



Jersey Village Star



January 2011

Planning & Zoning Committee Reports

The City's Planning & Zoning (P&Z) Committee submitted its final report to city council regarding the creation of a new business district, J1, that will allow for pawn shops to operate within the district. The new J1 district is located along the U.S. 290 feeder, west of Jones Road. The newly created J1 district is the only district within the city where pawn shops may operate. State law requires all Texas cities to designate at least one district for the operation of pawn shops. At its Dec 13 meeting, city council approved the creation of the J1 district as proposed by P&Z.

The P&Z Committee also recommended changes for the automobile sales overlay district. The committee

recommended that the city amortize existing used car/ auto sales businesses that were not included within the auto sales overlay district. Also, the P&Z committee recommended that the new overlay district be expanded to include Five Star Auto Sales. City council did not approve the amortization provisions as recommended by P&Z. Council did amend the boundaries of the overlay district to include Five Star Auto Sales.

The final report and recommendations were submitted by the P&Z Committee after several meetings, workshops, and public hearings extending over a period of several months. The adopted ordinances and revised zoning maps are available for viewing on the city's web site.

Statistics for November 2010

JV Police Department

Calls for Service	613
Vehicle Theft	2
Aggravated Assault	4
Burglary, Business	2
Burglary, Residence	3
Burglary, Vehicle	5
Disturbance	21
Narcotics, felony	1
Minor accidents	53
Major accidents	11
Alarms	45
Suspicious person	82
Traffic control	1
Traffic hazard	18

JV Fire Department

Building Fires	2
Auto Fires	0
Other Fires	2
Rescue/EMS incidents	44
Hazardous Conditions	1
Service Calls	11
Smoke or odor calls	1
False alarms/cancelled enroute	19
Total Ambulance Transports	28

Important City Phone Numbers

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Sgt. Sandy's Corner

What is the Big Blue Box?

SECURITY

By: Sgt. S. Joachim

The holiday season is over and the prime time for Identity Theft to take place. So what does this have to do with the Big Blue Box you ask? Well...if you don't use it for all your outgoing mail, your personal mailbox will become what fraud investigators call the, 'point of compromise.' From the novice to the professional, the mail box in front of your home presents a target of opportunity.

Another way a thief gets your information is from you. If you've ever had your wallet or purse stolen, it can make for a truly dreadful day. Unfortunately, the money inside is not all the thieves want to take from you. The thieves want your name and social security number. The thieves want your IDENTITY!

The following are ways thieves get your personal information according to www.ftc.gov:

- ★They steal wallets and purses containing identification, credit and bank cards.
- ★They steal your mail, including bank and credit card statements, pre-approved credit offers, new checks and tax information.
- ★They complete a "change of address form" to divert mail to another location.

★They rummage through trash, or the trash of businesses, for personal data in a practice known as "dumpster diving".

★They fraudulently obtain credit reports by posing as a landlord, employer or someone else who may have a legitimate need for, and legal right to, the information.

★They find personal information in homes.

★They use personal information shared on the Internet.

★They scam people, often through e-mail, by posing as a legitimate company or government agency.

★They get information from the workplace in a practice known as "business record theft" by stealing files out of offices where someone is a customer, employee, patient, or student; bribing an employee who has access to files; or "hacking" into electronic files.

Preventative measures against identity theft:

★Use the "big blue mail box" instead of the one at your home.

★Place passwords on credit cards, bank and phone accounts. Avoid using easily available information like a mother's maiden name, birth date, the last four digits of the social security number or phone number, or a series of consecutive numbers.

★Secure personal information in the home, especially for those who have roommates,

employ outside help, or are having service work done in the home.

★Ask about information security procedures at the workplace. Find out who has access to personal information and verify that records are kept in a secure location. Ask about the disposal procedures for those records as well.

Help us keep you safe!

Slab Elevation Review

At the December 13th, city council meeting Claunch & Miller presented City Council with proposed ordinance recommendations that will affect regulations regarding storm drainage, building in the city's flood plains, and storm water management. The presentation suggested changes to building ordinances such as no fill in the floodplain, elevated finished floors, new criteria for plan review, and creation of a floodplain development permit. New requirements for public improvements and design criteria were also discussed.

