# The Jefferson Neighborhood Association News

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# Use Your City's Public Events! They're Fun and Help Create a Community by Mark Cooper

I had the pleasure of attending the lighting of the Christmas tree in Travis park on the day after Thanksgiving. It was colorful, safe, friendly and an altogether unexpectedly pleasant experience. People from all walks of life were at the lighting, and it was particularly enjoyable to see young families with their children enjoying the spirit. After the lighting an older woman looked me directly in the eye, wished me a Happy holiday and touched my hand. Hers were rough from a lifetime of hard work, mine soft from a cushy job where

the heaviest thing I lift is a headset, but for that moment we were together, celebrating our city and this joyful time of year.

Our city, all cities, need more community, need more opportunity to come together for fun and for serious matters, like where and how our city should spend its income—protection or infrastructure, business or social needs. Without it, we and all those fine young families are doomed as a nation.

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# Presidents' Message

Members and Neighbors,

We are approaching the end of 2018 and will be celebrating the Season on Monday, December 10, which is our Holiday Party. JNA will furnish the turkey, ham, and drinks (tea and water). We ask that members and neighbors bring a side dish to share. We will also play "white elephant". If you wish to play, bring a \$15.00 gift. This exchange game is fun. **NOTE: PARTY STARTS AT 6:30 PM.** 

"Nite Out" was a great success, thanks to Stan and Lynn Waghalter who took charge of the program. Special guests were SAFEE Officer Cano, Councilwoman Ana Sandoval, State Representative Diana Arevalo, Code Compliance Officers and the Ballet Folklorico We met at Jefferson United Methodist Church and the menu was pizzas, salads, drinks and desserts.

We held our Turkey Bingo fundraiser and we made \$156.00 which will be deposited towards our scholarship fund. Thanks to all who participated.

For our January 14, 2019 meeting guest speakers will be from "Infill Development Zoning" (IDZ).

Mario Goff and I wish each of you and your families Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year!

Elia Reyna and Mario Goff, JNA Co-Presidents



**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/month: 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.

# **CHRISTMAS FAMILY**

At the beginning of this year, Jefferson Neighborhood Association Board voted to assist a family in need for Xmas. Woodlawn Elementary School which is within the JNA boundaries, was selected to find our Xmas family.

I was able to coordinate with the Parent Family Liaison individual who assisted with the selection of a family whose children attend Woodlawn Elementary and would greatly appreciate being selected.

The single Mom and her family are from Honduras. She has three children in attendance at the school, two females age 12 and 11, and a son age 7. She is also the aunt and guardian to two boys age 8 and 12 who also attend Woodlawn.

Either December 18th or 19th, Elia Reyna and myself have put aside to shop for the children. A gift will also be included for the Mom. With the money put aside for the family during the year, our hopes are to purchase a outfit and toy for each child. If we are thrifty shoppers, a gift card to HEB, Whataburger or McDonald's will also be included.

The gifts will be delivered no later than December 21st to their home.

For more information, please email me, <u>atcadena41@gmail.com</u>. Thanks,

Toni Cadena, Organizer



# Save the Dates!

### **DECEMBER**

Annie: Weekends, Nov 23-Dec 23, Woodlawn Theatre, woodlawntheatre.org

Miss Bennet: Christmas at Pemberly: Weekends, Nov 30-Dec 23, classictheatre.org
The Santaland Diaries: Weekends, Dec 8-16, Classic Theatre, classictheatre.org
JNA Holiday Party: Mon, Dec 10, 6:30 PM, Jefferson United Meth Church

Happy Chanukah! Sunday, Dec 2 - Monday, Dec 10

Winter Solstice, Friday, Dec 21
Happy Festivus! Sunday, Dec 23
Merry Christmas! Tuesday, Dec 25
Happy Kwanzaa! Wednesday, Dec 26

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

Texas Statehood Day! Saturday, Dec 29

**Celebrate SA New Year's Eve Celebration**: Mon, Dec 31, 6 PM-2 AM,

Hemisfair Park & La Villita

### **JANUARY**

Happy New Year! Tuesday, Jan 1

JNA Meeting: Mon, Jan 14, 7:00 pm, Jefferson United Methodist Church CoSA Martin Luther King Jr March: Monday, Jan 21, 10 AM, 3501 MLK Dr Saltarelli String Orchestra Concert: Mon, Jan 28, 7:30 PM, 1st Mexican Baptist Church, 210 Meredith, free

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# Who first suggested stringing Christmas lights in the trees along the Riverwalk?



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**Answer:** Joske's president, William McCormick.









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The Jefferson Neighborhood Association thanks the Jefferson United Methodist Church for the use of Jackson Hall for our meetings!

For more info: jeffersonumcsa.com





# Are Neighborhoods as We Know Them Today Vanishing?

by Stanley Waghalter

A neighborhood, as defined by the Webster's Dictionary, is an area within a city or town that has some distinctive features (especially one forming a community).

Look around our area today and what do we see?

