

WELCOME TO OUR

Jefferson Neighborhood Association

Happy Solar Eclipse!



HELLO, NEIGHBOR!

Loving our Community



Welcome to the April edition of the JNA Newsletter! This month, we're celebrating the upcoming solar eclipse and the power of understanding code enforcement in our community.

Code enforcement is essential for maintaining our community's quality of life. By knowing the process and engaging with it, we can uplift our neighborhood. Whether it's reporting graffiti or ensuring property maintenance, we all play a role in making our neighborhood a great place to live.

On April 8th, let's celebrate the solar eclipse and empower ourselves through knowledge of code enforcement. Together, we can make a positive impact and create a neighborhood we're proud of.

Issue Highlights

CONNECTING OUT COMMUNITY,
ONE PAGE AT A TIME 

- Scholarship Fund- DONATE NOW!
- Empowering our neighborhood with 311
 - Understanding the Process
 - Navigating the 311 Mobile App
 - Connecting to our Community
- Solar Eclipse,



*For our digital
newsletter with
embedded links*





Jefferson Neighborhood Association Monthly Meetings

Come to our Jefferson Neighborhood Association meetings each month! We feature different speakers addressing community issues, resources, and concerns. It's a chance for neighbors to connect, share thoughts, and enjoy light refreshments.

Don't miss out—join us and be part of shaping our community's future!



[CLICK HERE TO DONATE](#)

Support the Jefferson Neighborhood Association's Scholarship Fund!
We have over 40 applications- let's meet our goal of exceeding \$5,000 in scholarship funds.

Why Attend?

1. **Community Involvement:** Actively shape our neighborhood's direction.
2. **Stay Informed:** Receive updates on events and developments.
3. **Connect with Neighbors:** Build lasting connections.
4. **Make a Difference:** Voice concerns and advocate for improvements.
5. **Shape Our Future:** Be part of creating a brighter Jefferson neighborhood.

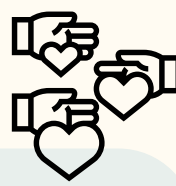
Next Meeting: 04.08.24



YWLA Cafeteria @ 6:30pm

- best parking is in the West Mulberry parking lot.
- look for door greeters.
- Our featured presented: **Code Compliance**
 - **find out what services code provides**
 - **what are our neighborhood's most common violations?**

Neighborhood Giving



SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY'S FUTURE LEADERS

Do you want to help make a difference for our community's graduating high school seniors? The Jefferson Neighborhood Association is actively fundraising for scholarships and any donation will help make an impact for our community's leaders of tomorrow. We have an ambitious goal of \$4,000!

Make a difference TODAY by donating to our GoFundMe link (CLICK HERE). Checks are also accepted.

Mail to: Jefferson Neighborhood Association, PO Box 28552, San Antonio, TX 78228.

April 20th will be the date that closes the current scholarship fundraising cycle, but we will continue to accept contributions year round.

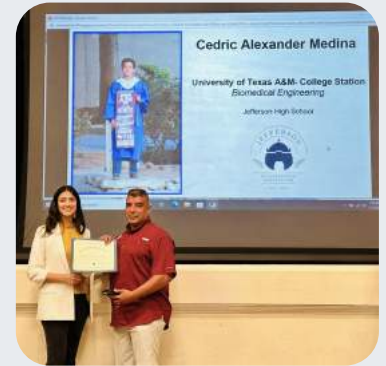
The Scholarship Committee will review applications and notify selected students between April 20-22, 2024. Recipients will be awarded at the May 13th meeting and funds disbursed in August.

The Jefferson Neighborhood Association (JNA) assists graduating seniors living within or going to school within the boundaries of the JNA or any seniors graduating from Jefferson High School and the Young Women's Leadership Academy.

The Scholarship Committee decides the number and amount of the scholarships (JNA and/or "Evelia Molina Reyna Scholarship") awarded. Committee members include: Jacob Valenzuela, Ted Guerra and Jason Vasquez.

The mission of the scholarship program is to support the youth of our community towards achieving their academic goals. Learn more about our scholarship by visiting the website at jefferson-sa.com.

Thanks in advance for your support of our community's future leaders from the Jefferson Neighborhood Association!





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Empowering Our Neighborhood:



UNDERSTANDING THE CODE ENFORCEMENT PROCESS

Understanding the code enforcement process is vital for maintaining our Jefferson neighborhood's beauty and safety.

It starts with submitting a complaint online or via 311. Officers may also start cases based on their observations. Complaints can be anonymous or include contact information for follow-up.

