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JNA Elections Delayed

JNA board members have decided to delay upcoming elections for FY 2020-2021.

The action is being taken because of the Covid-19 epidemic.

Co President **Elia Reyna** said for the election to be fair, members who don't have computers couldn't participate in the Zoom conference.

When it's feasible, we'll put all of the information on our website:

(www.jefferson-sa.com).

The bylaws of our organization spell out the offices and duties of each officer.



Early Voting for November 3 Election announced

On May 27, 2020, the Texas Supreme Court determined that the lack of immunity *alone* is not a "disability" for purposes of voting by mail. However, the court also stated that a voter *can* take into consideration *aspects of their own health and health history* when determining whether in-person voting will cause a likelihood of injury due to a physical condition.

To request a ballot by mail based on a disability, an eligible voter can check the box for disability on the request form and submit to the Bexar County Elections Department which will then provide a ballot by mail.

If you would like an application to request a ballot by mail please visit, The Early Voting & Absentee Ballots page:

https://www.bexar.org/1573/Early-Voting-Absentee-Ballots

Early Vote Period: Tuesday, October 13, 2020 – Friday, October 30, 2020 .



October 5, 2020 is the deadline to REGISTER to vote.

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SAPD West Substation: 210-207-7420

SAISD Police: 210-271-3124

SAISD Truancy Office: 210-223-2360

Code Compliance Issues: 311 or download the City's "311" phone app

Animal Control Issues: 311 Graffiti in Progress: 911

Graffiti Abatement Program: 210-207-5430

CPS Energy: 210-353-2222



SUPPORT OUR BUSINESS MEMBERS IN 2020!

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 or any other questions please contact: Mary Morales, *veesalon@sbcglobal.net*



Covid-19 Testing Information

Not sure where to start? Self-Screen to see if you need a test:

Registration for free testing at the Freeman Coliseum is open. However, as demand reaches capacity, the system will close down again. If you have health insurance, we urge you to please see a private provider for testing to allow available spaces for those who are uninsured. If you are trying to book an appointment and are having difficulties, please continue trying as the system will reopen intermittently as capacity allows. Want more information?

https://covid19.sanantonio.gov/What-YOU-Can-Do/Testing



FY2021 BUDGET SURVEY



The City of San Antonio budget process is underway. From now through September, city officials will go through the budget items in preparation for the October 1 beginning of the fiscal year.

The city is projecting a huge shortfall because of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The budget affects every San Antonian. Tell us what services matter most to you!

You can go to: <u>www.sanantonio.gov</u> and take the budget survey.

Free Ride On VIA On Election Days

The Ride VIA to Vote initiative provides free public transportation on municipal, state, and federal election days for passengers who present a valid voter registration card to the bus or van operator.

The initiative began in spring 2016 to encourage civic participation throughout the VIA service area.

The complimentary service will be available for regular bus service and VIAtrans paratransit service throughout the VIA service area on Election Days.

Registered VIAtrans customers should schedule their trip in accordance with VIAtrans policies and procedures.

For additional information regarding routes and schedules on Election Day, call (210) 362-2020. Visit The Bexar County Election Site to find your polling location.

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Notes from Ana Sandoval District 7 Councilwoman

Now, more than ever, we need to get serious about staying home and wearing masks.

The number of new COVID-19 cases is high. The number is greater than the number of students and staff at my high school when I was a senior. For each of those, there are no doubt others who have not been tested or others who may not even have symptoms.

Unfortunately, these numbers tell us that there is tremendous spread of COVID-19 in the community. Without proper precautions, anyone - you, your family, your friends is at risk of infection.

Be careful. COVID-19 is not just like the flu. Our medical community knows the flu. It has been around for over a hundred years. We do not yet know the full effects of COVID-19.

Remember: Stay home if you can:

Stay at least 6 feet away from those not in your household - this includes family that does not live with you; Wear a mask and stay away from those who don't; Wash your hands frequently

With that said, I want to hear from you. What kind of programs do you think City Council should prioritize in the Recovery & Resilience Plan?

Feel free to send us an email at:

District7@San Antonio.gov.

During this time,

the District 7 Office is continuing to work for you. We are taking the following precautions to protect your health and ours:

 ✓ We are taking your phone calls and emails.

 ✓ We are postponing inperson office events for the time being. We appreciate your understanding.



Yours in public service,



Bexar County Dispute Resolution Information

WHAT IS MEDIATION?

Mediation is a structured process in which an impartial person, the mediator, facilitates communication between the parties to promote reconciliation, settlement, or an understanding between them.

If the parties reach a mutually acceptable understanding, the mediator guides them in developing a written agreement.

Mediation sessions are scheduled at the convenience of the parties involved and generally occur within 2-3 weeks from the time the BCDRC receives a complete mediation request.

Mediation is not a substitute for legal advice or representation.

Mediators are professionally trained individuals from the



community who volunteer their time to work with people in conflict. They come from all walks of life and have diverse backgrounds.

All mediators have completed an intensive training program in mediation techniques.

Due to COVID-19 the BCDRC Team continues to serve the Bexar County community by responding to your phone calls and accepting your mediation requests.

During these uncertain times, we will take every precaution to ensure your health and safety, and the health and safety of our volunteer mediators.

The BCDRC Team has resumed scheduling mediations!

We have developed procedures to enable residents to mediate from the safety of their homes by video using Zoom, or by telephone.

Our Team is committed to assisting all residents in resolving their conflicts through this convenient process.

Please do not hesitate to contact us at 210-335-2128 if you have any questions.

