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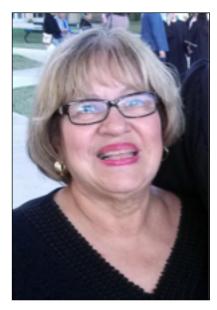
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Message from Elia



HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR 2018!

Hi JNA Members and Neighbors:

At our January meeting, we will let candidates running for various judges' positions introduce themselves and what positions they are running for. They won't be asked questions or state their views. This is being done in the interest of time. Candidates for District Attorney, State Representative and Bexar County Com-

missioner's Court will be on hand as well.

The JNA is co-hosting a **Candidate Forum** on Monday, February 12, 2018, 7:00 PM at the Jefferson United Methodist Church, corner of Donaldson Ave. and Wilson Blvd. This event is sponsored by the **Jefferson**, **Monticello and Woodlawn Lake Neighborhood Associations**. The League of Women Voters will be moderating this forum.

For confirmation, please call or text Elia Reyna at 210-279-7204.

TURKEY BINGO - Our annual fund raiser for the "Evelia Reyna" JNA Scholarship was a great success and lots of fun! Thanks to the following members who donated gift cards: Toni Cadena, Estella Reyna Kierce, Dr, Andy Tokoly, Chuck Whitehead, Trey Martinez-Fischer, Marie Cooper, Vickey Wright and State Representative Diana Arevalo, who also donated \$100.00 for the scholarship fund.

Our **Christmas Party** will be held at 6:30 PM, Monday, Dec.11. Bring a covered dish to share. **Dr. Andy Tokoly** is furnishing the barbeque, ham, and turkey. We are going to play White Elephant so, if you wish to participate, bring a \$15 wrapped item. We also have door prizes. Don't miss this event, we have fun, fun!

Have a wonderful holiday season with family and friends.

Elia Reyna JNA co-president

Message from Stan



First of all, on behalf of the board members, we want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Kwanzaa and/or any other Holiday observances we missed.

A reminder that our Annual Christmas/Holiday Party will be held December 11 starting at 6:30 PM at the Jefferson United Methodist Church, Donaldson & Wilson.

The JNA will provide the

meats courtesy of Dr. Ande Tokoly. You're asked to bring a pot luck dish enough to feed about 30 people.

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Save the Dates!

DECEMBER

Chitty Chitty Bang Bang: weekends Nov24-Dec 23, Woodlawn Theatre, woodlawntheatre.org

The Santaland Diaries: weekends Dec 8-17, *ClassicTheatre.org*, (mature content)

La Gran Tamalda: Sun Dec 10, 11 AM-4 PM, Market Square, free

JNA Holiday Party: Mon, Dec 11, 7:00 pm, Jefferson United Methodist

Saltarelli String Orchestra Concert: Mon, Dec 11, 7:30 PM, 1st Mexican

Baptist Church, 210 Meredith, free

Happy Chanukah! Wednesday, Dec 13

Winter Solstice, Thursday, Dec 21

Happy Festivus! Saturday, Dec 23

Merry Christmas! Monday, Dec 25

Happy Kwanzaa! Tuesday, Dec 26

Valero Alamo Bowl: Thursday, Dec 28, 8 PM, Alamodome

Texas Statehood Day!, Friday, Dec 29

Celebrate San Antonio, Sun Dec 31, 6 PM-2 AM, South Alamo St between Market and Cesar Chavez

JANUARY

Happy New Year! Monday, Jan 1

San Antonio Coffee Festival: Sat, Jan 6, 10 AM-5 PM, La Villita

JNA Meeting: Mon, Jan 8, 7:00 pm, Jefferson United Methodist Church Alamo Baroque Festival: Jan 8-15, free, stmarks-sa.org/alamo-baroque-festival/ CoSA Martin Luther King Jr March: Monday, Jan 15, 10 AM, 3501 MLK Dr Saltarelli String Orchestra Concert: Mon, Jan 29, 7:30 PM, 1st Mexican

Baptist Church, 210 Meredith, free

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It's a time the past year becomes a memory and hope that the new year brings a renewal in both body and spirit.

It's also a time to consider helping your neighborhood association. We know you get tired of hearing about needing new members, but the need is real.

When JNA members go to city council and say we have 150 members, that's not much of a voice. Imagine telling our council people we have 300+ members. That gets their attention. There are approximately 3000 houses within the boundaries of the JNA. We can do much better.

