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Preserving the Integrity of the Jefferson Area Since 1982

The Next JNA Meetings are on Monday, April 10, and Monday, May 8 at 7 PM, at the Jefferson United Methodist Church, Donaldson at Wilson.

#### **April Speakers:**

Judge Kelly Cross Bexar County Probate Court #1 will speak about Wills and Guardianship

Valerie Moore District 7 ACS Board appointee will speak about new proposed laws, puppy mills and more

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## **HELPFUL CONTACTS**

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

210-207-SAPD (7273) SAPD West Substation: 210-207-7420 SAISD Police: 210-271-3124 SAISD Truancy Office: 210-223-2360

**Code Compliance Issues:** 311 or download the City's *"311"* phone app **La Sonya Madison:** 210-740-4968

Animal Control Issues: 311

Graffiti in Progress: 911 Graffiti Abatement Program: 210-207-5430

VIA Metro Center: 210-362-2020 SA Water System: 210-704-SAWS CPS Energy: 210-353-2222

## **Message from Marie**



#### Hello everyone,

I hope you are enjoying this wonderful spring and that you were able to attend the District 7 Candidate Forum. If you missed it I am pleased to report that we had standing room only and almost everyone stayed until all the questions were answered. **The League of Women Voters** did a super job running the program after a short introduction which included an announcement from the District One councilman, **Roberto Treviño**, regarding a competition for stu-

dents at Thomas Jefferson H.S.

All the candidates were articulate and well informed and in my estimation it was a much better candidate forum than what was being nationally televised this past year. The candidates were able to attend to the questions and stayed focused in their answers. One of the candidates was fearless in some statements concerning the City of San Antonio and what he felt was unjust. His remarks kept everyone on the edge of their seats.

I want to thank everyone who made the Candidate forum possible, beginning with the audience, who demonstrated so much civicmindedness by attending and staying engaged. The candidates need a round of applause for all their hard work. I can't imagine what they must be going through having such a hectic schedule. I also want to



District 7 city council candidates (seated from left): Alfredo Colunga, Ana Sandoval, Michele Dablis-Robledo, and Cris Medina at the Candidate Forum with (standing) JNA member Henry Garcia, League of Women Voters moderator, Phyllis Ingram, and JNA President, Marie Cooper.

thank **Phyllis Ingram** from the League of Women Voters for her always professional manner in moderating the forum. Finally, I also want to thank **Monticello Park Neighborhood Association** and **Woodlawn Lake Community Association** for cohosting this event with JNA.

At our next meeting our guest speaker is **Judge Kelly Cross** of Probate Court #1, Bexar County. The topic will be Wills and Guardianship. Our second presenter will be **Valerie Moore**, District 7 Animal Care Services Board Member, appointed by **Councilman Cris Medina**, on the topic of new ACS laws, up for a vote in September.

I appreciate your support and look forward in seeing you then,

Marie Cooper, JNA President



**VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE**: The last day to register to vote in the General Election is **Thursday**, **April 6, 2017**. Applications must be postmarked by this date to be considered timely received. A Voter may apply in person at the Bexar County Voter Registration Office located at 1103 S. Frio, Suite 100, San Antonio, TX 78207.

**EARLY VOTING BY PERSONAL APPEARANCE**: Begins on Monday, **April 24, 2017** and ends on **Tuesday, May 2, 2017**. Voting hours vary. A Registered Voter may vote at any of the Early Voting Sites.

**REQUEST FOR MAIL BALLOT**: The last day for Bexar County Elections Office to receive an application for a Mail Ballot is **Tuesday, April 25, 2017**. To request an application for a Mail Ballot, please contact the Bexar County Election's Office at 335-8683 (VOTE).

**ELECTION DAY VOTING**: Saturday, May 6, 2017. Voting hours – 7:00 am to 7:00 pm at your respective Election Day Polling Site.





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## Save the Dates!

