



The Jefferson Neighborhood Association News



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"Preserving the integrity of the Jefferson Area since 1982"

Preparations Underway For National Night Out

National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community.

Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances.

The state of Texas celebrates the first Tuesday in October. This year, the first Tuesday in October is the 6th.

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live.

Millions of neighbors take part in National Night Out across thousands of communities from all fifty states, U.S. territories and military bases worldwide.

Neighborhoods host block parties, festivals, parades, cookouts and various other community events with safety demonstrations, seminars, youth events, visits from emergency personnel, exhibits and much, much more.

Locally, **Marie Cooper** and **Patti Garcia** signed up to be committee members. Patti has gotten in touch with **Linda Tomasini**, SAPD NNO Coordinator and other COSA committee members to form a plan for the JNA celebration.

The time and location of our event will be forthcoming.



From The Co- President

Happy September!!!

Our Jefferson Neighborhood Association Officers and Board Members hope that everyone is staying Safe and Healthy!

As we continue to live with our new normal, there are indications that our neighborhood is thriving and staying strong.

Our past two Zoom meetings have been a great success. We continue to see new faces and voices during our online meetings.

New ideas and willing neighbors eager to jump in and make our community a great place to live and socialize are occurring.

We have two committees forming for upcoming events. Our first committee is for our October 6TH National Night Out event.

Our second committee is for our November fundraiser. Last year's Turkey



Bingo was a success, and due to our current pandemic we have to adjust and become creative for this year's event. If you are interested in either committee, you can contact us via our Jefferson Neighborhood Association email: jeffersonassociation@gmail.com.

I want to acknowledge **Camille Rodriguez Brigant** owner of MOTIF Boutique Brokerage who received the Texas Realtors Acts of Kindness Award last month. This award is only given to a select few realtors in all of Texas. Camille's is constantly finding ways to make a positive impact. Camille also serves on our Board of Directors.

Finally, at last month's meeting we

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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

About Face

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Development Goals For Our Area

From the Northwest Neighborhood Plan:

Economic Development:

Ensure the Near NW Community's business corridors are filled with a mix of uses including professional offices, residences and busy shops, providing neighbors an attractive place to walk for shopping, playing, working and relaxing both

day and night.

Create opportunities for new business development to ensure a diversity of attractive businesses in pedestrian friendly environments.

Provide an interconnected, coordinated and efficient transportation system that is accessible to all throughout the community.

Buying, Renovating, Staging, Selling - We Do it All!
A portion of all commissions are donated to local non-profits.



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NATIONAL DRIVE EV WEEK EVENTS

The Office of Sustainability will be partnering with the Alamo Area Council of Governments (AACOG) to host Virtual Drive Electric Week September 28 – October 3.

Virtual Drive Electric Week will host a series of webinars on electric mobility.

Registration information will be shared on the Office of Sustainability's social media accounts and through email by our Sustainable Transportation

Manager, **Harley Hubbard**
 (Harley.Hubbard@sanantonio.gov)



ELECTRIC VEHICLES SAN ANTONIO

SA CLIMATE READY ADVISORY COMMITTEE NEWS

We are currently in the process of interviewing and selecting candidates.

If you are selected, we will be reaching out with additional information in the next few weeks.

If you have any questions about the selection process or the committees in general, please email **Mina Defee** at Minerva.Defee@sanantonio.gov or 210-207-6323.

We appreciate your understanding and continued commitment to this important work.

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Notes from Ana Sandoval District 7 Councilwoman

Fiscal Year 2021 Proposed Budget

The City Council has been discussing the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2021 (October 1, 2020 - September 31, 2021).

This budget proposal was a turning point in our City's budget-making process.

This life-changing pandemic is leading us to reevaluate our priorities and role as a local government.

While we will never be able to do everything we wish, nor everything that is asked of us, this proposal moves us in the right direction.

This year's budget process is different from any other. It's the first time we see such loud and consistent calls to reduce the budget of a single department: *police*.

City Council will vote on the proposed budget on September 17.

Flu season is just about here.

Metro Health will join community partners for over 50 flu clinic events this flu season.

The clinic closest to the JNA is at the

Frank Garrett Center and is open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday by appointment.

Call 210-207-8867 for more info.

You can also get your immunization at your doctor's office, some pharmacies, and even some grocery stores.

This flu season, please keep yourself, your family, and your community safer by getting a flu shot.

