

The Jefferson Neighborhood Association News



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Preserving the Integrity of the Jefferson Area Since 1982



JNA Holiday Party 2015



Rep Martinez Fischer
chats with members
over delicious eats



Sen Menendez
addresses the crowd



Sen Menendez helps with door prizes



Great food and
great company!



Councilman Medina
greet party goers

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

Childcare will be available for 3 years and up.
Speaker: Claudia Guerra, City of San Antonio
Office of Historic Preservation



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Graffiti Abatement Program:
207-BUFF (2833)

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Message from the President



Happy Holidays everyone! I hope by the time you receive this note you will have had a wonderful time celebrating. Please bear with us if the newsletter is somewhat short this month as we are under some time constraints in meeting our deadline with the printers. **Lanier H.S.** our printers, who do a great job, have a 3 week happy holiday; (3 weeks of happy holidays, that's a

fond memory for me of when I worked in education, and I wish them a wonderful time.) However this means we need to prepare the newsletter sooner than usual. So with that in mind, please understand the hurriedness in which this is written. We did have enough time to celebrate our annual holiday party and have some photos from it to share with you in this edition of the newsletter.

By the amount of laughter coming from the audience it was evident that our holiday party was a success. We had three special guests bearing gifts; **Councilman Cris Medina** donated a large frozen turkey, we gave as a door prize. It weighed more than I was able to pick up. State Representative **Trey Martinez Fischer** and Senator **Jose Menendez** made generous donations to the JNA Scholarship Fund. Thank you all for your gifts. They are greatly appreciated. JNA Members had a great time playing the White Elephant game; one of the most sought-after gifts was a stuffed monkey. Monkeys tend to be a popular gift when we play this game.

We had several door prize donations. Thank you **Myra Lorenz** for the lovely traditional poinsettias and the anonymous friend who donated a \$30.00 gift certificate to Vee's Beauty Salon. The raffle was the main event of the evening. We gave away five beautiful baskets filled with goodies donated by **Stella Kierce** and one by **Virginia Garcia**. Thank you for the time, effort, and contributions in making the baskets. There were three main prizes. The first prize of \$200.00 went to **Bianca Maldonado**, second prize of \$100.00 went to **Brenda Tadeffa Garcia** and third prize of \$50.00 went to **Mary Markins**. Congratulations everyone!

I want to thank everyone who helped contribute to this memorable party. Thank you **Elia Reyna**, Chairman of the Evilia Scholarship Fund and the Raffle Committee. You sold the majority of the tickets. I want to thank **Judy Jackman** for being on the committee and sharing the responsibility. Thank you, **Toni Cadena** for purchasing the main entrée and decorating. I also want to thank the members who helped set up the tables and chairs, and those who brought side dishes. The food was delectable. Thank you **Ande Tokoly** for donating the main entrée of Turkey and BBQ. It was delicious. Yum! Last, but not least, I want to thank you, the members, for your continued support. None of this would be possible without your help. We are fortunate to have such a great neighborhood association where there is kindness and respect for each other. We live in a wonderful neighborhood with great neighbors and friends.

WHAT IS GOING ON IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD?

Here are some important changes that have recently occurred which may be significant to our neighborhood going forward.

- The **Jefferson Village** strip mall on Donaldson Ave. has been sold. We welcome the new owners and hope they understand the uniqueness of our neighborhood.

- And, it is official: **Starbucks** will be coming to our neighborhood. The location is on the corner of Fred. Rd. and Hildebrand. It is directly across from HEB in the old Gus Mann gas station. I believe the neighborhood can sustain two coffee houses - Brown and Starbucks. If you are not familiar with Brown coffee house it is located on the corner of W. Kings Hwy and Zarzamora. My husband is happy as a clam since he can drink almost anyone under the table when it comes to caffeine.

