

WELCOME TO OUR Jefferson Neighborhood Association

Happy Holidays!



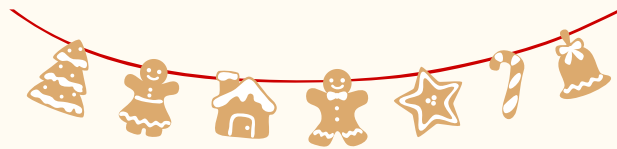
HELLO, NEIGHBOR!

Fostering Community



Season's Greetings from the Jefferson Neighborhood Association Board! As we close out 2024, we want to take a moment to reflect on the year gone by and look ahead to the exciting opportunities that await us in the new year.

In this edition of the JNA Newsletter, you'll find a recap of our recent Turkey Bingo event, a spotlight on local businesses, updates on school happenings, and information about upcoming neighborhood events. We invite you to join us in embracing the season's warmth and joy as we come together to make Jefferson an even stronger, more vibrant place to live. Here's to a wonderful holiday season and a bright 2025!



Issue Highlights

CONNECTING OUR COMMUNITY,
ONE PAGE AT A TIME 

- Turkey Bingo Recap
- Local Business Showcase
- School Spotlight
- Neighborhood Events
- Updates



*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

Join us on Monday, December 9th, at 6 PM at the Young Women's Leadership Academy Cafeteria for a festive evening. The JNA will provide the main dish and drinks, and we ask that you bring a side dish or dessert to share, along with an unwrapped toy for our Toy Drive. Enjoy a special musical performance and a great time with neighbors!

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: 12.9.24

YWLA Cafeteria @ 6:30pm

- best parking is in the West Mulberry parking lot.
- look for door greeters.
- Come celebrate at our Holiday Potluck
- Bring a side dish and an unwrapped toy and we'll have the entree
- Looking forward to connecting and celebrating





JNA Turkey Bingo Fundraiser Recap

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for Turkey Bingo - it was a fantastic night of community and fun!

We're thrilled to share that we raised over \$750 to support our JNA scholarship fund and sold all 70 business cards!

Special thanks to Councilwoman Marina Alderete Gavito (District 7) and Councilwoman Sukh Kaur's Representative (District 1) for stepping in as our enthusiastic bingo callers.



The event featured 20 exciting rounds of bingo, with H-E-B gift cards as prizes. The final round was the highlight of the evening, awarding a \$50 gift card to one lucky winner!

We're grateful to our sponsors and supporters, including Rep. Trey Martinez Fischer, Stella & Chuck Kierce, Charles Keyton of About Face, County Commissioner Justin Rodriguez, Camille Rodriguez Brigant, Realtor, and the dedicated JNA Board for making this event a success.

Thank you for helping us bring the community together while supporting a great cause!



[Click here to see the complete Holiday Photo Album](#)



COME JOIN US



JNA'S HOLIDAY **POTLUCK**

Dinner & Toy Drive

BRING A DISH & UNWRAPPED TOY!



The main dish & drinks provided by the JNA. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share and enjoy a special musical performance!



STARTS AT 6 PM

 Young Women's Leadership
Academy Cafeteria
2123 W Huisache Ave.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

Questions? 
Contact:
neighbors@jefferson-sa.com



Local Business Spotlight: NoFi Slow Bar

NoFi Slow Bar, 819 Fredericksburg Rd, is a one-of-a-kind gem in our neighborhood, perfect for anyone who appreciates great coffee and good company. I recently visited and enjoyed two delightful espressos with milk while admiring the stunning black and white tile floor and charming decor.

True to its name, NoFi Slow Bar embraces a slower pace - there's no WiFi and no carryout, encouraging guests to stay, sip, and enjoy meaningful company. During my visit, I ran into a few neighbors also soaking in the relaxed atmosphere and excellent brews.



The owner's expertise and passion for coffee shine in every detail, making it an inviting space to connect and unwind. If you haven't been, it's time to experience this unique spot for yourself!

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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 School Fall Festivals & Service



Woodlawn Academy' & Jefferson High School's Fall Festival were a hit, with the school community and our neighbors coming together to support the school's clubs and field trips.