The recommendations from Claunch & Miller and the presentation itself can be seen by visiting the city's web site. www.jerseyvillage.info

2011 City Elections

The City's general election will be held May 14, 2011. City Council positions to be elected this year are Mayor, currently held by Russell Hamley, Council member for Place 2, currently held by Rod Erskine; and Council member for Place 3, currently held by Curtis Haverty. The term for each elected Council member is two years.

Any person qualified to serve under the provisions of the Charter may be a candidate for election to a position on council. The dates for filing an application for a place on the ballot are from **February 12, 2011 through March 14, 2011 at 5:00 P.M.** Application packets may be picked up from the City Secretary's office. Contact Lorri Coody, City Secretary, at 713-466-2102 or by e-mail at lcoody@ci.jersey-village.tx.us if you are interested or have any questions.

Jersey Village Police Department Open House

Monday, January 17, 2011 5:00pm - 7:00pm

The new expansion project for the police department has been completed. We are opening the facility to the public on January 17th, 2011 from 5:00pm through 7:00pm (refreshments will be served). This open house will allow the public to view our newly expanded police department.

In 2000 the police department had 21 employees. In 2010 the police department has 30 employees and space inside the department was lacking. There was not enough storage space and the officers and staff were cramped inside small offices. The lack of space made the building age at a more rapid pace than usual. The only solution to the spacing problem was

to increase the size of the department. The police department expansion was first brought to light by the Municipal Facilities Review Committee. The project was then approved and construction began. This project was completed on schedule and on budget. This project is being completed just in time to welcome our new Chief of Police, Eric Foerster. Chief Foerster arrived just as the finishing touches were being applied to the building.

Please be sure and join us to meet the new Chief of Police and tour the newly completed expansion project at the Jersey Village Police Department.

2011 Citizens Fire Academy

Thurs. 06 Jan. 7-10 pm

Introduction, fire service history, fire department organization, CERT overview and station tour.

Thurs. 13 Jan. 7-10 pm

Adult CPR

Thurs. 20 Jan. 7-10 pm

Basic first aid, JVES EMS overview and ambulance tour.

Thurs. 27 Jan. 7-10 pm

Communications, incident command, dispatch and police department tour.

Thurs. 03 Feb. 7-10 pm

Protective clothing and self contained breathing apparatus.

Thurs. 10 Feb. 7-10 pm

Fire science and fire extinguisher use.

Thurs. 17 Feb. 7-10 pm

Fire prevention, fire inspections and disaster preparedness.

Thurs. 24 Feb. 7-10 pm

Rescue overview, simple shoring and hazardous materials.

Sat. 26 Feb. 8 am- 5 pm

CERT exercise and car extrication practical.

Thurs. 03 Mar. 7-10 pm

Ladders, forced entry, utility control and search techniques.

Thurs. 10 Mar. 7-10 pm

Water supply, hose loads, fire streams and pump operations.

Thurs. 17 Mar. 7-10 pm

Protective clothing review, ventilation and salvage operations.

Sat. 19 Mar. 8 am- 5 pm

CERT final exercise, live fire exercise and rope operations.

Thurs. 24 Mar. N/A

No class this week

Thurs. 31 Mar. 6pm to end

Graduation

The Jersey Village Citizens' Fire Academy is open to anyone over the age of 18. This program is designed to give the citizens of Jersey Village an opportunity to learn about their emergency services provider and gain valuable safety and health education. Participants will be put through training similar to that of a beginning firefighter, as well as skills needed for CERT (Community Emergency Response Team). There will be no cost for this course and all materials necessary will be provided to the student.

Participation in any section of the class is voluntary; students will not be asked to do anything that will make them feel uncomfortable. Two Saturday training sessions will be scheduled; one for vehicle rescue, with the Jaws of Life, and the second is a live fire exercise at a local fire training field. Classes will be taught by members of the Jersey Village Emergency Services.

All classes will begin at the Jersey Village Emergency Services station located at 16501 Jersey Drive, in the training room.

