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Monticello Park
neighborhood association

Neighbors, Join JNA and MPNA for National Night Out 2015 Tuesday October 6th 6PM-8PM 444 Club Dr-Monticello Park

National Night Out is a neighborhood crime and drug prevention event that occurs annually.

In addition to increasing awareness of crime and drug prevention programs, NNO also strengthens neighborhood spirit and community-police partnerships, while sending a message to criminals that "neighborhoods are organized and fighting back against crime!"

Food - Fun - Bounce House - Door Prizes and More!

Please bring a side dish or dessert to share!

**Event
Sponsors:**



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Graffiti in Progress: 911

Graffiti Abatement Program:
207-BUFF (2833)

VIA Transit: 362-2019

SA Water System: 724-7097

Message from the President



Hello everyone.

At the last Jefferson Neighborhood Association (JNA) meeting our guest speaker was **State Senator Jose Menendez**. He presented many interesting bills passed during the last Legislative Session. These include Senate Bill 1304 to create a female-specific Veterans mental health program, and Senate Bill 1302 to reduce standardized testing for children in grades 3-8.

For more information concerning the Legislative Update and for a variety of services that might be of interest to you call Senator Jose Menendez's District Office: (210) 733-6604.

During our last JNA meeting we heard from several members who spoke about their concerns regarding safety issues, rezoning requests, and information about the **Society of Professional Journalists**, a roast with proceeds going towards a scholarship fund. It seems that we are experiencing a new type of meeting in which members have become comfortable in sharing what is important to them. JNA welcomes this type of dialogue and if you would like to be placed on our agenda to speak about something that concerns you or our community, please let me know. I can be reached at (210) 391-7889.

Later during the same meeting a vote was taken by all present to determine if JNA should have National Night Out (NNO) instead of our regular October meeting. The proposed question received 90% in favor. On Tuesday, September 15th, during our board meeting a vote was taken and approved to have members attend NNO in lieu of the October meeting.

This sounds like a good idea and I look forward to seeing everyone on Oct. 6th at 6:00 PM at the Gazebo behind Jefferson H.S. Please remember to bring a covered dish if possible. JNA has been co-sponsoring NNO with **Monticello Park Neighborhood Association (MPNA)** for the past seven years. MPNA is usually well represented at this occasion. They are a friendly bunch. Please try to make it.

National Night Out

During NNO **Elia Reyna**, our Vice President, will be selling raffle tickets if you are interested. Remember these donations are for our **JNA Evelia Reyna Scholarship Fund**. The gifted and talented students who live in our community or attend Thomas Jefferson H.S. are eligible to apply.

JNA Raffle Prizes

First prize.....\$200.00

Second prize....\$100.00

Third prize.....\$50.00

We will also have 5 baskets with wine and cheese, cosmetics and other goodies. Cost per ticket is \$5.00

Community Input Meeting

At the last SAISD Meeting, held on 9/9/15 at Thomas Jefferson H. S., we heard the new **Superintendent Pedro Martinez**. He has high ex-

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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!

- **Ballet Folklórico de San Antonio**,
1008 Donaldson Ave, 210-478-7830
- **Bihl Haus Arts**, 2803 Fred Rd, 210-383-9723
- **Chile, Tomate y Cebolla Mejican Restaurant**,
1009 Donaldson
- **Floral Elegance**, 1039 Donaldson Ave, 210-434-1133
- **Cynthia Gomez**, Realtor, Texan Legacy, 210-254-0503
- **Jefferson Thrift Store**, 2002 Bandera Road
- **Leal's Jewelry**, 506 W Hildebrand Ave,
210-733-9179
- **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, KellerWilliams, 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!

Oct 2-Nov 1: **American Idiot**, Woodlawn Theater, woodlawntheatre.org

Oct 6, Tue, 6-8p, **National Night Out**, Monticello Park, 444 Club

Oct 12, Mon: **NO JNA Meeting this month!**

Oct 12, Mon, 7p: **The Soldier Show**, Tobin Center, free,
armymwr.com/soldier-show.aspx

Oct 17, Sat, 9a-2p: **Deco Market Day**, Deco Bldg, 1800 Fred Rd

Oct 17, Sat, 10a: **SA Missions World Heritage Inscription Ceremony**,
missionsofsanantonio.org

Oct 26, Mon, 7:30p: **Saltarelli String Orchestra concert**, 1st Mex
Baptist Church, 201 Meredith, free

Oct 28, Wed, 7p: **Spurs v OKC**, season opening game. **Go Spurs GO!**

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."

Nestled in an obscure storefront in Jefferson Village resides a 50 year old San Antonio treasure.