With new people moving into the area weekly, the JNA organization needs to be widely publicized. If you have a new neighbor, tell them about the JNA. Better yet, bring them to one of our meetings.

Briefly: The City of San Antonio has estab-

lished some very aggressive neighborhood programs. Some of them will work well in our area. We'll be discussing these at our meetings throughout the year.

VIA will be establishing the Primo bus system along Zarzamora from the Madla Transit Center to Fredericksburg Road to the Crossroads Park & Ride.

And, Past JNA President **Jacob Valenzuela** will be telling us in the near future about his plans for changes at his Deco Pizzeria location.

Looking forward to the new year with you,

Stanley Waghalter, co-president Elia Reyna, co-president Jefferson Neighborhood Association Inc.



SUPPORT OUR BUSINESS MEMBERS IN 2017-18!

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

JNA Business Member Spotlight



By Mary Morales

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



Family Banking with a Texas Attitude! Who wouldn't like that?

Jefferson Bank, 2900 Fredericksburg Rd, San Antonio TX 78201 has served the Jefferson neighborhood since 1946, and it's just that Texas attitude that allows for the kind of service you get from this homegrown business.

Having conservative banking practices and guided by strong traditional family values, Jefferson

Bank has grown to 11 financial centers in San Antonio, Boerne and New Braunfels. The personal service you get, the sense of community, comes from being family owned, with 3 generations involved! Their staff, with over 25% having worked for the bank for 15 years or more, is committed to your banking needs. This surely reflects this bank's core values of service and individual attention.

Jefferson Bank opened in 1946 when a group of prominent businessmen applied for a charter to open a neighborhood bank in the underserved Jefferson District of San Antonio. This came much to the delight of neighborhood housewives. One longtime Jefferson resident recalls her mother exclaiming how she wouldn't need to make that weekly trip to a downtown bank any longer! Much more than the convenience of having a neighborhood banking institution, the personal care and attention that won many a neighbor's loyalty then, stands true in our neighborhood today!



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

Business members get 10% off. Ads accepted on a space available basis.





The Jefferson Neighborhood Association thanks the Jefferson United Methodist Church for the use of Jackson Hall for our meetings! For more info: jeffersonumcsa.com





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

Educational Childcare Cottage

Sally Avila, Registered Family Home, Early Childhood Educator 210-734-2093 • 210-422-0771 • 1721 W Summit Ave • sallyavila@sbcglobal.net

FLORAL ELEGANCE 1039 Donaldson Avenue (210) 434-1133 safloralelegance.com

FURNITURE FINDERS

1805 Blanco Rd • (210) 803-1900Mon-Sat 10-5 and Sun 10-2 sanantoniofurniturefinders.com

Cynthia Gomez

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



Mandala Music Production

1325 Magnolia Avenue (210) 227-JAZZ (5299) www.mandalamusic.com

Pickers Paradise

805 Fredericksburg Rd • 210-322-4861 Open Monday - Saturday 10 to 4

Camille Rodriguez Brigant Realtor, Rey Garza Realty

HomesbyCamille@gmail.com

SALON DIVA

Hilda DeHoyos • 210-541-6888 1910 W Gramercy Pl



Vee's Hair and Spa Salon

1022 Donaldson Ave • (210) 733-7131

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Garden Notes

by Marie Cooper



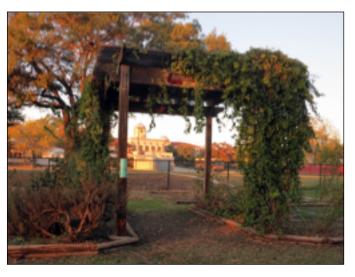
In the spring of 2015, Sarah Rice became the steward of the Jefferson Community Garden; during that time she was able to bring the garden back to life after it had been left essentially abandoned with little community support for what seemed several years. Sarah has a knack for bringing people together

and creating a community where neighbors and friends enjoyed camaraderie in gardening. We shared experiences and learned a great deal from Sarah, who is most knowledgeable about plants.



I often remember those cool Saturday mornings when nothing could be better than to work in the area I volunteered for – the rose garden. It was soothing listening to the sounds of laughter and chatter and even the occasional grunt of someone pulling weeds. Breaks usually consisted of conversations on a multitude of topics while watching the mesmerizing butterflies as





they fluttered around the lush milkweed bush. I always left feeling rejuvenated and glad for taking the time to enjoy being a part of a neighborhood. I miss those Saturdays in the garden.