## APRIL

Tafsiri-Interpretations: Bihl Haus Arts, Mar 25-May 5. Artist Naomi Wanjiku gallery talk: Sat, Apr 1, 2 PM, *bihlhausarts.org* Starving Artis Art Show: La Villita Historic Arts Villiage, Sat-Sun, Apr 1-2, 10 AM-6 PM

Office of Historic Preservation Mini-Golf Party: Cool Crest, Fri, Apr 7, 6:30 PM

The House on Mango Street-Return Engagement: Classic Theatre, Apr 6-15, Weekends

Sister Act, A Divine Musical Comedy: Woodlawn Theatre, Apr 7-May 7, Fri-Sat: 7:30 PM, Sun: 3 PM, *woodlawntheatre.org* SA Book Festival: Central Library, Sat, Apr 8, 9 AM-5 PM,

## JNA Meeting: Jefferson United Methodist Church, Mon, Apr 10, 7:00 PM

Fiesta San Antonio: Thu, Apr, 20 - Sun, Apr 30

Earthday, Woodlawn Lake Park, Sat, Apr 22, 9 AM-2 PM

Deco District Arts & Music Festival: Deco District, 1800 Fred Rd, Sun, Apr 23, noon - 8 PM

Early Voting by Personal Appearance: Begins Mon, Apr 24 and ends Tue, May 2

Saltarelli String Orchestra Concert: 1st Mexican Baptist Church, 210 Meredith, Mon, Apr 24, 7:30 PM, free

JNA Scholarship Application Deadline: Wed, Apr 26, 6 PM

Stone in Stream/Roca en el Rio: A Reading by Environmental Writers: Bihl Haus Arts, Thu, Apr 27, 7 PM, bihlhausarts.org

## MAY

## Election Day: Sat, May 6, 7 AM - 7 PM

Spring Flea Market & BBQ: Jefferson United Methodist Church, Sat, May 6, 8 AM-3 PM, Donaldson at Wilson, 210-735-5221 JNA Meeting: Jefferson United Methodist Church, Mon, May 8, 7:00 PM

Rehabarama: Harding Place in Denver Heights, May 13, 210-207-7999, sapreservation.com

**Cuerpo Cubano/Cuban Body**: Bihl Haus Arts, Opening Fri, May 19, 6-9 PM, Panel discussion with artists and curator, Sun, May 21, 2 PM, *bihlhausarts.org* 

Tejano Conjunto Festival: Guadalupe Cultural Center & Rosedale Park, Wed, May 24-Sun, May 28, *guadalupeculturalarts.org* Alamo City Comic Con: HB Gonzalez Convention Center, Fri, May 26-Sun, May 28, *alamocitycomiccon.com* Saltarelli String Orchestra Concert: 1st Mexican Baptist Church, 210 Meredith, Mon, May 29, 7:30 PM, free

# **JNA Scholarship Applications**

Jefferson Neighborhood Association Evelia Molina Reyña Scholarship Applications will be accepted until **6:00 PM on April 26th, 2017**. Please do not mail completed applications, instead call Ms. Elia Reyña at (210) 279-7204 to make delivery. Application forms will be available for pick up at your counselor's office or may be downloaded at the JNA website *jefferson-sa.com*. Ms. Reyña will also have extra copies. Every year scholarships are given to deserving graduating high school seniors who attend Jefferson High School, or whose parents or guardians live within the JNA boundaries (see page 11) but attend another school. The scholarship is named for JNA Member Mrs. Evelia Reyña, who was an avid supporter of education in our city.



# Pay the IRS Every Dime They Have Coming... But Not One Penny More!

# O'BRIEN'S TAX SERVICE

1131 Babcock Road • San Antonio Texas 78201 Cell: 210-734-2868

# Tax Consultant: Eloise S. Dowd, EA (JNA Member) Phone: 210-219-9777

# Bring in this ad for a \$25 discount.



by Marie Cooper

It's been several years since I mentioned wanting to have a monthly garden section. I guess it's never too late to begin. As I mentioned in the past, I do not profess to be a Master Gardener, but I do have some experience with plants and enjoy working in the yard. Recently someone asked for information regarding sod-

