

Mayor's Monthly Newsletter Written by Mayor Justin Ray jray@ci.jersey-village.tx.us

## **October 2016 – Get Fired Up For Fall!**

Hello Neighbors, Residents and Friends

We've had a busy fall already in Jersey Village. At City Hall, Council adopted the 2016-2017 municipal budget. I am pleased to report again this year that Staff and Council produced a fiscally responsible budget that still retains a high level of City services. We will adequately fund the core features of public safety, public works, parks and recreations that have come to define Jersey Village. As I mentioned before, next fiscal year's budget will also include the Comprehensive Plan initiatives of a new brand for the City, which will be incorporated into new City entrances and unique wayfinding signs throughout the community. City Council also authorized the City to enter into an agreement with Dannenbaum Engineering to develop the City's flood engineering study. This document will be crucial in developing the City's long term flood mitigation strategy.

I am writing this Mayor's Newsletter having just participated in the Jersey Village High School Homecoming parade this afternoon. It is great to see this tradition continuing in JV and it continues to bring back a lot of good memories for me. The Homecoming parade followed right on the heels of another great event our community continues to fully embrace in National Night Out. This year we had another strong turnout of twenty-five parties throughout JV and I want to thank all of the party hosts for making it happen again this year. I also want to commend Police Chief Forester and Lieutenant Pribble for another successful National Night Out in Jersey Village. Everyone also needs to put the Jersey Village Founder's Day 60th Anniversary Celebration on their calendar. Founders Day will take place on October 22, 2016 from 11 AM to 3 PM. There will be a parade and all kinds of parade entrants are welcome. Go to the City website for more information.

Finally, some of you may have heard about JV Lights, a neighborhood-wide effort to bring back the Christmas street-themes from prior years, and to assign new themes to other streets in the City. A custom website has been created where residents can coordinate their efforts: JVLights.com. The site details each street's theme, resources for getting involved, interactive maps, calendar & announcements, resident lights judging (vote from your smartphone!), and a Hall of Fame to showcase contest winners. The City Rec & Events Committee will still host their lights judging in addition to awards given out by JV Lights. So, let's light up Jersey Village!

All the Best,

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