# The Jefferson Neighborhood Association News



Preserving the Integrity of the Jefferson Area Since 1982





## **JNA HOLIDAY PARTY!**

Merry Christmas!.. Happy Hanukka!.. Happy Kwanzaa!.. Wonderful Winter Solstice!.. and there's Festivus for the rest of us! However you celebrate the season come to the JNA Holiday Party, December 12th at 6:30 PM. Bring a side dish or dessert, and a white elephant gift if you can. You don't need to be a JNA member. Great fun, food, and fellowship will be had by all!





The JNA Holiday Party is on Monday, December 12, at 6:30 PM, at the Jefferson United Methodist Church, Donaldson at Wilson.



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#### **SAPD Non-Emergency:**

207-SAPD (7273)

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 La Sonya Madison 740-4968

**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 Marie**



#### Dear JNA members,

I am happy to report that all went well during our last fundraiser. We had a great time playing Turkey Bingo, and as usual, it was like our neighborhood, a little old school but nevertheless everyone seemed to enjoy the evening, especially those who won more than once and were the envy of everyone, and which made for a more determined crowd who didn't mind staying a cou-

ple of minutes late. However, we are still far away from our \$3,000 goal. Somehow we always seem to get there through donations from the community, friends, neighbors, and family members. All scholarship proceeds go toward the Jefferson Neighborhood Association Evilia Reyna Scholarship fund.

The second fundraiser is somewhat easier for the scholarship committee. Instead of selling raffle tickets or Bar-B-Que plates, this year they plan something which will affect everyone in a positive manner. Their belief is, if you are tired of seeing clutter lying around the house or in the back recesses of closets, storage bins, sheds, or garages, get rid of it! Donate unwanted items or clothes to our **JNA Rummage sale**. We need your support. The sale will occur sometime in March when weather permits. There is still plenty of time to start spring cleaning.

We want to thank **Councilman Cris Medina** for donating 4 Missions tickets and a \$25 VISA gift card to the Turkey Bingo. He also did us the honor of swearing in the officers and board members and they are Vice President, **Elia Reyna**, Secretary, **Vicki Wright**, Treasurer, **Liliana Moreno**, and board members, **Henry Garcia**, **Dale Jennsen**, and **Lynn Waghalter**.

JNA hopes everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and we do hope you will join us for the following occasion:

#### The JNA Holiday Party

December 12, 2016 6:30 PM Jefferson United Methodist Church Jackson Hall Corner of Wilson and Donaldson Pot luck

Please bring children because one never knows if we might have a surprise guest, **Mrs. Claus**. We also play the white elephant game and these are JNA's rules:

• All participants' should bring a \$10.00 wrapped gift and the gifts are placed in a central location.

- JNA gives each player a number prior to starting the game beginning with the number 1 which follows in sequence.
- The first person opens a wrapped gift and that person's turn ends at the end of the game when the person decides if he or she wants to keep their gift or steal a gift.
- Person #2 can choose to steal the first person's gift or get a new gift.
- When a person's gift is stolen, that person can either choose another wrapped gift to open or can steal from another player.
- There are only two steals permitted for each gift. The game is over when the last person (who is also #1) makes a decision to keep his or her present or to steal a present.

Too complicated? Don't worry, you will receive in unison unsolicited advice from the audience and the full gamut of emotion from laughter to tears. The rules seem to change before the night ends. But it's all fun. Hope you join us!

Marie Cooper, JNA president

## Save the Dates!

Jos & Amazing Tech Dreamcoat: Weekends through Dec 23, Woodlawn Theater

**Articopia:** Dec 2-3, Fri, 6-9p; Sat, 9a-5p; Southwest School of art **Hecho a Mano**: Fri-Sun, Dec 2-4, Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center, guadalupeculturalarts/hecho-a-mano/

**Santaland Diaries**: Weekends Dec 9-18, Classic Theatre, 210-589-8450 **Star & Planet Viewing Party:** Sat, Dec 10, Medina River Natural Area, *sanantonio.qov/parksandrec* 

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**Kids Birding: Techonolgy in Nature,** Dec 17, Mitchell Lake Audibon Center, 10750 Pleasanton Rd, mitchelllake.audobon.org/events

**La Posada:** Thu, Dec 22, Guadalupanito Patio, bit.ly/laposada2016

**Salarelli String Orchestra Concert:** Mon, Dec 26, 7:30pm, 1st Mexican Baptist Church, 210 Meredith, free

**Celebrate San Antonio:** Sat, Dec 31, Hemisfair Park, saparksfoundation.org/events



**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.



#### **Jefferson Neighborhood Assn**

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JNA Scholarship Chair: Elia Reyna

#### **Hospitality Committee:**

Judy Jackman Mary Morales Ande Tokoly

## Chairman for Advertising and Business Membership:

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Newsletter: Chuck Whitehead 210-733-9341 cdw.fifty@gmail.cm

#### SUPPORT OUR BUSINESS MEMBERS!

We encourage all members to frequent these businesses. To join the JNA see page 3.



