

WELCOME TO OUR
Jefferson Neighborhood Association

we're so glad you're here!



HELLO, NEIGHBOR!

Fostering Community

Welcome to the November edition of the JNA Newsletter!

As the days grow shorter and the leaves keep falling, we're committed to keeping you in the loop about all the happenings, seasonal festivities, and heartwarming stories that define our Jefferson Neighborhood during this special time of year. Join us as we embrace the spirit of November, a time of thankfulness, community, and reflection. This newsletter isn't just ink on paper; it's a canvas for your stories, events, and insights, painting a vivid picture of our neighborhood's character, especially as we approach the season of Thanksgiving.

Let's come together this November, express our gratitude, and continue building a warm and connected community. Together, we'll create lasting memories that mirror the richness of this season.

Issue Highlights

STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY BONDS,
ONE PAGE AT A TIME 

- A Note from our D7 Councilwoman
- Meeting Recap & Resources
- School Shoutouts
- Neighborhood Events
- Neighborhood Concerns



D7 Updates

A NOTE FROM YOUR SAN ANTONIO DISTRICT 7 CITY COUNCILWOMAN:



Dear JNA Neighbors,

It is exciting to reach out and directly address one of the oldest associations in District 7. The JNA's history of neighborhood advocacy and sense of community make it such a special part of our district. You all have such a wonderful neighborhood to be proud of.

Since I was sworn in on June 21st, my team and I have been able to meet with the JNA at every one of your monthly meetings. At each meeting I strive to address each one of your concerns, listen to your ideas, and make sure your issues are resolved. If you haven't connected with my team yet, we would love to make time to meet with you. Here are some of the ways to stay in the know with my office and find out about city updates, upcoming events, District 7 news, and more:

- Weekly digital newsletter – sent out every Wednesday at 8am
- Monthly 'Coffee with the Councilwoman' series at rotating locations in the district
- Quarterly printed newsletter mailed to your residence
- Facebook: COSACD7
- Instagram and Twitter: COSA_D7
- For further information, call us at (210) 207-0870, or email us at District7@sanantonio.gov

My team and I have been working hard to deliver on promises I made during the campaign. Your top concern was public safety, and I heard your message loud and clear. From animal control and homelessness to crime and infrastructure, I placed a priority on these issues in the recent budget session. I advocated and worked hard to approve:

- 117 new police officers
- 24/7 staffing for the SA CORE Team – who handle mental health crisis calls
- 32 new firefighters
- A 26% budget increase to ACS to add more 'boots on the ground' officers to pick up loose dogs
- A low-cost spay and neuter clinic for District 7 in order to focus on the root-cause of the stray dog population
- Addressing homelessness by ensuring the unhoused population are directed toward city resources and that encampments are removed within 2 weeks of being reported

Additionally, here are several infrastructure projects in your area:

- Several new stop signs along Lake Boulevard where many accidents have occurred
- Further traffic calming solutions for rest of Lake Boulevard going toward Woodlawn Lake
- Improving the condition of St. Cloud Road
- Traffic calming solutions for Wilson Boulevard
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Thank you so much for your trust. My team and I work tirelessly for you and we want to help empower the JNA to continue to be the great association it is. As always, feel free to reach out to us.



Yours in service,
Marina Alderete Gavito
Marina Alderete Gavito





Community Focus: Key Takeaways from the JNA Meeting

The October 9, 2022, JNA meeting featured insightful guest speakers, including SAAFE Officer John Garcia and Jose Escobedo, who addressed vital community concerns like driving safety, education reform, and voting.

The meeting also highlighted the pressing issue of teacher shortages in SAISD and explored creative solutions to tackle the problem. In discussions about proposed school closures with the Rightsizing Recommendations, there was a strong focus on preserving high schools, while the importance of equity in education funding and the specific criteria for school closures were emphasized by Brad Jones and SAISD Board Member Ed Garza.

Additionally, the meeting unveiled secondary criteria for closing schools and announced a schedule of forthcoming community meetings. Important membership details and future meeting information were shared to engage and inform attendees.



