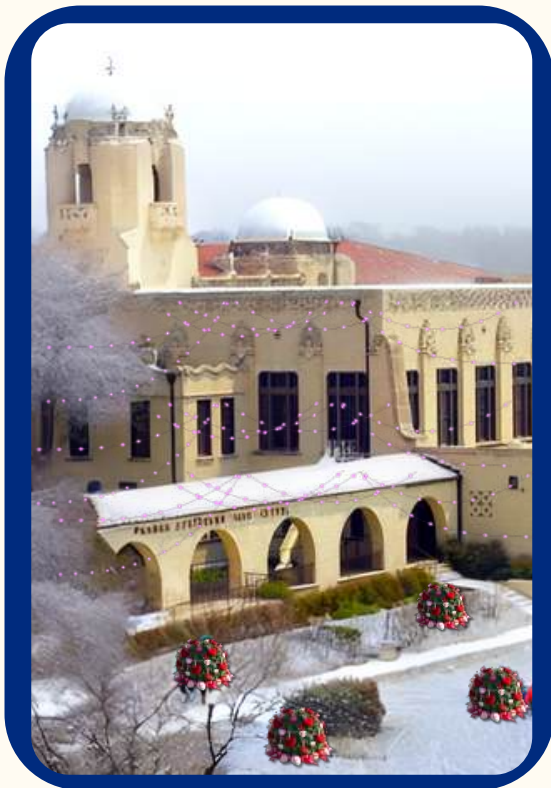


WELCOME TO OUR
Jefferson Neighborhood Association

Happy Valentine's Day



HELLO, NEIGHBOR!

Fostering Community



This month is all about love- not just for Valentine's Day, but for our amazing community!

February is a great time to show appreciation for our neighborhood, our local schools, and the people who make Jefferson such a wonderful place to call home.

As your JNA Board, we're here to support and celebrate with you because a strong community is built on connection, kindness, and a shared love for where we live!



Issue Highlights

CONNECTING OUR COMMUNITY,
ONE PAGE AT A TIME 

- January Meeting Recap
- Small Business Love Poll Results
- I-SPY JNA Signs
- History Corner
- Neighborhood Events



*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!



SAVE THE DATE

Will you be our Valentine? Mark your calendar for Monday, February 10, at 6:30 PM at the Young Women's Leadership Academy Cafeteria for a fun Valentine's Day Activity and our general meeting. We welcome Zan Marshall from the City of San Antonio Transportation Department. Zan will discuss the Complete Streets Design Guide. This is a great opportunity to share your input on transportation improvements in our neighborhood.

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: 2.10.25

YWLA Cafeteria @ 6:30pm

- best parking is in the West Mulberry parking lot.
- look for door greeters.
- Our featured presenter: Zan Marshall from the City of San Antonio Transportation Department. Zan will discuss the Complete Streets Design Guide, a citywide initiative to create safer, more accessible streets for all residents.





JNA 1.13.25 Recap

The Jefferson Neighborhood Association (JNA) kicked off the new year with an energizing first general meeting! It was wonderful to see so many neighbors in attendance, including several new faces- welcome to the JNA family!

We began the evening with updates from our local elected officials, who shared insights on upcoming projects and initiatives that impact our community. Following that, our guest speaker from 311 Code Enforcement provided valuable updates specific to our neighborhood, shedding light on important areas of focus for our community.

One of the highest-frequency reports in our area comes from **alley obstructions** and **overgrowth**. This includes vegetation or debris that blocks access to alleys, making it difficult for emergency vehicles, garbage collection, and neighbors to pass through. If you receive a citation, it's a reminder to address the issue promptly. Clearing alleys not only avoids penalties but also improves safety and access for everyone.



Other common reports in Jefferson include **loose dogs**, **front yard parking**, and **overgrown lawns** or **trash accumulation**. When asked about reasons given for non-compliance, Code Enforcement shared that many neighbors often say they're unaware of the city code. Additionally, there's a trend of younger residents moving into family homes who may not yet be maintaining the properties to the standards we value as a community.

As a neighborhood, this is both disappointing and empowering. While disrepair is disheartening, it's an opportunity to educate, support, and motivate one another to uphold codes and keep Jefferson at its best.



