



YWLA RENOVATION UPDATE

By Jason Vasquez

Plans for renovation of the Young Women’s Leadership Academy (YWLA), located at 2123 W. Huisache Avenue continued as representatives from the San Antonio Independent School District (SAISD) and the architecture firm charged with this project, Kirksey Architecture, met with leadership of the Jefferson Neighborhood Association (JNA), the Monticello Park Neighborhood Association (MPNA), and the Woodlawn Lake Community Association (WLCA) on February 24th.

The meeting was a preview of proposed changes the SAISD hopes to make and help modernize the exterior and interior of the buildings, while keeping the historic 1937 exterior. Proposed safety and security improvements would include new interior and exterior cameras and a new secured vestibule.

Proposed technology improvements would include infrastructure and wireless/wired components for high-speed connectivity for learning in every classroom, science lab, and other areas of campus. Along with classroom audio systems, interactive smart boards, support tools and student devices.

Finally, there are many other proposed overhauls, renovations, or replacements for the campus. (continued on page 7)



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THIS IS YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER!

We welcome your contributions! Please submit items of neighborhood interest to neighbors@jefferson-sa.com by the 25th of each month. Articles should be sent as a word or google doc and photos as .jpg files.

- Neighborhood History
- Events & Happenings
- Pet Profiles
- Gardening Tips
- Home Maintenance Tips
- Helpful Resources

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Katherine Rocha

Hello neighbors. March is here and I cannot wait to see the flowers begin to bloom and decorate our wonderful neighborhood with bright colors. I am thankful we did not have a repeat of last year's snow although it does feel like winter with the colder weather we have been experiencing.

Last month, we had the city of San Antonio's Waste Management Department and Jefferson Community Garden present at our meeting. If you have never been to the Jefferson Community Garden located on 2350 W Gramercy Place, take a few minutes to drive by or volunteer to help. The garden is a wonderful greenspace that gives back to the community free fresh community grown vegetables and fruits.

Your board has been busy meeting with representatives from SAISD, HDRC and redistricting representatives. SAISD and YWLA architects will host a community meeting on March 14 to discuss future plans for YWLA. I highly encourage the community to give their input.

If you are planning to make changes to your home, remember, most of us are in historic or conservation districts. Let us know how we can help by reaching out to our board. Finally, San Antonio is in the process of redrawing council district lines. We want to assure you that we are advocating for our community. For more information, visit saspeakup.com.

There are lots of exciting events coming up this month. Here is a list of celebrations:

- Mardi Gras (March 1)
- Ash Wednesday (March 2)
- Daylight Savings (March 13)
- St. Patrick's Day (March 17)
- Start of Spring (March 20)



And, of course, beginning of Fiesta (March 31) – Fiesta events <https://fiestasantonio.org/official-fiesta-event-calendar/>

Be sure to support local business as we begin festivities this month. I cannot express how much they will appreciate your patronage. JNA will celebrate Fiesta as a community so watch for more exciting announcements on our Facebook page.

Take some time to visit with your neighbor and friends in the community. If you have not renewed your membership, please take a few minutes to do so. If you are new to the neighborhood, the board would love to meet you and have you join our wonderful Jefferson Neighborhood community. We are always looking for volunteers especially now that we are moving forward with in-person events.

Monthly General Meetings

**Our General Meetings are Held on the
Second Monday of Each Month
at 7pm in the Cafeteria at the
Young Women's Leadership Academy**

2123 W Huisache Ave, San Antonio, TX 78201

Everyone is Welcome!

SUPPORT JNA 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 please contact Jason Vasquez at jasonv824@gmail.com

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YOUR BUSINESS COULD BE HERE!

If you want to become a JNA business member, contact Jason Vasquez at jasonv824@gmail.com so we can highlight your business!

JNA BUSINESS MEMBERS SPOTLIGHT

The most important part of the JNA community is its residents and what each person and household can contribute to our community to help make it the place we all love to live in.

Another important part of our JNA community are the businesses which many of our residents operate and/or own in ours and surrounding communities. It is these businesses that support our community, but also count on our support.

With that, the JNA membership committee is actively seeking business memberships. We are excited to announce the following business members which have joined/renewed with the JNA:



New Living Spiritual Center at Woodlawn Pointe

702 Donaldson Ave., 78201 (210) 268-2787

Open Wednesday, 11:00 am – 4:00 pm, Thursday, 11:00 am – 7:00 pm,
Friday & Saturday, 11:00 am – 4:00 pm, and Sunday, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm.

The New Living Spiritual Center is proud to welcome people from many different paths in life and realizes the deeper message in Christ's words. New Living represents a shift into an evolved, intelligent look at the teachings of the one they called Christ, through an informed interpretation of the messages found in the Bible combined with perspectives of the "new thought" movement. New Living helps reclaim our true nature – to love and be loved. For more information, stop by, visit their website at www.newlivingspiritualcenter.org or email them at NewLivingSpiritualCenter@aol.com.

