Jefferson Neighborhood Association

Happy Valentine's Pay!



Loving our Community

Welcome to the February edition of the JNA Newsletter, where love and community take center stage! This month, let's celebrate the warmth that envelops our Jefferson neighborhood—from the coziness of our homes to the heart of our small businesses.

As we navigate through February, join us in cherishing the threads of our community's fabric. From familiar faces as we take a walk in the neighborhood to the welcoming atmosphere of our local businesses, each corner of the Jefferson Neighborhood holds stories of connection and shared experiences.

Embrace the February breeze and the love that permeates our streets. Thank you for being an integral part of what makes Jefferson truly extraordinary.

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Love Letters to Jefferson



AN ODE TO COMMUNITY

Dear Jefferson Neighborhood Association,

Sending a little love letter your way from an anonymous admirer of our fantastic community! I just couldn't resist sharing why I absolutely love living here.

Firstly, it's the friendly waves and warm smiles that greet me every day. It's like living in a place where everyone is not just a neighbor but a friend you haven't met yet. Whether it's the casual encounters at Deco HEB or the run ins at the Jefferson Bodega, the sense of community here is beyond compare.

And let's talk about the quirkiness that makes Jefferson stand out. From the charming architecture to the unique local events, there's always something interesting happening. It's this distinct personality that gives our neighborhood its special charm.

Now, let's not forget the way we come together to address concerns and make positive changes. The updates from the neighborhood meetings and the collaborative efforts to improve our community truly make living here a joy.

A Little Poem in honor of Valentine's Day:

In Jefferson's streets, where neighbors meet, A community that can't be beat. With every wave and friendly smile, Our little corner of the world, so worthwhile. But my favorite part, oh, it's so sweet, Walking around, the details can't be beat. Homes adorned with care and delight, A neighborhood that sparkles, day or night.

So, to the Jefferson Neighborhood Association and all my wonderful neighbors, thanks for making this place feel like home. I'm grateful to be part of such a vibrant and caring community. Here's to many more years of shared smiles, laughter, and the simple joy of living in Jefferson!

With warm regards,

A Proud and Happy MALesident EMAIL:<u>NEIGHBORS@JEFFERSON-SA.COM</u>

WANT TO SUBMIT YOUR OWN LOVE



Jefferson Neighborhood Association Monthly Meeintgs

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

Grab a pen, share the love, and let's write valentines together at our next meeting. Express why you adore living in our amazing community. From cozy homes to friendly faces, there's so much to love about !

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: 2.12.24



- best parking is in the West Mulberry parking lot.
- look for door greeters.

YWLA Cafeteria @ 6:30pm

Featured Presenter:

 Are you paying too much for your home insurance? Or, do you know if you have enough homeowners coverage? Jorge Sanchez will present on homeowners's insurance from State Farm.

Neighborhood Concern ζ

PRESERVING JEFFERSON'S CHARACTER: A WINDOW INTO HISTORIC WINDOWS

Historic homes are like puzzles, and each element contributes to their overall value. When we tinker with original materials, we risk eroding the integrity and historic significance of our properties. Windows, in particular, play a starring role in defining a property's character and craftsmanship. They were meticulously designed with high-quality materials, and by preserving them, we keep these materials within our homes rather than in the landfill.

Windows aren't just there for looks – they are integral to the design, providing both aesthetics and functionality by allowing light and ventilation. Losing original windows not only impacts a home's appearance but also alters the proportionality and depth of our building facades.

The push to replace windows for energy efficiency may not be as beneficial as it seems. The economic tradeoff, considering costs, lifespan, and actual energy savings, often favors traditional maintenance over replacements.

Window repair is not only more affordable upfront but also offers a greater return on investment. Understanding window anatomy and maintenance practices makes repair manageable for homeowners.

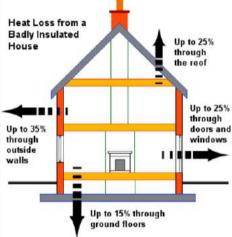
Low-cost strategies like weather stripping, storm windows, shades, shutters, and screens can significantly reduce heat gain/loss without resorting to replacements.

For hands-on learning, the Office of Historic Preservation hosts periodic Historic Window Restoration Workshops. Valuable online resources from reputable sources like the National Trust for Historic Preservation provide insights into window repair and preservation.

As we've experienced a particularly cold past month, the importance of a warm and energy-efficient home becomes even more apparent. Preserving the historic windows of Jefferson goes beyond aesthetics; it's about honoring craftsmanship and protecting the soul of our homes. Let's continue to cherish and safeguard our windows, ensuring the warmth of our history lives on.







Get more tips from Deputy Preservation Officer: Cory Edwards کائم



<u>COSA OHP Public Portal</u> <u>OHP Explorer Map</u> Phonie: 210–207–0035

Neighborhood Tips

NAVIGATING WINTER: CPS WINTER TOOLKIT

In this season of unpredictable weather, the CPS Energy Winter Resources Toolkit becomes an invaluable ally, offering crucial insights and resources to navigate the challenges that winter may bring. Let's delve into how we, as a community, can proactively embrace safety and conservation during the cold season, drawing strength from the indispensable toolkit provided by our community-owned utility, CPS Energy.