ding and which sod does best in this area. There are many different grasses used for yards, such as Bermuda, Zoysia, St. Augustine, and even buffalo grass, and so I suggest you do some research to determine which one is best for your own yard. For me, the best allaround grass for yards is the evergreen St. Augustine grass. The various types all



go dormant but not completely brown in winter and offer a lush green, thick lawn in the growing season. There are two types of St. Augustine grass which I personally prefer. Floratam is a thick grass with a thick blade that does well in full sun and it is easy to differentiate because it occasionally has purple leaves and doesn't need as much water as the other types of St. Augustine. Another type, Palmetto grass, does better in the shade than Floratam. Palmetto is cold tolerant and also stays green during the winter. However it is susceptible to getting chinch bugs. I use both types of grass in our yard, one for shaded areas and the other for the sunny easements in the front.

Sodding grass entails digging between two to four inches into the dirt, leveling the ground, planting the sod and watering it thoroughly. Freshly sodded yards during the summer need to be watered daily until established. I suggest walking on the grass while wa-

> tering. At the end of the day you won't be as wet if you use a hand held hose. Though I joke, it is important to walk on the sod daily because it helps the grass take root.

The rainy season is the best time to sod and April is a good month. However, in our temperate zone sodding can be done any time of the year.

Regarding lawn care, remember there are all types of chemicals on the market. I suggest organic, environmentally friendly ones.

#### What to Plant

During this part of Spring I suggest Gerbera daisies. They are considered annuals but here in South *to Gardening page 9* 

# SUPPORT OUR BUSINESS MEMBERS IN 2017!

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

# **JNA Business Member Spotlight**



## **By Mary Morales**

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

There is a "cottage" in the neighborhood; more like a cross between a cottage and log house actually, with a Harry Potter eclectic sort of feel. One can sense, with wonder and delight, what amazing childhood memories are made within.

1721 W. Summit Ave, within the boundaries of the magical Jefferson Neighborhood, is the home of Educational Childcare Cottage, a small NAFCC accredited home child care.

Early Childhood Educator Sally Avila, has been nurturing little minds and spirits in this delightful home since 2001. Along with the very important foundation of pre-school care and education, Sally teaches the children Spanish. Her technique is immersion, and "it was is delightful to hear a three-year-old child respond confidently in a second language", Marie Cooper, (president of JNA), recently told me.

Expanding a child's vocabulary as he learns fundamental and essential pre-school knowledge, is the reason Sally only accepts 6 children at any given time. "Where Meeting each Child's Needs in a 6 to 1 Ratio", a child in Sally's care, can receive those lifelong skills so important to their future success in life.

Sally has lived in San Antonio for a number of years, and has gained acknowledgement from other areas in the city. She reports that most of the children she has now would come from backgrounds which would not be exposed to much Spanish and whose par-

ents are interested in their children having the advantage of dual languages. In any case, their trust in the care and nurturing they get from Sally speaks volumes, in any lanquage!

Welcome Sally Avila as our new JNA Business member. We are glad to have you in the neighborhood!

## **Educational Childcare Cottage**

1721 W. Summit Ave 78201 210-734-2093 • 210-422-0771 sallyavila@sbcglobal.net







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





#### About the Artist

Russell Stephenson is a native Texan with a BFA in Sculpture, & MFA in Printmaking. He is an active participant in the SA art scene, showing work and teaching in the community. His work evolves throughout a number of techniques to explore intuitive design strategies, and emotive imaginary landscapes and environments. His current work involves a hybrid technique of sculpture, painting, & printmaking into work he calls 'Intuitive Abstract Realism.'

#### About the Piece

My work is created with loosely rendered and intuitively controlled marks, which simulate infinite illusionary environments. These environments are based on personal experiences, internal places, and translating sound into visual occurrences. I consider these works to be imaginary landscapes, occurrences, and atmospheres and objects that are both created out of expressionism, while conversely leaning more towards systematic formulation. My work is concerned with texture and perception as well as surface and color. Overriding themes in my work involve abstracted imaginary landscapes, flawed or fallen nature, urban decay, and meditations on transcendence. My works serve as a living journal, and transcendental artifacts. My range of materials grows with necessity, and accessibility.

