



The Jefferson Neighborhood Association News



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"Preserving the integrity of the Jefferson Area since 1982"

Membership Committee Forms

On behalf of the Jefferson Neighborhood Association's new Membership Committee, we would like to express our deepest gratitude for your support of our little niche in San Antonio.

There is so much history and many small businesses around us that makes us feel appreciated. We want to give a big welcome those who are new to the neighborhood. For those who are established JNA families and friends, we say 'hello again'.

As the new year ramps up, we ask you to consider joining JNA. Membership helps us build a stronger community and gives you a voice on important topics such as smart growth and development, improving and preserving our neighborhood and simply getting to know one another.

Benefits also include a listing in our membership directory, a copy of our JNA newsletter, discounts to local businesses, leadership opportunities and participation in events.

In January, you will receive a postcard in the mail asking for you to support JNA by becoming a member. Also, we plan on hosting several membership drives throughout 2021 which will be posted on the Facebook page. Cost of membership is minimal starting at \$10 for individuals and \$15 for a family.

Please know that if you have more than one person over the age of 18 in a household, you will need to purchase the family membership.

Our biggest and most exciting news is that you can now pay for memberships through Venmo! If you are paying through Venmo, please include your contact information so we can reach out to you to complete the registration form. The address is: @jna-payments. We are so blessed you are our neighbors, and we look forward to getting to know you in 2021!

-Katherine Rocha
Membership Chair

Covid-19 Times Call For Supporting Our Local Merchants

As we begin the New Year we can learn a lot from 2020, a year most of us would like to forget.

The year was filled with tragedies, personal struggles, and fear. However, it was also a year that we learned to adapt to new ways of doing things and reconnect with our families.

As we embark on our journey into the New Year we must not forget those who have invested in our community.

Our neighborhood is filled with small businesses that have struggled through the pandemic. Drive down Fredericksburg, Donaldson or N. Zarzamora and you will see independent small businesses that are the heartbeat of our community.

These local restaurants, bakeries, coffee shops, bodegas and retailers have been there for the community by serving

and employing our neighbors.

As a community we must support these local establishments.

We must do so intentionally. Next time you need a pizza, pan dulce, tacos, coffee or need a service or buy things for your home, think Jefferson Neighborhood first.

These are our neighbors and now more than ever, they need our support.

-Fernando J Rocha



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 210-207-SAPD (7273)

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 2021!

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:

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210.802.9797 . Camille@MotifTX.com

Vee's Hair and Spa Salon

1022 Donaldson Ave • (210) 733-7131
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Jefferson Bodega

1005 Donaldson Ave 78228
210 735-0990

Got Free Time?

The JNA needs someone to go to our neighborhood merchants and collect for ads.

If you're retired, looking for a way to help our group, this small task may be just the thing for you.

Mary Morales at Vee's has been taking care of the merchants in Jefferson Village, but we need help outside the Village.

This special person will be in charge of copy changes in ads and collections. Call **Elia** if you can help. Thanks



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Train for Jobs SA

The City of San Antonio has partnered with Workforce Solutions Alamo, Alamo Colleges, Project Quest, Restore Education, Family Service, Chrysalis Ministries, and SA Works to offer free workforce training and education to San Antonio residents who have been negatively affected by the COVID-19 pandemic in the hardest hit industries of hospitality, food service, and retail (based on unemployment claims).

✓ **Eligibility Requirements**

City of San Antonio resident Please provide documentation with one of the following:
Utility bill
Driver's license
Military documents
Proof of residency from a homeless shelter

✓ **Negatively affected financially due to COVID-19**

Confirm that you have been affected by COVID-19.
No documentation is required.

✓ **Authorized to work in the United States**

✓ To apply, please call City of San Antonio Customer Service (311). Operating hours are 7 days a week, 7 AM - 7 PM.



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District 7 News

The City of San Antonio has launched a new campaign entitled *What Will It Take*. This program urges residents to take simple actions to slow the spread of COVID-19.

Residents will see print advertising, radio, television, digital and social media across San Antonio all urging residents to do their part to contain the spread of COVID-19.

