



**Asian Resource Center
of San Antonio**

NEWSLETTER

ARCSA's vision is to develop a physical Asian Resource Center that will celebrate and showcase the rich and diverse Asian culture and heritage, creating a gathering place of choice dedicated to fostering unity and promoting cross-cultural understanding and appreciation.

Visit our Website

Become a Legacy Circle Member!

Join the Legacy Circle and leave a lasting impact on our community!

As a valued member, **your name—or the name of a loved one you wish to honor—will be proudly displayed on the Donors Wall at the Asian Resource Center**, a permanent tribute to your generosity and commitment to preserving and celebrating Asian culture. This is more than just a donation; it is a legacy of support, unity, and cultural enrichment that will inspire future generations. Show your dedication to our community and ensure that Asian heritage has a home in Bexar County for years to come.

The Legacy Circle sponsorship of \$15,000 at the 2025 Annual Gala grants you this special opportunity. The sponsorship also includes:

- 8 event tickets
- Permanent recognition on ARCSA website as a member of the Legacy Circle
- Legacy Circle plaque presentation at the event
- Dignitary guests will be seated at the table
- Recognition on all event materials (PowerPoint, Sponsorship Board, Event Program)
- Recognition during the event
- Event sponsorship recognition on ARCSA website



Join the Legacy Circle today and be part of building a lasting home for Asian heritage in Bexar County!

Please contact Elisa Chan via e-mail at president@asiancentersa.org to secure your sponsorship.

Note: The **Legacy Circle** is distinct from the **Founders Circle**, which is no longer open for participation.

Founders Circle members will be honored on a separate, permanent plaque prominently displayed on the **Art Wall on the exterior of the building** alongside plaques recognizing the **City of San Antonio** and **Bexar County**.

Upcoming ARCSA Events

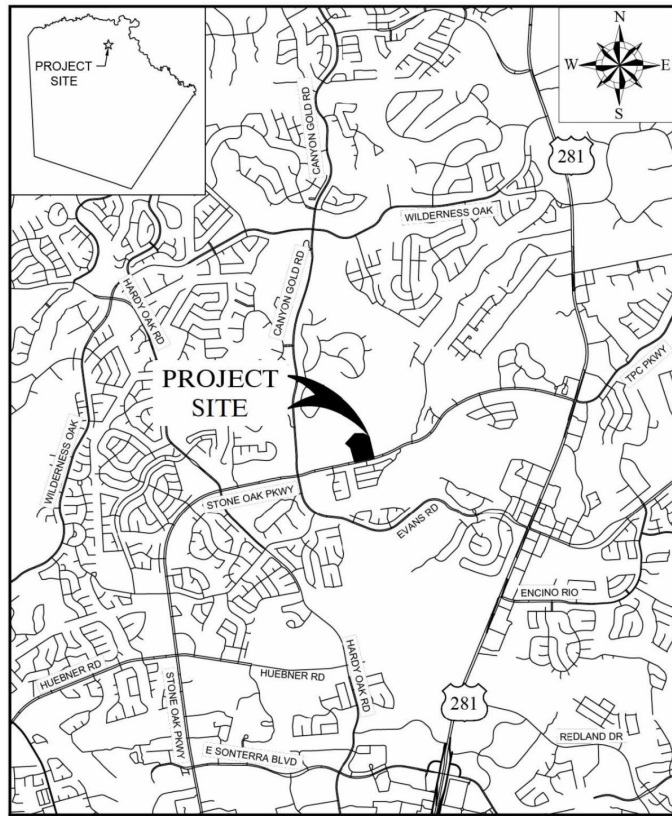
Land Blessing and Dedication Ceremony

ARCSA is hosting a Land Blessing and Dedication Ceremony on May 19th at 10am.

We will invite spiritual leaders of different faiths to bless the future site of the Asian Resource Center.

Mayor Nirenberg and Judge Peter Sakai have confirmed their attendance at the event.

For more information regarding directions, parking, and RSVP, please [click here](#).



2025 Asian Festival

ARCSA is pleased to host this year's Asian Festival on May 24th at the Civic Park at Hemisfair from 11am to 5pm.

The festival has a rich history, starting as a grassroots initiative to share Asian cultures with the broader community. Spearheaded by May Lam, it has grown into a cherished annual event, becoming an integral part of San Antonio's cultural landscape.

Through the festival, we hope to bring together people from various backgrounds to experience the flavors, traditions, and arts of Asia. We believe that the Asian Festival continues to serve as a vibrant platform for fostering cross-cultural understanding, appreciation, and unity while offering a joyful experience for all who participate.

2025 Asian Festival Committee

- Christina Lew - Chair
- Elva Adams
- Panadda Aguilar
- Nicolette Ardiente
- Evelyn B. Crow
- Sharleen Daube
- Camile De Los Reyes



For more information about the festival and sponsorship opportunities, please [click here](#).

To purchase tickets online, please [click here](#).

- Michael Hu
- Rene'e Park
- Eric Vasquez
- Aparna Vohra
- Anna Wong
- Yen Yan

2025 Annual Gala

This year's ARCSA Annual Gala will be on June 7th at the Club of Sonterra.

The ARCSA Annual Gala is a prestigious gathering designed to raise funds for the construction of the Asian Resource Center building while bringing together donors, supporters, and community leaders. This elegant evening serves as a platform to celebrate achievements, share impactful stories, and inspire generosity through auctions, sponsorships, and donations. Beyond fundraising, the gala fosters connections, strengthens community engagement, and amplifies awareness, ensuring continued support for the organization's mission and future initiatives.

For more information about the event and sponsorship opportunities, please [click here](#).

Special sponsorship opportunities for Asian American Alliance of San Antonio (AAASA) members.



Annual Gala Committee

- Elisa Chan - Co-Chair
- Sophear Wilson - Co-Chair
- Suhail Arastu
- Frances Bendele
- Yuka Dorsey
- Quynh Nguyen
- Ferhat Ozturk
- Melinda Rodriguez
- Kausi Subramaniam
- May Zamuco-Carangal
- Sophie Xu
- Allen Lu
- Alicia Vo
- Georgette Antonio-Storms

2025 City Council Election

Participating in local elections is one of the most impactful ways to shape the future of our community. City council members make critical decisions that influence our daily lives—from public safety and traffic to utility rates, parks, and library services. By researching the candidates and casting your vote on May 3, 2025, you ensure that your voice is heard and that your elected officials represent your values and priorities.

We have **five open council seats**: Mayor, District 4, District 6, District 8, and District 9. **To find out which City Council district you live in, [click here](#).**

There are 27 candidates running for Mayor. **To get a sample ballot, [click here](#).**

The May municipal elections will be the first election in which **council members and the mayor are elected to serve four-year terms.**

The **early voting** starts on **April 22nd to April 29th**. The **Election Day** is Saturday, **May 3rd** from 7am to 7pm.

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