Once a complaint is received, it's assigned to an officer who inspects the property and documents any violations. If a violation is found, the officer contacts the occupant to issue a *Notice of Violation* or immediately an *Administrative Citation*. If the occupant can't be contacted, a notice is posted and mailed.

After the compliance date passes, a re-inspection occurs. Resolved violations close the case, but unresolved ones may lead to formal action, like filing with the Building Standards Board or Municipal Court.

The City can also abate nuisances, like cleaning yards or demolishing unsafe structures.

Understanding and following this process helps us maintain a clean, safe, and beautiful neighborhood. Reporting violations can hold property owners accountable and preserve our neighborhood for future generations. To report a violation or request code services, call 311 or 210-207-6000, or use the app. Let's keep this a great place to live!

STAY AHEAD OF PROPERTY VIOLATIONS: COMMUNITY TOOLSHED

San Antonio offers a tool lending program through the Development Services Department.

Residents, businesses, and community groups can borrow tools for free from the city's community tool shed. Available tools include lawn mowers, leaf blowers, loppers, rakes, shovels, tree pruners, and weed eaters. To borrow a tool, complete a request and release form with your name, contact information, and address. Contact the Development Services Department at 210-207-0154 or email them for more information. Once your application is approved, you can pick up the tools on Thursday or Friday mornings by appointment and return them on Monday mornings.



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FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE TOOL SHED

Empowering Our Neighborhood:



GETTING THE MOST OUT OF THE 311SA MOBILE APP

Are you looking to stay connected and engaged with our neighborhood? The 311SA Mobile App is a powerful tool that allows you to submit service requests, report issues, and stay informed about local matters. Here's a guide to help you make the most of this valuable resource:

General Questions:

- **Notifications:** Turn on notifications to receive updates regarding your flag requests and shares/votes from your followers.
- **Updating Profile:** You can update your profile, including your photo, followers, those you are following, and review your badges and points earned through the app.

App Features:

- **Anonymous Use:** Anonymous submittal of flags is allowed to encourage active community participation.
- **Providing Feedback:** You can provide feedback for the app through the Report a Problem option in your profile.

Flags:

- **Flag Requests:** You can submit flag requests without needing an account, but signing in allows you to use the app with your social media accounts.
- **Flag Status:** Check the status of your flags (requests) in your profile (Pending, Open, or Closed).
- **Viewing Status:** Get real-time updates on your requests by opening each flag and scrolling below the map to see the Case Progress and actions taken to address your request.

Reports:

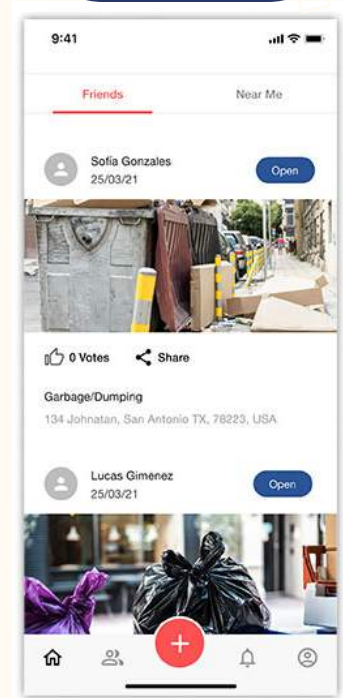
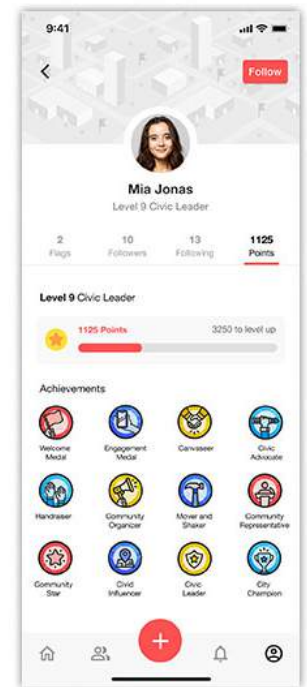
- **Viewing Reports:** You can view your reports created from a call made to 311 in your profile, if contact information was provided. Retrieve flag information consistent with mobile app flags.
- **Types of Reports:** The app includes 63 different service request types that can be submitted to various city departments.

Social Media:

- **Social Network:** Share your flags on social media and follow friends and family to support their requests for city services.
- **Sign-in Options:** Sign in using your Facebook, X, or Email information, and choose to remain anonymous when reporting issues.