You're invited to take part in the City's campaign by wearing your mask, washing your hands, and practicing physical distancing.

The City's community toolkit page has resources to help share this message across your social media channels, too.

Ask your family and friends what will it take?

Join the City of San Antonio in a unified message to slow the spread.

Remember, you have the power to slow the spread of COVID-19... Do it for you, do it for your family and your loved ones and ... DO IT FOR SAN ANTONIO.

District 7 Office will be closed until January 6, 2021.

If you need assistance during this time, please call 311. If you have an emergency, please call 911.

You can always send us an email at: District7@SanAntonio.org. Or contact us by calling 210-207-0870

Yours in public service,



Did You Know?

The City seal is the official emblem of the City of San Antonio. It was designed in 1925 by **Johannes C. Scholze**, a resident of San Antonio.

Scholze created a wood carving that includes an Alamo at the top, the Lone Star of Texas, and the words "Libertatis Cunabula" which is Latin for "Cradle of Liberty."

The emblem was not designated as the City's Official Seal until 1981. At that time, City Council approved it to be used to identify the City on all official documents and papers and it is still used for that purpose today.



San Antonio

With support from the San Antonio Public Library Foundation and Snack Pak 4 Kids, the San Antonio Public Library is grateful for the opportunity to distribute supplemental nutrition for kids and teens.

It's easier to enjoy reading and learning when you are not hungry!

To learn more about Snack Pak 4 Kids, visit <https://snackpak4kids.sa.org/>.

Thru January 30 during Contact-Free Pickup hours: Tuesday 12PM-7PM, Wednesday - Saturday 10AM-5PM.

Con el apoyo de la Fundación de la Biblioteca Pública de San Antonio y Snack Pak 4 Kids, la Biblioteca Pública de San Antonio agradece la oportunidad de distribuir nutrición suplementaria para niños y adolescentes. ¡Es más fácil disfrutar de la lectura y el aprendizaje cuando no tienes hambre! Para obtener más información sobre Snack Pak 4 Kids, visite <https://snackpak4kids.sa.org/>.

al 30 de enero durante el horario de Recolección sin Contacto: martes 12PM-7PM, miércoles a sábado 10AM-5PM.

SAWS Rate To Remain Same in 2021

The coronavirus pandemic has taken a toll on many families' finances. But human health and safety, as well as access to affordable water, will remain top priorities for San Antonio Water System in the coming year, as the COVID-19 crisis lingers on.

For the first time in more than a decade, there will be no customer rate increase for water or sewer service in 2021. The SAWS Board of Trustees approved the utility's \$909 million budget during its November meeting.

"Obviously with the impacts of COVID-19, we know there are more people we may be able to help," said **Doug Evanson**, senior vice president & chief financial officer.

Residential water and sewer customers who are having trouble paying their SAWS bill can apply for assistance online at saws.org/uplift.

You can also set up a payment plan for any past-due balance at saws.org/arrangement or call 210-704-SAWS (7297).

News from County Commissioner Pct. 2 Justin Rodriguez



Dear Friends:

Bexar County Commissioners have approved **\$3.9 Million for Community Rapid COVID-19 testing** as well as **\$250,000 for the Big Fresh Market Box initiative.**

Earlier this month, we gathered to hear the yearly performance report from the County's **Military & Veterans Service Center**, approved the **FY21 budget for the University Health System**, and to discuss **programs and efforts of the Coronavirus Relief Fund** spending.

The recent surge shows that there is no sign that this virus intends on slowing down, even as vaccines began to come on the market.

I encourage everyone to wear face coverings, socially distance, and limit in-person gatherings as much as possible to help prevent the spread of this virus.

Bars that serve food or have an agreement with a food vendor will continue to operate under the Governor's orders.

TABC will work with those bar owners who are interested in securing food permits or agreements with food vendors to allow them to stay open.

For more information on Bexar County's response to COVID-19, visit www.bexar.org/covid19.

Also, Bexar County has provided Con Corazon with \$300,000 to provide Bexar County community members with quick and highly accurate RT-PCR COVID-19 testing.