Flippers in droves have invaded our boundaries creating higher property taxes, which in turn, is causing many long-standing residents to flee. As well-established folks in our area pass away, they leave family members to deal with either living in or disposing of the property. It's this disposal of property that's causing a problem.

Not too many years ago, as property became available, a new family would move in and take roots. They were encouraged to join the neighborhood association and get involved. Yes, there were and always have been rental properties, but homeownership had the upper hand.

Things have changed. Companies like Airbnb, which is a privately held global company headquartered in San Francisco that operates an online market-place and hospitality service, which is accessible via its websites and mobile apps. Members can use the ser-

vice to arrange or offer lodging, primarily homestays, or tourism experiences.

This allows a total stranger to rent a house in the neighborhood. The renters don't expect to stay very long, so they don't know the likes or dislikes of the community.

As you know, the City of San Antonio recently passed ordinances controlling these rentals, but it doesn't address the community's "culture".

Back to the flippers. No one can blame them for buying low, putting some money into the property then selling high. The trend among flippers and real estate companies now is, "If the property doesn't sell right away, we'll rent it." Here again, this creates uncertainty about who's in the neighborhood.

Over the years, members of the JNA have reached out to renters by inviting them to our meetings. While there's no statistics whether they have responded or not, consensus seems to be that most of our regular meeting attendees are homeowners.

It's the hope that flippers and real estate agents who work our area will become more sensitive to the neighborhood and our "community".

# JNA Business Member Spotlight



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

La Promesa, a Promise; a declaration of assurance, a pledge, an oath, a commitment.

We have, in our Jefferson Neighborhood, a hidden treasure, La Promesa ~ The Promise Christian Academy. Located at 910 Manor Drive 210 732-3424 across from Jefferson Village.

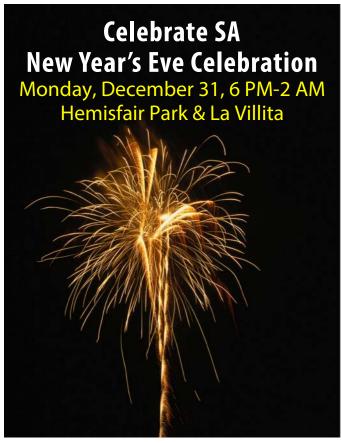
Offering a great education with an advanced curriculum, La Promesa ~ The Promise prepares it's students for academic success. They offer K-4 thru 9th grade, and with a ratio averaging 1 teacher to 6 students, every student is able to get the individual attention and the encouragement to learn! Building

self esteem along with teaching manners and character, La Promesa ~ The Promise is a great choice for parents who are looking for an alternative to large overcrowded schools.

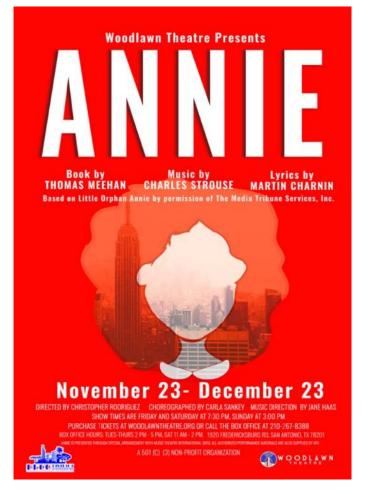
I recently spoke with **Diana Hernandez** the school's Director, she wears many hats there, and steps in wherever she is needed in the school. Her dedication and commitment to her school is amazing and everyone looks to her for her wisdom and experience. In our conversation she mentioned the name La Promesa ~ The Promise, came naturally, to "Live by the Promises of God".

Their motto is "Train up the child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart".

La Promesa ~ The Promise, a declaration of assurance, a pledge, an oath, a commitment.







# **SUPPORT OUR BUSINESS MEMBERS IN 2018-19!**

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

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## **Gather Your Expired Medications**

A new year means a fresh start, a clean slate, an opportunity to clear out the clutter. Why not start with your medicine cabinet?

Gather all those expired prescriptions and over-thecounter medications and bring them to the first Med-DropSA collection event for 2019.

Bring any unwanted medicines, along with other household hazardous waste items, to the City of San Antonio's collection event. Please empty pill bottles into a zipper storage bag and remove labels from bottles of liquids and inhalers.

Saturday, Jan. 26 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Bulky Waste Collection Center 2755 Rigsby Ave.

This safe, free disposal method helps keep pharmaceuticals out of the environment and out of the reach of unintended users.

For more information, including future events, visit MedDropSA.com.

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

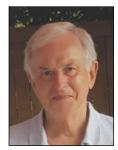
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# San Antonio International Airport Update

By Mark Cooper



The City Aviation department recently held several town meetings to discuss a third-party evaluation of and proposal for San Antonio International airport needs for the next twenty years. The watchphrase for the meeting was, "It [the airport] fits." As residents of the Jef-

ferson Neighborhood, the report presents some things to be grateful for, optimistic and annoyed about, and, in a larger sense, resigned to.

