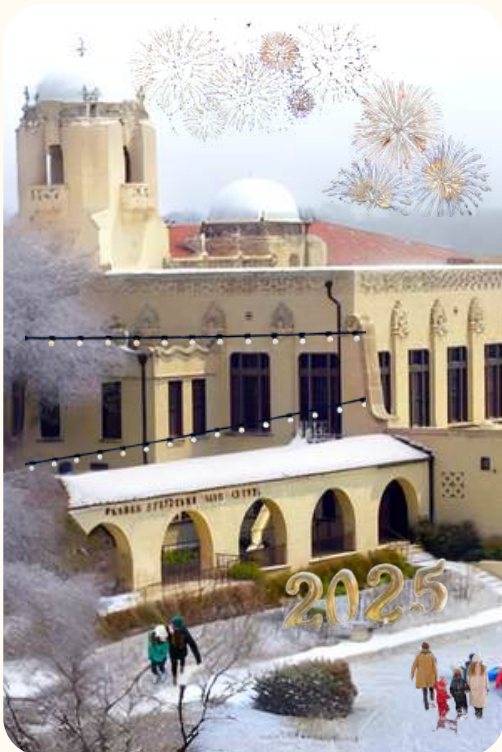


WELCOME TO OUR Jefferson Neighborhood Association

Happy New Year!



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Fostering Community



Happy New Year, Jefferson neighbors!

As we step into 2025, we are excited to embrace this year as an opportunity to be advocates for and actively involved in our incredible neighborhood. Together, we can build connections, strengthen our community, and celebrate the unique character that makes Jefferson a place we're proud to call home.

As your JNA Board, we're here to support and collaborate with you every step of the way because we love where we live!

2025

Issue Highlights

CONNECTING OUR COMMUNITY,
ONE PAGE AT A TIME 

- Holiday Celebration Recap
- Recap 2024 in the Neighborhood
- History Corner
- Campus Updates
- Neighborhood Events
- Winter Weather Tips



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newsletter with
embedded links*





Jefferson Neighborhood Association Monthly Meetings

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

Mark your calendar for Monday, January 13, at 6:30 PM at the Young Women's Leadership Academy Cafeteria. We're excited to welcome a representative from 311, who will share neighborhood stats, address our community concerns, and answer any questions you might have.

Why Attend?

1. **Community Involvement:** Actively shape our neighborhood's direction.
2. **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: 1.13.25

YWLA Cafeteria @ 6:30pm

- best parking is in the West Mulberry parking lot.
- look for door greeters.
- Our featured presenter:
 - 311 Representative with personal information on our Jefferson Neighborhood





JNA Holiday Party Recap

Our December 9 holiday gathering was such a special evening! The turkey was absolutely delicious, and our neighbors really outdid themselves with the sides—everything from creamy mashed potatoes and stuffing to pies that disappeared fast. Thank you, everyone!

We were also treated to incredible performances by the Jefferson Mariachi and Folklorico students. Their singing and dancing were so impressive and truly brought the holiday spirit to life.

On top of that, we had huge success with our toy drive! Thanks to the generosity of all of you, we collected an overwhelming amount of toys to be donated and bring joy to families in need.



We were honored to have D7 Councilwoman Marina Alderete Gavito and Senator José Menéndez join us as well. They stopped by to share holiday cheer and even helped with the door prize drawing, which added to the fun.

It was a WONDERFUL way to come together as a community and celebrate the season. Thank you to everyone who participated and made it such a memorable evening! We invite all to come to our next gathering.



2024 Recap



Now that we are in 2025, it's important to acknowledge the issues that have been weighing on our neighborhood in 2024. While it can be frustrating to see these problems persist, it's essential to recognize that we all play a part in seeking solutions. Here's a look at the top concerns that are coming from our Facebook indicators and at our meetings

- 1. Loose Dogs:** Stray & loose dogs remain a safety concern. Reporting incidents and advocating for better management are vital steps forward.
- 2. Streets & Infrastructure:** Potholes, drainage issues, and faded street lines need continued attention to ensure safer streets for everyone.
- 3. Homelessness:** Visibility of homelessness, especially near Deco Pizza, remains a challenge. Let's keep advocating for resources and support.
- 4. Speeding & Reckless Behavior:** Speeding, reckless driving, and gunshots are serious safety concerns. Ongoing collaboration with local authorities is crucial.
- 5. Unkempt Properties:** Neglected homes and unpermitted projects detract from our neighborhood's charm. Staying vigilant and involved can drive change.



