



# The Jefferson Neighborhood Association News



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*"Preserving the integrity of the Jefferson Area since 1982"*

### 2021 Scholarship Winners Announced

Congratulations to the 2021 winners of the Evelia Reyna JNA Scholarship program.

Thanks to a donation from the **Dr. Ande Tokoly\*** estate, a total of \$5100 in scholarships was given to the winners.

The winners are:

**Angelina Salinas-Sosa**, accepted to Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

**Desiree Faith Lopez**, also accepted to Texas Tech.

**Eunice Rodriguez**, accepted to UTSA.

Each recipient received \$1700.

Members of the scholarship committee included **Toni Cadena**, **Elia Reyna** (whose mother the scholarship is named after), **Judy Jackman**, **Patti Garcia** and **Lynn Waghalter**.



In addition to the scholarship awards, the JNA board approved donations to these area non-profits:

**The Salvation Army Peacock Nutrition Center.**

**The Battered Women's Shelter.**

**Animal Care Services.**

**Girl Scouts of the Southwest Development Center.**

**Haven For Hope Development (Jackie Wingo).**

**The San Antonio Food Bank.**

Each received \$300.

Also, the JNA gave a \$150 Lowe's Gift card to the Jefferson Community Garden project.

Your dues helped finance these donations. Thank You.

### JNA Connects With The Benevity Community Impact Fund

Because of a donation from the **Reyna** family, the JNA has connected with The Benevity Community Impact Fund headquartered in Safety Harbor, Florida.

The net donation totaled \$987.00.

A donation to the scholarship fund from **Elia's** niece was matched by her employer. That money, along with money from the **Dr. Ande Tokoly** estate, enabled the JNA to give not only monies to this year's scholarship winners, but also to the other non-profits listed on the left side of the page.

From their website: When we built our corporate purpose platform for companies, we also built the first nonprofit solution in the space.

We invest upwards of \$10 million a year in providing nonprofits

with the most robust digital portal, the Benevity Causes Portal, as well as dedicated support and a unique disbursement model that brings more scale and efficiency to their work.

And we regularly consult with nonprofit leaders via our Benevity Nonprofit Community Council (BNCC) to improve our ecosystem and products.

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For more information about this fund, check:

<https://benevity.com>.



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**Code Compliance Issues:** 311 or  
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**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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### Jefferson Bodega

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### Citizen On Patrol (COP) Class Announced

The only COP class for 2021 will be held Thursday, September 30th at the West Police Substation starting at 6PM.

Contact Officer **Robert Hyson** for more information.

210.207.7421



### Venmo Accepted by JNA

You've been asking for it, now it's here. You can pay your JNA dues through an online pay service called **Venmo**.

Accept Venmo at checkout in your app or mobile site, and tap into our social community of 60 million users.

Our account address: [@jna-payments](https://venmo.com/@jna-payments).

*Hi!* I am your neighbor, Camille Rodriguez Brigant, over on Gramercy. I am also **a realtor specializing in our unique neighborhoods**. If you have been considering selling your home, I would love to introduce you to my new boutique brokerage, *Motif*.

I decided to start Motif to expand on the **truly customized, personal touch** I have developed with my clients over the years. I have seen so many clients frustrated by the one-size-fits-all approach used by big conglomerate agencies. I look at each of my clients with fresh eyes, and create an innovative, specialized strategy that serves YOU.

**Born and raised in San Antonio**, my first job was working in my mother's real estate company. After graduating from Princeton University, I worked in both residential and commercial real estate on the West Coast and Louisiana before returning home to focus on our community. I am a supporter of many local art, conservation, and historic preservation groups. I am also both a Senior Real Estate Specialist and a Historic Homes Specialist.

**Historic homes have such character - but they possess their own set of challenges.** I can accurately price your home, target buyers who appreciate the vintage charm of older homes, help navigate the contract, inspections, appraisal, and lender requirements our unique homes require. Repairs are common, and Motif has a network of affordable, reliable contractors to make this process go smoothly.

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## CITY OF SAN ANTONIO PARKS & RECREATION

### San Antonio among "Fastest Risers" for 10-minute Walk to Park Score

The Trust for Public Land listed San Antonio among the top three "Fastest Risers" this year-- cities with the greatest increase of residents within a 10-minute walk to a park.

San Antonio's percentage of residents within a walk to a park increased 5% within the last year and 11% within the last 3 years.

The total percent-

age of residents within a 10-minute walk to a park is 48%.

The Trust for Public Land (TPL) annually publishes the ParkScore index that measures park systems across 100 of the largest cities in the U.S. The index measures five categories: acreage, investment, amenities, access—and new for 2021—equity.

**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.**



## **Jefferson High School IB Diploma Candidates Celebrate First Pin and Stole Ceremony**

On Friday, May 14 Thomas Jefferson High School celebrated its International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma candidates and IB course students from the Class of 2021 with the school's first Pin and Stole Ceremony.

The ceremony is a tradition among some International Baccalaureate schools during which each student is presented with an IB pin and stole to be worn during their graduation.

The International Baccalaureate organization has been a world-wide leader in innovative and rigorous education for 50 years. As an IB World School Jefferson High School provides a framework of education that develops students to be self-driven learners who see and understand the connection between content areas as well as the connections between communities and the world.

The ceremony honored 34 graduating seniors.