Together, we'll get through this.

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 in-person office events for the time being.

Feel free to send us an email at:

District7@SanAntonio.gov. Or contact us by calling 210-207-0870

Yours in public service,



BexarFlood.org Information

BEXARflood.org shows road conditions of monitored low water crossings across Bexar County.

Each dot on the map indicates a location of a Bexar County HALT sensor - HALT stands for High water Alert Lifesaving Technology.

The sensors detect rising water and send real time information to this website: green means the road safe, yellow means the water is rising and red means the road is closed.

By subscribing to alerts through this website, you can receive text or email alerts when low water crossings you choose to monitor have water over the road.

Bexar County has installed more than 150 HALT systems in our community to warn drivers to turn around with either flashing lights or a combination of flashing lights and gates.

BEXARflood.org was developed through a partnership between Bexar County, the City of San Antonio and the

San Antonio River Authority.

These partners monitor local weather and road conditions 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Also: The Bexar County HALT system is a tool to warn drivers when there is too much water over the road to drive through safely. HALT uses a sensor to detect rising water.

Once the water reaches a certain depth, the system will warn drivers to turn around with either flashing lights or a combination of flashing lights and gates.

IF YOU SEE WATER OVER THE ROAD, PLEASE TURN AROUND AND FIND A DIFFERENT ROUTE.

TURN AROUND, DON'T DROWN!



News from County Commissioner Pct. 2 Justin Rodriguez



Dear Friends:

The Proposed Bexar County Fiscal Year 2020-2021 budget totals \$1.781 billion for all funds and maintains the current tax rate of \$.301097.

If approved, this would be the 26th year Commissioner's Court has either reduced or maintained the tax rate.

The Proposed Budget was developed in the midst of the COVID-19 Pandemic, which has drastically affected our way of life, our economy, and our County operations.

The Proposed Budget continues the mid-year spending adjustments implemented in May, including freezing vacant positions and reducing discretionary spending.

It is important to note that it will likely be April

of 2021 before the full affects to County revenue will be felt as a result of COVID-19.

Commissioner's Court will adopt a balanced budget for Fiscal Year 2020-21 which begins October 1, 2020 and will continue to monitor revenue impacts going forward.

Meanwhile, I invite you to visit www.bexar.org/p2-budget to access the proposed budget documents, review key budget planning dates, and to take the Precinct 2 Budget input survey to help ensure the adopted budget reflects community priorities.

Community Garden News

The Jefferson Community Garden is located in the Jefferson neighborhood on W. Gramercy at Wilson.

We have 120 members and a core group of eight members, two master gardeners, and three co-garden stewards.

Our membership has grown from 68 members to 120 members since March, 2020. We attribute the increase in membership in part to the pandemic; some core members are currently working from home.

The site is designed as a resource for its members to plan, develop, and grow a community garden for the Jefferson area." Educate the community, the benefits of gardening and water conservation.

The garden has seen a revitalization in community support. SAISD, the property owner, has granted us the tremendous benefit of water use, and our group is always happy to return the favor with occasional gardening classes and projects for Jefferson high school students on the benefits of gardening and water conservation.

A drip irrigation system is in place due to generous members and sponsorships.

members.
For info:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/jeffersoncommunitygarden.com>.

(Contributed by Marie Cooper)

Metro Health Alerts Public of Ozone Action Day and High Temperatures

During these hot, sticky days of Summer and early Fall in San Antonio, we're all aware of Ozone Action Days.

The City of San Antonio will continue to operate cooling centers.

Residents in need of respite from the heat can call 311 or visit the Metro Health or the San Antonio Office of Emergency Management websites for a listing of cooling centers near them.

Cooling centers will observe COVID-19 precautions, including face coverings, screening, sanitation and social distancing guidelines.

Residents need to be aware of warning signs for heat stroke that include; red, hot, and moist or dry skin, no sweating, a strong rapid pulse or a slow weak pulse, nausea, confusion or acting strangely.

If a child exhibits any of these signs, cool the child rapidly with cool water (not an ice bath) and call 911 or your local emergency number immediately.

Residents can visit the National Weather Service website for the most current weather conditions at www.weather.gov/sanantonio.

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



Message from our Vice President

A few weeks ago, my street was resurfaced.

This work was supposed to have been completed in 2015, but for some reason was delayed for 5 years!

