and Jefferson United Methodist Church working together for the betterment of the community.

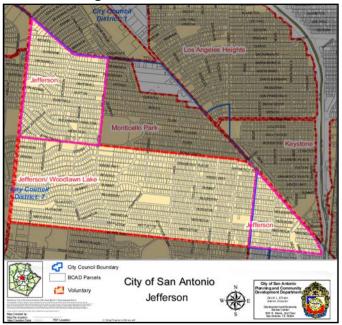
I believe that God has given me a vision for our Church to begin a path toward true discipleship. This would involve leadership in the area of spiritual growth, community outreach, Bible studies, leadership training, Sunday school programs, vibrant youth and young adult program, music ministry, to begin new missions and ministries; and to address the appearance of our Church, inside and out. This vision could not be realized unless; we together agree and focus on furthering the Kingdom of God. Paul says in Ephesians 4:2-6, "Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all, through all, and in all."

Brothers and sisters in Christ, it is exciting to know that we, together, can turn to a new page that would include the visions of the community for the betterment of each one of us for the glory of Jesus Christ.

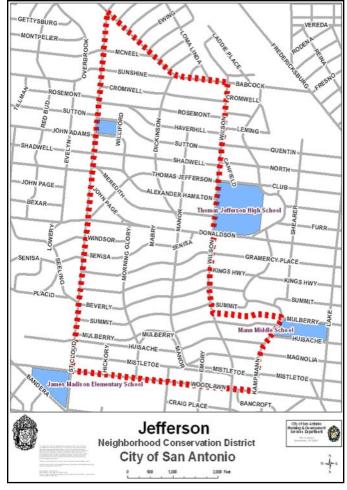
If there is anything that we can do to serve the Jefferson Neighborhood and its members, please feel free to call on us. My cell number is 210-488-2500

Pastor Emerson Villegas

#### **Jefferson Neighborhood Association Boundaries**



#### **Jefferson Neighborhood Conservation 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

# **Neighbor Spotlight**

By Marie Cooper

On Monday July 20, 2015 I read an interesting article written by **Elaine Ayala**, Opinion Columnist for the San Antonio Express News and mySA.com. She wrote about the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund MALDEF and how they were recently "honored and given an award for the service to the nation by the San Antonio Association of Hispanic Journalists."

She went on to say that "it was founded in San Antonio in 1968 at the height of the Civil Rights movement" ... and how "MALDEF has challenged discrimination against Latinos in every sector of life, including education, housing, employment and voting."

After reading a few more lines, I saw that Al Kauffman, my neighbor and a JNA Member was mentioned. He is a Professor of Law at St Mary's University. Marisa Bono the Interim Regional Counsel who accepted the award on behalf of MADFE, acknowledged Al as "the Great Al Kauffman" the first person to win a ruling from the Texas Supreme Court finding the inequities in our public school system unconstitutional. It was the Edgewood case "in the late 80's when a group of parents... were "fed up with the substandard educational opportunities for their kids... because they lived in a low income school district."

As I read about my neighbor, the unassuming, cordial man with a smile on his face who lives in a home two doors away separated only by a street corner I thought: now I understand why when someone asks about my neighbors and I mention Al Kauffman, I get a unanimous positive response. He is such a nice person. Now I know what everyone else knows.

Jefferson is a great neighborhood!

Condolences to longtime JNA member, **Toni Cadena** and family, upon the passing of her mother, **Nora S. McIntosh**.

**The JNA thanks Sarah Rice** for bringing the **Junior League** on two separate occasions to assist in maintaining our Community Garden. Their exemplary community service has been so helpful. Thanks also to all the neighbors who maintain this garden so vibrantly even now when it's so dry and hot. Thank you all!



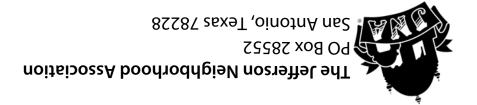
**Need help with graffiti abatement?** Give our SAFFE Officer Marcos Serda a call (see page 2) and he'll be happy to assist. To discourage future tagging graffiti should be erased as soon as possible.

# 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	
NameName	Birthday (mo/day) Birthday (mo/day)
Address Phone  Dues:  \$10 per year for an individual  \$15 per year for families  \$25 per year for business  FY 2014-15  Calendar year is Septembe For business memberships	E-mail  I would like to receive updates and news through my e-mail address  I would like to volunteer  Unique skills I have to offer  Cut out and mail form to:  streep page 3  JNA, PO Box 28552, SA TX 78228

The next JNA meeting will be on Monday, August 10, 2015, at 7 PM at the Jefferson United Methodist Church, Donaldson and







2123 West Huisache Ave.

San Antonio, Texas 78201

Phone: 210.732.4851

ax: 210.732.799

# The Young Women's Leadership Academy

Will be having a Goodwill Donation Drive Fundraiser

Where: 2123 W. Huisache Ave (behind the school on Mulberry)

When: Sunday August 30, 2015

Time: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Why: To raise money for the Class of 2018 senior year

If you have items that you would like to donate to Goodwill please consider donating them on Sunday August 30, 2015 at The Young Women's Leadership Academy. Goodwill will be collecting items this day and depending on how many items are donated Goodwill will give a monetary amount to the Class of 2018.

#### **Donation Guidelines**

All Partners for Good Fundraiser Drive donated items must be in good, clean, sellable condition. We do not repair, refinish or reupholster. Goodwill has developed the following guidelines to help increase the amount of "sellable" donations received.

Only acceptable items will be credited toward your fundraiser.

#### What we gladly accept:

Antiques

Radios and Stereos

Bedspreads and Blankets

Shoes

Books

Small Appliances

Clothing

Sporting Goods

Collectibles

Flat Screen Televisions

Computers

Wheel Toys

o i

Cookware

Curtains

Dishes Electronics

Framed Pictures

Furniture

Games and Toys

Housewares

Jewelry

Lamps

Office Supplies

#### What we are unable to accept:

Auto Parts, Motors, Tires

Automobiles

Bathroom and Kitchen Fixtures

Bricks, Stones, Concrete

Broken, Soiled or Torn Furniture

Cabinets

Car Seats, Infant Cribs, Playpens, Any Baby

Furniture

Carpet and Carpet Padding

Guns and Ammunition

Hot Water Heaters

Large Appliances

Mattresses and Box Springs

Paint and Chemicals

Scrap Lumber

Tube-Type Televisions

Waterbeds

Windows, Doors, Shutters

Only items detailed on the acceptable donations list that are deemed sellable by the Goodwill attendant will be placed on a trailer and considered eligible for compensation. The Goodwill attendant has the final approval of items that are deemed sellable. Goodwill is not responsible for removing items from the property that were not accepted for the drive.