Support our JNA Business Members

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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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Neighborhood Poll

SHOUT OUT YOUR FAVORITE LOCAL BUSINESS



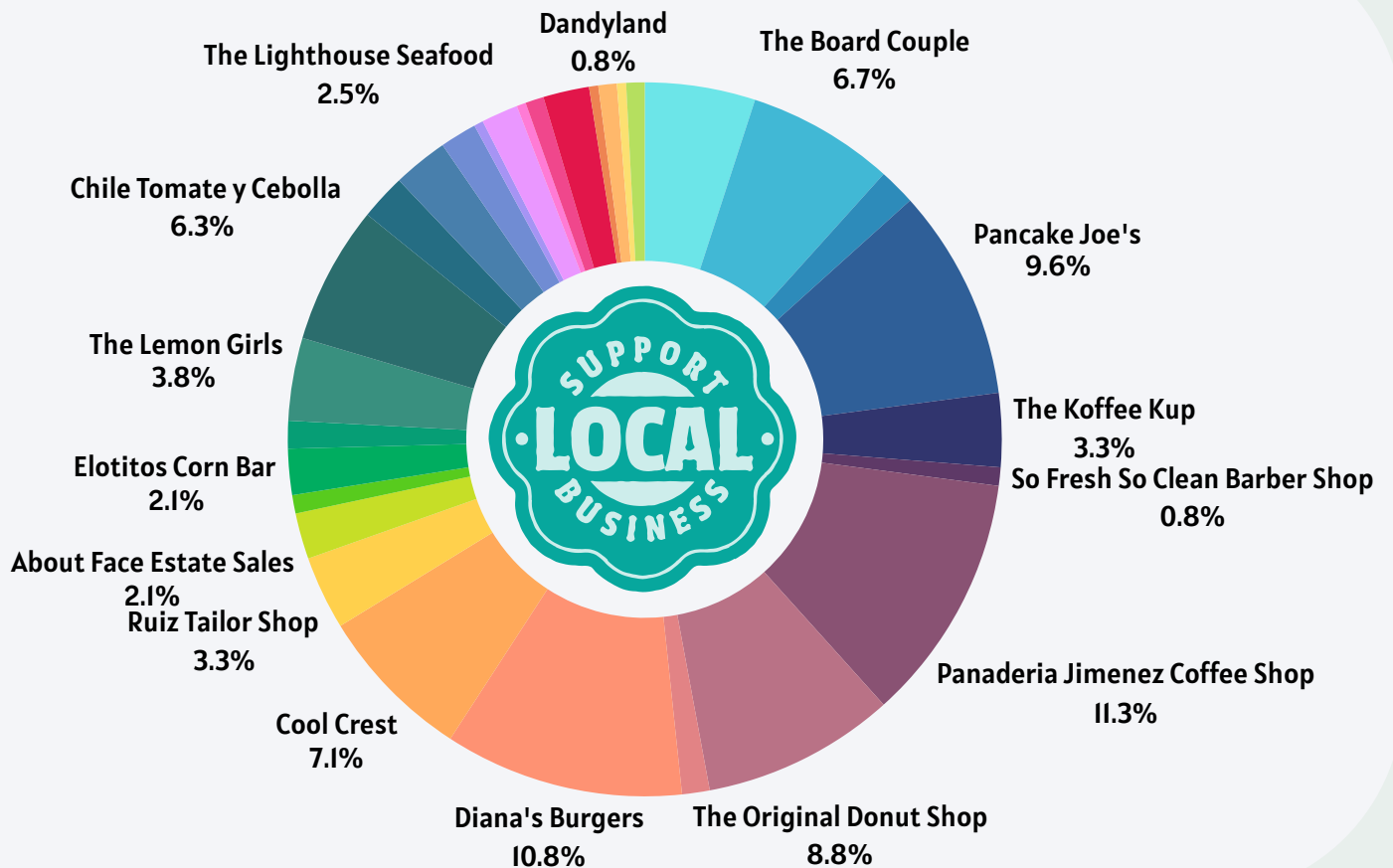
We asked, and you delivered! On Facebook, we called for shoutouts to your favorite local small businesses in the Jefferson area, and over **317 of you responded**. Your enthusiasm added more than 36 gems to our growing list. Thank you for sharing the places you love most so we can check them out!