We're grateful for our network of engaged neighbors and local leaders who work tirelessly to address these challenges. Let's make 2025 the year we create real, positive change by staying active, attending meetings, and supporting one another.

From the JNA Board: We love where we live and are here to serve! Bring a neighbor to the next meeting- we're stronger together.

LOOKING BACK AT OUR YEAR IN REVIEW IN THE JNA...



February- We <3 Our Neighborhood



April- Lunar Eclipse



May- \$4,000 awarded for our JNA Scholarship



August- all the SA Mayoral Candidates spoke at our JNA Meeting



October- National Night Out



November- Turkey Bingo



We raised over \$700 to go towards our JNA Scholarship Fund!

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History Corner

Coming across this picture was so cool- I loved seeing a glimpse into the past.

In the early days, the land surrounding Thomas Jefferson High School was a mix of farmland and scrub, characteristic of San Antonio's expanding city limits in the 1930s. This history is evident in the aerial shot, where the school stands proudly amidst what were once open fields and rural landscapes.

The wide expanse of Donaldson Avenue and Jefferson Drive hints at the transformation from agricultural roots to the urban hub we know today.

This unique setting reflects the careful planning and vision that went into creating Jefferson as a beacon of education and architectural beauty in our growing community.



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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



Woodlawn Academy winter concert and honors band



Jefferson HS Winter Concert



Jefferson & Woodlawn Updates



Congratulations to Jefferson High senior Leo Guzman for earning a spot in the San Antonio Sports All-Star Football Game through the People's Choice community vote!

A standout two-way player for the Mustangs, Leo excelled at defensive end and offensive tackle. Leo joins five other SAISD athletes selected for the All-Star team, including players from Burbank, Sam Houston, YMLA, and Lanier.

The game, showcasing San Antonio's top high school talent, will take place on Saturday, Jan. 11, at the Alamodome and broadcast on CW35 and Sports Star 94.1 FM/1250 AM.

[Learn more about the All-Star Game on the official website](#)



Thomas Jefferson High School Theatre Presents

THE 25TH ANNUAL PUTNAM COUNTY SPELLING BEE

A musical by William Finn & Rachel Sheinkin

Woodlawn Pointe Auditorium
702 Donaldson Ave, San Antonio, TX 78201

Jan. 16, 17, + 18 @ 7pm \$7 tickets

Contact TJ Theatre for details tdaly1@saisd.net



YWLA

The Young Women's Leadership Academy has much to celebrate!

Both the 7th and 8th-grade soccer teams clinched championship victories, showcasing their hard work and teamwork. Additionally, the annual winter dance show was a resounding success, highlighting the talent and creativity of YWLA students.

Congratulations to all the students and staff for their incredible talent!





Updates

TACKLING LOOSE DOGS

The San Antonio City Council has approved higher fines for dog owners whose pets repeatedly get loose or cause harm, with penalties up to \$750 for loose dogs and \$2,000 for repeated dog bites. Animal Care Services (ACS) now has the authority to spay or neuter stray dogs before returning them to their owners. Additionally, a new policy allows residents to report dangerous dogs anonymously, protecting them from retaliation. State legislation is being proposed to ensure this anonymity can extend even to court cases.

We appreciate the continued efforts of Councilwoman Marina Alderete Gavito in working toward solutions to keep our community safe.



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.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY

If you'd like to take on a bigger role in your local government, consider applying to be on a Board or Commission!



