



The Jefferson Neighborhood Association News



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"Preserving the integrity of the Jefferson Area since 1982"

Greetings from Mario

On Saturday, June 27, 2020, I had the privilege of participating in the First Annual Deco PRIDE RIDE Parade. Before going any further, I want to state that the event was not a sponsored JNA activity, and I respect everyone's personal beliefs. The purpose of the article is not to push an agenda but to showcase what our community represents.



PRIDE commemorates the Stonewall riots, which occurred in 1969. During the month of June, PRIDE events are held to recognize the positive impact that the LGBTQ community has in our cities and neighborhoods and to bring attention to the prejudice that is still part of our society.



During a conversation with **Camille Rodriguez-Brigant**, owner of MOTIF Boutique Brokerage, I mentioned I was going to sit in my front yard on Saturday June 27th to celebrate PRIDE after our city celebration was cancelled. Recognizing the importance of PRIDE especially now when the community needed a morale boost, we decided something

bigger was needed.

Such was born the First Annual Deco PRIDE RIDE Parade. On Saturday over 25 vehicles drove through our neighborhood, decorated in PRIDE colors, playing music, and waving to our neighbors. With hard work, the event raised over \$1,100 for the Fiesta Youth Organization, located on Donaldson. The organization supports LGBTQ youth through education, peer-support, advocacy, and friendship.



The event was a great success, not only for the short amount of time that we had to plan the event (less than a week), but what we saw as we drove through our community. Over 300 door hangers were placed on the parade route a day before in hopes that families would come out and

enjoy the festivities. As we started the parade, we were

nervous, as we did not know what to expect. To our surprise our JNA community did not disappoint.

Families had set up tables and chairs in their front yards, were playing music, waving signs and PRIDE flags. They had smiles on their faces and you could feel and see the love in their hearts. I was overwhelmed by the support.



As we continued to drive on Donaldson, W. Gramercy, W. Kings Hwy, and around Woodlawn Lake, we could see that families were waiting for us to drive by. What a feeling!

What does this tell me about our JNA neighborhood? We are a community that is accepting, loving, and a place that we can truly call home. This is not just a neighborhood of houses, but a community that is willing to see passed labels and politics and see each other for who we are-JNA Neighbors!

This I hope, is the beginning of new adventures in our neighborhood.

Stay Home, Stay Safe!

Sincerely,

Mario Goff



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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:

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Election of officers coming in August

Believe it or not, election officers for the next fiscal year is fast approaching.

Our by-laws state that a nominating committee will be formed in June, their report given in July, and election in August.

If you want to run for an office in the JNA, please contact:

Elia Reyna, Toni Cadena or Lynn Waghalter

Their contact information can be found in this newsletter.

Induction ceremony for officers is held in September.

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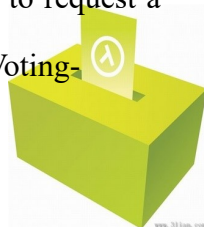
Ballot By Mail Rules

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:

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



Early Voting for July 14th Election Underway

Take notice that the County of Bexar will conduct a Joint Primary Runoff Election for the Republican Party and the Democratic Party of Bexar County for each to nominate federal officers, Members of the State Legislature, state, district, county and precinct officers on Tuesday, July 14, 2020.

Visit www.bexar.org/elections for a complete list

of the candidates you are eligible to vote for based on your Party and precinct.

Early Voting Period:

Monday, June 29, 2020 – Friday, July 10, 2020.

The early voting sites will be closed Friday, July 3 and Saturday, July 4th.

Check <https://www.bexar.org/DocumentCenter/View/4572/Early-Voting-Locations-and-Hours-of-Operation-PDF> for hours and locations.

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Notes from Ana Sandoval District 7 Councilwoman

Fighting the Rise of COVID-19

Many new COVID-19 cases have been reported in San Antonio. To all those who wear a mask, wash your hands, and stay home as much as possible: **thank you.**

As a community, we need to continue wearing masks, giving people space, and staying home when possible.

This goes for young people, too. A large part of our new cases are people between 20 and 29 years old.

While most of them will recover, if they are around older people they may put them at risk. Older people are more likely to suffer the worst consequences, such as hospitalization, respiratory problems, heart problems, and even death.

At City Hall, I continue to push for the City to use every tool at our disposal to stop the spread of the virus. But even all the City's resources can't stop the virus without the community taking safety precautions.

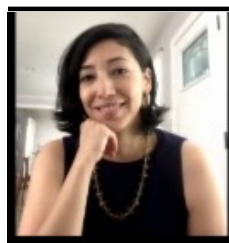
Additionally, City Manager **Erik Walsh** announced the following changes to City-owned park properties:

- ✓ Gatherings of more than 100 will be prohibited in any city park or plaza.
- ✓ Pools and splash pads will not reopen as previously planned.

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@SanAntonio.gov.



Yours in public service,

Misc Information

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 the dangers and precautions that can be taken during excessive heat.