THE REASON FOR THE JNA

By Stanley Waghalter, JNA Resident

In Houston, there are no zoning laws. Developers are free to put a \$500,000 house next to a \$200,000 dwelling.

At first glance, you might say, "How do they do that?" Truth is, even though there are no zoning laws in Houston, there are many restrictions and neighborhood tactics that not only keep developers in check, but also preserve the architectural integrity of their area.

In San Antonio, there are two types of neighborhood groups. We've all heard the horror stories of "Mandatory" groups. Their board members have the power to regulate just about everything in their jurisdiction. They collect homeowner dues (no exceptions) from EVERY property owner. Depending on the area, those dues can either be mild, moderate, or steep.

Mandatory neighborhood associations CAN and WILL dictate how your property will conform to the board's standards and they have the ability to assess liens on that property if you don't comply.

In gated communities, these associations have expanded powers which usually means they are responsible for the maintenance of the roads.

Now let's look at the Jefferson area. We DON'T have a mandatory association. It's a VOLUNTARY association which can and does voluntarily collect dues for worthy causes that can benefit our area. We have to rely on Code Compliance to enforce laws and ordinances within the Historic and Conservation Overlay Districts.

Within our association, there is a core of people who are charged with various duties to help maintain the viability of our area. There's also a core of residents who keep an eye on what the city is doing that may either impact our area positively or negatively. These two "cores" are what keeps our city council, zoning, historic district, planning, and other city departments aware that the JNA is watching and WILL protest if need be to keep our area sustainable.

Recently, there have been cases coming before the Historic Design and Review Committee for consideration in District 7. Admittedly, I haven't followed this group very closely. I do look at Zoning issues and the Board of Variance cases, but not HDRC.

Well, in February, I decided to look at the HDRC agenda. There were some cases to be heard concerning our area.

For informational purposes, the HDRC will accept phone-in responses to the proposed cases if done in a timely manner.

I decided to voice my concerns about the D7 projects to be decided upon. My concerns were voiced, the committee acted, and I've heard from some residents about my actions.

I realize the JNA membership, as a whole, is not trained in the intricacies of city codes and ordinances. Neither am I. However, we do have an idea about what's wanted in order to maintain the architectural integrity of our area.

We've seen developers (i.e. flippers) come into the area and begin applying their ideas to their properties. Some of them do so without permits, some have permits. Without the watchful eyes of our JNA neighbors, many of their offences wouldn't be caught.

With that being said, it's not my intention to judge whether a property is in violation of rules or not, but it is, and should be our neighbor's too, intention to ask if the change will affect our area's architectural history.

I invite you to look at city agendas. The website is: SASpeakUp.com



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- 1/4 Page - 5.5 x 4.25 inches.....\$40 per month
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- Full Page - 8.5 x 11 inches.....\$100 per month

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These would include renovation of the historic 1937 building exterior, overhaul or replacement of all classrooms and science labs, special education classrooms, gyms, locker rooms and physical education support spaces, student dining area and kitchen, auditorium, and main office and entrance. They also hope to replace exterior windows with energy efficient windows, completely overhaul and update mechanical air ventilation systems to the latest energy efficiency and indoor air quality standards, update and resituate the sports field and add a walking track which would be open to the community, and re-pave and re-surface parking lots and driveways. They hope to create one driveway entrance from Kampmann Blvd, extending the length of the campus, exiting onto Lake Drive. All projects would come to an estimated cost of \$50,560,351.



The campus site was originally the Horace Mann Junior High School that opened on February 1, 1937, and was named after the New England educator, Horace Mann. In the mid-1970s, Mann became a middle school. During the 2004-05 school year, Mann obtained internal charter school status and became an academy with an emphasis on the fine arts. Mann closed in 2008 due to declining enrollment and was converted thereafter.

The JNA will be coordinating a community forum offering neighbors the opportunity to provide feedback. Once meeting details are determined, they will be shared via social media.



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WOODLAWN LAKE - CENTENNIAL GARDEN PLANT INSTALLATION AND PARK MAINTENANCE MORNING

Dear Friends of the Woodlawn Lake Centennial Garden:

We had such a successful February cleanup that we will be ready to further prepare the garden and install plants at our March meetup!

Please join us for continued cleanup and plant installation. Everyone is welcome of all abilities and there are many things we need to do to help make our Lake beautiful and our Centennial Garden ready for the spring.

Please join us Saturday, March 12th from 9am until 12pm.