Last spring, after Sarah stepped down, Thomas Jefferson H. S. Principal, **Mr. Orlando Vera**, assigned a new steward **Chris Sherrill**, who also teaches an Agricultural class at the JCG. This made sense since SAISD owns the property. However, there was a problem: the water is turned off, inadvertently it seems and subsequently the plots have not been sowed this fall. The garden is beginning to take a step in the wrong direction.

JNA received news from **Green Space Alliance** about a group of refugees interested in resurrecting the JCG. They have a history of success, yielding a good spring harvest at another garden in a similar situation. I understand there is an initiative by GSA to work some-



thing out. I want to thank Green Space Alliance for their continued support and hopefully, this new initiative will get off the ground and flourish (with only a little pun intended).

Happy Holidays!

Short-Term Rental Task Force's Draft Ordinance Now

In February 2017 Councilman Mike Gallagher issued a City Council Consideration Request (CCR) for city staff to explore the emerging short term rental trend and other cities' best practices that have been implemented to address the trend. Review elements include:

- Research if short term rentals impact property values and neighborhood safety statistics.
- Review how cities have updated municipal codes or ordinances to allow this industry to operate.
- · Review options for registering hosts with the City and if a permit should be required.
- Research if short term rentals should be required to remit hotel occupancy taxes
- Determine policies and procedures to enhance public safety in the short term rental industry.

The Task Force's draft ordinance is now available.

To review it, go to docsonline.sanantonio.gov/ FileUploads/dsd/ShortTermRentalDRAFTOrdinance.pdf

The next steps for the draft ordinance are as follows:

- December 15, 2017 Zoning Commission Consideration
- December 18, 2017 Board of Adjustment Consideration
- January 25, 2018 Community Health & Equity
- February 1, 2018 City Council for consideration

WHAT IS THE COMMUNITY TOOLSHED?

The community tool shed contains a collection of hand and gas power tools that can be used at no cost by residents, businesses, and community groups of San Antonio to clean and improve their properties.

Tools that are available to loan through our Community Tool Shed program include the following:

- Lawnmowers
- Leaf Blowers
- Loppers
- Rakes
- Shovels

- Tree Pruners
- Weed Eaters
- Wheelbarrows

A completed Application and Release Form are required to use the tools. Residents may borrow the tools free of charge with advance notice, completed forms, and proper identification. Tools are checked out on Friday mornings and returned on Monday mornings.

If you are interested in borrowing tools, contact the Community Tool Shed at 210.416-5963 or go to sanantonio.gov/CES/About/Contact-Us/sendto/CES-ToolshedTeam.





Bexar County Sheriff's Office Joins Nextdoor

by Sheriff Javier Salazar

I am excited to share that the Bexar County Sheriff's Office is joining Nextdoor to share resources, crime safety tips, emergency alerts, and other important information that impacts your neighborhood and our County as a whole.

Let me assure you that your Nextdoor neighborhood conversations remain private to you and your neighbors; we will only be able to see your replies to our posts, and private messages that you send directly to us.

If you have a life threatening emergency please call 911. If you would like to reach our Bexar County Sheriff's Office non-emergency line, that number is 210.335.6000.

We look forward to connecting with you on Nextdoor to build stronger, safer neighborhoods throughout Bexar County.

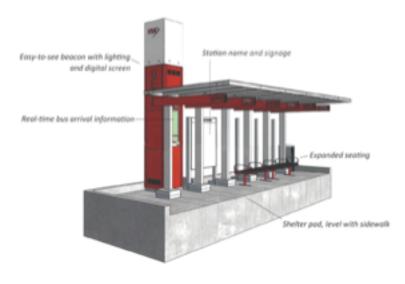
Coming Soon: Exciting Transit Developments in Your Area

About the Zarzamora Primo Construction Project

VIA Metropolitan Transit is expanding Primo Service to the Zarzamora corridor and making significant improvements along the route from the intersection of SAS Drive and Zarzamora to the intersection of Woodlawn and Zarzamora. Zarzamora is one of the most-traveled routes in the VIA system. Twenty-six new stops will be constructed along this route (13 on each side). Improvements will include sidewalk connections, concrete foundations for new shelters, and bus pads in the roadway. Bus pads are highly durable areas of roadway surface, constructed in concrete and installed in front of bus stops. Shelter pads, also constructed of concrete, are installed to provide a foundation for new shelters and passenger amenities. The project includes various sidewalk, driveway, and traffic-signal improvements along the corridor. Primo will begin service on the corridor in January 2019.