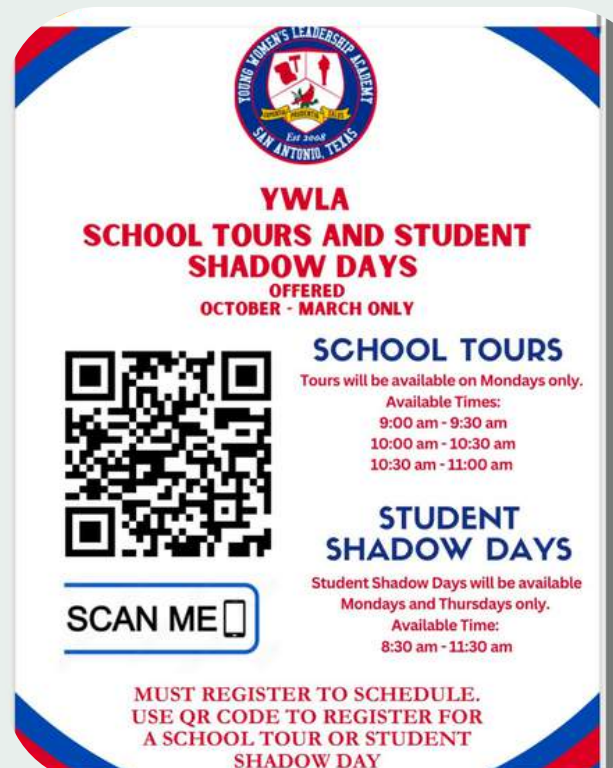
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SUPPORT JNA AND SHOW YOUR PRIDE!



At the next JNA meeting, residents can also pick up a JNA Yard Sign to proudly support the Jefferson Neighborhood Association.

It's a great way to show your commitment to our community! Signs will be available for purchase at our next meeting - \$25.

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2024 Year in Review: Congressman Joaquin Castro

The following updates were shared by Congressman Joaquin Castro's office and highlight federal investments impacting our neighborhood and surrounding areas:

- **Martinez Creek Restoration:** Funding secured for environmental restoration and flood prevention, enhancing our local green spaces.
- **VIA Green Line Project:** A \$268 million transit improvement initiative to expand access for thousands of daily riders, including Jefferson-area residents.
- **Solar Energy Investments:** A \$30 million project to increase solar-powered public facilities and job training opportunities in renewable energy.

Additionally, new funding has been allocated to expand CentroMed health services and improve access to federal resources like Social Security and passport services.

For more information on these developments or assistance with federal matters, visit Castro.House.gov or call 210-348-8216.

[READ CONGRESSMAN JOAQUIN CASTRO FULL YEAR IN REVIEW](#)

Funding Secured

\$268 million for VIA's Green Line project

Expands bus service and transportation options for nearly **54,000** passengers in San Antonio.

\$30 million for the biggest municipal solar energy project in Texas

Funds a **major solar panel installation** at public facilities and a partnership with St. Philip's College to train workers for in-demand energy jobs.

\$18 million to expand San Antonio Airport

Funds a new terminal connector that will allow passengers to **move between terminals without having to re-enter airport security.**

\$6 million for Head Start programs in Bexar County

Supports approximately **forty Head Start classrooms** for young learners.

\$4.6 million for CentroMed Community Health Services

Supports CentroMed's work to provide high-quality health care to **more than 121,000 patients** in the San Antonio area.

\$1 million to grow CPS Energy's Home Improvement Program

Funds home improvements to **help 500 San Antonio homeowners** qualify for no-cost, energy-saving home improvements.

New happenings at St. Paul's!



I wanted to wish you and your family a Happy New Year from St. Paul's Catholic Church.

We are happy to be your neighbors, and I wanted you to know that we pray for you each day during our masses.

Fr. Raja has been reassigned and I have been assigned as the Pastoral Administrator until Archbishop Gustavo assigns a new pastor.

If you haven't been to St. Paul's, please know that you are welcome any time. And if you have been, come back, and see us.

Fr. Jude Offor and Fr. Caballero will be celebrating the masses and Fr. Krikor will say the Spanish masses each Sunday.

God bless you and your family and thank you for being good Jefferson Neighbors to us.