CPS Energy encourages our neighborhood to take proactive measures, emphasizing the significance of registering for energy alerts through Manage My Account (MMA) at <u>cpsenergy.com/alerts</u>. By staying informed and updating emergency contact information, we empower ourselves to tackle winter challenges with resilience. Crafting comprehensive emergency plans, considering medical needs, and staying connected through various social media channels are vital steps in fostering a prepared and informed community.

Our neighborhood is reminded to exercise caution during winter weather events, refraining from using indoor generators or heaters that could pose safety risks. Seeking designated warm places when extreme cold hits, staying vigilant about outdoor conditions, and promptly reporting any issues to CPS Energy contribute to a safer community.

Remaining informed and driving only when necessary post-weather events are essential contributions we can make. Homeowners are encouraged to assess potential damage and revisit family emergency plans for continuous improvement.

CPS Energy introduces a <u>Color-Coded Notification Program</u> that aligns with our community's commitment to responsible energy consumption. By adhering to the conservation levels, we collectively contribute to grid reliability during winter.

Our neighborhood is reminded to stay vigilant against utility scams, with CPS Energy ensuring transparent practices and never demanding deposits for meter replacements. Reporting suspicious activity is a shared responsibility.





LET'S PREPAR

cpsenergy.com/prepare

Sign up for energy

alerts and view winter safety tips at







VEE'S HAIR SALON & SPA: WHERE WARMTH AND TRADITION MEET

In the heart of Jefferson Village, where the memories of yesteryears mingle with the vibrancy of today, there exists a gem that transcends time—Vee's Hair Salon & Spa. In an exclusive chat with Mary Morales, the heart and soul of this establishment, the narrative unfolds like a cherished family album, filled with warmth, commitment, and a deep-rooted love for the community.

1949, a Grand Beginning

Step back to 1949, when the doors of Vee's Hair Salon & Spa first swung open in Jefferson Village. A quaint salon then, now a beacon of resilience, having weathered the uncertainties of the '80s when change swept the neighborhood. Mary Morales, our guide through time, joined the journey in 1979, intertwining her story with that of this cherished establishment. The salon, originally named Bowman's, underwent transformations under the capable hands of Vee McMasters, a name synonymous with hairstyling finesse. What started as a professional venture soon became a family legacy. Mary, sharing the tale with a twinkle in her eye, recalls her arrival at Vee's, seeking a job after earning her stylist's license, not realizing she was becoming a part of something far more significant-a community.

Community Threads

As Mary animatedly shares her connection and involvement in the Jefferson Neighborhood Association, it becomes evident that Vee's Hair Salon & Spa is not merely a place of business; it's a cultural cornerstone. A torchbearer of tradition and community spirit, Vee's has continued to embrace the values that define Jefferson Village and our neighborhood. Through ownership transitions, from Yolanda Martinez and Margaret Williamson to Mary Morales herself, the salon's commitment to community initiatives has remained unwavering. From SAPD's 'Blue Santa', the US Marine Corp 'Toys for Tots', SAISD's 'School Uniform Drive', to the 'On and Off Fredericksburg Art Studio Tour,' Vee's Hair Salon & Spa has been an active participant in the neighborhood's cultural and social fabric. Vee's has also helped sponsor the 'Monticello Holiday Home Tour', 'Christmas in Jefferson Village', 'Horse and Buggy Carriage rides', and 'Second Fridays in Jefferson Village' to name a few.



Beyond the haircuts and styles, Vee's is a multigenerational haven where family values are not just preached but lived daily. Mary Morales beams with pride as she talks about her son Robert and granddaughter Lauren, both part of the Vee's family, creating a unique trifecta of talent and tradition. "It's about making people feel beautiful," Mary insists, mirroring the essence of Jefferson Village where warmth and camaraderie are woven into the very fabric of life. It's not just a business philosophy but a way of being that permeates every interaction within those salon walls.

Adapting to Change

As Jefferson Village evolved, so did Vee's Hair Salon & Spa. Mary Morales, the ever-watchful guardian of this legacy, recounts the changes, not just in hairstyles but in the very pulse of the

neighborhood. From roller sets to contemporary trends, the salon adapted, mirroring the community it calls home (although perms have made a comeback and are available by her son Robert!).





Shared Stories, Enduring Bonds

The stories within Vee's are not confined to hair strands alone; they echo the shared history of families that have entrusted their tresses to the skilled hands of this neighborhood icon. From wedding hairstyles to the latest trends, the bonds created at Vee's endure, creating a pool of connections that span generations. Mary fondly recounts styling the hair on a bride and the bride's grandmother, when just years earlier, she had been styling the grandmother's hair for her own wedding day. Stories like this are plentiful at Vee's and demonstrate not only the passion and warmth of Mary but also how you "can't have Jefferson Village without Vee's".