Some of the streets in our neighborhood, which were completed back in 2015, had NEW curbs and sidewalks installed. Fast forward 5 years later, the street was redone, but our 70+ year old curbs were left in worse condition than they were before the work was started.

Don't they realize that when they come into our neighborhood with the large machinery that the curbs will be damaged?

The machines shook and rattled our homes. The damage done to the curbs was pointed out to a City inspector.

He told me and other homeowners who complained, that his supervisor would come out and survey the damage and get back with us.

We're still waiting for his arrival and his report!

If the City is not going to do the job correctly and completely (street resurface, curbs and sidewalks) then it's not worth doing the job!!!

(Contributed by Lynn Waghalter, JNA Vice President)

Learn Something New from the Comfort of Your Home

Oasis Everywhere is a new website offering live online courses led by top instructors from across the country.

This makes it possible for anyone in the world to participate in courses exclusively curated by Oasis Centers for Oasis Everywhere regardless of geographic location, mobility or travel constraints.

Oasis has helped thousands of older adults across the country satisfy their curiosity, take charge of their health and discover the joy of giving back to their communities. Since 2000, more than 389,000 adults have been impacted by Oasis programs.

Check out: <https://san-antonio.oasisnet.org/> or call: **(210) 236-5954**



Mayor's Youth Engagement Council for Climate Initiatives

EcoRise seeks innovative students to participate in a Mayor's Youth Engagement Council for Climate Initiatives.

Participating students will receive extensive learning opportunities, sharpen their communication skills, and network with other youth professionals.

Students will also study sustainability, city planning, and how this relates to improving their community's health and well-being.

Reach out to **Jessica Cravens**, Texas Program Manager, at: Jessica@ecorise.org.

Did You Know?

You can watch city council, public meetings and boards and commissions live, view archived meetings and check out the program schedule.

Check out:

<https://www.sanantonio.gov/TVSA>

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

If your phone carrier doesn't let you call 3-1-1, use 210-207-6000.

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

<https://311.sanantonio.gov/>



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**

by calling or text at 210-367-1525 or email jeffersonumcsa@gmail.com to explore your needs and learn how we may serve you.

J.N.A. MEMBERSHIP DUES

Recent changes in the dates for our membership dues will have a positive effect on those of you in our community who would like to be involved.

Until recently, dues were collected in the fall at the same time as our elections causing a lot of confusion and frustration. A vote in January moved our membership dues to a calendar year, January to December. How does this affect you?

First of all It is much easier to remember the due date. Secondly, it allows you to get those dues paid well in advance of the May Membership meeting deadline to qualify to run and vote in the fall elections.

Crazy huh? We think you are going to like it!

Recent new interest from the community has us excited for the future of the Jefferson Neighborhood Association. Please see the Jefferson Neighborhood Association Membership form on the last page of this newsletter for the rates and how to pay.

(We are working to possibly add Paypal and/or Venmo to the forms of payment accepted as well. We will keep you informed if this is possible!)

(contributed by **Patti Garcia**)



Stan's Stage

Lately, there has been much to do about just exactly what the JNA is all about.

There have been a lot of changes in the makeup of our area since I joined the group in 1990.

I thought I would try and bring some light to what our association is all about and divert attention from what I call recent "Non-essential" activities that seem to occupy a lot of wasted time at our meetings.

From the JNA Neighborhood Plan of 1997:

Goals:

1. To preserve the economic and cultural diversity characteristic of the area.
2. To preserve quality housing in the area. (This includes keeping an eye on "Flippers" who don't understand our area.)
3. To become an area which is attractive to potential residents and is recommended by Realtors.

Action Plan:

1. Cause the Jefferson Neighborhood Association (JNA) and the Monticello Park Neighborhood Association (MPNA) to continue working in alliance to accomplish the following:
 - a) identify and/or es-

tablish self-help and home improvement programs. (Again, following either Historic District or Conservation District guidelines).

2. Devote resources to the maintenance and enhancement of the periodic "paint-up", "clean-up" programs as they pertain to this area.

3. Establish programs through the neighborhood associations to recognize residents for special beautification efforts.

4. Open formal lines of communications with San Antonio Realtors to encourage the showing of property in the area.

5. Persuade city authorities to take a proactive role in identifying code violations in the area and seeking compliance.

It's time JNA leaders start looking at our overall purpose, not just focusing on one area, to help us remain a strong, viable organization.

Many of us "old timers" have worked very hard to establish what the new generation tends to take for granted in our area.

