



Mayor's Newsletter

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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Recently the City of Jersey Village was recognized by the Houston Chronicle in its Top Workplaces 2022 awards. We rely upon our city staff to help us maintain our infrastructure, keep our community looking great, and keep our families safe. When I speak to all of you about what makes our city so special, the various services of our city are frequently cited. Our ability to continue delivering those high-quality services depends on our ability to recruit and retain outstanding employees. Congrats to our city manager, Austin Bless, and to his team for this well-earned recognition!

As I mentioned months ago when your city council was meeting to prepare the budget for this fiscal year, we faced some challenges posed by increased costs across the board. The vast majority of citizens I spoke with encouraged us to continue making needed investments in our city while finding ways to keep cost increases from putting too much of the burden on homeowners.

By now, you have likely received your property tax bill from the Harris County Appraisal District. While we would all love to have a lower tax bill than the year before, I can say with confidence that we worked hard to keep that bill as low as possible while still achieving the goals you elected us to pursue.

According to data from the appraisal district, the average homeowner tax bill from the city is \$89 higher than last year. Looking at prior years, however, I am proud to say the average city property tax bill is **\$39 lower today** than it was when you first elected me to city council in 2017. While the average tax appraisal value of a single-family home increased by 21% over that time, our increased property tax exemptions have kept those bills relatively flat.

I'm firmly committed to continuing the economic development strategies that have increased our sales tax base and reduced our reliance on property taxes. Part of that strategy includes the Town Center project on Jones Rd. south of U.S. Highway 290. If you missed the December 5th town hall on this development, we're holding a second one on Thursday, January 12, 2023 at 7:00pm at the Civic Center. I hope you'll join us to learn more about this project.

I wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Your neighbor,

Bobby Warren
Mayor