The department recommends:

Stay Cool
Stay Hydrated
Stay Informed

Even with "Stay at Home" orders, folks may take to working in their yards during the heat of the day.

Take the above precautions at heart and stay healthy.



Bexar County Information

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 <https://www.bexar.org/> to see which county resources are available for you. .



The next JNA meeting **MIGHT** be held August 10th, 7PM at the Jefferson Methodist Church, 758 Donaldson @ Wilson.

Check www.jefferson-sa.com for details.

News from County Commissioner Pct. 2 Justin Rodriguez



Judge **Nelson Wolff** issued Executive Order NW-11 in response to the increase in COVID-19 cases and to update with limiting elective surgeries in accordance with Governor **Greg Abbott's** recent order.

Any person over the age of 10 will be required to wear a face covering over their nose and mouth when in a public place where it is difficult to maintain social distancing of 6 feet or more.

All commercial entities in Bexar County providing goods or services directly to the public must require that employees and visitors wear face coverings.

Businesses may also implement other measures designed to control and reduce COVID-19 transmission such as temperature

checks or health screenings.

Commercial entities must develop a health plan which includes the use of face coverings and post it to provide notice to employees and visitors of the requirements. Failure to develop and post a Health and Safety Policy are subject to a \$1,000 fine for each violation.

Face coverings are not a replacement for social distancing, frequent hand washing, and self-isolation when sick.

Please do **not** purchase or wear medical-grade masks or N-95 respirators as they are a needed medical resource for health care workers and first responders.

Please check <https://covid19.sanantonio.gov/What-YOU-Can-Do/Testing> for testing information.

Is It Safe to Go Out to Eat?

By Kelli Miller

Hungry for interaction after a season of quarantine, many are heading into reopened restaurants and bars, eager to sit down for a meal they didn't cook, at someplace other than home.

Yet as coronavirus cases climb now in nearly half of all states, and crowds at some eateries reflect pre-pandemic levels, some wonder: Is COVID on the menu?

According to the FDA, the coronavirus does n't appear to spread through food, the way some viruses and bacteria can.

Instead, COVID germs travel through respiratory droplets, which means you could get sick if an infected

person coughs or sneezes near you. Even just being around someone speaking makes you more likely to get the virus.

So just how safe is that table inside a restaurant?

Restaurants are scrambling to recover after May sales plummeted to more than 40% below normal expectations for the month.

Yet just a week or 2 after states allowed eateries to resume indoor dining, a number of restaurants and bars are shutting their doors or suspending services once again.

The CDC ranks the risk of COVID exposure and spread in restaurants from lowest to highest risk:

- ✓ **Lowest risk:** No on-site dining. Food must be delivered or picked up and carried off site.
- ✓ **Highest risk:** On-site dining with no changes in seating.

When you're done with your meal, and when you get home, wash your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds, or use hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.

WebMD Health
News Reviewed by **Brunilda Nazario, MD**

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

What makes our Jefferson Neighborhood unique?

One thing is that there is no main street running through it.

Other neighborhoods such as Monte Vista, Beacon Hill, Alta Vista, Five Points, and Tobin Hill have main thoroughfares such as Blanco Rd., McCullough Ave., Fredericksburg Rd., San Pedro Ave., and Main Ave. running through them.

These main thoroughfares bring retail establishments such as stores, restaurants, gas stations, and even bars into these neighborhoods. Most of these neighborhoods have sidewalks as well as bus routes that enable residents to have an option to walk or ride to these businesses.

The Jefferson Neighborhood has residential streets running through it with Fredericksburg Rd. or Bandera Rd. as the closest main thoroughfares. Donaldson Ave., Babcock Rd., Wilson Blvd., Woodlawn Ave., and St. Cloud connect us with the

main thoroughfares.

Sidewalks here are limited or non-existent. When this neighborhood was established in the 1930s and 1940s, a new concept was created:

A neighborhood shopping center!

Jefferson Village was built in 1948 to give our residents a place to buy groceries, clothes, school supplies, etc.

There was a beauty salon, drug store, grocery store, dress shop, record shop, and even a shoe repair.

The Village is on Donaldson not far from Jefferson High School and places of worship.

Across the street were a hobby shop, gas station, and doctor's offices.

The aim of this shopping center was to provide these nearby services to residents who could walk to them.

Now, as our neighborhood has evolved, most of us drive to retail establishments and restaurants miles away.

Jefferson Village has changed, too, as their retail base is much different now.

We have Dollar General and Vee's as the main tenants. There are two event centers and a couple of other businesses.

Across the street are two restaurants, a flower shop, and a bodega.

The hobby shop has managed to stay in business all these years.

How can we revitalize this area? Some suggestions have been offered over the years but nothing has happened.

The wants and needs of our residents must be considered.

Two neighborhood plans exist which describe retail businesses that are a good fit for this area.

We can always add family-friendly businesses to the lists.

Let our board know your thoughts on this issue.

Thank you!

Lynn Waghalter



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.

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 August

Cut out and mail form to:

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