As citizens of San Antonio, we can be grateful for the fact that any improvements to the airport and infrastructure that the Federal Aviation Administration approves will be paid for by the federal government, not local entities. Since the potential costs of some changes considered could range in the billions.

As residents of the Jefferson area, we can be happy to report that, in the long-term, the generally East-West runway 4B-12 that affects some will probably be closed! Improvements in navigation and plane manufacture now allow planes to land and take off safely from the main runways, which run Northwest-Southeast. Whether the runways are extended, or if, as one proposal suggests, another parallel runway is built, the flights over our neighborhood should lessen.

You probably noticed that air traffic above the Jefferson area increased during the rainy bout a few weeks ago, and then quite often afterwards. As navi-





gation systems improve more and more, the flight paths are going to look more nearly identical, so if planes are flying over your house now, you may be seeing more, rather than fewer, flights in the future when they use 4B. 4B is only supposed to bear 12% of the landing traffic, and if it seems like more, you have the right to complain to the Federal Aviation Authority on their 24-hour a day, 7 day a week line 210-207-3471. Use the term "annoyed" or "highly annoyed" in your comment or the complaint will not be registered. Our neighborhood needs to bear our proportionate responsibility for overflights, but not more than our responsibility.

One thing that any solution to San Antonio airport growth will not consider is a super-regional airport for Austin, San Marcos and San Antonio. The Austin airport, where some JNA members may already be going to get that nonstop flight to Aruba or Santiago or Rome or Singapore, is the de facto super-regional (the result of a prior BRAC closing decades ago, which left that airport all the expansion room it will need for the next hundred years or more.) As a city, San Antonians must resign ourselves to the fact that growth will continue north of San Antonio; and, as has already been proven, companies relocating to our area will look first to Austin and Round Rock, not San Antonio, to settle.

The bigger picture is that San Antonio really, really needs a land link, ideally a high speed train to the Austin airport from some central location in San Antonio with good parking. Done properly, this could give international travelers quick and easy access to both their flights and our lovely and historic city.

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# **Can the Grease for Jolly Pipes**

Plumbers love the holidays. With all the extra baking and cooking, it only takes one little mistake in the kitchen to trigger a messy, expensive plumbing disaster.

Did you know cooking grease being poured down the drain is a major cause of residential sewer clogs?

That's because fats, oils and grease harden and stick to the sewer pipes — much like cholesterol does to arteries. Over time the pipes will clog, causing nasty sewage backups and serious damage to your home — not to mention ruining your holiday get-together.

### So What Exactly Is Grease Anyhow?

Grease is more than just cooking oil or melted butter. It also comes from dairy foods like milk and ice cream. It's in that goo you pour out of your canned goods after opening them. Peanut butter, fried foods, salad dressing, lard and shortening for baking, and even that delicious frosting on your cake all contain grease.

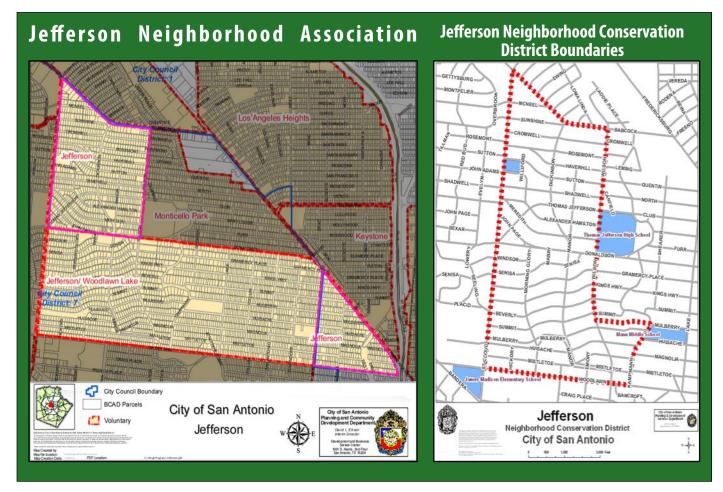
Bottom line: If it contains fats of any kind, those fats will harden and clog your pipes. And no, washing it down the garbage disposal with hot water won't help.

### Save Your Pipes and Can the Grease

The best way to dispose of grease? In the garbage can. Solids can be scraped right into a lined trash bin. Pour liquids into a sealable container and put it in the trash, too. Wipe any remaining grease from pots and pans with a paper towel.

SAWS performs routine maintenance on sewer lines citywide to keep things flowing. In fact, hundreds of millions of dollars are earmarked for sewer work over the next five years.

By following these simple tips, you too can help prevent costly (and disgusting) sewage spills. Your neighbors and holiday guests will thank you.



Download a copy of the **Jefferson Neighborhood Conservation District** document at: *sanantonio.gov/Portals/0/Files/Planning/NPUD/NCD7\_Jefferson.pdf* 

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Jefferson United Methodist Church, Donaldson at Wilson. The Mext JAM Meeting is Monday, January 14 at 7 PM, at the Join us for the JNA Holiday Party, December 10 at 6:30 PM.