For information on Con Corazon, visit <https://concorazon.org/>



Check out the City of San Antonio's new public comment page at <https://sanantonio.granicusideas.com>.

It's now easier than ever to share your feedback with your City Council.

Make your voice heard by posting, commenting and sharing now!

Start by completing a profile [https://sanantonio.granicusideas.com/users/sign up](https://sanantonio.granicusideas.com/users/sign_up).

This allows us to invite you to discussions about the items you comment on, interact with your neighbors and provide additional feedback privately.

Public Comment (Wednesday) and City Council A Session (Thursday) meetings are held via videoconference with no in-person access.

You will be called by name by the Mayor or Mayor Pro-Tem when it is

your turn to speak.

Please note that registration for request to speak live ends thirty (30) minutes prior to the meeting start time.

For questions contact us at: publiccomment@santoniogov



This is your newsletter. You can send items of neighborhood interest to: sjw3@satx.rr.com. Articles (word) and pictures (.jpeg) should be sent by the 15th of each month.

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.
English & Spanish

The Jefferson Community Garden is a space for the residents of the Jefferson and Monticello Park neighborhoods in San Antonio, Texas. Through a generous donation from SAISD, Jefferson High School, the land and water supply are provided.

The Jefferson Community Garden mission is to educate and encourage the community to become more ecologically aware of the importance of land and water conservation. Through sharing experiences, we are building a strong foundation. Sharing is the most gratifying and important aspect of the garden.

Within the last 6 months, we've been able to produce over 60 pounds of organic fresh vegetables for our community. The two orange trees on the property produced over 8 pounds of oranges that were donated to local food pantries.

While growing and sharing continue to be our main goals, we also encourage neighbors to learn from our local gardeners, to understand soil health and to share knowledge with the community.

Our goal for 2021, with the help of our volunteers, is to harvest up to 500 pounds of produce for our community and local food banks.

To achieve this goal, we want to raise \$2,000 to fund the following projects:

- Drip and overhead irrigation for 3 new garden beds
- Toolshed for used tools and organic fertilizers
- Bulk organic seeds
- Compost and Mulch for the whole year
- DIY Solar Panel (Stretch Goal) for electrical

In addition to contributions, to help meet these funding needs, we also plan to have some fundraisers such as a garden tour and BBQ lunch.

All updates will be posted in the:

JNA newsletter

Go Fund Me page [gofund.me/90cfbd8e](https://gofundme.com/90cfbd8e)

Jefferson Community Garden Facebook page

Thank you for your support!

Jefferson Community Garden Stewards



The letter on page 9 is addressed to **Elia Reyna's** sister, **Estella Kierce**.

The Reyna family has been involved in the JNA for many years.

It's with pleasure that the letter of commendation from the Girl Scouts of America is published in our newsletter.

Thanks to Estella and the Reyna family for their continued support of the JNA.





Estella Kierce

July 6, 2020

Estella Kierce
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Castroville TX 78009

Dear Estella,

On behalf of the Girl Scout Movement—including 2.5 million members and more than 50 million Girl Scout alums—I would like to commend you on your continued dedication and service to our mission. Seventy years of being an active Girl Scout is a true milestone, and I am so grateful to you for your tireless commitment to building girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.

The work you have done on behalf of girls is well known both at the local and national level. Your creation of Gold Award scholarships benefiting the Girl Scouts in your area, as well as the generous donation of your time and Girl Scout treasures to establish a historical collection room at your council, have made such a positive impact in girls' lives. I am so inspired by the strength, passion, and energy you bring to lifting up young women and modeling true leadership in action.

You have been so instrumental in keeping the Castroville community engaged in and excited about Girl Scouting, and I am honored and proud to count you among the incredible alums that make up our great Girl Scout sisterhood. Thank you for all you have done and continue to do to help girls build the skills they need to be the go-getters, innovators, risk-takers, and leaders in their own lives.

Yours in Girl Scouting,

Sylvia Acevedo
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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 _____ Date: _____

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 _____

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***Cut out and mail form to:
JNA, PO Box 28552, SA TX 78228***

Check www.jefferson-sa.com for further updates on meetings.