What Is Primo? Primo Service Is Fast, Frequent, and Direct.

Primo provides frequent service every 10 minutes. Shelters along a Primo route are spaced farther apart to reduce travel time. Primo shelters provide real-time bus information, seating, lighting, free Wi-Fi, and are equipped with security cameras. Some may also feature public art pieces. Primo buses use transit signal priority, which allows them to move through the corridor faster. The picture be low shows an example of Primo shelters being constructed in your area.



When does construction start? How long will it last?

Construction will begin September 2017 and should last about 15 months, with completion scheduled near the end of 2018. SpawGiass Civil Construction will begin work at the SAS Drive stop, proceed north, and end at the Woodlawn stop (see map below).



How will construction impact me?

VIA will work to keep disruptions to a minimum, but there will be some changes while the project is completed.

- Work to install bus pads in the street will require the contractor to block a lane of traffic until the new pavement is cured and ready for traffic.
- Police will assist with traffic control during work hours. Most of the remaining work will take place behind the curb and should have minimal impact to traffic outside of occasional daily lane closures.
- Work may require temporary closure of sidewalks and/or bus stops. Temporary bus stop notices will be posted at bus stops in advance of closures.
- Please be aware of work zones when traveling within the corridor.
- Use caution when driving and obey all warning and detour signs.
- Always stop, look, and listen before you cross the street.

For more information:

Visit VIAsmartmove.com or call (210) 362-2389.

From CoSA Transportation & Capital Improvements

Transportation & Capital Improvements (TCI) will be working to improve the road surface of **Emory St. from Bandera Rd to Mistletoe** in your area. This project will consist of partial street reclamation and partial mill & overlay that includes new asphalt pavement, partial curb, and partial driveway approach replacements.

TCI contractor AJ Commercial Services is scheduled to work from December 4, 2017 to End of March 2018 (weather permitting). We sincerely appreciate your patience and cooperation while these improvements are in progress. We will work diligently to restore the street to full operational status as soon as possible. While improvements are underway, here is some helpful information about the improvement project to assist you:

- Vehicles should not be parked on the street from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. If vehicles are parked along the path of construction improvements and no one is available to move it, it will be towed to one of the following streets in your area: Waverly Ave., Texas Ave., W. Ashby Pl., W. French Pl., or W. Craig Pl.
- The street will have limited access to vehicular traffic. Traffic detour barricades and signs will be provided to guide traffic through the construction as needed.
- If your street is completely closed, no traffic will be permitted into the barricaded area.
- In the event of adverse weather, environmental conditions, unforeseen equipment issues, or schedule conflicts, improvements on your street will likely be rescheduled as soon as conditions permit.
- Landscape, shrubbery, and unprotected trees present in the City Right-of-Way located in any proposed sidewalk alignment will be removed by the contractor and not replaced. It will be the property owner's responsibility to relocate and transplant any wanted plants located in the right-of-way prior to the beginning of the street improvement project construction.
- Due to any disturbance of the grass in the right-ofway we will be placing sod to promote the rapid replacement of grass. Any watering of this sod that you are able to provide will help to promote green, healthy, established sod at your location.
- According to San Antonio Water System and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality regulations,

- all properties with irrigation systems must have a working backflow prevention system on their irrigation line. Irrigation systems that are encountered and impacted during sidewalk construction will be relocated and put back in service if the property has a working backflow preventer. For properties that do not have a working backflow prevention system, the sprinkler heads impacted will be cut and capped behind the new sidewalk.
- We will work to minimize the impact to your access, but there will be a period where the driveway approach will be demolished (when you will have to park on the street). The site will be prepped for new concrete with forms, steel and underlayment; concrete will be place and generally requires 3 days to cure prior to any traffic or else it could possibly be damaged.

If you have any questions, concerns or need special accommodations you may contact:

Warren Kahn, Capital Project Officer

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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	
Name	
Name	
Address	
Zip Phone	E-mail
Dues:	Send my JNA Newsletter via email only
☐ \$10 per year for an individual	I would like to receive updates and news through my e-mail address
☐ \$15 per year for families	I would like to volunteer
☐ \$35 per year for businesses	Unique skills I have to offer
FY 2017-18 Calendar year is September for business memberships s	

The JNA Holiday Party is on Monday, December 11, at **6:30** PM and a general meeting on January 8, at 7 PM, both at the Jefferson United Methodist Church, Donaldson and Wilson.