2016 GOALS

As we move into a new year, at our next JNA meeting on January 11th I will give each of you a card on which to write 1-3 important issues that concern you about our neighborhood. Although world peace is at the forefront of our thoughts these days it is not something JNA can actually accomplish by itself during 2016 (but you can make a stance by contacting your elected officials and becoming involved and heard.) We are looking for important issues for our members that we can address as an organization, and that directly apply to our neighborhood. For example, if your street doesn't feel safe to you, that is something our association can research and address. If you think there are drainage or sewer problems near you, we can look into it. If garbage collection doesn't occur properly, tell us about that. Please give this as much thought as possible. In every case be as specific as possible as to the problem and its location. After reviewing your concerns, we will report the results at our February meeting. We need to work together and stay focused on what is important to our community. Let's band together to accomplish what we truly need.

REFLECTING ON 2015

These are some of the events we participated in and held during 2015.

- Representative **Trey Martinez Fischer** was our guest speaker and addressed our government at work. He gave an update on what occurred in Austin during the past Legislative Session. We also heard from Senator **Jose Menendez** concerning some of the bills he had passed during the past Legislative Session.

- JNA was represented by several members at the City Bond Meeting and provided suggestions concerning infrastructure and safety.

- JNA Members supported the Bihl Haus Art event known as *On*

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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."



When I first met **Rebel Mariposa**, she had just presented an idea to the JNA Board about us offering a vegan alternative to our BBQ fundraiser. Well, I found it was I who was "rebellious". Really, I thought, *Vegan* at a Texas BBQ fundraiser!? This was the JNA scholarship fundraising BBQ dinner, a gathering of JNA members and neighbors for the worthy cause of scholarship fundraising. BBQ, that's like music to the carnivorous being that I am. I'm thinking "bring on the carne", meat being the main event at any BBQ. When presented with a vegan choice, I was a bit skeptical.

Well, of course I bought a ticket dedicated to the Vegan plate, wanting to support the cause, and... Oh my! I'm hooked at first bite. She had me with the BBQ jackfruit sliders! Wonderful little sandwiches that looked and tasted like perfectly cooked pulled pork.

Today, Rebel, a JNA resident and member, is the owner of San Antonio's newest vegan restaurant, **La Botanica Vegan Restaurant and Bar**.

"A TRULY UNIQUE SPACE IN SAN ANTO DEDICATED TO FOOD THAT ISN'T JUST DELICIOUS AND NUTRITIOUS BUT ALSO RESPECTFUL OF OUR PLANET AND ITS INHABITANTS." A huge Mission statement to live up to, and La Botanica does!

Mindful and respectful of each ingredient and its careful preparation, the cooks at La Botanica show just how one can eat both healthy and delicious. With a garden that supplies the kitchen with fresh herbs and veggies, the restaurant offers dishes such as Black Bean Empanadas, Oyster Mushroom Ceviche and a southern style Fried Red Beans and Rice dish that is simply delicious. The cocktails are fresh and innovative, as one would expect from the such a thoughtful and creative place.

La Botanica Vegan Restaurant and Bar
2911 North St Mary's St
(619) 886-2594

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and Off Fredericksburg Road Studio Tour. This event occurs in February and has become popular in our neighborhood and throughout the City.

- Important information was provided concerning Aircraft Noise. By calling (210) 207-3471 and stating you are annoyed or highly annoyed by air craft noise you can have an impact on traffic patterns. Improvements are verifiable as a result of your calls.

- The District 7 Candidate Forum Hosted by the JNA, MPNA, and WLCA, and moderated by the League of Women Voters, was highly successful and well attended. The audience presented well written questions for the candidates.

- JNA State Representatives **Trey Martinez Fischer** and **Justin Rodriguez** successfully passed an amendment to the State Budget securing funding to provide \$3 million in matching grants to four San Antonio Parks. Woodlawn Lake will receive \$1.5 million!

- We participated in National Night Out with **Monticello Park Neighborhood Association**. JNA was well represented and it was a great success, visited by many City and County officials including Mayor **Ivy Taylor** as well as scores of children.