Each grade/club hosted a themed booth with games or tasty treats, making it a fun night for everyone.

Both festivals are amazing ways to connect with the community and give back. If you couldn't make it this year, we hope to see you at next year's celebrations!



Did you hear? Young Women's Leadership Academy (YWLA) art students added vibrant murals to I-35 pillars near Houston Street during October's Youth Revival Paint Jam.

Partnering with City Problem Solvers, they embraced the theme Spirit of Healing with designs featuring cardinals and marigolds, symbolizing family and unity.

This lasting artwork showcases their talent and enriches the community. Visit downtown to see their inspiring creations!

[Read the Full Article Here](#)



Jefferson Dome

Did you happen to notice that a little while ago, the Jefferson Dome lit up in celebration of the Jefferson Mustangs' amazing 31-0 win over the Highland Owls! It was a unique moment for our neighborhood to experience and such a cool way to highlight their victory.

Be sure to keep an eye out the next time you drive or walk by and see if you can catch a look at a new color... there's more to come!



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Neighborhood Events

SAISD YWLA BOND PROJECT UPDATES

The ongoing renovations at the Young Women's Leadership Academy (YWLA) are making great progress!

Thanks to Bond 2020, the school is receiving a brand new academic building, labs, collaborative spaces, a competition gym, and even a new library. Additionally, the 1934 building is getting some much needed exterior updates. The project is slated for completion in Fall 2025.

Be sure to attend the upcoming community meeting on **December 5, 2024**, from 6-7 p.m., where you'll get an update on the facility's condition and construction progress. Your bond dollars are hard at work! Keep an eye out for more updates as this exciting transformation continues.



COMMUNITY MEETING

YOUNG WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

LOCATION: 2123 W. HUISACHE AVE.
DATE: THURSDAY, DEC. 5, 2024
TIME: 6:00 - 7:00 P.M.

IMPORTANT TOPICS TO BE COVERED

- FACILITIES CONDITION ASSESSMENT
- CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS
- BOND DOLLARS

ALL PARENTS INVITED IN PERSON OR VIA ZOOM
TODOS LOS PADRES ESTÁN INVITADOS EN PERSONA O A TRAVÉS DE ZOOM
LINK: <https://saisd.zoom.us/j/99894773888>



REUNIÓN COMUNITARIA

YOUNG WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

DIRECCIÓN: 2123 W. HUISACHE AVE.
FECHA: JUEVES, 7 DE DICIEMBRE DE 2024
HORA: 6:00-7:00 P.M.

TEMAS IMPORTANTES QUE SE ABORDARÁN:

- EVALUACIÓN DEL ESTADO DE LAS INSTALACIONES
- PROGRESO DE LA CONSTRUCCIÓN
- DÓLARES DE BONOS



[READ THE FULL ARTICLE HERE](#)



Council District 7

Tree Adoption

Join Council District 7 and Parks & Recreation to celebrate the recent tree plantings at Woodlawn Lake Park! Join us for a ceremonial tree planting and take home a free tree while supplies last.

December 7, 2024

Woodlawn Lake Park

9 a.m. - 12 p.m. | 221 Alexander Ave.

Event located on the walking trail between the gym and the pool.
(Ceremonial tree planting is only for public viewing. No volunteers are needed.)



Council District 7

SAParksAndRec.com



TREE GIVEAWAY EVENT



Did you know that on **December 7**, D7 and Parks & Recreation are hosting a tree giveaway and planting event, thanks to a generous \$3.25 million grant aimed at revitalizing local parks? The event will provide residents with the chance to take home a free tree saplings and celebrates the recent planting of the soon to be 475 total trees planted throughout Woodlawn Lake and surrounding areas.

This initiative not only enhances the beauty of our neighborhood but also contributes to improved air quality, increased shade, and support for local wildlife. I know as a frequent runner at the lake, I am looking forward to some shade!

