#### **WELCOME TO OUR**

# Jefferson Neighborhood Association





HELLO, NEIGHBOR!

# Fostering Community

April is in full bloom- and so is our neighborhood spirit! With Fiesta season bringing color and joy to the city, we're also celebrating the success of this year's Lunar New Year Block Party, held for the first time in front of Jefferson High School. The dragon parade, chef drummers, diverse food vendors, and student-led fundraisers made it a night to remember.

From exciting neighborhood school achievements to new developments in the area, there's a lot happening in and around Jefferson. As your JNA Board, we're proud to spotlight the milestones that make our historic neighborhood shine.



# Issue Highlights

CONNECTING OUR COMMUNITY,
ONE PAGE AT A TIME

- You're invited!
- Check out our Sponsors
- Neighborhood Updates
- Woodlawn Comedy
- School Updates



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## **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

Join us for the Jefferson Neighborhood Association's Community Art & Block Party on Thursday, April 24th from 6–9 PM on the 2100 block of W. Gramercy - mariachi, art, free face painting, and more fun for the whole family!

### Why Attend?

- 1. Community Involvement: Actively shape our neighborhood's direction.
- 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: 4.14.25

### YWLA Cafeteria @ 6:30pm

- best parking is in the West Mulberry parking lot.
- look for door greeters.
- Our featured presented: Animal Care Services
  - Share you concerns, listen to neighborhood program updates, and learn about how you can maximize your partnership with ACS







## **COMMUNITY ART & BLOCK PARTY!**



The JNA Community Art & Block Party will be held on Thursday, April 24, 6pm to 8pm on the 2100 Block of Gramercy between Lake & Shearer. Bring your lawn chair, enjoy the live band, the Thomas Jefferson HS Mariachi performance, and face painting!

YWLA will also be exhibiting some of the students art work. Lawn games and old fashioned fun for all. Hot dogs, chips, pizza and juices will be provided. Feel free to bring individually wrapped desserts such as cupcakes, cookies, bags of popcorn to share with neighbors.

We look forward to meeting our neighbors near and far. The event is free.

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## UPDATES UNDERWAY



#### DECO BUS STOP RESTORED



The historic Deco bus stop right on Donaldson and Fredericksburg Road was recently repaired after yet another car accident. While we neighbors are frustrated by the repeated damage, the restoration work doesn't go unnoticed- we're grateful to see this iconic landmark cared for.

We'd love to see even more improvements in the area that preserve and enhance the character of our community.

### WELCOME, UNKO MAUI'S!



There's a new neighbor in town, and it's already bringing the flavor and the fun. Unko Maui's has moved into the old Deco Pizzeria spot at 1815 Fredericksburg Road, and it's not your average burger joint.

The man behind the magic is Maui Mike, a San Antonio favorite and owner of Maui's on Main. This new venture is his dream come to life: a spot where burgers aren't just burgers, they're cultural mashups, nostalgic memories, and big bites of joy.



Even the name, Unko Maui's, is rooted in community and respect. "Unko" is a Hawaiian term of affection, and that's exactly the vibe here. As Mike puts it, "When you're here, you're at your uncle's, just hanging out, feeling at home."

Neighbors have already been peeking in to see what's cooking, and the feedback has been nothing but positive. And with hours running till midnight or later every night, it might just become your go-to for that post-event bite or late- night craving.

So next time you're driving down Fredericksburg, stop by and give it a try- welcome to the neighborhood, Unko Maui's, we're glad you're here!

### History Corner: Woodlawn Comedy

A beloved Deco District landmark is getting a new life- and lots of laughs. The historic Woodlawn Theatre, originally built in 1945 by famed architect John Eberson, is reopening this weekend as Woodlawn Comedy, a modern comedy venue committed to bringing national talent to San Antonio while honoring the building's cinematic legacy.

Eberson, also known for designing the Majestic Theatre, gave the Woodlawn its iconic charm, which made it a Deco District staple for decades. In 1960, John Wayne himself hosted the world premiere of The Alamo right inside the Woodlawn's doors. More recently, the space was home to live musicals under the name Woodlawn Theatre Inc., which rebranded as Wonder Theater and relocated earlier this year.

Now under the leadership of Shane Quade and Keith LaRosa, the venue has undergone a major transformation. The stage has been resized to nearly double



audience capacity to 985 seats, all while all while keeping historic elements intact.

Updates include new air conditioning, fresh paint, soundproofing, and a second-floor speakeasy-style bar named 1920 Lounge, built from a former prop room.

Woodlawn Comedy plans to keep things community- friendly with no drink minimums, affordable prices, and locally sourced talent. With the help of talent buyers from New York and L.A., including former Late Show booker Eddie Brill, they aim to make San Antonio a must-stop for comedy tours. The building may be historic, but the experience will be stateof-the-art, and full of fresh energy for a new generation of performers and fans.