Following is a list of the IB Diploma candidates and IB course students and where they have decided to continue their education:

Angela Acosta – The University of Texas at San Antonio  
Anthony Allende – DePaul University  
Megan Baluyot – The University of Texas San Antonio  
Mathew Cervantes – Texas Tech University  
Efrain Chavez – Texas A&M Corpus Christi  
Nezmari Cuellar – St. Mary's University  
Kimberly Elias – The University of Texas San Antonio  
Kathryne Elizondo – Trinity University  
Elijah Ewing – University of Colorado Springs  
Alison Fernandez – The University of Texas at Austin  
Nickoll Garcia – The University of Texas at Austin  
Jeremiah Gomez – San Antonio College  
Josue Gomez – University of the Incarnate Word  
Abraham Guadiano – University of Notre Dame  
Victoria Guadiano – Purdue University  
Zavier Harris – University of North Texas  
Santiago Hernandez – The University of Texas at Austin  
Luciana Lerma – University of North Texas  
Catherine Lewis – The University of Texas at Austin  
Desiree Lopez – Texas State University  
Jackeline Lopez – Texas A&M University San Antonio  
Elazjia Mares – Loyola University Chicago  
Lorissa Mendoza – United States Army  
Ocean Meza – Texas A&M Corpus Christi  
Gregory Molina – The University of Texas at Austin  
Jalen Ortiz – Texas A&M San Antonio  
Alejo Pena Soto – Sarah Lawrence College  
Samantha Perez – Texas Tech University  
Victor Romero – Texas Tech University  
Angelina Salinas Sosa – The University of Texas at Austin  
Janelle Solis – The University of Texas at San Antonio  
Marissa Valdez – University of North Texas  
Toby Villalobos – The University of Texas at San Antonio  
Ryan Villarreal – The University of Texas at San Antonio

Members of the Jefferson Neighborhood Association congratulates these students (they're pictured on the next page).



Photo courtesy Gina Vera

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**Do you have just one hour per week? One hour per week to make a difference in someone's life?**

**San Antonio Oasis Person to Person** is looking for volunteers to spend time with residents at Morningside Manor. We are looking for people who will spend their time with a resident, listening, talking to, and sharing life experiences.

**San Antonio Oasis Person to Person** helps each resident find their voice. It's important for residents to reflect on their life and share their stories with others, making new friends in the process and not feeling alone.

Person to Person volunteers connect with residents and form their own new friendships as well by sharing a piece of themselves.

Help them to remember and connect. Help them to feel wanted.

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## News from County Commissioner Pct. 2 Justin Rodriguez



Dear Friends:

Commissioners Court approves \$150,000 to continue **AlamoPROMISE**.

The program makes college more accessible to graduating seniors by providing the support necessary to earn a certificate or associate's degree at one of the five Alamo Colleges:

Northeast Lakeview College, Northwest Vista College, Palo Alto College, San Antonio College, and St. Philip's College.

It ensures that tuition and fees at the Alamo Colleges are covered for students who graduate from participating high schools.

The Save Your Seat pledge period is now closed for the graduating senior class of 2021 from participating Promise high schools.

Students who 'saved their seat' to lock in the promise of tuition-free college starting in Fall 2021 are still eligible for **AlamoPROMISE** and

can submit admissions and financial aid applications to be part of the next class of **AlamoPROMISE** Scholars.

Although Bexar County offices remain open to the public, we do encourage you to use our online services whenever possible, in order to practice responsible social distancing.

Visit our Online Services tab at the top of the page to see which county resources are available for you.

You can call our offices for more information about these programs.

Downtown office: 210-335-2612.

Community office: 210-335-1600.



## DISTRICT 7 NEWS

A group of citizens, including current and former Thomas Jefferson students attended the ribbon cutting at the Thespian Island on June 1. (Pics on pg. 9)

Money for the restoration came from a 2017 bond package.

The Island is located on Donaldson at Kampmann.

The City Council committee on Community Health & Equity completed recommendations on how to improve the work of the San Antonio Police Department.

The recommendations now go to the Public Safety Committee for their consideration.

Part of the recommendations includes expanding the department's SAFFE Officer program, giving officers more alternatives to guns, and creating a forum

for the community to give feedback to the department.

These are only a starting point. I expect that they will go through a lot of reviews before any are implemented and look forward to discussing them with my colleagues when we craft next year's City budget.

Animal Care Services is always in need of fundamentals like formula and food, but the shelter can also use covers and other supplies to help care for litters that are coming into the shelter.

Donations can be dropped off anytime seven days a week during regular business hours. ACS is open 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekends.

For more information, Contact **Lisa Norwood**, 210.207.6665.

Our office phone numbers:

Main: 210.207.7044

Centerview:

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### 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







Courtesy Photo

Some former Thomas Jefferson High School students attending the Thespian Fountain Restoration Ribbon Cutting Ceremony June 1. From left to right: School Board Trustee **Ed Garza**, **Jerry Sharp**, **Frank Karpieski**, **Lynn Waghalter**, **Bianca Maldonado**, and Councilwoman **Ana Sandoval**.



Courtesy Photo

Councilwoman **Sandoval** with TJHS Assistant Principal (and the councilwoman's former classmate), **Robert Reyna** at the Ribbon Cutting ceremony.

### TX DOT Lane Closure Site

Want to know which highway sections may be closed due to construction and better plan your route? Here is a TxDOT Resource you might find helpful regarding lane closures: <http://txdotsanantonio.blogspot.com/>

### Did You Know?

Bexar County is the 4th largest county in Texas and the 17th largest county nationally. Bexar County is steeped in rich history and tradition. It's home to the first ever digital library, *BiblioTech*, the *Alamo*, and our historic *Missions*, which are a World Heritage Site.

## RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Dues support our scholarship program and help pay for our monthly newsletter.

Memberships expire at the end of December each year.

### JEFFERSON NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM

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☐ \$10 per year for an individual ☐ I would like to receive updates and news through my e-mail address

☐ \$15 per year for families ☐ I would like to volunteer

☐ \$35 per year for businesses

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Check [www.jefferson-sa.com](http://www.jefferson-sa.com) for  
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