

WELCOME TO OUR
Jefferson Neighborhood Association

we're so glad you're here!



HELLO, NEIGHBOR!

A Newsletter Update

Get ready to dive into the heart of our community with our latest JNA newsletter! As the seasons change, we're excited to keep you informed about all the local happenings, events, and stories that make our neighborhood the wonderful place it is..

Join us as we celebrate our shared experiences, stay connected, and work together to make our Jefferson neighborhood even better. This newsletter is your platform, so share your stories, events, and insights to help us reflect the true spirit of our community.

Thank you for being an essential part of our neighborhood. Let's continue this journey of community connection together!

Issue Highlights

STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY BONDS,
ONE PAGE AT A TIME 

- New Board
- Meeting Recap & Resources
- Upcoming Meeting Details and Agenda
- History Corner
- Newsletter Poll Results





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

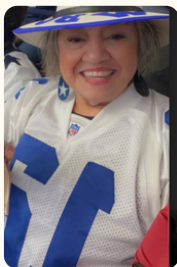
My name is Alan Garcia, my family has lived in the neighborhood for two generations! I've worked for SAISD for 11 years and am on the administration pathway. One of my passions is being civically involved and helping my neighborhood and city.



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 together.



Meeting Recap: A Gathering of Neighborhood Minds

In our latest Neighborhood Association meeting, community members came together once again to discuss important topics, share updates, and collaborate on initiatives aimed at making our neighborhood an even better place to call home. Here's a recap of the highlights from our engaging gathering.



9.11.23 Meeting Highlights

- SAPD SAFFE Officer: John Garcia
- District 7 Councilwoman: Marina Alderete Gavito
- D7 Updates: Frank Ramirez
- COSA Solid Waste Management Department: Nick Gallus
- Induction of new Board Members & Cabinet

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



Meeting Resources

-Solid Waste Management Resources

-D7 Resources

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

-Frank Ramirez (210) 207-0870

Residents to Be Heard Concerns

-Sidewalk Projections

-Stop Signs & Speeding

-Abandoned Porta-Potty (already resolved)





Mark Your Calendar: Monthly Meetings at Your Fingertips!

In the heart of our vibrant neighborhood, something special happens every month. It's a gathering that shapes the future of our community, fosters connections, and brings neighbors together. We're talking about the Jefferson Neighborhood Association (JNA) meetings, and we're excited to share the details with you!



Our meetings are on the second Monday of every month, and we start at 7 pm!
You can find us at the Young Women's Leadership Academy (YWLA) auditorium.

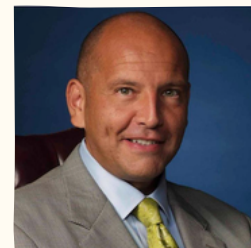
Why Attend?

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: 10.9.23



- **UPDATED LOCATION: Jefferson Community Church** (YWLA is closed for the Holiday)
- **Featured Presenter: SAISD Trustee Ed Garza** will present updates to YWLA & SAISD Rightsizing Recommendations



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

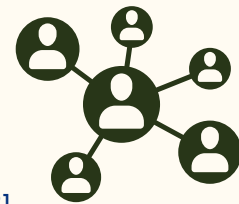
The JNA Membership year is September 1 – August 31.

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.

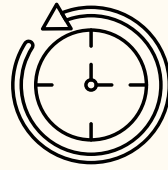
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Historical Highlight



HISTORIC PRESERVATION: AN EFFORT WE CAN CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS, STONE BY STONE

Take a moment to go back in time and travel back to the beginnings of our neighborhood in 1927! The area that is now considered the Jefferson Neighborhood started off as Woodlawn Park. Woodlawn Park had a grand entrance off of W. Woodlawn Avenue that was across the street from the neighborhood's namesake – Woodlawn Lake.

Elaborate stone walls adorned the iconic entrance to the neighborhood while similar monuments at the end of each block along Lake Boulevard between W. Mistletoe Avenue and north to W. Gramercy Place stood as gateways to the new subdivision.

Unfortunately, due to automobile accidents and neglect, they are founding pieces of our neighborhood that have slowly disappeared.

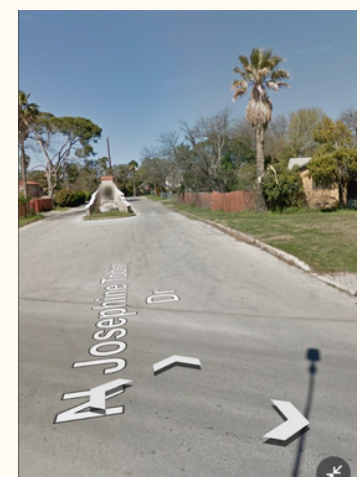
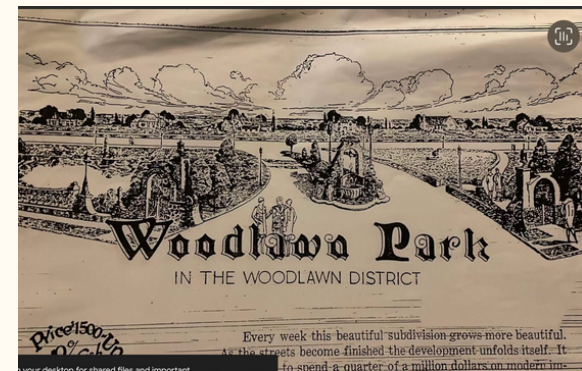
According to a May 2005 article in the San Antonio Express News, the City of San Antonio and the San Antonio Conservation Society collaborated on a \$50,000 project and promoted the reversal of decades of disrepair and decline of the monuments. All of the monuments were straightened up and given a new base to prevent them from tilting.

