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## CITY COUNCIL REDISTRICTING BEGINS

#### By Jason Vasquez

Every decade the U.S. Census Bureau tries to get a complete count of all the nation's residents, which then determines our representation in Congress and is also used in redistricting at the state and local level. Redistricting usually occurs every 10 years, after the new census data becomes available.

Redistricting is the process by which the geographical boundaries such as City Council districts, are redrawn in response to changes in population after new census data becomes available.

The U.S. Constitution requires elective districts for a legislative body to have about equal population. Based on the City's growth over the last decade, council districts must be redrawn to balance the population across districts.

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#### BACKGROUND

The City of San Antonio redraws City Council Districts after every Census.

For this redistricting cycle, the City Council has created a 23-member Citizen's Advisory Committee to guide the map redrawing. The Mayor and Councilmembers have each appointed two representatives.

The committee will draw maps in February 2022 and recommend a final plan to City Council in summer of 2022.

Learn more at www.sabexarcountmein.org/Committee/Redistricting

Your input is important! Sign up to speak at a committee meeting or share your feedback at: www.saspeakup.com/U4334

> You can also join by phone! Call: 346-248-7799 Meeting ID: 817 1804 8600

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## THIS IS YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER!

We welcome your contributions! 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.

- Neighborhood History
- Events & Happenings
- Pet Profiles
- Gardening Tips
- Home Maintenance Tips
- Helpful Resources



## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

By Katherine Rocha

Hope everyone is enjoying the cold weather we are experiencing and that you are keeping warm. I am almost hesitant to say that we may actually see all 4 seasons this year that many of the northern states see. I can't wait to see the blooms coming in the Spring! At our February meeting, one of our guest speakers will be Jason Bartels who has done a wonderful job with the Community Garden. We look forward to hearing some timely advice to prepare for the Spring blooms.

February is around the corner as is early voting which will occur on the same day a Valentine's Day, February 14th and will be open until February 25th. I have included important information below to prepare our first election of this year, scheduled for March 1st.

If you would like to know who represents you, <u>you</u> can find it here.

League of Women Voters have a 2022 Voters Guide which can be found here.

#### Important Dates for the March 1 Election:

- Last day to register to vote: Jan. 31
- First day to apply for a ballot by mail: Jan. 1
- Last day for Elections Dept. to receive application for ballot by mail: Feb. 18
- Early Voting: Feb. 14-25
- Election Day: March 1
- Last day for Elections Dept. to receive ballot by mail: March 1 at 7 p.m. if envelope is not postmarked
- Last day for Elections Dept. to receive ballot by mail: March 3 at 5 p.m. if envelope is postmarked by 7 p.m. on Election Day in Bexar County.

Texas has open primaries, so I highly encourage everyone to carefully consider each and all candidates and vote for the candidate that most appeals to you.

Also, Fiesta is just a few months away. This year, Fiesta events will kick off March 31st – April 10th where San Antonio will celebrate one of our biggest celebrations of the year. <u>I have included the link for</u> <u>the calendar of events here.</u>

Our board is planning some exciting events for this year and we look forward to *safely* getting to know our neighbors this next year and hope you will join us.

## **Monthly General Meetings**

Our General Meetings are Held on the Second Monday of Each Month at 7pm in the Cafeteria at the Young Women's Leadership Academy 2123 W Huisache Ave, San Antonio, TX 78201

**Everyone is Welcome!** 

## SUPPORT JNA BUSINESS MEMBERS

We're proud that the following businesses have chosen to grow in partnership with the Jefferson Neighborhood Association. We encourage all members to frequent these businesses. To join the JNA as a business member, or to inquire about advertising rates please contact Jason Vasquez at jasonv824@gmail.com

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#### **JEFFERSON BODEGA**

1005 Donaldson Ave. 210-735-0990

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1933 Fredericksburg Rd., Suite 111 210-313-4340 www.mikeshairlounge.com

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## **VEE'S HAIR & SPA SALON**

An AVEDA Concept Salon 1022 Donaldson Ave. 210-733-7131

## YOUR BUSINESS COULD BE HERE!

Contact Jason Vasquez at jasonv824@gmail.com or 210-331-4993

## JNA BUSINESS MEMBERS SPOTLIGHT



#### The Hut Diner

1610 Fredericksburg Rd., 78201 (210) 649-8574

Open Tuesday – Sunday, 7:00 am – 2:00 pm

The Hut Diner is a neighborhood favorite for everything from all-day breakfast, to spaghetti with meatballs, caldo de res, burgers, pork chops, and most importantly in SA, TACOS! Their delicious food combined with their lively atmosphere reminds you of an east coast diner with everything you can think of made fresh and in a snap. Stop by, have your food delivered by Grubhub, or call ahead to pick up your order through their drive thru. Google search The Hut Diner and check out their extensive menu and have a delicious meal today!

