

March Meeting

Jefferson Area Neighborhood Association (JANA) to Meet on March 26, 2008

The Jefferson Area Neighborhood Association (JANA) will meet at Jefferson School on Wednesday, March 26th at 6:30 pm. Jefferson and Carl Ben neighborhood residents and business owners are invited to learn about the organization and the efforts of JANA to increase involvement in neighborhood improvement.

The third year Landscape Architecture class from NDSU has been studying what it takes to become a great neighborhood. In an effort to revitalize the Jefferson neighborhood, three different solutions for the redesign of Jefferson Park will be presented on Wednesday, March, 26. As part of the 'great neighborhood' study, the students have utilized techniques for increasing the health of the neighborhood; water harvesting methods, rain gardens, xeriscape planting design, and other sustainable landscape practices easily implemented by individual home owners. The students look forward to your feedback, since the one thing the students are learning is that great neighborhoods ultimately evolve from the people who live there.

Dawn Mayo from the City of Fargo Planning Department will talk about the successful grant application for community developments funds for the park that was submitted by JANA for improvements on Fifth Avenue and Nichole Chutchfield from the Landscape Architecture Department will talk about plans for the park.

"Walk This Way," a metro wide program to engage citizens in the benefits of walking will be announced at the meeting. The Jefferson component will begin on April 17th at 7:00 at the Jefferson School parking lot. Residents will be encouraged to join the JANA board for this neighborhood walk.

In addition, Jan Eliassen, Director of the Gladys Ray Shelter, will present an update on the newly opened shelter, the Historic Preservation Awards to be presented in May will be discussed and the Lawn and Garden Awards slated for July will be introduced.

Membership in the organization is free to residents. For more information: _Phone: 297-9379