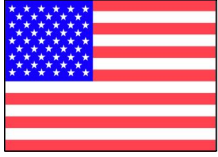


The Jefferson Neighborhood Association News



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Preserving the Integrity of the Jefferson Area Since 1982

Eight Students Awarded 2016 JNA Scholarships



2016 JNA Evelia Reyna Scholarship Thomas Jefferson High School recipients include Klarissa N. Valdez, Melanie A. Sarate, Jazz L. Ovalles, Erick P. Martinez, Stacy G. Hernandez, Alice M. Adams and Angela F. Hardcastle. Analina Pilar Devora from Health Careers HS was unable to attend the presentation. Joining them are Student Counselor, Ms. Julie Gonzalez, Ms. Elia Reyna, and JHS Principal, Mr. Orlando Vera.

On May 9, 2016, at our JNA Meeting, eight gifted and talented high school seniors were each awarded a JNA Evelia Reyna Scholarship. Three students received \$1,000 each and five students received \$560 each. **Mr. Orlando Vera**, Principal, **Julie Gonzalez**, Student Counselor, and I had the distinct honor of presenting the awards. This scholarship is of particular significance to me since it was named in honor of my mother, **Evelia Reyna**, who was the Scholarship Chairman. 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 in their family and they recognize the importance in taking the first step towards earning a college degree. JNA wishes them the best of success as they continue to pursue their education and life goals.

A special thanks to the Thomas Jefferson High

School Counselors for their dedication in guiding these students to participate in the Scholarship Program. Also, a special thanks goes to the Scholarship Committee: **Myra Lorenz**, **Judy Jackman** and **Marie Cooper** for their continued support 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
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The next JNA Meeting is on Monday, June 13, at 7:00 PM, at the Jefferson United Methodist Church, Donaldson at Wilson.

*Speakers: Sidra Schimelpfening, CoSA planner
Brenda Schmachtenberg, OASIS*

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Graffiti in Progress: 911

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207-BUFF (2833)

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Message from Marie



Hello Everyone,

At our last JNA meeting Interesting information was provided by **Eloisa Portillo**, an engineer working on the SA Tomorrow Sustainability Plan from the City of San Antonio (CoSA). San Antonio is expected to grow by more than one million people in the next 24 years. To meet this challenge, the City Planning Department has developed a systematic, comprehensive plan to address this issue. Latest census numbers indicate that the San Antonio area added more than 50,000 new residents in 2015. Bexar County was the sixth fastest growing county of large cities.

Areas that the plan addresses are:

- Economic
- Environment
- Air quality
- Food
- Health
- Natural resources
- Solid Waste
- Transportation
- Water

Everyone recognizes the growth problems already beginning to show up: traffic congestion is evident, lines are longer, and services are less readily available.

According to a recent article in the Express News the Sustainability Plan focuses on encouraging new growth in areas other than the Northside, that is, the West, East, and South sides of the city.

The plan was introduced to City Council on Wednesday 5/18/2016. In the Express News article "Councilman Krier stated 'What's not in the plan... is, how much is it going to cost to implement this?' and Taylor countered with 'What we haven't asked ourselves is, what is the cost of not planning.'" The article also stated that San Antonio will soon be in violation of ozone standards and people isolated in high-density, low-income areas will be subject to congestion.

These challenges will affect everyone, but we are somewhat fortunate in that we are insulated in our neighborhood, and up until lately protected by the conservation overlay, as well as the historic overlay within the Jefferson boundaries. Ms. Portillo noted that the Zarzamora corridor was the highest traveled corridor. Portillo said the Sustainability plan addresses this issue, but as time was running short she wasn't able to go into specific details. Later during the week, I spoke with **Sidra Schimelpfening**, CoSA planner who explained some specifics of the plan. She was invited to be our guest speaker at the next JNA meeting and has accepted to give a short presentation.

I will have a question for Ms. Schimelpfening concerning the conservation overlay in the Jefferson boundaries. The JNA Board had some frustrating moments due to a number of city employees who are not aware of what a Neighborhood Conservation District entails. Please consider coming to the next meeting on June 13th, and become engaged to learn more about where you live.

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Fredericksburg Road Corridor Study and Design Strategy



Come join us at this public meeting to learn more about the Fredericksburg Road Corridor Study and participate in an informational workshop to offer your thoughts for design strategies to improve the corridor. Please come and bring others you think would be interested in this study.

Public Meeting
Tuesday, June 14, 2016
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Jefferson United Methodist Church
758 Donaldson

For more information, contact:
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Save the Dates!