(contributed by **Stanley Waghalter**)

FOSTER FAMILIES NEEDED!

Helping multiple pets starts with just ONE.

Our temporary pet parents receive **free** pet supplies, food, and veterinary care for their fosters!

Sign up to get started:

saacs.info/foster

@sanantonioacs



Looking for ways to help pets in need? Consider fostering a shelter dog. Right now, larger (40lb+) dogs at ACS are in need of a temporary, loving home. Temporary pet parents receive free pet supplies, food, and veterinary care for their fosters!

About the Ready South Texas App

Be prepared for disaster. The Ready South Texas app is an all-hazards overview of disaster information to help you prepare, plan and respond to disaster in your area. Using the Ready South Texas app, you will be able to:

- Share your status with your selected contacts with the push of a button.
- Receive critical emergency alerts via push notification.
- Locate Bexar County's emergency shelters.
- Display up-to-date evacuation route maps.
- Get the latest news and weather for the South Texas area.



Early Voting for November 3 Election announced

The Texas Supreme court ruled 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.

Covid-19 is not an acceptable reason to ask for a ballot by mail.

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.

Deadline to Register to vote is October 5th.



(Co-President speaks)

ended with adopting a mascot.

I had heard that there were several associations that had mascots as a way to represent them as a neighborhood.

For example, Beacon Hill has a skunk. We all know that we have them as well in our backyards, so we wanted to be different and came up with our lovable, furry, and only marsupial in North America, opossum.

I am excited to see our mascot come to life.

Our next meeting is September 14th at 7:00. If you are interested in attending please reach out to our association email at jeffersonassociation@gmail.com for the meeting ID and password.

Looking forward to seeing all of you next month!

Mario Goff
Co-President



Animal Care Services Updates

OUR SHELTER IS CURRENTLY OPERATING BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

In order to protect both the public and our staff in support of safe social distancing, our shelter is currently operating by appointment only. To adopt a pet, please make an appointment, for those interested in fostering a pet, sign-up for our foster program. For a list of other services currently available, you may make an appointment. Thank you for your continued support of the pets here at San Antonio Animal Care Services.

210.207.4PET (4738).

More information is at: <https://www.sanantonio.gov/Animal-Care/Home>



City of San Antonio Financial & Housing Recovery Center

- Rent and Mortgage Help
- Financial Benefits Navigation
- Financial Counseling
- Under 1 Roof
- Minor Repair Program
- Job Training Support
- Owner-Occupied Rehab Program

Call 210.207.5910 or visit covid19.sanantonio.gov/FHRC



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FAMILY SERVICE
JEFFERSON NEIGHBORHOOD

The Financial and Housing Recovery Center is part of the Recovery and Resiliency Plan for the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

The plan includes a section on community resilience, which ensures that households and businesses affected by COVID-19 have the resources and tools to become financially resilient and better prepared to withstand future economic challenges.

Available Services:

In order to protect the health and safety of the community, residents can access the services by calling 210.207.5910. Appointments can be made for residents needing in-person assistance.

- ➔ *The Under 1 Roof Program* fully replaces worn and damaged roofs with new, energy-efficient asphalt shingle roofs for qualified homeowners.
- ➔ *Minor Repair Program*: Applications are accepted year-round and the program is first come, first served. There is a waiting list.
- ➔ *Owner Occupied Rehabilitation Program*: Applications are accepted in the fall after the City Council has approved the program budget. There are eligibility requirements. This service is based on a lottery system. Please call 210.207.5403 or 210.207.5311 for lottery dates and information.



City of San Antonio
**Financial & Housing
Recovery Center**

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

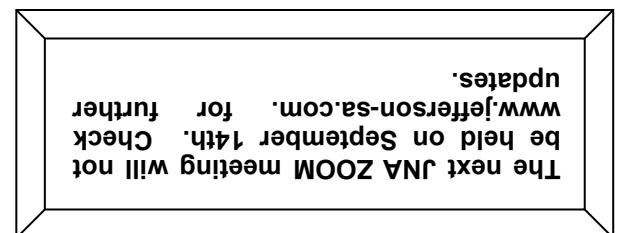
- ☐ Send my JNA Newsletter via email only
☐ I would like to receive updates and news through my e-mail address
☐ I would like to volunteer _____
☐ Unique skills I have to offer _____

FY 2020-2021

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



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



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