#### **Ingenuity Financial Services**

4374 Lockhill-Selma Dr., Suite 101, 78249 (210) 348-6090 Open Monday – Thursday, 9:00 am – 4:30 pm, Friday, 9:00 am – 2:30 pm www.ingenuityfinancial.com, ichase@cfnmail.com



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#### Mike's Hair Lounge

1933 Fredericksburg Rd., Suite 111, 78201 (210) 313-4340 Open Tuesday – Friday, 10:00 am – 7:00 pm, Saturday, 9:00 am – 6:00 pm.

If you're looking for a full-service salon located in San Antonio's Deco District, Mike's Hair Lounge is your salon! They specialize in men's, women's, and children's cuts, hair coloring, and other services. They also provide complimentary beer, wine, or soda during your service. To learn more or to book an appointment, visit their website at www.mikeshairlounge.com or email them at info@mikeshairlounge.com for more information.

# JNA BUSINESS MEMBERS SPOTLIGHT (CONTINUED)



#### Jeferson Bodega

1005 Donaldson Ave., 78228 (210) 735-0900 Open Tuesday – Wednesday, 12:00 – 8:00 pm, Thursday, 12:00 – 9:00 pm, Friday – Saturday, 12:00 – 10:00 pm, Sunday, 12:00 – 6:00 pm

Jefferson Bodega is more than just your ordinary convenience store - sure, you can get your bag of ice and case of your favorite beverage there, but you can also find the most unique snacks and drinks and take a trip around the world just by walking through their door! Stop by and pick up your favorite British flavored Schweppes drink, pick out one of a million different flavors of Kit Kat bars, try some Fruit Loop Gummies, go back in time with some Icee Chews, find your favorite flavor ale, sample any flavor of Asian candy, or yes, pick up your plain old bag of ice. The Jefferson Bodega has turned into an institution of our community and is a must-visit! Stop by or visit their Instagram (@jeffersonbodega) or Facebook page for more information.

#### Motif Boutique Brokerage

(210) 802-9797 Open Monday – Sunday, 9:00 am – 7:00 pm www.motiftx.com, camille@motiftx.com



Motif Boutique Brokerage is owned by JNA resident and supporter, Camille Rodriguez-Brigant. Her boutique brokerage specializes in San Antonio's unique and historic communities. Motif's business model focuses on quality over quantity, and innovation and customization over red tape and prides itself on developing a relationship with one agent from start to finish, without it ending there. Motif is committed to continuing client relationships for years to come and is deeply involved in the JNA community. For more information, visit their website at www.motiftx.com or email Camille at camille@motiftx.com.

Vee's Hair and Spa

#### **VEE'S HAIR & SPA SALON**

1022 Donaldson Ave. (210) 733-7131

Open Tuesday – Friday, 9:00 am – 8:00 pm, Saturday, 8:30 am – 3:00 pm.

Vee's Hair and Spa is the only original tenant in the Jefferson Village shopping center located at Donaldson Ave and Manor Dr. Vee's originally opened as Bowman's Beauty Salon in 1948, which changed to Vee's in 1963, after nationally known stylist Vee McMasters took over ownership. The location has seen neighbors like Piggly Wiggly grocery store, Sommers Pharmacy, and Winn's general store go with the times, but Vee's continues to style hair under Vee's owner, Mary Morales. Mary was hired by Vee McMasters in 1979 and as the salon's owner, Mary takes great pride in her business and has been an active member of the JNA since moving to the area in 1993. They offer both women's, men's, and children's cuts, hair coloring, and many other services. Make an appointment by calling the number above, visiting their website at www.veeshairandspa.com, or by emailing them at info@veeshairandspa.com for more information.

## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER AD RATES

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# CITY COUNCIL REDISTRICTING

(continued from cover)

San Antonio's City Charter also requires redistricting:

Council members are "elected from districts ... which shall be drawn by ordinance and shall be as nearly equal in population as practicable. The boundaries of the districts ... shall be reexamined and redetermined by ordinance, where appropriate following each succeeding Federal decennial census." (Article II, Sec. 4)

The City of San Antonio redraws City Council Districts after every Census. This redistricting cycle is based on the results of the 2020 census (delayed because of the COVID-19 pandemic). The City Council has created a 23-member Citizen's Advisory Committee to guide the map redrawing process for San Antonio.

When redrawing the map, some considerations for the committee include:

- Maintaining "communities of interest" such as established neighborhoods
- Keeping relatively equal population size
- Have identifiable boundaries
- Use whole voting precincts
- Be based upon existing districts
- Be compact and contiguous
- Any consideration of race to comply with applicable law, such as VRA section 2, should be narrowly tailored for that purpose

The committee will draw maps in February 2022 and recommend a final plan to City Council in summer of 2022. This is where you come in – visit www.saspeakup.com/U4334 to take a survey, view a list of meetings, sign up to attend, comment, and learn more details on how you can participate.

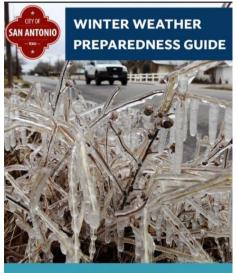
The JNA is co-hosting a Virtual Community Meeting on Redistricting with the Monticello Park Neighborhood Association and the Woodlawn Lake Community Association on Wednesday, February 2nd at 6:30 pm.