Contact Rob Missall to sign up or for further details:

(713) 466 2130

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rmissall@ci.jersey-village.tx.us



CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS



Council Action Report – Special Session Meeting – December 13, 2010

ORDINANCE, RESOLUTION, OR ACTION ITEM	PASS/FAIL
1. Consider Resolution No. 2010-76, authorizing an Interlocal Agreement with Harris County for housing City prisoners	PASS
2. Consider Ordinance No. 2010-52, amending the City's budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2010 and ending September 30, 2011, to cover increases in the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Public Health Service Fee.	PASS
3. Consider Resolution No. 2010-77, authorizing the City Manager to engage Uretex USA, Inc. to perform street raising work throughout various locations in the City of Jersey Village.	PASS
4. Consider Resolution No. 2010-78, declaring surplus equipment and authorizing disposition by the City Manager in accordance with the City's Administrative Procedures.	PASS
5. Consider Resolution No. 2010-79, appointing Lawrence Paul Rex, III as Municipal Court Clerk for the City of Jersey Village to complete the unexpired term that began on January 1, 2010 and will expire on December 31, 2011, a term that runs concurrently with that of the Municipal Court Judges.	PASS
6. Consider Ordinance No. 2010-53, amending the Technology Court Fund budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2010 and ending September 30, 2011, allowing for the allocation of \$5,000.00 from the Court Technology Fund Balance to purchase and install a projector permanently to be used for trials and arraignments by the Municipal Court.	PASS
7. Consider Ordinance No. 2010-54, amending Section 70-77 of the Code of Ordinances establishing rates for water service; providing for severability; providing for repeal; and providing an effective date.	PASS
8. Consider on Second Reading Ordinance No. 2010-51, declaring a 90-day moratorium on commercial property development for property located south of the U.S. Highway 290 right-of-way and within the corporate city limits of the City of Jersey Village; making findings related to the subject; providing for a waiver method; and providing that this Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage.	PASS
9. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding possible ordinance changes recommended by Consultants Claunch & Miller associated with the City's Floodplain and Drainage Ordinance Review Process.	PRESENTED
10. Consider Resolution No. 2010-80, receiving the Planning and Zoning Commission's Final Report recommending amendments to the Jersey Village comprehensive zoning ordinance, to provide for the placement of pawnshops in a newly created district J1.	PASS
11. Consider Ordinance No. 2010-55, amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Jersey Village, Texas, Chapter 14, Building and Development, by adding to Section 14-5 new definitions of "retail shops and trade" and "pawnshop"; amending Section 14-81 to create a new district J-1; adding to Article IV a new Section 14-109.1 establishing regulations for the new district J-1 to permit the operation of pawnshops in that district; authorizing amendment of the official zoning map of the City of Jersey Village, Texas, to show the boundaries of the new district J-1; containing other findings and provisions relating to the subject; providing a severability clause; providing for repeal; providing a penalty as provided by section 1-8 of the code; and providing an effective date.	PASS
12. Receive comments from Council Member Klein pertaining to the Recreation and Events Committee's recent Holiday in the Park event.	RECEIVED
13. Consider Resolution No. 2010-81, receiving the Planning and Zoning Commission's Final Report recommending amendments to the Jersey Village comprehensive zoning ordinance, making amendments to the motor vehicle sales overlay district to increase its boundaries.	PASS



ORDINANCE, RESOLUTION, OR ACTION ITEM – December 13, 2010 Continued	PASS/FAIL
14. Consider Ordinance No. 2010-56, amending Chapter 14 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Jersey Village, Texas, the Jersey Village Development Code, by authorizing revision of the official zoning map as set out in Section 14-82 relating to the boundaries of the Motor Vehicle Sales Overlay District; containing other findings and provisions relating to the subject; providing a severability clause; providing for repeal; Providing a penalty as provided by section 1-8 of the code; and providing an effective date.	PASS
15. Consider Resolution No. 2010-82, authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with CenterPoint Energy for the installation of street lighting along the Jones Road Extension.	TABLED
16. Consider Resolution No. 2010-83, receiving the Planning and Zoning Commission's Final Report recommending no elimination of the amortization requirements for the Motor Vehicle Sales Overlay District. (AMENDED VERSION)	PASS AS AMENDED
17. Consider Ordinance No. 2010-57, amending Chapter 14 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Jersey Village, Texas, the Jersey Village Development Code, by amending Section 14.111 relating to the Motor Vehicle Sales Overlay District to delete subsections (e) and (f) to delete an amortization period for nonconforming uses; amending section 14-22 to delete Subsection (c)(3) to delete appeal to the board of adjustment; containing other findings and provisions relating to the subject; providing a severability clause; providing for repeal; providing a penalty as provided by section 1-8 of the code; and providing an effective date.	PASS
18. Consider Resolution No. 2010-84, receiving the recommendation of the Proposal Evaluation Committee, and authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and enter into a contract to provide Food, Beverage, and Alcoholic Beverage Services and related Concessions and Catering Services to patrons at the Jersey Meadow Golf Course.	PASS