Local Resident and Realtor Camille Rodriguez Brigant is dedicated to supporting the arts in our 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. Contact Camille for a free personalized evaluation of your home's value.



# Camille Rodriguez Brigant Realtor\*

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## Gardening from page 5

Texas, some may live for several years. If you enjoy watching butterflies, then tropical milkweed attracts a variety of butterflies including monarchs. I saw this plant for the first time in the Jefferson Community Garden and it was a spectacular sight. There were hundreds of butterflies surrounding the bush. I understand the bush draws aphids because some butterflies leave larvae on the bush. However the aphids do not migrate to other areas of your garden if you let them be and allow the ecological cycle to continue. The larvae also draw ladybugs and silkworms which eat the aphids. Some things do best when left to Mother Nature. Be careful planting milkweed though if you have dogs, as the seeds and sap are toxic to them. I suggest you plant the milkweed in the front yard.

### Jefferson Community Garden

The Jefferson Community Garden is currently in negotiation with Green Spaces Alliance and Thomas Jefferson High School to determine who will be the next steward of the garden. The high school has adopted several beds and holds classes in the garden. The garden is still open to the community, and everyone is welcome to pull weeds or mow. At this time I suggest we wait to start planting until we are informed which beds are available. The garden is a beautiful place that just needs some caring hands to bring it back to its beautiful state. I will continue working on the rose garden, and if you want to help please just pull weeds at this time. I keep pulling but they just keep coming back, like my husband to the dessert table. Please, let's continue working and doing what we can on this worthwhile community project until we hear from Green Spaces Alliance.



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* Ad rates per run: 2"x3.5"=\$30; 3.5"x3.5"=\$40; 3.5"x7"=\$50 Ads accepted on a space available basis.



Attention Rehabbers!

We are excited to announce our brand new <u>Rehabber Club website</u>! Features include an event schedule, resource guides for historic homes, and a Q&A forum for asking questions and receiving answers on rehab projects.

We're also excited about our <u>rehab map</u> feature, which allows you share details about rehabs you've worked on and inspire others. We encourage you to contribute your project to the map so we can show San Antonio what's possible!

Bookmark <u>www.sarehabberclub.com</u> today! #sarehabberclub

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Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program Programa de Asistencia de Impuestos www.vitasa.org or call 2-1-1

# **Airplane Noise Update**

#### by Mark Cooper

Earlier this year the noise of aircraft over our neighborhood had become so loud and frequent that I'd begun to wonder if all the commercial airlines were gathering for a Normandy style invasion of Oklahoma.

The noise pick-up started almost programmatically, Monday, January 2nd, and the racket from air traffic over our JNA neighborhood continued day and night. I put up with it for a month, then two, but it seemed that the noise was becoming worse and worse. At one point I counted 13 flights overflying our house in about forty minutes. Apparently our house is directly under the most used flight path into San Antonio International airport, and the noise and frequency finally became intolerable.

So, as crack JNA noise pollution czar, I called the San Antonio aviation office to find out why we were being overwhelmed with flight noise. Joshua Heiss of the San Antonio airport called me back. Here's the



The Mini-Golf party of the year is back! Join us for food, drinks, music, minigolf, prizes, and a medal unveiling for OHP and Power of Preservation Foundation 2017 Fiesta medals. Ticket and medal sales will support hands-on preservation programs taking place this year. Spread the word and challenge your friends! Teams of four are strongly encouraged.

#### REGISTER NOW

Did you get engaged at Cool Crest? Maybe your first kiss was at Cool Crest? Did Ms. Metzger threaten to call your parents? OHP will be collecting your best Cool Crest stories, so come prepared to share your memories!

Find this event on Facebook.



scoop:

As of January 2 and until mid-April, the landing strip associated with the flight path that goes over our neighborhood (12R/30L) is taking 100% of the flights coming into and out of San Antonio. The other landing strip (4L/22R) is being repaired. Once repairs are done, the previously disclosed targets of 9% for takeoffs and 7% landings will be in place again.