Join the 8th Annual Pothole Patrol Blitz in San Antonio and help locate and fix over 10,000 potholes in April! Residents can participate by calling 3-1-1 or using the SA311 app to report potholes. The Public Works Department will distribute Pothole Patrol Fiesta Medals at various events throughout April. To request this service, submit a form, use the City's app, or call 311 Customer Service. 311 is available seven days a week from 7am-7pm.



Empowering Our Neighborhood:



MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Knowing the code makes a positive difference in our community. The below 9 categories are the reporting categories on the 311 App. Let's see how we can use each one to support our Jefferson neighborhood community!

- 1. Animals:** Residents can report stray animals, animal cruelty, or noise complaints related to animals. For example, if a neighbor's dog is barking incessantly, a resident can submit a complaint through the app for animal control to investigate.
- 2. Garbage/Dumping:** Residents can report illegal dumping, overflowing dumpsters, or missed garbage pickups. For instance, if there is a pile of trash illegally dumped in a vacant lot, a resident can use the app to notify the city for cleanup.
- 3. Graffiti:** Residents can report graffiti on public or private property for removal. For example, if a park bench is vandalized with graffiti, a resident can submit a request for the city to remove it.
- 4. Parks:** Residents can report issues in parks such as damaged playground equipment, broken park benches, or unsafe conditions. If a swing in the neighborhood park is broken, a resident can use the app to request repairs.
- 5. Permits:** Residents can inquire about or apply for various permits through the app, such as building permits or event permits. For example, if a resident wants to host a block party, they can use the app to apply for the necessary permits.
- 6. Property Maintenance:** Residents can report issues with property maintenance, such as parking on your lawn, tall grass, peeling paint, or broken windows. If a property in the neighborhood is abandoned and has overgrown weeds, a resident can use the app to report it to code enforcement.
- 7. Scooters/Dockless Vehicles:** Residents can report issues related to scooters or dockless vehicles, such as improperly parked scooters blocking sidewalks or damaged vehicles. For instance, if a scooter is blocking wheelchair access on a sidewalk, a resident can use the app to request its relocation.
- 8. Sidewalks:** Residents can report issues with sidewalks, such as cracks, uneven pavement, or debris. If a tree has caused the sidewalk to buckle, creating a tripping hazard, a resident can use the app to notify the city for repairs.
- 9. Streets/Traffic:** Residents can report issues related to streets and traffic, such as potholes, traffic signal malfunctions, or illegal parking. For example, if a stop sign is obscured by overgrown vegetation, a resident can use the app to request trimming for better visibility.

DID YOU
KNOW THAT
THERE IS A
SENIOR
ASSISTANCE
PROGRAM FOR
CODE
VIOLATIONS?

LEARN MORE
HERE!



Neighborhood CONCERN



ENSURING NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY: A REMINDER TO LEASH YOUR DOG

Did you know that about 90% of dogs impounded by Animal Control Services (ACS) belong to someone?

This is a significant concern for our community, as many neighbors allow their dogs to roam freely in their front yards or on their block, or have insecure backyard enclosures.

According to City Ordinance Sec. 5-150(1), all dogs must be confined to their owner's property at all times, except when on a leash. Animal Care Officers have the legal authority to enter unenclosed front yards of private property to impound unrestrained animals. It is crucial for all dog owners in our neighborhood to leash their dogs and ensure they are properly restrained. Even if you believe your dog is well-behaved, all animals are unpredictable and can potentially injure or kill someone else's pet.

Let's work together to keep our neighborhood safe for everyone. Leash your dogs and ensure they are properly restrained at all times.



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If you have an exciting event happening in our local community that you'd like to showcase, we encourage you to email us with the details: neighbors@jefferson-sa.com

Neighborhood I SPY



CAN YOU GUESS THESE NEIGHBORHOOD SPOTS?

Join us for a fun neighborhood challenge!

Can you figure out where these zoomed-in pictures are in our community? Test your observation skills and join our meeting on April 8th to see if you guessed correctly!



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Green Thumb



NATURE'S AIR-PURIFYING GUESTS

Epiphytes like Ball Moss and Spanish Moss are not harmful to trees; they are beneficial guests that cling onto structures without stealing nutrients.

These plants thrive in high humidity and low light, often growing on shaded, leafless branches. Some fascinating facts about epiphytes include their ability to grow without soil, obtaining nutrients from the air, rain, and debris. They create microhabitats that support diverse wildlife and act as air purifiers by capturing dust and pollutants.

Despite their importance, many epiphyte species are threatened, highlighting the need for conservation efforts.