SA Summer Art & Jazz Festival: Jun 3-5, Crockett Park, 1300 N Main Ave

The Art of Mark Anthony Martinez & Michael Martinez: Jun 4-Jul 9, Bihl Haus Arts

TX Folklife Festival: Jun 10-12, Institute of Texan Cultures, texasfolklifestival.org

City Pool Season Begins: Sat, Jun 11, sanantonio.gov/parksandrec/swimming.aspx

JNA Meeting: Mon, June 13, 7pm, Jeff United Methodist Church

Juneteenth: Sun, Jun 19, en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Juneteenth

Summer Solstice: Mon, Jun 20 at 5:34 PM

The Little Mermaid: Weekends starting Jun 24, Woodlawn Theatre, woodlawntheatre.org

Saltarelli String Orchestra concert: Mon, Jun 27, 7:30p, 1st Mexican Baptist Church,
201 Meredith, free

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 Business Member Spotlight

By Mary Morales

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



CORAZONES ON FIRE: Painting With A Cultural Edge

Life in and around Jefferson Village is about to become a bit more creative, fun, and artfully colorful, and **Corazones On Fire: Painting With A Cultural Edge** is responsible for these changes. It's already apparent as one peeks into the space at 1024 Donaldson Ave, with the bright colored walls, tables with canvases ready for a paint party, and a bit of cultural history! With their logo, an artistic take of *El Corazon* the iconic #27 Loteria card, partners **Bianca Sapet**, an accomplished vocalist, and **Debora Kuetzpal Vasquez** have created a vibrant stimulating environment, one that will surely inspire.

Corazones On Fire has a mission to provide a uniquely creative cultural and healing painting experience. Debora Kuetzpal Vasquez is the instructor. She is an Our Lady of the Lake University visual arts professor whose expertise is in Mexican Indigenous Culture. She will guide you in a step-by-step process to create your own work of art. At the end of the session, you'll be exposed to a little culture and get to take home your own culturally relevant painting!

The \$35 session fee will provide everything you need to complete a painting: canvas, paint, brushes, palettes, and the instructional session. You may bring your own refreshments, adult beverages allowed for those over 21. Corazones will offer customers images from many cultures, "My expertise is in Mexican Indigenous culture, but as an Art History instructor, I am knowledgeable and appreciate African, Asian, and Southeast Asian cultures as well", Debora recently told me. "We will be offering paintings that are adaptations of **Picasso**, **Maria Izquierdo**, **Frida Kahlo**, and **Rufino Tamayo** from Latin cultures. We will also offer paintings from **Elizabeth Catlett**, **Jacob Lawrence** and for the wild artists out there, **Basquiat**. We will also touch on spirituality, a beautiful cross, sacred heart, Buddha, maybe some of the saints, like La Virgen de Guadalupe for December 12, her feast day." Welcome to the neighborhood Debora and Bianca!

Grand Opening will be on Saturday, June 4, 2016 from 7-10 pm. Call (210) 612-7755 for reservations.

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graduates received a scholarship: **Alice Marie Adams** has been accepted to attend The Art Institute of Charleston, SC. She is pursuing a degree in Creative Arts, which includes drama, theater, music, film and creative writing. **Angela Frances Hardcastle** has been accepted to attend Texas A&M University–San Antonio. She is pursuing a degree in Kinesiology, which is the scientific study of human or non-human body movement. **Stacy Hernandez** has been accepted to Texas A&M University–Kingsville. She is pursuing a bachelor of science degree in Interdisciplinary Studies. She also hopes to teach English in foreign countries. **Erick Paul Martinez** has been accepted to attend St. Mary's University and has been offered the "Prestigious Dean's Scholarship". He is pursuing a degree in Criminal Justice. His goal is to become a Detective with SAPD. **Jazz Lily Ovalles** has been accepted to attend UTSA and University of the Incarnate Word. She has been offered the "Distinguished Scholar Award". Her goal is to receive her Masters Degree in Dance and Music Therapy. **Melanie Ann Sarate** is in National Honor Society and ranked 3rd in her class of 360. She has been accepted to St. Mary's University, and has been offered the "Scholar Program Award", and the "Trustee Scholarship" Award. She is pursuing a degree in Human Dimensions of Organizations in the college of Liberal Arts. **Klarrisa Valdez** has been accepted to attend The University of Texas at Austin and UTSA. She ranked 1st in her class of 360 and is Valedictorian of her class. Her goal is to become a Pediatrician. **Analina Pilar Devora** will graduate from Health Careers High School. She has been accepted to attend St. Mary's University. She also in the National Honor Society. Her dream is to study music education at St. Mary's University.