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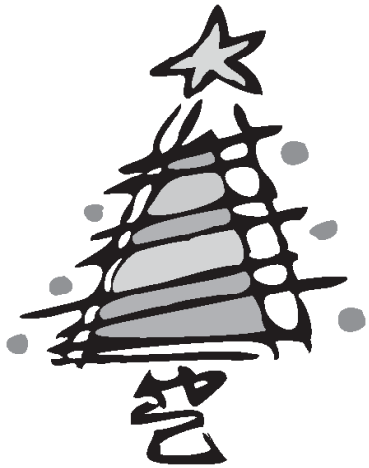
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Christmas Tree Recycling

The City of Jersey Village will be accepting Christmas trees at the drop off site located outside of the Jersey Meadow Golf Course, at the dead end of Jersey Meadow Drive, near the bridge. Christmas trees may be dropped for recycling December 26, 2010 through January 15, 2011. Any resident not wishing to recycle their tree may place it curbside on a regular trash collection day.

City of Jersey Village 2010 Christmas Decorating Contest

CONGRATULATIONS!

The Christmas light displays at the following homes have been named winners of the

Grand Prize Winner

16413 Delozier

Children's Choice Winner

15618 Singapore

Judges Special Recognition

16105 Lakeview

Section Winners

16304 Lewis · 15721 Elwood · 16121 St. Helier
15601 Congo · 16025 Seattle · 15345 Clevedon

Thank you for helping to bring the Christmas spirit to Jersey Village!

The Christmas Decorating event is sponsored by the Recreation & Events Committee (staffed by volunteers) and the dedicated employees of the Parks & Recreation Department of the City of Jersey Village.



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February 2011

Have You Checked Your Breezeway Today?

Already this year the Fire Department made a garage fire which extended into the breezeway and to the house. Last year I wrote an article very similar to this one letting you all know about fire proofing your breezeway to your home. Although our Fire Department put out the fire and kept the fire from destroying the home, there was considerable damage to the home. The occupants now are looking at being

displaced from their home for many months. It is an experience no one wants to go through. Take a moment to look at your breezeway. You may be able to prevent unnecessary damage in the event this happens to you. If you need assistance with identifying a fire stop within your breezeway, please call the Fire Department at 713-466-2130. We would be happy to come to your home and identify if you have a stop or not.

Statistics for December 2010

JV Police Department

Calls for Service	676
Vehicle Theft	4
Aggravated Assault	7
Burglary, Business	1
Burglary, Residence	7
Burglary, Vehicle	14
Disturbance	16
Narcotics, felony	3
Minor accidents	60
Major accidents	13
Alarms	55
Suspicious person	84
Traffic control	3
Traffic hazard	27

JV Fire Department

Building Fires	2
Auto Fires	2
Other Fires	2
Rescue/EMS incidents	65
Hazardous Conditions	4
Service Calls	7
Smoke or odor calls	0
False alarms/cancelled enroute	14
Total Ambulance Transports	43

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Sgt. Sandy's Corner Phone Scams

By: Sgt. S. Joachim

An old scam appears to be reemerging and the recovery is difficult and time consuming for the victim. Consumers usually receive a message telling them to call a phone number with an 809, 284, 268, 649, or 876 area code in order to collect a prize, find out information about a sick relative, get someone out of jail, etc. The caller assumes the number is a typical three-digit U.S. area code; however, the caller is actually connected to a phone number outside the United States, often in Canada or the Caribbean, and charged international call rates. Unfortunately, consumers don't find out that they have been charged higher international call rates until they receive their bill.