Of course, not every spot received as many votes, but isn't that part of the charm? Some businesses might not yet be widely known- so what a wonderful opportunity for us to discover something new together!

That's the beauty of living in Jefferson Neighborhood - our community is a vibrant, always evolving hub of creativity, passion, and connection. Let's make it our mission to explore these new places, support our neighbors, and celebrate the unique businesses that make this area so great.

Who knows? Your next favorite place could be just around the corner. *We'd also like to extend an invitation to you, our neighbors, and the business owners who make this community shine. Join us at our next Jefferson Neighborhood Association meeting to share what you're doing for our community!*

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| Crystal's Cafe | The Lemon Girls | Brainwave Record Store | | Vee's Hair Salon | The Board Couple |
| Chile Tomate y Cebolla | Los Chiles | Junk In My Trunk Resale | The Hut Diner | Floral Elegance | Pancake Joe's |
| The Lighthouse Seafood | Wicked Wich | La Siberia | Dandyland | The Koffee Kup | So Fresh So Clean Barber Shop |
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WE LOVE SEEING OUR JNA SIGNS AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD



JNA YARD SIGN I-SPY



At the next JNA meeting, pick up a JNA Yard Sign to proudly support the Jefferson Neighborhood Association, and become a member if you are not already!

Signs will be available for purchase at our next meeting - \$25 cash or Venmo available.

SUPPORT JNA AND SHOW YOUR PRIDE!

Did you know that having a Jefferson Neighborhood Association (JNA) yard sign can do more than just show your pride in our community? It plays a vital role in fostering connection, increasing neighborhood awareness, and even helping to deter crime.

Here are the facts:

- **Increased Awareness:** Studies show that visual cues, like yard signs, can boost awareness of organizations by **up to 35%**. Each JNA sign acts as a beacon, letting new neighbors and passersby know that this is an active, engaged community.
- **Crime Deterrence:** Research indicates that neighborhoods with visible signs of community organization see lower rates of crime. Yard signs send a clear message to potential criminals: This is a neighborhood that looks out for one another.
- **Community Connection:** Yard signs are conversation starters. Many neighbors have shared that they learned about JNA simply by seeing a sign on their daily walk or commute. Signs encourage participation, helping us grow as a united community.



JNA yard signs are particularly impactful in high-visibility areas, like near schools or bus stops. Kids walking to and from school see these signs and know they're part of a supportive, tight-knit neighborhood. Families and visitors notice them, too, and see that Jefferson is more than just a neighborhood-it's a community.

Come join us at our next meeting and become a JNA member and grab a sign!

History Corner



Beside Floral Elegance on Donaldson Avenue stands a building with a story- a place that once housed part of San Antonio's photographic past: Fox Photo Co. In the 1950s, this location was part of a thriving chain that helped shape the way Americans captured and developed their memories.

Founded by Arthur C. Fox and later expanded by Carl Newton, Fox Photo grew from a modest San Antonio studio into the world's largest mail-order photofinishing business by 1920. The company pioneered accessible photography, offering services from film development to camera sales. By the mid-20th century, Fox Photo's presence was felt across the city, including right here in our Jefferson neighborhood. Locals brought their film rolls here, eagerly awaiting envelopes of freshly printed snapshots- souvenirs of birthdays, graduations, and everyday moments frozen in time. The storefront

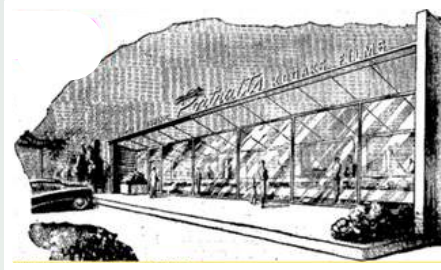


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once displayed the iconic Fox Photo logo, a familiar sight to many longtime residents. While the company changed hands multiple times-eventually disappearing under Wolf Camera in 2001-its legacy remains embedded in San Antonio's history.

Today, the building's facade has evolved, but echoes of its past endure. A side-by-side comparison of the storefront then and now offers a glimpse into how our neighborhood has transformed while preserving pieces of its history.