MAKE SURE YOU COMPLETE D7'S





WeRYoga

WeRYoga Believes Community Care is Self Care

There's something really special happening in our neighborhood! More than 10 years ago, Joe Rivera, a longtime resident of Monticello Park started a weekly yoga group practice. Over the years the weekly sessions became 3 or 4 weekly sessions, and the handful of friends grew to dozens of neighbors meeting regularly to breathe, move mindfully and build community. WeRYoga currently meets 4 times weekly for classes at Grace Presbyterian Church (950 Donaldson). We have special events such as Sound Bowl and Gong Meditation sessions. We even go on annual retreats together to Vermont and the Texas Hill country!

All classes are taught by Yoga Alliance-registered yoga teachers and designed to be accessible to all ages and bodies. On Tuesday and Thursday at 9 am, our popular Chair Yoga classes provide participants the opportunity to move our limbs, breathe deeply and fully, and experience all the physical, mental and emotional benefits of mindful movement in a group setting. Tuesday and Thursday evenings are for Flow classes using yoga mats and other props to support the body in a slightly more rigorous practice. All classes are offered on a pay-what-you-can basis, and EVERYONE is welcome!

For more information, contact Joe Rivera at jriveraboriqua@gmail.com or Paula Earl-Orozco at paulaorozco1@sbcglobal.net.

- Paula Earl-Orozco on Donaldson

Upcoming Events



San Antonio's downtown tradition returns November 29 through January 2! Stroll five dazzling blocks of Houston Street, from Legacy Park to the Alamo, featuring twinkling lights, larger-than-life décor, live entertainment, and themed treats from local shops and restaurants.

December 3 - [A Taste of Holidays on Houston Street, a community dinner](#)

December 7 - San Antonio Coffee Festival presents Hot Holidays on Houston

December 13-15 - Holidays on Houston Market

December 17 - [Holidays on Houston Fun Run: 5k and 1 mile](#)



REPRESENTATIVE

TREY MARTINEZ FISCHER

Neighbors, I am proud to be your HD 116 State Representative. Please contact me if we can be of service to you

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Neighborhood Concern



GET A SNEAK PEEK OF THE NEW 311 INTERACTIVE DASHBOARD!

Neighbors, if you've been interested in supporting our community through 311, we invite you to join us for a Sneak Peek of the new 311 interactive dashboard!

This tool will provide valuable insights into 311 service requests and key performance indicators (KPIs) from the call center, offering transparency and an opportunity for you to stay informed about our neighborhood's needs.

The dashboard is set to go live on the 311 Customer Service website in early 2025. Don't miss out- register for one of the virtual meetings on December 10 or 11 to learn more and explore how you can get involved in improving our community!

- Animals
- Arts & Culture
- Business & Licensing
- Education & Employment
- Elections & Records
- Graffiti & Waste Collection
- Health & Social Services
- Parks & Recreation
- Property Maintenance & Construction
- Public Safety
- Taxes, Payments & Municipal Court Fines
- Transportation, Parking & Public Works
- Utilities

Virtual Meeting Schedule

Tuesday, December 10 at 12 p.m.

Tuesday, December 10 at 5 p.m.

Tuesday, December 10 at 6 p.m.

Wednesday, December 11 at 12 p.m.

Wednesday, December 11 at 5 p.m.



Calls Received

This metric represents the number of monthly calls presented during operating hours.



[Register now](#)



HISTORY HOLIDAY CARD

As we close out the year, let's take a look at this 1931 photograph of Jefferson High School. In the image, you can see the wide open fields that once surrounded the school, stretching all the way past the current Donaldson Avenue. It's a reminder of how much our neighborhood has transformed over time.

Looking back, it's interesting to consider what life was like in our area before the development we see today - and how the history of Jefferson continues to shape our community.

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

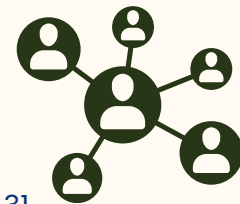
The JNA Membership year is September 1 - August 31.

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.

[JOIN NOW](#)



email: neighbors@jefferson-sa.com

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Support our JNA Business Members

THE HEART OF OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

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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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.