Register to attend at: www.tinyurl.com/D7REDISTRICT

The Mayor and Councilmembers have each appointed two representatives for each council district. Frances Gonzalez and Lisa Marie Gomez representing District 7 and Theresa Vargas Wyatt and Jordan Ghawi representing District 1.

The redistricting process is being led by the City of San Antonio Attorney's Office.

# WINTER WEATHER PREPAREDNESS GUIDES



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# JEFFERSON NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

The Jefferson Neighborhood Association Scholarship will open March 1, 2022 for graduating high school students! Now accepting donations for the scholarship fund!

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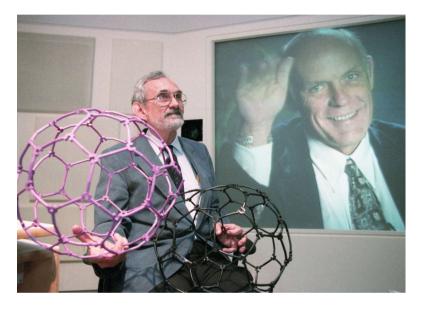


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## DID YOU KNOW...

...that Jefferson High School has produced scores of notable individuals who have done incredible work in the world. San Antonio Express-News writer Timothy Fanning shared a list of 13 in an <u>online article.</u> We'll be sharing of them here with you over the next few months.

Robert Floyd Curl Jr.: Curl., a 1950 Jefferson graduate, earned the Nobel Prize in chemistry in 1996 for his work in helping discover fullerenes, according to the Nobel Prize website. Fullerenes are hollow carbon molecules in the shape of a sphere, ellipsoid or cylinder.



Jefferson High School graduate Robert Curl, left, holds models of a new carbon molecule he discovered along with fellow Rice Professor Richard E. Smalley, shown in the background on a video screen, at Rice University in Houston. The pair along with Harry Kroto of the University of Sussex in Brighton, England, were awarded the Nobel Prize in Chemistry. Steve Ueckert/Houston Chronicle William Moerner: Moerner, a 1971 Jefferson graduate, is one of three scientists who won the Nobel Prize in 2014. The Stanford University professor earned the honor for "using fluorescence to extend the limits of the light microscope," which has made it possible to study molecular processes in real time.



Stanford University Professor William Moerner is a Nobel Prize winner and graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School. Courtesy of Stanford University

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## COMMUNITY VACCINATION EVENTS

Metro Health is offering booster vaccinations at its COVID-19 vaccine pop-up clinics.

The CDC has recommended the Pfizer or Moderna COVID-19 booster vaccinations for adults 18 years and older, and the Pfizer is also approved for individuals 16 and older, as long as it has been at least six months or more since their initial series.

The CDC also recommended booster shots for individuals, 18 and older, who got the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine and who were vaccinated two or more months ago.

Metro Health is currently offering only the Pfizer vaccine boosters at its Alamodome drive-thru clinic. No appointments are needed at the Alamodome or Metro Health pop-up sites.

Explore an interactive map of "pop-up" vaccine clinic events in Bexar County:

https://covid19.sanantonio.gov/What-YOU-Can-Do/Vaccination No registration is needed.

For any questions, call 311 or 210.207.6000 (select option 8) or email COVID-19@sanantonio.gov. COVID-19 vaccines are available at no cost. You do not need insurance to get a vaccine.

You do not need to return to the same location to get your second dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines. Second dose vaccines can be obtained at any location offering COVID-19 vaccines.







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#### University Health to begin providing COVID-19 vaccines to children ages 5-11

Registration is required for appointments at Wonderland

San Antonio, Texas (Sept. 28, 2021) The FDA and CDC have authorized the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine for children 5-11. Parents and guardians can make an online appointment for their children to be vaccinated at our Wonderland of the Americas vaccination center (4522 Fredericksburg Rd. Upper level). https://www.universityhealthsystem.com/Health-Wellness/Coronavirus-COVID19/Vaccine/schedule-an-appointment

Appointments slots begin tomorrow, Thursday, November 4. An adult family member or guardian must accompany the child to provide written consent for the vaccination. Proof of age and appointments are required. Find the latest vaccine information at <u>WeCanDoltSA.com</u>



## FURRY FRIENDS OF THE JNA



Richard Weik of Furr Drive adopted Winston from the Austin Pug Rescue in February 2018, knowing he was blind and missing teeth. Since he wasn't a cute little puppy, few people showed interest. "I took one look and knew he belonged with me."

Meet Trixie, the 3 year old kitty belonging to Rachel Anzalone and Rocky Sanchez of West Summit. Trixie was a sassy little kitten when she was adopted from <u>SA Feral</u> <u>Cat Coalition</u> and has remained as such. Her favorite pastime is napping on Rachel's desk all day while she works.



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