The Jefferson Neighborhood Association and Scholarship Committee would like to thank the **Jefferson Woodlawn Lake Community Development Corporation** for their generous donation of \$4,000 and all JNA members for making the JNA Scholarships possible with their donations and participating in the Scholarship Fund Raisers (we made \$1,800). Also, thanks to **Lilliana Mireles Moreno**, JNA Treasurer, for buying and printing the JNA Scholarship Certificates.

by Elia Reyna

Chairman of the Evelia Reyna JNA Scholarship Fund

SUPPORT OUR BUSINESS MEMBERS !

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

Ad-Lite Electric

1028 Donaldson Ave • (210) 735-5420



**BALLET
FOLKLORICO**
DE SAN ANTONIO

1008 Donaldson
(210) 478-7830



BIHL HAUS ARTS

2803 Fredericksburg Road (210) 383-9723

BOTÁNICA

CREATIVE DRINKS VEGAN EATS

2911 N St Marys St
(619) 886-2594
vivalabotanica.com

Chile, Tomate y Cebolla

Mejican Restaurant

1009 Donaldson Ave. (210) 736-0223



CORAZONES ON FIRE:
Painting With A Cultural Edge

1024 Donaldson Ave
(210) 612-7755

DIBBLE'S HOBBIES

1029 Donaldson Ave. (210) 735-7721



FLORAL ELEGANCE

1039 Donaldson Avenue

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Jefferson Thrift Store

2002 Bandera Road

(210) 438-8968

Leal's Jewelry

506 W. Hildebrand (210) 733-9179

Fine Clocks-Watches-Jewelry-Sales & Service

The Lighthouse Seafood

1212 Fredericksburg Road

(210) 785-9333 • Mon-Sat 11 AM to 9 PM

Network for Young Artists

501c3 non-profit organization

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Vee's Hair and Spa Salon

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Steve Vitola Insurance Agency, Inc.

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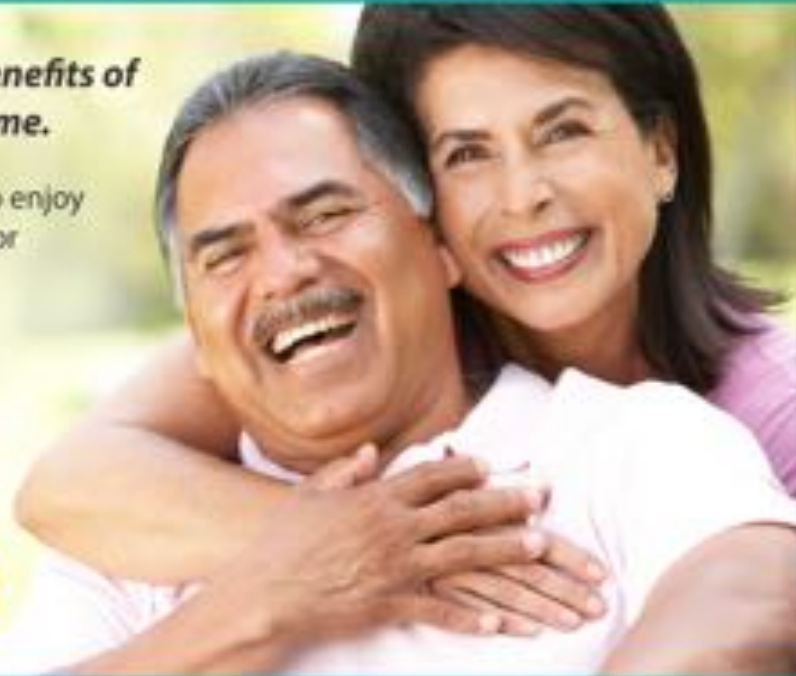


They're Called Your Golden Years *for a Reason*

Ask me about the benefits of downsizing your home.

Free up some money to enjoy yourself - take a cruise or that trip to Las Vegas!

You earned it!



THE UPSIDE OF DOWNSIZING

- Travel more, mow less grass! Less house means less to maintain, lower utility bills, lower taxes and lower cost of living.
- Less square footage equals less to clean, dust, organize and maintain.
- In 2015, the median home price for a single-family home in San Antonio was \$202,500 according to the San Antonio Board of Realtors.
- Do you air condition only part of your house in the hot Texas summers? Eliminate empty room syndrome! How many rooms do you actually use in your home?
- San Antonio now offers gated communities for people over 55 which include amenities and planned activities and events.
- I live and work right here in your neighborhood! Take advantage of my knowledge of our area, my superior negotiating skills and my sincere concern for your best interest.