10.9.23 Meeting Highlights

- SAAFE Officer John Garcia provided valuable insights on driving safety and school bus awareness.
- Brad Jones shared expertise on school closures and the criteria for determining them, emphasizing equity.
- SAISD Board Member, Ed Garza, spoke on SAISD's Rightsizing Plan
- Yvonne Little, the Sr. Executive Director of Planning & Construction Services for SAISD, discussed ongoing renovation projects.

[Click here for the Full Agenda & Minutes](#)



Meeting Resources

[SAISD Rightsizing Study](#)

[-D7 Resources](#)

[-YWLA Bond Updates](#)

-SAAFE Officer Garcia #1447 (210) 218-6546

-Frank Ramirez (210) 207-0870

Meeting Proposals

-New Meeting time of 6:30pm





Connecting Communities: Exciting News About JNA Meeting Time!

In the heart of our lively neighborhood, a special monthly event is just around the corner. This gathering plays a crucial role in shaping our community's future, fostering connections, and bringing neighbors together. We're excited to share some updates about the JNA meetings, and here's the big news: the proposed meeting time, which received Board Member and Officer approval, is now scheduled for **6:30 PM!**



SAVE THE DATE

During our December Meeting, we will have a Neighborhood Holiday Dinner sponsored by Augie's BBQ. Mark your calendars, bring a side dish, and be ready to be merry!

Why Attend?

1. **Community Involvement:** Actively shape our neighborhood's direction.
2. **Stay Informed:** Get 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: 11.13.23



- **YWLA Auditorium**
 - best parking is in West Mulberry parking lot
- **NEW TIME: 6:30pm start**
- **Featured Presenter:** Frank Ramirez—
Director of Zoning & Land Use in District 7





Eclipsing Our Curiosity: A Solar Science Spectacle

On October 14th, Woodlawn Academy hosted a Solar Eclipse Watch Party that was more than just an astronomical event; it was an educational voyage into the realm of solar science. The event provided students and their families with an engaging learning experience while observing the solar eclipse. Through hands-on activities and informative discussions, attendees deepened their understanding of the celestial mechanics behind this phenomenon, making it a fun and enlightening adventure for all.



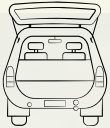
The event captivated both young and old, offering a unique opportunity for families to come together and explore the wonders of the universe. It was an occasion that not only fostered a sense of community but also left participants with a newfound appreciation for the celestial wonders that grace our skies. As we reflect on this memorable gathering, we celebrate the science that underpins the beauty of a solar eclipse and the sense of wonder it instilled in all who attended.



Marching Toward Excellence: Area H Contest Await

Congratulations, Mighty Mustang Band! We're thrilled to share the fantastic news that the band has received a UIL 1st Division 'Superior' rating, a well-deserved recognition for their hard work and dedication. Their exceptional performance sets the stage for the upcoming Area H Marching Contest, scheduled for Saturday, October 28th. Stay tuned for the specific time, as we gear up to support our talented musicians in their next musical endeavor!





Spooky Fun

We hope you had a fantastic time at the recent Trunk-or-Treat event hosted by 4Goodness Project Inc. at our local Jefferson Bodega on Saturday, October 28th! This Halloween extravaganza transformed the Bodega's parking lot into a thrilling and candy-filled evening for our community.

With the spookiest costumes and eager little ones in tow, our neighborhood came together to enjoy an afternoon of community fun. The event featured creatively decorated car trunks brimming with treats and surprises. It provided a festive atmosphere, unique costumes, and an opportunity to connect with fellow neighbors.

We're delighted to have celebrated the Halloween spirit with you at this fantastic event. Stay tuned for more exciting community gatherings and events in the future. Thank you for joining us for the Trunk-or-Treat hosted by 4Goodness Project Inc. – it was a memorable evening, and we can't wait to do it again next year!



VOTE Election Day

Don't forget to exercise your democratic right and cast your vote during this important election season in Bexar County.