Visit the Facebook Event Page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2039290192920381/>



MARCH PLANTING TIPS

From [Central Texas Gardener](#)

Plant: ornamental & wildlife

- Annuals: It's a tricky month for annuals since we get hot days. But the soil is still cold and freezes could still arrive. Late: plant cosmos, sunflowers, morning glory, gomphrena but keep an eye on upcoming freezes. Avoid planting caladiums.
- Wildflower transplants: early in month, you can still plant bluebonnet, larkspur, poppy and other transplants.
- Perennials & vines
- Ornamental (clumping) grasses like muhly and Mexican feather grass (late month)
- Trees, shrubs, roses (as soon as possible before heat sets in)

Plant: herbs

- Nasturtiums, chives, catnip, comfrey, fennel, horseradish, feverfew, oregano, thyme, rosemary, Mexican mint marigold, peppermint, lemongrass (after last freeze)

Plant: food crops

- Chard, corn, cucumber, eggplant, endive, Malabar spinach, mustard, peppers, pumpkin, summer & winter squash, tomatillos (you need at least two!), tomatoes, beans, cantaloupe

[Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Vegetable Planting Guides \(Central Texas\)](#)

For more March Gardening To-Dos and Tips visit:

www.centraltexasgardener.org/resource/march-to-do-list/

GOT CABIN FEVER?

Check out this list of 25 Things to do in SATX in March:

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| 1. Watch an Array of Latin Films | 10. Sip a Mimosa and Find Your Venue | 19. Hone Your Writing Skills |
| 2. Remember the Alamo! | 11. Taste New Flavors | 20. Sing Along With a Country Star |
| 3. Experience Elvis Live | 12. See an Award-Winning Musical | 21. Spend the Evening on the River |
| 4. Get Some Fresh Air | 13. Taste Chocolate & Wine | 22. Walk the Yellow Brick Road |
| 5. Discover the Local Wildlife | 14. Enjoy a Day with Your Dog | 23. Try Your Hand at Aviation |
| 6. Experience Monarch Fest | 15. Rock Out with Led Zeppelin | 24. See the Collection of French Moderns |
| 7. Go to the Grand Opening | 16. Taste the Best Eats & Drinks | 25. Experience Classic Ballet Music |
| 8. Sing Along to Rent | 17. Enjoy a Night on Broadway | |
| 9. Celebrate St. Patrick's Day | 18. Gear Up for March Madness | |

Get all the details on these events at

<https://www.kwsanantonio.com/news/amp/25-things-to-do-in-san-antonio-in-march/>

TJHS LASSOS FUNDRAISER

The TJHS Lassos are a 90-year tradition of service, spirit and performance representing a truly unique school in San Antonio.

In 2007, realizing the importance of the Lasso experience, a group of Lasso alumni founded the TJHS Lasso Alumni Association (LAA). Our mission continues to be one of support to students enrolled in the Lasso class.

We fundraise to provide scholarships to graduating seniors, financial aid to individuals as approved, assist with camp and extra training expenses. We obtain and make the traditional Lasso rope and offer clinics for new ropers. We offer our own histories as part of our mentorship to the girls. Some of our alumni from the 1940s and have brought their stories to our socials. We often ask the Lassos to participate at TJ class reunions to the delight and benefit of the alumni AND the students.

The LAA is proud to be a positive touchstone for the Lasso girls and appreciate how you help us help them.

If you're a TJ and/or Lasso alumna, please get in touch soon for membership information and volunteer opportunities. We accept donations of all sorts. Thanks for your interest and your purchase!

Get your medals and raffle tickets online at Lassos.org



The **TJHS**
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JNA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN!

The JNA Scholarship Application is now open from March 1, 2022 - April 15, 2022.

The Jefferson Neighborhood Association invites graduating high school seniors attending Jefferson High School or the Young Women's Leadership Academy, or who live within the JNA boundaries to apply for our available JNA scholarship opportunities.

The mission of the scholarship program is to support the youth of our community towards achieving their academic goals.

For more information visit: jefferson-sa.com.
Apply Online at: bit.ly/apply22jna

Questions? Contact neighbors@jefferson-sa.com

JNA SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER

Want to join in making a difference for our graduating seniors?

We are raising money for scholarships and any donation will help make an impact for our leaders of tomorrow. Make your contribution at our GoFundMe link:

bit.ly/jnascholars2022

Thanks in advance for your support to our community and future leaders!

FURRY FRIENDS OF THE JNA



Woody is the 15 year old pet of Tony and Cindy Vasquez on W. Gramercy Place. Woody is special because he is named after Woodlawn Lake. He was found there as a puppy that someone left behind during the holidays in 2007. He loves walks down the alley and keeping his brother and sister in check!



Meet Milo. Milo lives on Kampmann Blvd. with her people Robyn and Sylvia. Milo loves walks, naps and treats; but then... don't we all!



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(The JNA Membership Year is September 1 through August 31)

Name(s) _____ Date _____

Address _____

Phone _____ email _____

Dues paid by: Check Venmo (@jna-payments) Cash

- \$10 per year for an individual
- \$15 per year for a family
- \$35 per year for a business
- I would like to receive updates and news via my email address
- I would like to volunteer

Mail check and form to Jefferson Neighborhood Association, PO Box 28552, San Antonio, TX 78228



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