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# Lunar Block Party Lit Up Our Neighborhood

The Lunar New Year Block Party was a success this year, and in a brand-new location right in front of Jefferson High School on Donaldson Avenue! Hosted by The 4Goodness Project Inc., the event brought together neighbors, families, and students for a vibrant night of music, food, and cultural celebration on March 1st.

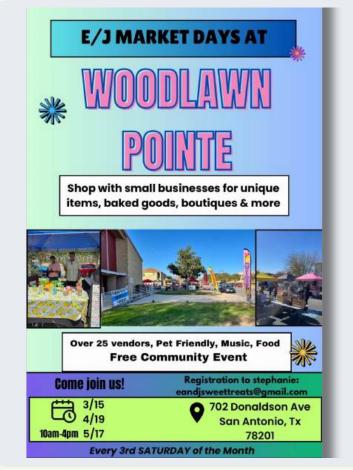
We loved seeing the energy of the crowd and the joy this event sparked. With over 100 local vendors, the selection of food and goods was incredibly diverse, from traditional Lunar New Year treats to handmade crafts and creative small business offerings. I treated myself to the most delicious Hawaiian ice and was so happy to support the same college student vendor I bought from last year- she sells beautiful crocheted flowers she makes herself.

The performances were a highlight of the evening: the San Antonio Lion Dance Association delivered an unforgettable dragon parade, and the Chef Drummers had everyone feeling the beat. The HitiMahana Dance Group added even more cultural flair to the night.

This year's block party also featured a meaningful new partnership with Jefferson High School. They had a booth fundtaiser where proceeds supported the high schoolers, showing how community celebration and student empowerment can go hand in hand.

It was truly a night to remember. We can't wait to see what next year brings!











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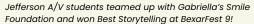
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# Jefferson Theater Arts Team Shines at UIL OAP Contest!

A huge congratulations to the Jefferson High School Theater Arts Team for their outstanding performance at the District 27 UIL OAP contest!

Competing against 8 other SAISD schools,
Jefferson earned three individual student awards:

- Ocean Fae: All Star Technician
- Layla Martinez: Honorable Mention Cast
- Isaac Lujan: All Star Cast

And to top it off, they won the All Star Crew award, given to only one school out of the eight!

Jefferson High School continues to shine with talent and pride!







Pre-register at www.saisd.net/fooddistribujtion





# Beautification Day at Woodlawn Academy

The Jefferson Neighborhood Association thanks everyone who pitched in at Beautification Day!

From planting to cleanup, your hard work made a big impact. It's always inspiring to see our community come together- thank you for helping our neighborhood school shine!

# Woodlawn Academy Turns 100!

Did you know this school year marks Woodlawn Academy's 100th birthday? The students are diving into a special research project to celebrate a century of learning, and they need your help!

Share your Woodlawn memories, stories, or photos to help them uncover and honor our school's rich history.

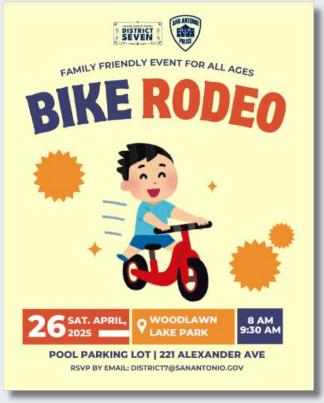




# zý Events

# BIKE RODEO ROLLS INTO WOODLAWN LAKE PARK!

Team District 7 and SAPD are hosting a free Bike Rodeo on Saturday, April 26 from 8–9:30 AM at Woodlawn Lake Park (221 Alexander Ave). Bring your bike and helmet for a fun, family-friendly morning focused on bike safety, skill-building, and confidence- no pressure, just good times on two wheels!



#### SPRING SHREDDING - D7!



District 7 is
partnering with the
Better Business
Bureau and
WellMed for a free
Spring into
Shredding event on
Saturday, April 12
from 9 AM–12 PM at
the Doris Griffin
Senior Center (6157
NW Loop 410). D7
residents can bring

up to 3 boxes of documents to shred on-site (no staples or clips).



#### MAKE SURE YOU COMPLETE D7'S



Have a loose dog issue in your neighborhood?

Let D7 know how many dogs you are seeing! At our monthly meetings with ACS, we will use YOUR DATA to let them know about what is going on in your neighborhood and bring additional resources to your area.



#### EARTH DAY TREE GIVEAWAY





## Support our JNA 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 it is today. Learn more about these wonderful establishments and the contributions they make to





you to the businesses that are an integral part of our community, making our JNA the thriving place our neighborhood.



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## 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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### 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.