For those who remember Fox Photo's heyday, or those curious to learn, this snapshot of our community's past reminds us that every building has a story to tell. If you have old photos or memories of this location, we'd love to hear from you!

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Woodlawn Academy winter concert and honors band



Jefferson HS Winter Concert



Jefferson & Woodlawn Updates



Mark your calendars for the **End-of-Year Jefferson Cluster Art Show** on **March 6, 2025**, from 5-7 PM at Jefferson High School.

This event will feature incredible artwork from students across multiple SAISD campuses, including Woodlawn Academy and Jefferson HS.

It's a great way to support our young artists and celebrate the talent within our own neighborhood!

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SAVE THE DATE

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCE

FRIDAY, FEB. 14



Reminder for our SAISD Neighborhood schools, that **Friday February 14, 2025** will

be a student holiday for students. This is a Teacher Work Day for Parent/Teacher Conferences!

Jefferson Village Gets a Fresh New Look!



Did you see the fresh new look at Jefferson Village?

The facade has been updated to a crisp, clean white, giving the whole area a refreshed and inviting feel. Keeping our neighborhood looking its best matters to all of us, and small changes like this make a big difference in preserving the charm of our community!





Updates

NEW SAN ANTONIO ORDINANCE EXPANDS SMOKING BAN TO INCLUDE VAPES



Are you aware of a recent amendment to San Antonio's Smoking & Vaping Ordinance, effective January 1, 2025? The update adds new regulations to protect the public from secondhand smoke and vapor exposure in shared spaces.

- **Electronic Smoking Devices (ESDs) Defined:** E-cigarettes, vapes, and similar devices are now explicitly covered under the ordinance.
- **ESDs Added to Smoking Restrictions:** Vaping is now banned in public places and workplaces where smoking is prohibited.
- **Required No Vaping Signage:** Businesses must update no-smoking signs to include ESDs
- **Regulation of Tobacco Product Sales:** SA continues to enforce strict tobacco regulations, having been the first Texas city to raise the purchase age to 21.

Violations start at \$200 for first-time offenders, increasing to \$2,000 for repeated violations. For Jefferson area businesses and residents, this means a healthier environment for all. Public space owners should update signage to stay compliant. Required signs can be downloaded from the City of San Antonio's website.



MAKE SURE YOU COMPLETE D7'S



Have a loose dog issue in your neighborhood?

Let D7 know how many dogs you are seeing! At our monthly meetings with ACS, we will use YOUR DATA to let them know about what is going on in your neighborhood and bring additional resources to your area.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY

If you'd like to take on a bigger role in your local government, consider applying to be on a Board or Commission!



[APPLY HERE](#)

LUNAR BLOCK PARTY IS BACK!

The 4Goodness Project Inc. Lunar New Year block party is back and is partnering with Jefferson High School this year.

March 1st: 5pm-10pm
723 Donaldson Avenue (Between Wilson & Kampman)

This is a free community event with over 100 vendors and performances from San Antonio Lion Dance Association and HitiMahana Dance Group. We attended last year and LOVED IT!



Senator José Menéndez Issues Statement on 89th Legislative Committee Assignments

State Senator José Menéndez has been appointed to serve on the following Senate Committees for the 89th Legislature:

- Administration
- Business and Commerce
- Education
- Veteran Affairs

In his statement, Senator Menéndez emphasized the importance of tackling key issues affecting Texans, including public education, electric grid reliability, affordable housing, and economic opportunities for working families. He highlighted the critical role of the Education Committee in ensuring that every child, regardless of zip code, has access to quality education, as well as the oversight responsibilities of the Business and Commerce Committee in maintaining a stable and affordable energy grid. Additionally, he reaffirmed his commitment to supporting veterans and military families through his work on the Veteran Affairs Committee.

Senator Menéndez recently attended our JNA Holiday Celebration in December, where he connected with neighbors and shared his dedication to serving our community. We appreciate his continued leadership and advocacy for Senate District 26.

[READ MORE ABOUT SENATOR MENENDEZ](#)



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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

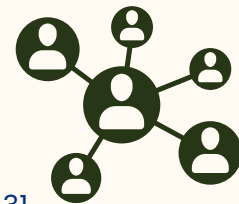
The JNA Membership year is September 1 - August 31.

Individual Membership - \$10 per year

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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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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.