Whether you plan to vote on Election Day or take advantage of the convenience of early voting, your voice matters. Early voting provides flexibility for those with busy schedules, while voting on Election Day ensures your participation in shaping our community's future. So mark your calendar, spread the word, and let's make our voices heard.



Neighborhood Events

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

WeRYoga
Donation based
Community Yoga

Jefferson Community Church
inside Jackson Hall
758 Donaldson Ave
SA 78201

FLOW YOGA
MONDAYS & THURSDAYS
AT 6:00PM

CHAIR YOGA
TUESDAYS AT 9:00AM
THURSDAYS AT 10:00AM

RETURNING IN OCTOBER
RESTORATIVE YOGA
MONTHLY- 2ND TUESDAY
AT 6:00PM

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT
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jriveraboriqua@gmail.com

2022-2027
BOND PROGRAM
City of San Antonio

PUBLIC INPUT MEETING
Woodlawn Lake Park

Wednesday, November 1, 2023
6:00 p.m.

Woodlawn Lake Park (Island House)
1103 Cincinnati Avenue
San Antonio, TX 78201

Join Public Works, Parks & Recreation,
and District 7 to discuss improvements
Woodlawn Lake Park.

For more information, please contact:
Desiree Salomon, Project Manager
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Neighborhood Concern



VISION ZERO IN JEFFERSON NEIGHBORHOOD: MAKING OUR STREETS SAFER

In the heart of San Antonio, Texas, our very own Jefferson Neighborhood is taking a stand to transform our streets into safer, more livable spaces for all residents. This mission is driven by Vision Zero, a global traffic safety initiative that holds a powerful goal: the complete eradication of traffic-related fatalities and severe injuries. In a state known for its expansive highways, our commitment to this vision underscores our dedication to the well-being of our Jefferson Neighborhood residents.

Backing our mission are compelling statistics that underscore the urgency of the situation. Between 2011 and 2020, nationwide fatalities in traffic crashes involving bicyclists and other cyclists surged by 38%, reaching a staggering 938 fatalities in 2020. Jefferson Neighborhood recognizes that these injuries and fatalities are preventable, and we've wholeheartedly embraced Vision Zero as the solution.

Our approach is multifaceted and data-driven. It includes creating safer streets for all road users, with enhancements like bike lanes and crosswalks. Data analysis plays a pivotal role, enabling us to prioritize safety measures in high-risk areas, including the trends in traffic incidents on our side streets.

As a community, we are committed to driving at safe speeds on our neighborhood side streets. Keeping within the designated speed limits ensures the well-being of all residents. While we've made progress in improving road safety, challenges persist, including issues like speeding and distracted driving. Nevertheless, Jefferson Neighborhood remains steadfast in our commitment to the ultimate Vision Zero goal: zero traffic fatalities on our streets.

As Jefferson Neighborhood forges ahead, we extend an invitation to all residents to join the mission for safer streets, and let's embrace the vision of a future with zero traffic fatalities in our very own community. Together, we can make a difference in the safety and well-being of our neighborhood.



Find out more
CITY OF SAN ANTONIO

Vision Zero Project

[LEARN MORE](#)

DISTRACTION IS DEADLY

La distracción es mortal

45%

OF CRASHES
in San Antonio
are caused by distracted driving or driver inattention

Los conductores distraídos representan casi el 45% de los accidentes en San Antonio.

TEXTING takes your eyes off the road for **5 SECONDS**

Enviar un mensaje de texto hace que no veas la calle por 5 segundos.





AT 50 MPH, THAT'S LIKE DRIVING THE LENGTH OF AN ENTIRE FOOTBALL FIELD WITH YOUR EYES CLOSED.

A 50 mph, eso es como conducir la distancia de un campo de fútbol con tus ojos cerrados.




Common distractions you can avoid:

- Phone use - Even hands-free phone calls are a distraction
- Eating, drinking and listening to loud music
- Texting and driving - It's against the law throughout the state of Texas

As speed increases, a driver's field of vision and reaction time decreases.
Entre más rápido manejes, ves menos y necesitas más tiempo para reaccionar y parar.

