

WELCOME TO OUR
Jefferson Neighborhood Association

hello, neighbor!



HELLO, NEIGHBOR!

August Highlights:

As August arrives, we're gearing up for a productive and engaging month in our neighborhood!

Stay informed with updates on important community resources, including new initiatives to enhance safety with streetlights designed to reduce crime. We'll provide details on how these improvements are being implemented and what you can do to stay involved.

Additionally, we're excited to share information about exciting new projects starting in our city. Your input is valuable as these projects develop, and we'll highlight opportunities for you to provide feedback and contribute to their success.

Join us in making the most of this month by staying connected with local resources and participating in the growth and development of our community.

Issue Highlights

**CONNECTING OUR COMMUNITY,
ONE PAGE AT A TIME**

- New Projects
- Concerns
- Updates
- Giving Back



*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.



August Meeting

At our August meeting, our guest speakers are the Texas Department of Transportation speaking on the Bandera Road Project and Bexar Branches Alliance. We have also invited candidates interested in running for SA Mayor to come speak with us.

Elections of officers will take place at the end of our meeting. We welcome anyone who would like to serve on our board to be nominated on the floor.

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: 08.12.24

YWLA Cafeteria @ 6:30pm

- o best parking is in the West Mulberry parking lot.
- o look for door greeters.
- o Our featured presenters:
 - **TX Department of Transportation**
 - **Bexar Branches Alliance**
 - **Mayoral Candidates**





Exciting New Project: Arboretum San Antonio

YOU'RE INVITED

Arboretum San Antonio is excited to invite the community to a summer pop-up event. Join them to learn more about this new green space project and share your ideas. The Arboretum is in the planning phase but will be South Texas' first arboretum dedicated to creating a green sanctuary for the community. This exciting project aims to transform 188 acres of the former Republic Golf Course, located at 4226 SE Military Drive, into a thriving ecological and recreational resource.

Arboretum San Antonio will feature a "cathedral of trees," pedestrian and bicycle trails, a nursery for native and climate-resilient trees, nature-based programming, event spaces, and public art displays. This project promises to be a leading recreational, ecological, economic, and educational resource for residents and visitors of all ages.

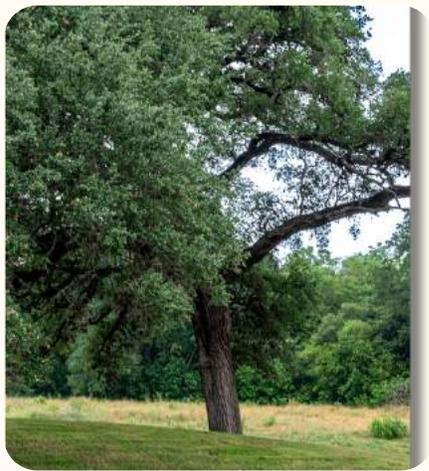
Community Input Needed

As the project progresses, community input is vital. Arboretum San Antonio is conducting a series of three surveys to gather ideas and feedback from residents. The first survey is currently live and will be open through August 31. Neighbors are encouraged to share their thoughts and dreams for what the arboretum should become.

Survey Link: [Arboretum San Antonio Survey](#)

Arboretum San Antonio Summer Pop-Up

- Date: Saturday, August 10, 2024
- Time: 8:00 a.m. - noon
- Location: Woodlawn Lake Park, 1103 Cincinnati Ave, San Antonio, TX 78201



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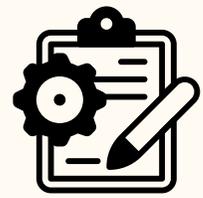
This event will provide information about the arboretum and offer opportunities for residents to give their input. For more details, visit arboretumsa.org and follow them on social media.

The Jefferson Neighborhood Association encourages all residents to attend and participate in shaping this exciting project

WANT TO KNOW MORE?
ARBORETUM SAN ANTONIO
CLICK HERE



Addressing Your Concerns:



STREET LIGHT FUND

Concern from neighbors at our last meeting about break-ins and carjacking was top of mind. Interest was expressed about increasing neighborhood security and in what ways we could help tackle this as a JNA. The Street Light Fund Project aims to improve public safety by increasing the number of street lights in San Antonio. Councilmembers Marina Gavito Aldrete (D1) and the D7 Councilmember are actively working on this initiative to improve the community.

