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## We Came, We Fiesta'd, We Got Rained On



Thank you to everyone who helped with the block party and to those who came and braved the thunderstorm. That was a block party to remember, even though the weather was not on our side. Neighbors ran for cover, and some found refuge in each other's homes, albeit soaked to the bone. Mission accomplished? Yes!



**Jefferson Neighborhood Association**  
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## THIS IS YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER!

We welcome your contributions! Please submit items of neighborhood interest to [neighbors@jefferson-sa.com](mailto: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

## LETTER FROM THE VP

By Larissa Sanchez-Fields

Dear JNA Neighbors,

My name is Larissa Sanchez Fields, and I serve as your JNA Vice President. As May arrives, I think about two things: graduation and motherhood.

My children have a while before thinking about high school and college graduation. Still, many in our neighborhood are considering graduation and sending their kids off to college to help advance their career and personal ambitions. I was fortunate to be able to attend undergraduate school in San Antonio, but I went out of state for law school. I did that with the help of family, but others can use the service of others, namely us, neighbors.

Neighbors help each other with many things, big and small, but right now, I'd like to ask that you pitch in towards something that could be big in somebody's life: donating to our annual JNA scholarship fund. We raise enough money to give out several awards, and we hope you will consider donating today. Every amount is just the right size. To donate, [go to this link](#).

The second topic we all are ramping up for is Mother's Day! I grew up in our wonderful neighborhood with my mom and dad. My mom was an educator, and she touched the lives of many in our neighborhood. She modeled service for me, so I answered the call to serve the JNA. I've lived across the U.S. in great neighborhoods, but I was thrilled to come back home and live in the neighborhood I grew up in and was raised in, with my parents only a few blocks away and still reside in the JNA.

As my mother taught, neighborhood involvement is vital for all of us. Neighborhood involvement can also mean your household being a part of our JNA. As a mom, I work to try to be involved when I'm not running around with my little ones but sometimes don't get to do as much as I'd like. That's most of us in this community. The easiest way to be involved is to join your JNA and attend a meeting or event when possible. The membership fee is modest but goes a long way in helping the JNA put together events like our block party and Christmas party to bring people together. Please consider [joining us at this link](#), or visiting us on our [website](#).

Thank you all for being a part of our wonderful community, and I look forward to meeting you soon! Congratulations to our upcoming graduates and Happy Mother's Day to all our mothers!

Sincerely,

Larissa Sanchez-Fields  
Vice President, JNA

## Monthly General Meetings

**Our General Meetings are Held on the  
Second Monday of Each Month  
at 7pm in the Library 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 Dominic Gonzalez at [neighbors@jefferson-sa.com](mailto:neighbors@jefferson-sa.com).

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Jason Vasquez at [jasonv824@gmail.com](mailto:jasonv824@gmail.com) so  
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- 1/8 Page - 4.25 x 2.25 inches.....\$30 per month
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- 1/2 Page - 8.5 x 5.5 inches.....\$50 per month
- Full Page - 8.5 x 11 inches.....\$100 per month

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**List of Supports**

- Education enrollment
- Career placement
- Social emotional support
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## SUMMER JOB FAIR

Parks and Recreation  
Summer Job Fair

Saturday, May 20  
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

3100 Hiawatha St.  
San Antonio, TX 78210  
(Southside Lion's Park)



The City of San Antonio's Parks and Recreation Department is looking for people to join their team this summer in a variety of temporary positions.

Roles include lifeguard, outdoor pool supervisor, community services specialist, recreation assistant, and more.

Attend the job fair to learn about summer jobs, chat with hiring managers, get help with completing your job application, and interview on the spot!

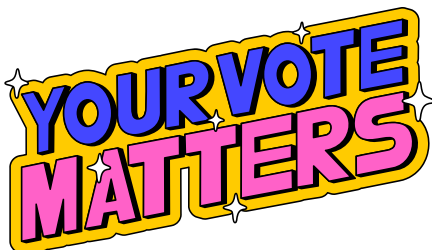
[Use this link](#) to apply for available summer jobs before the event.

Call 210-207-8705 with questions.