Remember even if a driver sees you, he or she may not be able to stop in time
Recuerda que un conductor te puede ver, pero es posible que no pueda pararse a tiempo.

20 MPH	 4 car lengths (63 ft)	Reaction Distance
30 MPH	 8 car lengths (119 ft)	Braking Distance
40 MPH	 11 car lengths (164ft)	


SPEED KILLS


La velocidad mata


It's a statistical fact. The higher the speed, the more likely of being in a crash and suffering a severe injury.


Entre más rápido conduzcas, existe una probabilidad más grande de sufrir un accidente y una lesión grave.

A PERSON HIT BY A VEHICLE DRIVING AT:



20 MPH  9 out of 10 people survive

30 MPH  5 out of 10 people survive

40 MPH  Only 1 out of 10 people survive

Whether driving or biking, you are **speeding** when you exceed the posted speed limit or are traveling too fast for roadway conditions.

Tú manejas a exceso de velocidad cuando excedes el límite indicado o cuando viajas demasiado rápido para las condiciones de la calle.

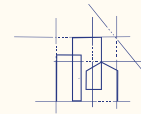


Exploring the Boundaries of JNA: Where Our Community Thrives

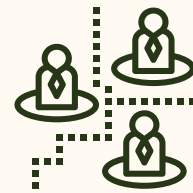
Nestled in the near northwest side of San Antonio, the Jefferson Neighborhood Association (JNA) stands as a prominent and respected community organization. With a rich tapestry of culture, diversity, families, and businesses, the JNA takes great pride in preserving the essence of this vibrant neighborhood.

Most of our neighborhood's development took place between the 1920s and 1960s, resulting in an architecturally diverse landscape. Home to over 3,000 residents, JNA has a distinctive character shaped by its history.

In response to the city's 1997 Master Plan and the 1998 Community Revitalization Action Group Report, the Jefferson Neighborhood Conservation District (NCD) was established. This district serves as a proactive tool to address neighborhood sustainability while preserving the area's character-defining features.



JNA is marked by four prominent assets that contribute to the fabric of San Antonio, including Woodlawn Lake Park, Thomas Jefferson High School, the Monticello Park Historic District, and Jefferson Village. Each of these elements enriches our community and reflects our commitment to preserving our neighborhood's history and character.



REQUEST TO JOIN OUR JEFFERSON NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (JNA) BY SEARCHING ON FACEBOOK



Did you know? The Jefferson Conservation District

The Jefferson Neighborhood Association (JNA) covers an area with diverse boundaries, including parts in City Council Districts 1 and 7. The area is marked by overlays like the Monticello Park Historic District and intersects with the Woodlawn Lake Community Association's boundaries. A key feature is the Jefferson Neighborhood Conservation District (NCD), safeguarding homes built between the 1920s and 1970s. This NCD, spanning from Babcock to St. Cloud Road, serves as a protective zone preserving the area's architectural heritage.

Designated to maintain the neighborhood's architectural character, the NCD serves as a proactive tool for sustainable development in specific zones of the city. San Antonio hosts eight NCDs, primarily focused on the original inner core.

The Jefferson NCD comprises approximately 475 acres, with over 97.95% of structures exceeding the 25-year benchmark. The predominant residential architecture consists of one-story suburban houses from pre and post-World War II, incorporating varied design elements like Tudor and Mediterranean styles, despite most being considered typical tract homes of that era.

Emphasizing design standards over architectural style, the NCD aims to preserve historical building layouts, encourage neighborly interaction, and enhance the area's visual appeal. Its implementation evolved over years, aligning with the city's Neighborhood Conservation District Program's objectives.



San Antonio Express, May 7, 1932

While this article focuses on residential design standards, the [complete document](#) includes both residential and non-residential design matrices, alongside helpful appendices. Residents within the NCD must obtain building permits from the Development Services Department for any home alterations, ensuring compliance with designated standards, under the risk of municipal court prosecution for violations.