Fr. Mark
St. Paul's Parish Administrator



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TREY MARTINEZ FISCHER

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Winter Weather



STAY PREPARED- WINTER WEATHER TIPS

With cold temperatures settling in San Antonio, we want to make sure as neighbors, we are safe, take care of each other, and are ready. The City of San Antonio, CPS Energy, and SAWS have shared vital resources to help us navigate the chill- the Four Ps: People, Pets, Plants, and Pipes

People

- Dress warmly in layers and check on neighbors, especially those who may need extra assistance, like the elderly or individuals with special needs.
- Need a warm place? Local libraries, community centers, and senior centers are open during business hours. Find a location at SA.gov/ColdWeather.
- Fire safety is critical: Keep space heaters at least three feet from flammable materials, and never use ovens or generators indoors.

Pets

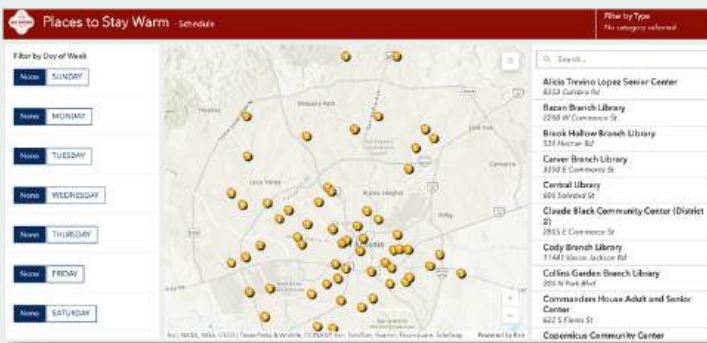
- Bring pets indoors! If that's not possible, ensure they have insulated, safe shelters. Shorthaired dogs, cats, and young or older pets should never be left outside.
- Always provide fresh water and extra food, as outdoor pets need more energy to stay warm.

Plants

- Cover outdoor plants or bring them inside to protect them from frost damage.

Pipes

- Prevent freezing by insulating exposed pipes, draining irrigation systems, and covering outdoor faucets. Locate your water shutoff valve now in case of emergencies. SAWS offers helpful videos at saws.org/BeReady.



Find more resources here like the "Places to Stay Warm" Feature



Stoves & Grills

- Do not use your gas stove to warm your house.
- Always use proper ventilation to avoid carbon monoxide poisoning.
- Never use an outdoor grill to heat your home or to cook indoors.
- Do not burn paper in your wood stove.
- In case of a power outage, have heating equipment ready (fireplaces, wood burning stoves or space heaters) and enough fuel so you can keep at least one room of your house warm.

Space Heaters

- Keep anything that can burn (blankets, clothing, curtains), at least 3 feet away.
- Plug heaters directly into an outlet, do not use an extension cord or power strip.
- Turn heaters off when you go to bed or leave your home.

Fireplaces

- Keep a screen in front of the fireplace to prevent embers or sparks from jumping out.
- Do not burn paper in your fireplace.
- Put the fire out before you go to bed or leave your home.
- Have your chimney inspected and cleaned each year by a professional.
- Keep fire extinguishers on hand and make sure your family knows how to use them.

Local Resources for Emergencies

- For unsheltered individuals, temporary overnight shelters are available through partners like Corazon San Antonio and Haven for Hope. Call the Community Connections Hotline at 210-207-1799 for details.
- Report utility or housing issues, including downed power lines or heating violations, by calling 311 or CPS Energy at 210-353-4357.

As a close-knit neighborhood, these tips and resources empower us to look out for one another. By staying prepared, we not only protect our families but also ensure our neighborhood remains resilient during cold snaps.

For more information, visit the City of San Antonio's winter preparedness page at SAOEMPrepare.com or call 311 for assistance.



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

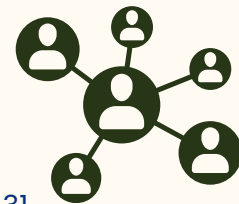
The JNA Membership year is September 1 - August 31.

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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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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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.