1008 Donaldson (210) 478-7830





#### CORAZONES ON FIRE: Painting With A Cultural Edge 1024 Donaldson Ave

1024 Donaldson Ave (210) 612-7755



## Jefferson Thrift Store

2002 Bandera Road • (210) 438-8968

## The Lighthouse Seafood

**12**12 Fredericksburg Road (210) 785-9333 • Mon-Sat 11 AM to 9 PM

## Network for Young Artists

501c3 non-profit organization 1800

1800 Fredericksburg Road, Ste 122 (210) 226-561

#### RUSTIC BURGER AND DINING PATIO

1025 Donaldson Ave • (210) 530-4023 Open 11 AM to 10 PM



St. Paul Catholic Church 350 Sutton Drive (210) 733-7152

## **Steve Vitola Insurance Agency, Inc.**

1505 W. Huisache Ave (210) 342-3406 cell: (210) 842-4432

## **Ad-Lite Electric**

1028 Donaldson Ave • (210) 735-5420



## Chile, Tomate y Cebolla

Mejican Restaurant 1009 Donaldson Ave. (210) 736-0223

## **DIBBLE'S HOBBIES**

1029 Donaldson Ave. (210) 735-7721

## Cynthia Gomez

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

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



### LisaGsweets A Dessert Boutique

909 Manor Drive • (210) 209-2421 lisagsweets@gmail.com

## Camille Rodriguez Brigant Realtor, Rey Garza Realty

HomesbyCamille@gmail.com



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

## **Vee's Hair and Spa Salon**

1022 Donaldson Ave • (210) 733-7131

An AVEDA Concept Salon

## JANICE WOLF

Realtor, KELLERWILLIAMS

(210) 416-6100 janice@janicewolf.com



Wishing you the Joy of Family, the gift of Friendship, and the best of Everything in 2017.



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## Behind-the-Scenes Political information

by Marie Cooper

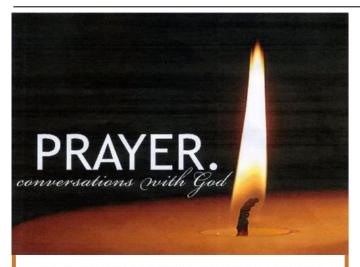
The proposed 2017-2022 \$850 million City Bond program is comprised of five categories:

1. Parks, Recreation & Open Space, 2. Facility Improvements, 3. Neighborhood Improvements, 4. Streets, Bridges and Sidewalks, and 5. Drainage & Flood Control.

Each category has three committee members from each district representing the ten districts in the City. In the Facility Improvements District 7 committee members are Anita Uribe-Martin, Michele Dilbis Robledois, and me; we volunteered as a civic duty. Four meetings have occurred and several motions have already been seconded from the \$120 million allocated for this category. Staff recommended projects for nine of the ten districts amounting to \$119 million. We found it disconcerting to learn that District 7 was the only district not to receive recommendations from the City Staff. When asked why, City staff stated that Dis-

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#### **ADVENT MORNING PRAYER SERVICE**

Jefferson United Methodist Church November 28—December 23, 2016 Monday-Friday, 7:00 a.m. Wheeler Chapel

Everyone is Welcome!

Begin Your Days Quietly with God (and wear a sweater)





## 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!

## **Vacant Building RegistrationProgram**

In June 2014, City Council adopted the Vacant Building Registration Pilot Program. This program was created through OHP's collaboration with Development Services Department (DSD), Center City Development and Operations Department (CCDO), and Department of Planning and Community Development (DPCD). Focused on spurring revitalization and improving and creating a safe environment, this program establishes a higher level of accountability for property owners to maintain vacant buildings.

Vacant buildings can become health and safety hazards, diminishing the overall quality of life of the community and neighborhoods.

Common Problems with vacant buildings:

- They've a high incidence of code violations
- They attract vagrants and criminal activity
- They draw and harbor vermin
- They are vulnerable to fires

These properties also represent disinvestment in the area and can hinder job creation.

In October 2016 City council approved to increase and expand the ordinance to include the Jefferson and Woodlawn Lake Neighborhood Conservation Districts.

The vacant building hotline is (210) 207-7999.

## **Graffiti Hurts San Antonio!**

\$1,000,000 = 59,000 sites of graffiti cleaned up this year. Be an extra set of eyes and ears in our community. If you see it happening call 207- SAPD, or report existing graffiti by using the City's "311" free app.



2201 St. Cloud (210) 734-5016

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trict 7 was granted a large proportion of bond monies in 2012 for drainage of Seeling Channel and for Woodlawn Lake. Seeling Channel did receive a large proportion of funds in 2012 but we also contributed in preventing flooding in other districts and this should not affect funding from Facility Improvements. Staff also reported that Woodlawn Lake had also been granted a large proportion of 2012 bond monies and after reviewing the amount spent on Woodlawn Lake the findings were that of the bond monies for 2012 there were 16 other parks which received much more than the \$1 million granted to Woodlawn Lake. There is currently another district within the Facility Improvement category which was granted over \$20 million from the 2012 bond in the category of Facility Improvements, and this has not been mentioned.

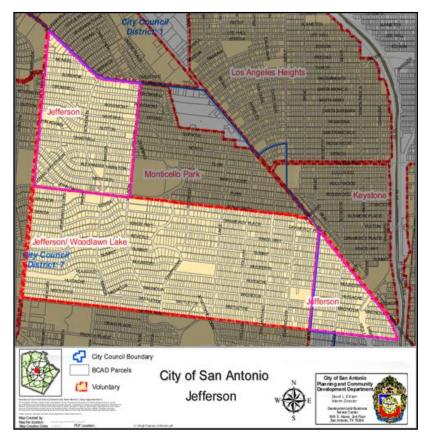
There are still over 12 unfunded facility project requests from the community which will be reviewed for funding. And although District 7's first motion for funding was denied we will have another opportunity to make a stronger motion. The final meeting is on December 6th, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM and all meetings are held at the Central Library downtown. Parking is free. We would appreciate your support by attending.

City staff can make recommendations but must win by a majority vote. Never give up!





## **Jefferson Neighborhood Association Boundaries**



#### 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

## Renew Your Membership for the Holidays!

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	
	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 2016-17 Calendar year is September For business membership	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:

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