Mr. Heiss is the San Antonio airport liaison for this information. He's at 210-207-3471, and during our conversation, he asked that his phone number be put out so that anyone in the neighborhood could call him with any comments or questions.

Readers of the JNA newsletter may recall that I did a superb (though sadly not Pulitzer Prize winning) reporting job on the issue a couple years ago. Let me quote some of the deathless prose from that article as it is still useful today:

"The choice of runway is finally the airport controller's and the pilots'... because of prevailing winds, Q1's and Q4's numbers are usually higher than for the rest of the year. The FAA report, *Noise Exposure Map Update and Noise Compatibility Program Revision San Antonio Airport;* December 2014, sets the goal for runway 4's arrival percentage at 9%, and 7% for departures on runway 22.

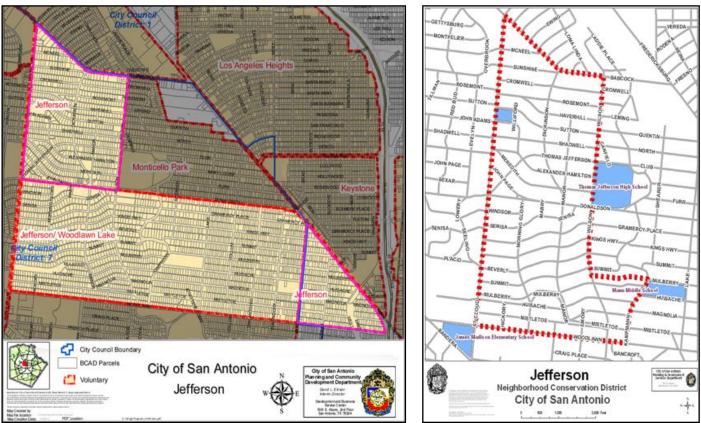
"Regarding complaints, the airport aviation department answering machine states that voicing a complaint has no impact [I don't think it does that anymore], but letting local officials know if you believe there are excessive fly overs cannot hurt and may help keep our area a little quieter. If you do 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 (what a guy!), 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.

Now, in 2017, there are a couple pieces of good news: first, the end is in sight, with only a few more days when we are in jeopardy of having every single visitor to San Antonio be able to wave hello and goodbye to us from the air. Second, I noticed that one day after my discussion with Mr. Heiss, air traffic directly over my house went down dramatically. In all seriousness, I think this latter result is a testament to the responsiveness of governmentals and quasi-governmentals to citizens who speak up. Imagine what we could do as a unified group on other, more important, issues.

# 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

# **Graffiti Prevention and Trees!**

from Graffiti Program Coordinator Lisa McKenzie from City of San Antonio Development Services Dept

Taking proactive measures to help prevent graffiti vandalism is an important tool in its eradication.

- 1. Install lighting in dimly lit areas.
- 2. Eliminate design features that provide access to roofs or upper levels.
- 3. Grow over Graffiti by planting trees next to graffiti-plagued walls. We have free trees available.
- 4. Apply anti-graffiti sealant to surfaces such as fences and buildings.

For more information log on to *sanantonio.gov/dsd* or call 210-207-BUFF [2833].

# **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.

## Community Input for SAWS Water Management Plan - *WaterCitySA.com*

from Communications/Public Relations Daniel Vargas, SAWS San Antonio Water System is updating its Water Management Plan, a guiding document that plans for San Antonio's water future for the next 50 years. As part of the planning process, SAWS is committed to gathering as much community input as possible.

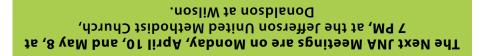
As the Water Management Plan Task Force continues the long-term Water Management Plan update process, we are asking for your input. Please visit *WaterCitySA.com* to email us your thoughts and watch a video that explains the principles behind the Water Management Plan. The updated plan is scheduled to be finished later this year, and will be posted on *WaterCitySA.com* once complete.

Thank you for your participation and input.

# **Support the JNA!**

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	
Address Phone	E-mail
Dues: Solution State St	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: UNA, PO Box 28552, SA TX 78228



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