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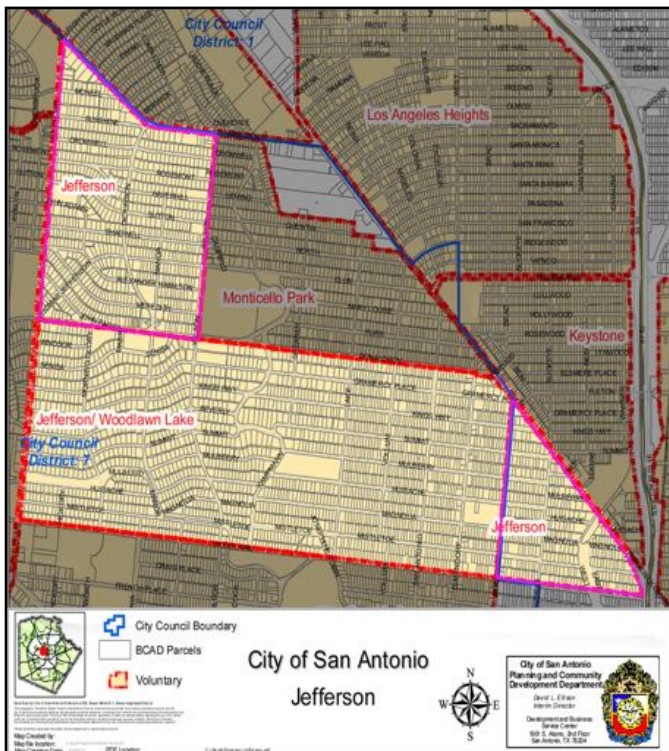


If your property is listed with a real estate broker, please disregard. It is not our intention to solicit the offerings of other real estate brokers.

What's Going On

- **Starbucks**, with the reclaimed Deco dome, is almost completed.
- **The West Summit Ave. project** from Zarzamora to Kampmann is currently having SAWS install new waterlines. Depending on their schedule, SAWS' street reclamation project will begin in August or September and hopefully be completed by October, 2016. SAWS is currently working on both sides of the streets and tying waterlines into the main lines and into the cross streets. New waterlines on Summit are being installed because of numerous recent waterline breaks.
- **Mulberry St. from Zarzamora to Kampmann** is also on the Infrastructure Management Program scheduled for 2016, which was initiated in 2012; repaving these streets will start in August or September. The project should take two to three weeks to complete.
- **JNA Monthly meeting** June 13, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Jefferson United Methodist Church, 758 Donaldson Ave.
- **City of San Antonio Community Meeting** will address the Zarzamora Corridor, on June 14, 6:00 to 8:00 PM, Jefferson United Methodist Church, 758 Donaldson Ave. This is still tentative. Call or email me or Councilman Medina's office to confirm. Phone numbers are located on the contacts column of the newsletter. (Pages 2 & 3)

Jefferson Neighborhood Association Boundaries



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Speaking of sustainability, how are we doing in the membership drive? I know you have heard this in the past but bear in mind – and I think it's worth repeating – the larger our membership, the stronger our voice. There is no end date associated with the membership drive. If you have issues or concerns, join, get your neighbors to join, and come to the meetings.

Take care, everyone, and hope you had a great Memorial Day.

Hope to see you at the meeting!

Marie Cooper

President, Jefferson Neighborhood Association



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

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.

Summer Months and Vandalism

from SA Water System

Summer is upon us and that means time for fun and relaxation. But unfortunately, idle time can also mean trouble for our wastewater infrastructure.

Over the past few years we have seen an increase in vandalism to our sewer system during the summer. This includes removing manhole covers and throwing trash, rocks and other type of debris into the sewers. This type of activity can be costly and dangerous. Debris in these pipes can cause a blockage resulting in sewer spills into streets, homes, and businesses. It can result in a smelly situation that can also hurt the environment as well as your pocketbook.

How can you help? Since many of our sewer lines run along creek beds, please be aware of unusual activity in those areas. If you suspect that someone is tampering with the sewer manhole covers, please call SAWS immediately at 704-SAWS (7297) to report it. Thank you for your assistance with this important issue.



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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at the Jefferson United Methodist Church, Donaldson and Wilson.