Next time you spot an epiphyte, appreciate it as a beautiful and harmless addition to our landscapes!



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[FIND OUT MORE FROM OUR SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY](#)

The San Antonio River Authority's education team inspires citizens to steward and sustain the San Antonio River and its tributaries.



WEEKLY DOG POLL
LET US KNOW HOW MANY LOOSE DOGS YOU SEE IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

[HAVE A LOOSE DOG PROBLEM? CLICK HERE](#)

THE AMAZING PRESERVATION RACE

[CLICK HERE TO FIND OUT MORE!](#)

Get Ready For the Celestial Show

Mark your calendars and get your viewing glasses ready because on April 8, 2024, a spectacular solar eclipse will be visible from our very own JNA neighborhood! This rare celestial event occurs when the moon passes between the Earth and the sun, casting a shadow on Earth and blocking out the sun's light.

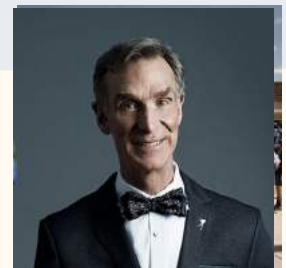
San Antonio, Texas, along with several other states, will be treated to a partial solar eclipse. While we won't experience total darkness, the moon will cover a significant portion of the sun, creating a stunning sight. The eclipse will begin in the late morning and continue into the early afternoon, offering plenty of time to witness this awe-inspiring phenomenon. In our neighborhood, Jefferson HS and Woodlawn Academy plan to do an enriching and educational viewing with students.

Fun Facts About Solar Eclipses:

1. Solar eclipses can only occur during a new moon when the moon passes directly between the Earth and the sun.
2. The path of totality, where the sun is completely blocked by the moon, is only about 70 miles wide, making it a rare event for any specific location to experience.
3. During a total solar eclipse, the sky can darken to twilight, and temperatures can drop several degrees.
4. Ancient civilizations often viewed solar eclipses as omens or signs of the gods' displeasure.
5. The next total solar eclipse visible from the United States after 2024 will occur on August 23, 2044.

Special Guest: Bill Nye in Hill Country! Adding to the excitement, science educator and television personality Bill Nye will be in the near Hill Country during the solar eclipse! Known for his enthusiasm for science and education, Bill Nye will likely share his insights and knowledge about this celestial event, adding a special touch to an already memorable experience.

Remember, it's crucial to view a solar eclipse safely. Looking directly at the sun, even during an eclipse, can cause serious eye damage or blindness. Use proper solar viewing glasses or a pinhole projector to observe this incredible event safely.



Join the JNA



YOUR KEY TO A STRONGER COMMUNITY

Are you looking for an opportunity to become an active participant in the growth and vitality of our neighborhood? Joining the Jefferson Neighborhood Association (JNA) as a member is your gateway to making a meaningful impact.

As a JNA member, you gain a voice in the decisions that shape our community's future. Whether you're passionate about local events, neighborhood beautification, or advocating for positive change, your membership ensures your ideas are heard and your initiatives supported.

But membership is more than just a seat at the table; it's an invitation to connect. You'll have the chance to build lasting friendships with fellow residents who share your enthusiasm for making our Jefferson NA the best place it can be.

Stay in the know with exclusive access to neighborhood updates, events, and initiatives. Your involvement as a JNA member isn't just about being informed; it's about actively contributing to our vibrant community.

Ready to take the plunge and become a JNA member? Your commitment to our neighborhood's growth and unity is invaluable. Join us today, and let's work together to create a neighborhood we're all proud to call home!



Become a Member!

MEMBERSHIP

The JNA Membership year is September 1 – August 31.

Individual Membership – \$10 per year

Family Membership – \$15 per year

You must be a paid member for at least 3 months to be eligible to vote in annual elections in August.

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Our neighborhood's vitality wouldn't be the same without the support and presence of our local businesses. In this section, we proudly introduce you to the businesses that are an integral part of our community, making our JNA the thriving place it is today. Learn more about these wonderful establishments and the contributions they make to our neighborhood.



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Code Compliance: Dial 311 or 210-207-6000

Graffiti Abatement Program: 311 or 210-207-2833

THIS IS YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER!

We welcome your contributions! This newsletter isn't just a publication—it's yours, a reflection of our vibrant community's stories, interests, and aspirations. We invite you to be an active participant in shaping its content. Have an interesting neighborhood story, event, or idea to share? We'd love to feature it. Your submissions bring life to these pages, making them a true representation of our neighborhood's spirit.

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.