Baltazar Espinosa, a stonemason who specialized in historic preservation work, handpicked rock from companies that sell stone material so that the reconstructed sections could closely match the original material.

In June 2021, three of the stone monuments were struck along W. Mulberry Avenue and W. Huisache Avenue. After those stone monuments were knocked over, Public Works picked up the remaining pieces and supposedly put them in storage for the day the monuments would be reconstructed. More of the connections to our neighborhood's beginnings were swept up and put away.

Now that we have new leadership who cares about our neighborhoods, could these special elements of our neighborhood be repaired? Could posts be stood up to protect these monuments? There are other similar stone planter boxes and even a bus stop (Hildebrand and Fredericksburg Road) that are in need of similar attention in our neighborhood.

If you believe in cultural and historic preservation, please help advocate for the repair of these special parts of our neighborhood that provide charm and elegance so we can celebrate their connection to our neighborhood's beginnings as those monuments will turn 100 years old in four years. These monuments transcend time and inspire us to celebrate the past and look forward to our future through preservation.



Find out more



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The Conservation Society of San Antonio
107 King William Street - San Antonio, TX 78204

LEARN MORE

Your Voice, Our Newsletter Direction



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



Dear Neighbors,

In our recent JNA Facebook poll, your active participation and thoughtful responses provided invaluable insights into your newsletter preferences. I extend heartfelt gratitude to each of you for sharing your input. Your voices guide our newsletter's direction.

As Secretary, I'm committed to honoring this direction, actively seeking stories that align with your wishes.

Your voice matters. Keep sharing your ideas, stories, and feedback. Let's create a newsletter that informs, inspires, and strengthens our cherished community.

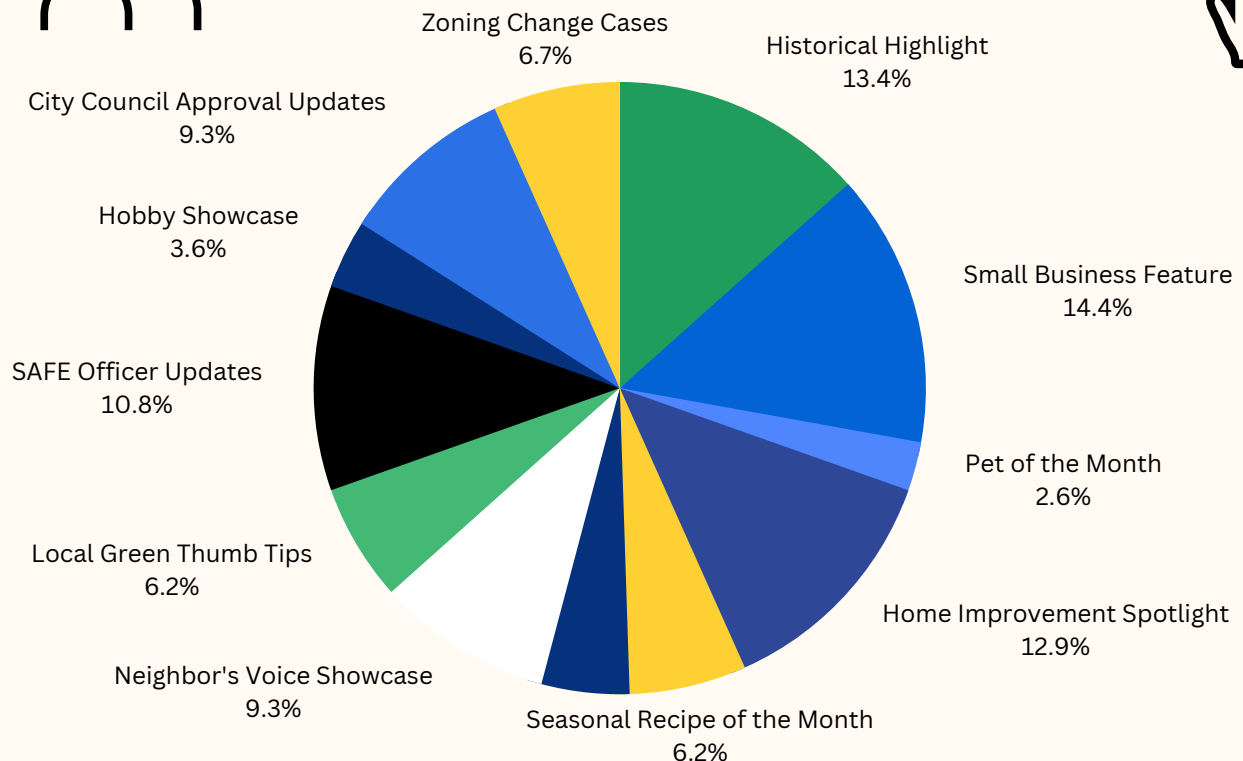
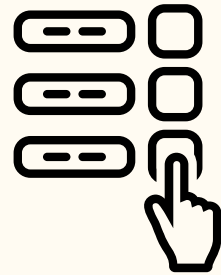
Thank you for shaping our newsletter's future. I eagerly anticipate working collaboratively with all of you in the exciting times ahead. To be highlighted in an upcoming issue please email neighbors@jefferson-sa.com!

Warm regards,
Madeline Chandler | Secretary , JNA



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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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SAISD

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Office of Historic Preservation

Office: 210-207-0035

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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.