- District 7 Councilman **Cris Medina** had several trash pickups as a result of the debris from storms that occurred in the City. JNA worked together with the Councilman's Office to reach out to as many neighbors as possible to inform them of the service. We want to help keep our neighborhood as clean and beautiful as possible!

- JNA members were encouraged to keep their porch lights on during the night to deter crime. Safety was addressed at several of the meetings and we plan to continue addressing this issue.

- The JNA Scholarship Fund donated six **Evelia Reyna Scholarships** to deserving gifted and talented college-bound high school seniors in the amount of \$750.00 each.

2016 INITIATIVE

The time has come for us to get back to work. JNA has a new initiative to preserve a neighborhood area and have it designated historic. The location is across the street from Cool Crest and the Oak Farms Dairy on West Dr. to Calaveras and the cross streets are Summit, Agarita, Mulberry, Huisache, Magnolia, and Mistletoe. It is a beautiful area rich in historic design

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SUPPORT OUR BUSINESS MEMBERS IN 2016!

We're proud that the following businesses have chosen to grow in partnership with the Jefferson Neighborhood Association. 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



**BALLET
FOLKLORICO**
DE SAN ANTONIO
1008 Donaldson
(210) 478-7830



BIHL HAUS ARTS
2803 Fredericksburg Road (210) 383-9723

La Botánica
2911 N St Marys St
(619) 886-2594
CREATIVE DRINKS VEGAN EATS

Chile, Tomate y Cebolla
Mejican Restaurant
1009 Donaldson Ave. (210) 736-0223

DIBBLE'S HOBBIES
1029 Donaldson Ave. (210) 735-7721



FLORAL ELEGANCE
1039 Donaldson Avenue
(210) 434-1133

Cynthia Gomez
Realtor, Texan Legacy Group
(210) 254-0503 cynthia@texanlegacy.com

Jefferson Thrift Store
2002 Bandera Road
(210) 438-8968

Leal's Jewelry
506 W. Hildebrand
(210) 733-9179

Camille Rodriguez Brigant
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Jorge Sanchez
Farmers Insurance
1006 Donaldson (210) 732-1886

Vee's Hair and Spa Salon
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JANICE WOLF
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united methodist church
The Jefferson Neighborhood Association thanks the Jefferson United Methodist Church for the use of Jackson Hall for our meetings! For more info: www.jeffumcsa.org

Happy
NEW YEAR

Over \$1000 was raised with the JNA Scholarship Holiday Raffle at the Holiday Party last month on December 14th.

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

Rey Garza Real Estate's 2015 holiday card featured the *Holiday Originals* line of Escandalo Jewelry designed by Diana Harwood. A long term Deco District resident, Diana explains, "Escandalo is a Spanish word that means scandalous. My designs are just that, scandalous. They are fun, frivolous, and fantastic. My Hispanic culture is very evident in the colors and themes, such as in the Fiesta San Antonio and the Spiritual Elegance lines."

Local Resident and Realtor Camille Rodriguez Brigant is dedicated to supporting the arts in our local community. Camille specializes in the marketing and selling of historic properties. Historic homes require a Realtor who understands 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. Call or stop by her office, conveniently located at 1650 W. Huisache Ave.



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and nicely maintained. At our next JNA Meeting, January 11, 2016 at 7:00 PM, at the Jefferson United Methodist Church, **Claudia Guerra** from the City of San Antonio Office of Historic Preservation will speak on the incentives of becoming historic and the process. The area in question is in District 1 but within the JNA boundaries.

Our course of action will depend on how receptive the neighbors are to the initiative. JNA has concerns that developers are constantly searching for new locations to purchase property and at a later date have it rezoned to meet their needs. It has already occurred in several other historic neighborhoods and we want to prevent this from happening in ours.

We want to preserve and revitalize what we already have. According to the JNA Bylaws we have a re-

sponsibility to help maintain the integrity of the neighborhood.

In November City Council voted that 51% of owners must be in favor of having an area designated historic for it to be approved. JNA has written a letter concerning the aforementioned initiative and will hand it out along with this newsletter to the residents.