Ballet Folklorico de San Antonio has called 1008 Donaldson Ave its home for over 10 years serving the Jefferson/Monticello Community and the greater San Antonio area.

The bright painted walls, with pictures of past performances on them, reflect

the vibrancy of their mission and their long-standing dedication to their cause.

Ballet Folklorico de San Antonio (BFSA) was founded in 1965 as a non-profit organization, dedicated to the preservation of original and traditional dances of Mexico and Spain. Throughout these past five decades, the company has maintained high quality instruction and disciplined performances projecting all the aesthetic qualities of the origins of these dances.

The dance troupe, headed by **Emma Ramos** for more than four decades, has held many exciting performances, delighting crowds at *Hemisfair '68* and *Fiesta Noche del Rio*. *Texas Folklife Festivals* and annual performances at the *Texas State Fair* are other notable venues. They are a staple at many Fiesta events and have traveled to Mexico and throughout the United States for both performance and study.

"BFSA has developed a program offering from beginning dance techniques for young and new individuals, to supporting a full-time professional dance company and academy," **Mark Molina**, Co-Artistic Director of the company, recently told me. It's a delight to see **Boni Ramos** lead and nurture young students in the expressive traditional dances that have been the pride of Folklorico. As the lead dance instructor and Co-Artistic Director, Boni teaches with the passion of a seasoned performer and the grace that can only originate from the *Alma*. The academy has a dedicated and solid team of supporters and I understand **Miss Dominga** has been the lead seamstress for decades, confectioning the flowing skirts requiring many yards of colorful fabric.

BFSA has an open enrollment: all ages and levels of dancers are welcome year round. Call (210) 478-7830. Tuitions are affordable. **Let's dance JNA!**

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!

One of the most common misconceptions is that the alleyway behind a home's fence belongs to the city. While it is dedicated for public use, it's still a homeowner's responsibility to maintain their half of the alley. Each homeowner must mow the alley to its center and keep it free of debris and other obstructions. Adjacent neighbors are responsible for maintaining the other half (City Code Ch. 14-61, San Antonio Property Maintenance Code Sec. 302.1).

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Expectations for all the high schools in the district. The five year goal is to have all SAISD schools achieve an increase performance in reading and math, an increase from the current 33% in reading and 32% in math to 60%. Current state average is 45% in reading and 46% in math. He wants an increase in SAT/ACT scores from 5% to 43%, the national average. He also wants to see 80% of SAISD graduates attend a two year college, and 50% to attend a four year university, and from those graduates 10% attend top tier institutions. JNA supports Superintendent Martinez's initiative!

See you at National Night Out!

Marie Cooper

San Antonio Independent School District				
5-YEAR GOALS				
GOAL	CURRENT RESULTS	STATE AVERAGE	NATIONAL AVERAGE	5-YEAR GOALS
1. Increase the percent of campuses rated high performing (B or higher) under state accountability standards				70%
ENSURE PROFICIENCY, GROWTH AND A PERSONALIZED GRADUATION PLAN				
2. Increase performance/growth in reading (r) and math (m)	r=63% / 56% m=62% / 55%	r=76% / 61% m=78% / 60%		90% / 80% or state avg. / 80%
3. Increase the passing rate of prior year fallers	r=33% m=32%	r=45% m=46%		60%
4. Increase the percent of HS students who complete an AP/IB/Dual Credit or CTE coherent sequence of courses*	80%	77%	67%	90%
5. Increase on-time 4-year graduation rates (gr) and decrease dropout rates (dr)	gr=81% dr=14%	gr=88% dr=7%	gr=80% dr=7%	gr=90% dr=10%
CULTIVATE HIGH-PERFORMING STUDENTS				
6. Increase performance at the highest level on state assessments (Advanced Level III)	r=7%, w=3%, m=9%, sc=5%, ss=6%	r=15%, w=8%, m=17%, sc=14%, ss=15%		30%
7. Increase AP/IB participation and performance	PARTICIPATION 25% SCORE ≥ 3 13%	PARTICIPATION 25% SCORE ≥ 3 51%	PARTICIPATION 25% SCORE ≥ 3 59%	PARTICIPATION 90% SCORE ≥ 3 59%
IMPLEMENT TARGETED FOCUS ON POST-SECONDARY SUCCESS				
8. Increase SAT/ACT college-ready performance	5%	25%	43%	43%
9. Increase the percent of graduates who complete their first year of college without remediation	40%	69%	74%	74%
10. Increase the percent of graduates attending college, 4-year, and Tier-One universities	College...52% 4-Year...25% Tier One...2%	College...57% 4-Year...27% Tier One...?	College...66% 4-Year...42% Tier One...10%	College...80% 4-Year...50% Tier One...10%

Note: Goals must meet or exceed the National average with the State average as the performance floor.

* Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate and Career and Technical Education

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

About the piece

"Dim Sum" was cut from rice paper with exacto knife, in 2006, the Chinese year of the dog, when it was first exhibited at a gallery in the Blue Star Complex. It portrays two of friends of the artist, a Chinese national and a South Korean from Brazil, dining at the Golden Wok restaurant while being served by a very young Eurasian waitress, who is pushing the dim sum cart. The 24/36" work, is sandwiched between 2 layers of plexiglass, the outer, being UV protected.

About the artist

Kathleen Trenchard is a native of New Orleans and graduate of Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, N.Y. with a Masters in Painting and Printmaking. Kathleen maintains a studio near downtown San Antonio. She has been researching, collecting, and working in traditional Mexican papel picado ever since she was introduced to the technique while visiting Huixcolotla, near the City of Puebla, Mexico, in the early 1990's. Her work continues to explore contemporary designs, applications and materials suitable for cut work using hammer and chisel.



Kathleen has a permanent installation of cut vinyl window panels and banners at the AT&T Center in San Antonio.

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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Jefferson Community Garden: A Place to Grow and Nurture

By Sarah Rice

This past Spring I became the new Jefferson Community Garden (JCG) Steward, essentially the garden coordinator and point person. Lately, I'd found myself worried about all I need to *accomplish* at the garden. The community garden, a place I loved to go, was becoming a chore in my mind and I hated that! Until September 12 when I witnessed a beautiful reminder that it's more than just lush plants and pretty garden plots that matter. It's what one *experiences* at a community garden that makes it so special.

It was the second Saturday of the month and the garden's regularly scheduled workday. I overslept (not hearing my husband turn off the alarm) and ran out the door with a couple of breakfast tacos he made wrapped in foil and only a few sips of coffee in me. I stepped onto our back porch and, as much as I dislike being hungry and harried, I saw it was a GLORIOUS morning to be in the garden - sunny, slightly cool and breezy. I could FEEL the promise of fall around the corner. It felt marvelous.

Shortly after I arrived Ramses and Gabino (two undergraduate students from Our Lady of the Lake University), Mateo (a graduate student from the University of Texas at San Antonio), and Liliana "Lily" Mireles Moreno (neighborhood resident showing her Mustang pride with her red and blue "Jefferson" tank top) appeared. We all agreed we couldn't have asked for more perfect weather for a garden workday, and you could sense everyone was glad to be outdoors experiencing this exquisite taste of fall.

The guys started working on one of the raised beds. It turned out Mateo graduated from OLLU, bringing an instant camaraderie with Ramses and Gabino. They talked about all things college, and their conversation was steady with intermittent laughter. I enjoyed hearing the students discuss similar experiences, and Mateo sharing insights as one just a little further along in his education.

Liliana and I tackled the raised bed next to the guys. We did some catching up on one another's lives including chatting about work. I hadn't realized the guys were listening in, and soon one of the undergraduates started asking Lily a slew of questions about her job as an accounting manager. Next thing I know, Ramses and Gabino stopped working on their garden plot to come over and direct all their attention to this conversation.



At this point, I also stopped my gardening to watch what's going on. In fact, I'm staring at this beautiful back-and-forth, watching Lily share her wisdom and experience regarding the nuances of her field and general career considerations as well as posing thoughtful questions to the students based on their responses. You couldn't have set up a more perfect spontaneous mentor/mentee experience! These guys came to contribute their time to a community garden for school service hours and left with the vocational insights of both a grad student and career professional. I heard one of the students say "Next time" which meant I had a happy volunteer eager to repeat their experience - a garden steward's dream come true!

Around noon the guys left, navigating their way to El Paraíso, keen to try the renowned paletas Lily and I kept raving about, and I hope they had just as good a time there as they did at the Jefferson Community Garden. Because that's really what a community garden is about. In tending the earth together we cultivate relationships that last when we leave.

To learn more about the JCG garden and how you can get involved...