For inquiries regarding the Jefferson NCD, residents are encouraged to engage with JNA board members. The NCD stands as a vital component, enhancing the neighborhood's distinctive charm, attracting both current and prospective homeowners. For comprehensive information, refer to the full Jefferson NCD Executive Summary available [online here](#).



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.

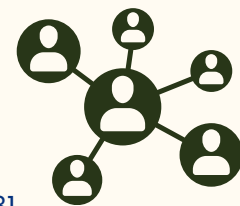
Stay in the know with exclusive access to neighborhood updates, events, and initiatives. Your involvement as a JNA member isn't just about being informed; it's about actively contributing to our vibrant community.

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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Meet Your Board



We're excited to introduce the fresh faces on our JNA Board! These dedicated individuals bring diverse perspectives, energy, and a shared commitment to our community's well-being. With their passion and expertise, our newly elected board and cabinet members are poised to lead us toward an even brighter future. Get to know them and be inspired by their dedication to our neighborhood's growth and unity. Together, we'll achieve great things under their guidance!



Ted Guerra

PRESIDENT

Hello my name is Ted Guerra. I am honored to serve as the JNA President. My family and I have lived in the Jefferson neighborhood for over twenty years. My daughters, Allura and Sienna attended and graduated high school from the Young Women's Leadership Academy. After graduating college, Allura now works for the nonprofit South Alamo Regional Alliance for the Homeless (SARAH). Sienna is teaching eighth grade math at YWLA.



Jason Vasquez

VICE PRESIDENT



I'm Jason and I'm privileged to serve as your JNA Vice President! I've lived in the neighborhood all my life and never plan on leaving it! My passions are neighborhood advocacy, historic preservation, and landscaping. I enjoy staying active in our community and love hearing from you with ideas on how we can make things better. Always feel free to reach out to me!



Desire Martinez

TREASURER

Hi Jefferson Neighbors! I am a lifelong resident of the Jefferson area, attending Madison Elementary, Longfellow Middle School and Jefferson High School. My husband Alex and I raise our four children in the lovely Jefferson Neighborhood. My favorite thing about living in the Jefferson neighborhood is our strong sense of community. I look forward to working with the JNA Board and our members



Madeline Chandler

SECRETARY

I'm Madeline, a proud JN resident for 5 years. I adore our neighborhood's rich history and will highlight it each month. With 7 years teaching in SAISD, I'm dedicated to student advocacy and empowerment. I love working on home decor projects and landscaping while catching up with my neighbors. And if you see me running our streets, don't hesitate to wave hello!



Alan Garcia

BOARD MEMBER

My name is Alan Garcia, my family has lived in the neighborhood for two generations! I've worked for SAISD for 11 years and am on the administration pathway. One of my passions is being civically involved and helping my neighborhood and city.



Jacob Valenzuela

BOARD MEMBER

I'm Jacob Valenzuela, a proud San Antonio native. I've owned Deco Pizzeria since 2011 after an 18-year career at USAA. Currently, I serve as the Executive Director of the Rey Feo Consejo Educational Foundation. In my free time, I'm actively involved in several boards and cherish moments with family and friends, exploring great food, traveling, and dancing whenever I can.



Gloria Valenzuela

BOARD MEMBER

I have lived in our neighborhood for over 30 years. I am a single mom of 3 handsome sons. I love getting to know the beautiful people in our neighborhood and supporting local businesses. Viva JNA!



Toni Cadena

HONORARY BOARD MEMBER

I've lived in the Jefferson area practically all my life and been member of the JNA for over 25 years. I truly love and enjoy my three dogs, 2 cats, my home, gardening, friends, neighbors, and family get togethers.

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SAPD West Substation: 210-207-7420

SAISD

SAISD Police: 210-271-3124

Office of Historic Preservation

Office: 210-207-0035

Animal Control: Dial 311 or 210-207-4738

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.