A Future of Togetherness

Mary Morales envisions a future where Vee's Hair Salon & Spa continues to be a vital thread in the rich tapestry of Jefferson Village. The upcoming 75th-anniversary celebration is not just a milestone but a testament to the enduring spirit of this establishment. Save the date for the grand fiesta from 6-8pm on April 25th, 2024, where there will be Fiesta-themed festivities, including food, music, and dancing. With Mary Morales at the helm, this timeless establishment continues to weave its unique story into Jefferson's vibrant community.

In a world where neighborhoods sometimes transform beyond recognition, Vee's stands as a testament to continuity, love, and community spirit. As Mary Morales continues to nurture this haven with a heart, inviting everyone into a space where connections are forged and warmth is not just a temperature but a way of life, I can't help but anticipate the joy of stepping back through those doors. I already picture the vibrant atmosphere, and I find myself eagerly looking forward to the day when I'll indulge in the artistry of Mary's grandaughter, Lauren, as she works her magic on my nails. So, when are you booking your appointment? The embrace of community and the allure of personalized care await, promising an experience that goes beyond the ordinary salon visit.

SAVE THE DATE

Vee's 75th Anniversary: April 25th, 2024 6pm-8pm

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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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Celebrating Triumphs at Jefferson High School!

A resounding congratulations to our Mustang Pit Masters for their stellar performance at the San Antonio Rodeo! They brought the sizzle and secured impressive rankings: 8th in Chicken, 8th in Ribs, 4th in Brisket, and a fantastic 7th Place Overall. This remarkable achievement showcases not only their culinary prowess but also their dedication to the art of barbecue. Our pit masters have truly represented our community with exceptional skill and passion, adding a flavorful touch to our neighborhood.





Celebrating a remarkable achievement on the soccer field, our Lady Mustangs and Boys Mustangs secured back-to-back wins, showcasing their prowess and teamwork. The Lady Mustangs triumphed over Lanier with a 1-0 victory, demonstrating their skill and determination. A special shout-out goes to our Boys Soccer Team, who faced a challenging tie at 2-2 and clinched the win in penalty kicks (PKs). This double success is a testament to the dedication and sportsmanship of our Mustangs. Congratulations to both teams for their outstanding performances, and here's to more victories ahead on the soccer pitch!



Harmony Unleashed

A round of applause is in order for our talented Woodlawn Academy students, Ana, Jazmin, Liliana, and Maria, who graced the stage in the MS Advanced Treble All-Region Choir. Under the skilled guidance of Dr. Jennifer Seighman as their choir conductor, these students showcased not only their musical prowess but also their dedication to excellence. Their participation in the All-Region Honor Choir is a testament to their commitment to the arts and adds a melodious note to our JNA community. Well done, and we look forward to more harmonious performances in the future!





Community Focus: Key Takeaways from the JNA Meeting

The Jefferson Neighborhood Association gathered on the evening of January 8, 2024, at the YWLA Cafeteria for its monthly general meeting. The session kicked off with a warm welcome, emphasizing the importance of community involvement.

The guest speakers section began with SAPD SAFFE Officer John Garcia (#1447), who urged residents to report suspicious behavior without hesitation. Officer Garcia addressed a query about a person on a small bike, advising residents to call it in for safety. He assured them that he could engage with the individual but emphasized the need for substantial evidence. The discussion also covered handling fireworks from celebrations, with Officer Garcia encouraging residents to promptly report such incidents.

Next, updates from area representatives, led by Frank Ramirez, touched on various community concerns. Residents were cautioned about the cold weather, loose dogs were advised to be reported to 311 or the Councilwoman's office, and news of the grand opening of the Councilwoman's updated office was shared. District 73 candidate Elizabeth Martinez's run for judicial courts was highlighted, emphasizing her commitment to the community, with the voting deadline set for March 5.

Lettie Sanchez, speaking on behalf of Wreaths across America, reported falling short on wreath purchases. Community members were encouraged to participate by adopting sections, taking advantage of the 1-for-1 deal on wreaths, and considering the opportunity for tax write-offs. Information on making donations and contact details were also provided.



The presentation speakers included an Officer from the City of San Antonio Animal Care Services, who shared notable statistics such as an 81% live release rate, surpassing Dallas at 70%. The City Council's approval of a budget increase led to an increase in officers from 44 to 57, with a focus on addressing community concerns. The ACS Officer addressed issues related to dogs roaming at night, selling dogs, and concerns about dogs being sold on NextDoor. The session concluded with an overview of the 311 app by Madeline Chandler and Alan Garcia.





HAVE A LOOSE DOG PROBLEM? CLICK HERE



Neighborhood Events



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Neighbors are invited to join the vibrant Lunar New Year Block Party hosted by 4Goodness-SA Project, Inc. on February 3rd, 2024.

Embrace the Year of the Dragon with Jefferson Bodega and the local community, relishing in vendors, delectable food, the San Antonio Lion Dance Association, and spirited live music. Save the date for this free event and partake in a day of festive celebration!





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: <u>neighbors@jefferson-sa.com</u>

Join the JNA PRA

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

<u>HTTPS://JEFFERSON-SA.COM/MEMBERS</u>







Support our INA 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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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.