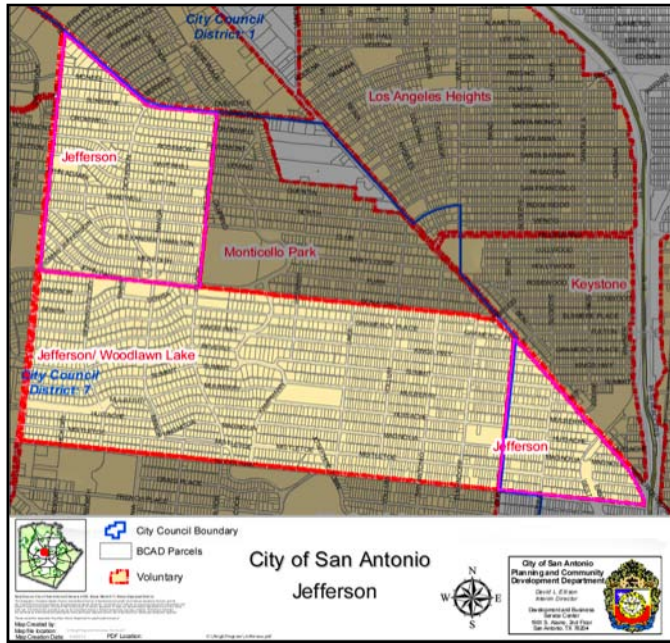
1. Come the 2nd Saturday of the month, 9-11:30am
2. Email jeffersoncommunitygarden@yahoo.com
3. Call 210.387.2108
- and/or
4. Check out "Jefferson Community Garden" on Facebook

The Jefferson Community Garden would like to thank:

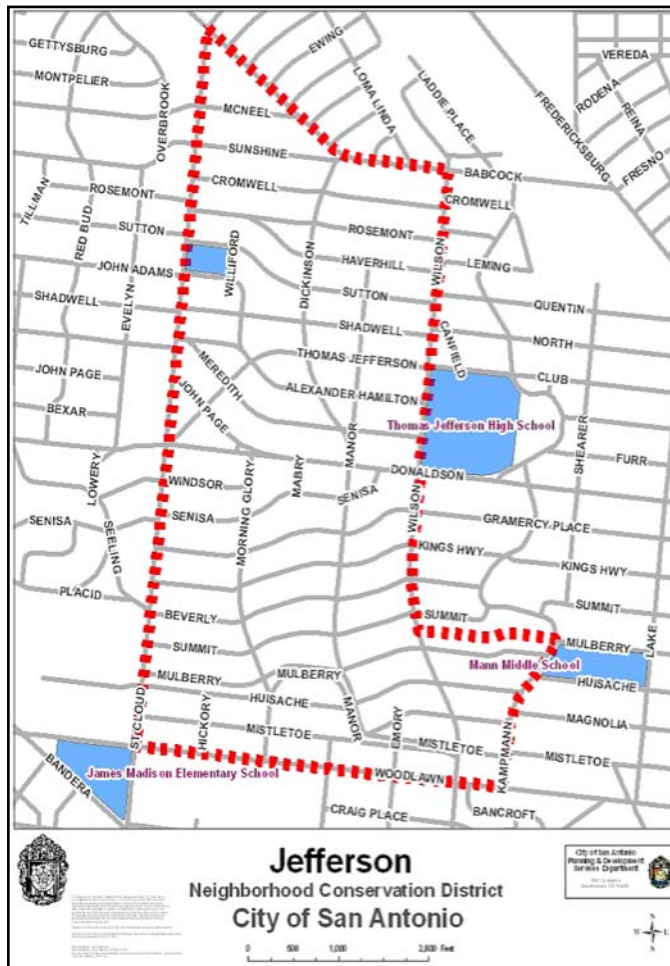
Green Spaces Alliance of South Texas for its ongoing support, including recruiting student volunteers!
To learn more about Green Spaces and its community garden program visit greensatx.org.

The San Antonio chapter of the Native Plant Society of Texas for a \$200 grant to integrate native plants into the garden.
To learn more about the chapter visit npsot.org/wp/sanantonio/

Jefferson Neighborhood Association



Jefferson Neighborhood Conservation District Boundaries



Download a copy of the Jefferson Neighborhood Conservation District document at:

sanantonio.gov/Portals/0/Files/Planning/NPUD/NCD7_Jefferson.pdf

Download a copy of the Near Northwest Community Plan at:

sanantonio.gov/Portals/0/Files/Planning/NPUD/NearNorthwestCP_2002.pdf

Councilman Cris Medina Invites you to District 7

FALL FEST!

October 17th, 2015
2:00pm -6:00pm
Nani Falcone Park

Come join us for **FOOD, FUN, a MOVIE (GHOSTBUSTERS!), a Kid's Costume Contest and More...!**

DECO MERCADO DAYS
Farmers and Artisan Market Every 3rd Saturday

**Saturday, Oct 17, 9am-2pm at the Deco Building,
1800 Fredericksburg Rd**

San Antonio is our home, help keep it clean.

NO SA Graffiti

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

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

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

NO JNA GENERAL MEETING IN OCTOBER!
Instead we'll join with Monticello Park NA at National Night Out,
Tuesday, October 6, from 6 to 8 PM, Monticello Park, 444 Club Dr.

The Jefferson Neighborhood Association

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