## DISTRICT 7 SEAT GOES TO A RUNOFF

District 7 candidates Marina Gavito and Dan Rossiter will be decided by a runoff election on June 10th.

For voting information, contact the Bexar County Elections Office.



## HAIKU FOR MONTH OF MAY

*In May's gentle breeze  
Neighbors stroll through blooming streets  
Community thrives*

## COMMENTARY: HOW MUCH IS ENOUGH

Have you ever questioned how many staff members work for City Council Members?

Up to the 1950's, city council members gathered to discuss city business, vote and went back to their respective businesses. (This is a simplified view to show there wasn't an abundance of extra council staff members on board).

Until 1955 the city government followed the classic mayor-alderman pattern. In 1955, the Council/Manager form of government was started and allowed the City Manager to carry out the wishes of the council. Fast forward to the 1990's.

To the best of my memory, when District 7 Councilman Bob Ross was installed, one secretary at city hall answered to each council person for city matters.

Councilman Ross had ONE staff member who answered constituent's questions, attended neighborhood meetings, and kept the councilman informed of issues. Sometime between then and now, City Council People have BLOATED the city payrolls with staff persons. Next is the breakdown according to the city's website:

Mayor: 10 Staff members (Ron Nirenberg)  
 Dist 1: 10 Staff members (Mario Bravo)  
 Dist 2: 9 Staff members (Jalen McKee-Rodriguez)  
 Dist 3: 10 Staff members (Phyllis Viagran)  
 Dist 4: 9 Staff members (Dr. Adriana Rocha Garcia)  
 Dist 5: 10 Staff members (Teri Castillo)  
 Dist 6: 8 Staff members (Melissa Cabello Havrda)  
 Dist 7: 9 Staff members (Rosie Castro)  
 Dist 8: 9 Staff members (Manny Pelaez)  
 Dist 9: 10 Staff members (John Courage)  
 Dist 10: 5 Staff members (Clayton Perry)  
 Total: 99 Staff members

Each of the staff members draw a salary. The city website doesn't indicate if any of their staff members are volunteers.

If each of them got paid a "living wage", this would total at least \$1,000,000+.

Even though the city's budget is over \$3 billion, what would an extra million pay for? Again, how many is enough?

by Stan Waghalter, JNA Member

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JNA awards scholarships to local high school seniors who are heading to college. Help support the future of our community.

Your tax deductible donation will fund three \$500 scholarships for local high school seniors! Criteria: 3.0 GPA, accepted to vocational/trade school, college, or university, and graduate from Jefferson High School, YWLA, or within JNA boundaries.

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## YWLA STUDENTS PAINT MURAL FOR DECO BUSINESS

Dulce Suenos Coffee Shop is a new neighborhood business, a place where people come to relax, socialize, and enjoy a cup of java.

But when you visit, be sure to check out the new mural, an initiative taken up by the students of YWLA and their art teacher, Sharriah Martinez. The mural is a real-world project that our community will benefit from having.

Several art students from YWLA worked on the mural, using their creativity and artistic skills to bring the design to life. Cassia P., a student at the school, submitted the initial design, which featured a colorful and vibrant representation of our city.

The mural is a three-panel piece that measures 8x12 feet, making it a significant addition to the coffee shop's interior. It features an eclectic mix of imagery, including a coffee carafe, flowers, and a cityscape, all rendered in bold, bright colors that are sure to catch the eye. The mural is a true testament to the creativity, passion, and skill of the YWLA art students and their teacher.

This project is a shining example of what can be achieved when communities come together to support and nurture the talents of our youth.

YWLA's artwork will be seen and appreciated by many. We hope you see it soon!





# GLORIA A. MARTINEZ DISTRICT CLERK

## PASSPORT ✈️ FAIR

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(The JNA Membership Year is September 1 through August 31)

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

Dues paid by:  Check  Venmo (@jna-payments)  Cash

- \$10 per year for an individual  I would like to receive updates and news via my email address  
 \$15 per year for a family  I would like to volunteer  
 \$35 per year for a business

Mail check and form to Jefferson Neighborhood Association, PO Box 28552, San Antonio, TX 78228



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