News from County Commissioner Pct. 2 Justin Rodriguez





Dear Friends:

As COVID-19 continues to impact our communities, our office remains committed to helping those affected.

Recently, Governor **Greg Abbott** issued a proclamation extending the Early Voting period for the fall general election by one week, to October 13th to October 30th.

Also, remember that the last day to register to vote for the general election is October 5th.

Meanwhile, we are continuing to push greater access for safety for and voters, including an expansion of our vote-by -mail efforts and curbside voting programs.

We will keep you posted on these efforts

in the coming weeks.

I hope that all of you are safe and healthy. Please remember: Wash your hands. Distance. Cover.

If you have questions or need assistance, we can be reached at (210) 335-2612.



Plasma Donations Needed

If you have fully recovered from COVID-19. current coronavirus patients your help. need Hospitals are experiencing а drastic shortage of blood and plasma supply due to the demands of the pandemic.

Currently there is vaccine or no treatment for COVID-19. however, plasma from those who have recovered from COVID-19 has become vital in the treatment of COVID-19 as the plasma antibodies contains which can help patients with severe cases of the virus recover.

Help save a life today by donating blood or plasma. Currently the South Texas Blood and Tissue Center is providing free antibody tests when you donate blood through August 31.

To donate online: <u>https://southtexasblood.or</u> <u>g/schedule-appointment</u>

Stay Cool In August Heat

Citizens of San Antonio are no strangers to high temperatures and humidity during the summer months.

Every year, people across the country die due to heat-related illness, so it's important to know what you can do to prevent heat exhaustion and heat stroke.

The San Antonio Metropolitan Health District has implemented the "Beat the Heat" campaign in order to educate the community of dangers the and precautions that can be taken during excessive heat.

Extreme heat brings with it the possibility of heat-related illnesses.

- → SUNBURN
- → HEAT CRAMPS
 → HEAT
- EXHAUSTION → HEAT STROKE

The city has opened cooling centers to help keep you cool. Look at: https://www.saoemprepare.com /BeInformed/NaturalDisasters/ Heat/CoolingCenters



COVID-19 Hotline - 210-207-7559

Monday - Friday: 8 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday & Sunday: 10 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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Message from our Vice President

The "new normal" for the time being will mean holding our meetings via ZOOM.

Even though we will not be able to meet in person, membership is still crucial.

Please send in your dues, become active members, and try to recruit a new member.

The JNA has been a loud voice in our city we get results when we present unified а presence. There is a membership form on the last page of this newsletter. Print it, fill it out and send it in with your dues. Make sure you indicate whether vou want your newsletter sent via email or a "hard copy" sent to you via USPS.

Our aim for 2020-2021 is to increase membership and member involvement.

To accomplish this we need <u>YOUR</u> help!!! Thank you!

Lynn Waghalter



Learn Something New from the Comfort of Your Home

Senior Planet helps connect and provide for resources older adults who want to learn new things such as protecting personal information, staying safe online. and learning messaging apps.

Classes are provided twice a week and are held via Zoom.

We're a distinctive. diverse collection of people aged 60 and older who are busy changing the way we embracing age by opportunities to reshape our lives, connect with and help one another, and change the world for the better -all while learning, and having growing, fun!

Have a question? Give us a call on the Senior Planet San Antonio hotline: (210) 504-4862.



Want To Give Back To Our Community?

Citizens of San Antonio are proud of their heritage and dedication to continuously preserve and improve our City.

City Council board appointees perform invaluable public service by broadening the forum for community input and by enhancing the processes of democracy.

The City of San Antonio is truly grateful for the dedicated and loyal board members and their service to our great City.

If interested, go to: https://www.sanantonio.gov/Cl erk/Legislative/BoardsCommis sions#13319780-apply-for-aboard

Did You Know?

You can look up crime information in our neighborhood at the following web address:

https://www.sanantonio. gov/SAPD/Crime-and-Call-Information

You will find Calls For Service, Maps, Sex Offender Registry and many other facts.

Want to report a problem? Call 3-1-1 and file a report.

There is a lot of information to gain at this website:

https://311.sanantonio.g





The Jefferson Neighborhood Association thanks the Jefferson United Methodist Church for the use of Jackson Hall for our meetings! For more info: *jeffersonumcsa.com*

Celebrations at Jefferson United Methodist Church Celebrate the special moments of your life with us! We offer space for weddings, birthdays, baby showers, and graduations. No matter the occasion we are here to help you commemorate the day! Looking for a place to hold your next seminar, convention, or meeting? Check out the Alma Fite Lounge, Johnson Dining Room, or Jackson Hall. We offer a variety of venues to suit your needs. Nursery space is available during events upon request.

Contact Jefferson United Methodist Church Plan your next event in the "Deco District."

Please contact our Events Coordinator Olivia Walker

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Dues Are Due!

Dues are accepted year round. They support our scholarship program and help pay for our monthly newsletter. Memberships expire at the end of **DEC** each year. **Renew now to help keep our neighborhood voice strong.**

Jefferson Neighborhood Association Membership Form	
Name	
Name	
Address	
Zip Phone	E-mail
Dues: \$10 per year for an individual \$15 per year for families \$35 per year for businesses	 Send my JNA Newsletter via email only I would like to receive updates and news through my e-mail address I would like to volunteer Unique skills I have to offer
FY 2019-2020 Calendar year is September to	D August Cut out and mail form to: JNA, PO Box 28552, SA TX 78228



The next JNA ZOOM meeting will not be held on August 10th. Check www.jefferson-sa.com. for further updates.

San Antonio, TX. 78228

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