Studies consistently show that well-lit streets contribute significantly to reducing crime and improving pedestrian safety. By engaging residents in identifying priority areas for new street lights, the initiative aims to leverage community-driven decisions that directly benefit neighborhoods.

The Streetlight Team comprises engineers and engineering technicians dedicated to providing outstanding customer service. When receiving a residential streetlight request, staff evaluates if streetlights are warranted, communicates with customers and industry partners, and monitors the CPS Energy design and construction process for streetlights. Streetlights are designed to meet the Military Lighting Overlay District requirements, reducing light intensity levels, glare, and light pollution, following best practices adapted from the International Dark-Sky Association (IDA).

Residents are encouraged to provide their input to identify areas that would benefit from additional street lights.

How to Request a Street Light

Identify a Location: Pinpoint the exact location where additional lighting is needed.

Submit Your Request:

- [Use this form](#)
- Call 210-207-0900, and staff can fill out the form.

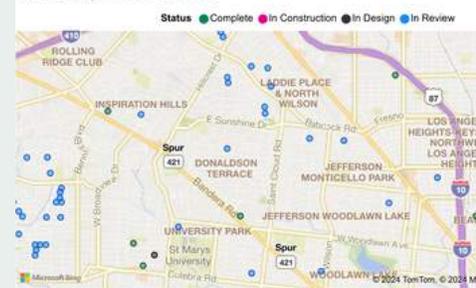
Gap Analysis and Dashboard

The Streetlight Team has completed the gap analysis of residential streets within the city limits and identified the analysis by City Council Districts. This study identified locations where illumination (streetlights) was warranted. In FY 2023, 188 streetlights were installed. [Click the Streetlight Gap Dashboard to view status updates on streetlight installations, updated monthly.](#)



Council District	Miles Studied	Existing Lights	Lights Installed FY23
1	412	8690	21
2	397	9493	9
3	379	8136	25
4	330	6571	1
5	356	11549	0
6	301	5762	17
7	375	5831	33
8	226	5334	48
9	210	5089	13
10	306	6547	21
Total	3292	73002	

Streetlight Locations



Neighborhood Projects



GET INVOLVED WITH VIA'S RAPID TRANSIT GREEN LINE PROJECT

VIA's Rapid Transit Green Line Project is a significant development under the VIA Rapid system, part of the broader Keep San Antonio Moving plan. This initiative is designed to deliver fast, frequent, and reliable public transit by using dedicated lanes, bus-friendly traffic signals, and off-board fare collection to streamline boarding and travel.

Project Highlights:

- Route: The Green Line will connect neighborhoods and businesses from the San Antonio Airport area, along San Pedro Avenue, through downtown, and south to the Missions area.
- VIA Rapid System: The Green Line is the region's first ART (Arterial Rapid Transit) corridor, providing enhanced connectivity and efficiency. A second proposed ART corridor, the VIA Rapid Silver Line, will connect the East and West sides of the city.

[ATTEND A VIRTUAL EVENT](#)

How It Relates to Our Neighborhood:

- The Green Line will improve access to key destinations, including downtown events, employment centers, and cultural landmarks, making it easier for residents to navigate the city.
- Enhanced transit connections will contribute to greater accessibility and convenience, supporting community engagement and reducing travel times.

[LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS PROJECT](#)

VIA Rapid Green Line Project Benefits

<p>IMPROVES SAFETY FOR DRIVERS, PEDESTRIANS, AND CYCLISTS</p>	<p>CONNECTS MORE PEOPLE TO MORE PLACES, FASTER</p>	<p>SUPPORTS EQUITABLE ACCESS TO OPPORTUNITY</p>
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GREEN LINE SERVICE FAST FACTS

<p>11.7 MILES</p> <p>from the airport area to the Missions area with continuing service and connections to Brooks Transit Center and Stone Oak Park & Ride.</p>	<p>Featuring</p> <p>26 NEW STATIONS</p>	<p>10 min</p> <p>Frequency on weekdays</p>	<p>15 min</p> <p>Frequency on weekends</p>	<p>NEW</p> <p>Low-emission vehicles</p>
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Neighborhood Event



BACK-TO-SCHOOL EVENT AT JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL

District 7 is hosting a special event at Jefferson High School, offering a range of resources for residents in need. Enjoy:

- FREE backpacks with school supplies (while supplies last)
- FREE vaccines
- FREE produce bags
- And much more!