Please attend this meeting since it might affect you at a later date. Our long range goal is to have as much of our neighborhood designated historic as possible. This will preserve our community.

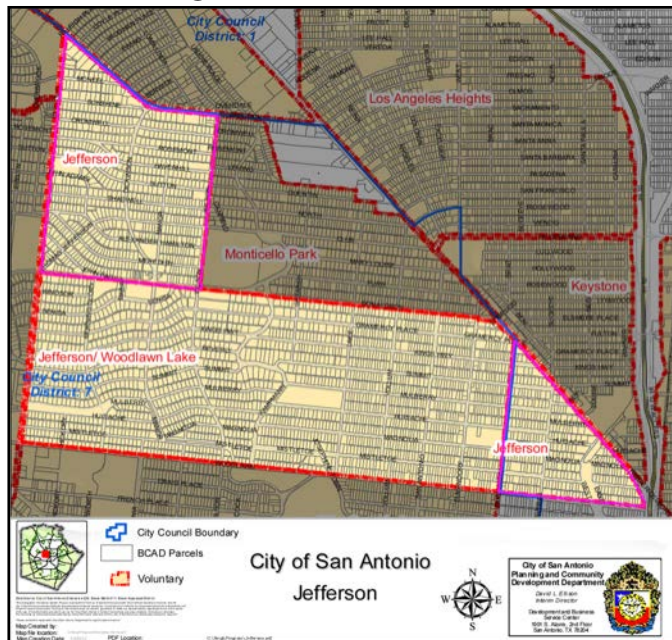
Happy New Year! I look forward to seeing you there,

Marie Cooper

President

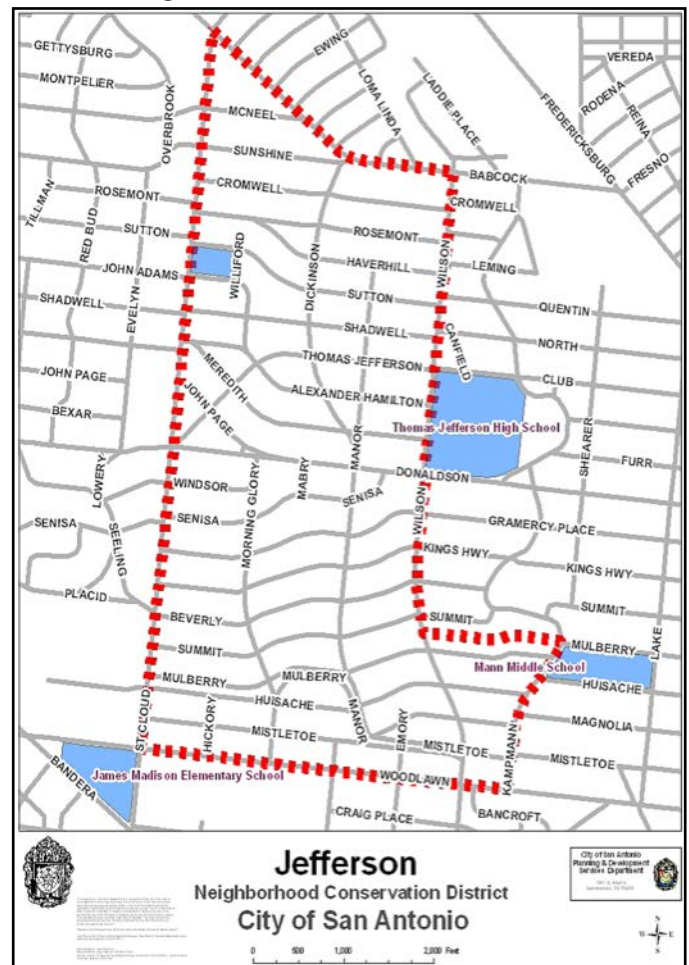
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Jefferson Neighborhood Association Boundaries



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.

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

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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