Important Details:

- Date: August 3
- Location: Jefferson High School, District 7
- Eligibility: Exclusively for District 7 residents. Please bring proof of address, such as a piece of mail.
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Don't miss this opportunity to gear up for school and enjoy a day of fun and valuable resources. For any questions or assistance, contact the District 7 team at (210) 207-0870 or email district7@sanantonio.gov.



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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



Status: Under Construction | Estimated Completion: Fall 2025

Current Work:

- Construction of the new academic building is underway.
- Recent activities include preparing to pour the concrete slab for the new library and Robotics Lab.
- New administration and academic buildings, as well as two gyms and related athletic facilities, are in progress.
- Accessibility improvements are being made at the main entrance.

Scope of Work:

- New academic building with classrooms, labs, and collaborative spaces
- New competition gym and secondary gym
- Renovation of the 1934 building
- New library

Note: The project scope has been modified from the original plan.

For more updates on Bond 2020 projects, visit the [Bond 2020 Overview section](#).



YWLA New Academic Building Site
June 2024



YWLA ADA Improvements
June 2024

Honest Review!



CPS TUNE UP

Recently, we,, took advantage of CPS Energy's High-Performance A/C Tune-up program after attending the May Neighborhood Association Meeting and listening to the CPS Guest Speaker tell us about this complimentary offering.

Here's our experience and why we recommend it!

The technician arrived promptly and conducted a thorough inspection of our A/C systems. They measured and corrected indoor airflow, cleaned the outdoor condenser coils, inspected the indoor coil and blower, and added refrigerant fluid where needed. Even though no major issues were found, the service provided peace of mind knowing our systems are running efficiently.

Service Highlights:

- Improved cooling output and performance
- Enhanced comfort and humidity control
- Reduced wear and tear on our A/C systems
- Extended equipment life

Eligibility is for residential customers with central air conditioners or heat pumps that are at least one year old. Non-ducted mini-splits and window A/C units are not eligible.

We found this service invaluable and encourage you to take advantage of it. For more information, contact CPS Energy at 210-353-2728 or email them.



[LEARN MORE
AND SIGN UP
FOR YOUR
OWN TUNE UP](#)

DID YOU KNOW? SECURITY LIGHTS



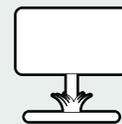
Residential property owners can request up to six all-night security lights (ANSL) for their homes.

For more information or to request an ANSL:

- Visit CPS Energy Residential Request for ANSL
- Call CPS Energy at 210.353.2222
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Please note, the cost for the security light(s) is added to the property owner's utility bill and varies depending on the wattage of light, number requested, and other factors.

SUPPORT JNA AND SHOW YOUR PRIDE!



At the next JNA meeting, residents can also pick up a JNA Yard Sign to proudly support the Jefferson Neighborhood Association.

It's a great way to show your commitment to our community! Signs will be available for purchase at our next meeting - \$25.



Giving Back in Our Community



CAMILLE RODRIGUEZ

At the JNA's June meeting, we were able to award \$4,000 in scholarships to hard working students who we hope to be future stewards of our JNA community or wherever they end up living in our world.

Two stellar students from Thomas Jefferson High School and two from the Young Women's Leadership Academy (YWLA) were each awarded \$1,000 scholarships to help start their journey in furthering their education.

These awards were made possible because of the strong commitment to our community shown by Camille Rodriguez-Brigant and Motif Boutique Brokerage. Camille has been the leading contributor to help ensure that our deserving students in our community start their journey in higher education on the right foot.

Camille and Motif have been instrumental in sponsoring our neighborhood's success through leading sponsorship of the scholarship, but also sponsoring JNA events including our holiday party, the Jefferson Community Garden, and mailers for the JNA.

Her commitment to diversity has also been an important contribution to our community by previously sponsoring the Pride Parade our neighborhood has enjoyed!

She is always ready to help the JNA community and lives in our community, so she understands it and wants to see it succeed.

If you should need a realtor (though we don't want you to leave our community) or if you know someone seeking a realtor to join our community, reach out to Camille at 210-802-9797.

Not only will she sell your home or help you buy your home in our neighborhood, but she will give back to the JNA community!

Thank you, Camille and Motif Boutique Brokerage for being a catalyst for the JNA 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](#)



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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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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.