"809" calls can be "pay-per-call" numbers (such as 900 numbers in the US) - and there are no legal requirements that callers be informed that they are being charged extra. When you return a "pay-per-call" 809 call, they try to keep you on the

phone as long as possible, and you are charged very high rates for the call, reportedly up to \$10, \$25, to \$100 per minute. Wireless consumers are also receiving similar calls from phone numbers with three-digit area codes. While wireless companies are working to block suspicious numbers on their networks, some consumers may become victims of this scam.

Be cautious returning phone numbers to area codes you don't recognize, especially when you receive calls or emails with urgent messages that you call these numbers. Call your long distance phone company to find out where the area code is located (or look it up on the net), and only call numbers that make sense to you.

If you feel that you are a victim of an international phone scam, you can file a complaint with the FTC online at <https://www.ftccomplaintassistant.gov>. You can also submit a complaint by calling the FTC toll-free at 1-877-382-4357 (voice) or 1-866-653-4261 (TTY), or writing to:

**Federal Trade Commission
CRC - 240
600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20580**

The Top Ten Most Common Types of Violations

The following is a brief description of the most frequently violated sections of the Jersey Village Codes.

1. Construction without building permits (Sheds, Fences, Additions, Driveways, Re-roofing, Interior renovations, Etc.).
2. Storing, parking or keeping commercial vehicles in residential areas.
3. Illegal signs (Portable "bandit" signs, signs placed on street poles, Banners, Flags, Pennants, Etc.).
4. Weeds or undergrowth exceeding 12 inches in height.
5. Inoperable vehicles on private or public property.
6. Address not posted or visible from the street.
7. Operating a business from the residence.
8. Trash cans visible from a public street, or placed on the curb too early.
9. Unlicensed Pets.
10. Trash and debris.

For more information or to report a complaint, please call the Code Enforcement Office at 713-466-2129.

Radiation In The Water

There has been considerable discussion regarding recent news reports of City of Houston water that exceeds federal levels for radiation. Many of these reports cite "Jersey Village Wells" as being the most severely contaminated wells in the region. The Jersey Village wells referenced in the reporting are not wells that are utilized by the City of Jersey Village. These are wells that are owned and operated by the City of Houston. They are named the "Jersey Village Wells" because our fair city is the closest geographical point of significance to the well field. The Jersey Village Well Field is a series of City of Houston wells that are geo-

graphically concentrated along FM 529 from the Beltway to State Highway 6. More importantly, these wells are not used to supply any of the water used by Jersey Village residents. This statement has been confirmed multiple times in the past month with City of Houston Public Works officials. The water that Jersey Village receives from Houston is surface water that comes from Lake Houston. Radiation is not an issue with surface water. The placement of the Jersey Village Well field relative to the city of Jersey Village prohibits the usage of water from the well field to supply the city of Jersey Village. If the City of Houston water system were to experience a complete failure, only then is it possible that some of this water may enter the

village. During Hurricane Ike, Jersey Village staff closed the connection with our Houston supply and shifted to back-up wells operated within Jersey Village proper. We regularly test the City of Jersey Village wells for radiation. Our wells are within federal standards. Nonetheless, the city has sent samples of the water it receives from the City of Houston to be tested for radiation. The nearest lab that can test water for radiation is located in Florida, so it will be several weeks before results are available. When the results are received, we will post this information on the city's web site. Additional information regarding this issues is posted on the city's home page.

2010 Christmas Decorating Contest Results

WOW, so many really wonderful Christmas light displays! Thanks to all who put so much time into getting their homes into the Christmas spirit. Your efforts brighten the entire Village and you can be sure that YOUR house is someone's favorite!

And the winners this year are.....

Grand Prize Winner-

16413 Delozier

Section Winners-

16304 Lewis

15721 Elwood

16121 St. Helier

15601 Congo

16025 Seattle

15345 Clevedon

Many thanks to the City of Jersey Village Recreation & Events Committee volunteer members Doris Michalak, Barbara Erskine, Frances Wubbenhorst, Karen Listi, City Council Member Jill Klein who serves as Council Liaison to the committee, Parks & Recreation Director Michael Brown and his staff plus Courtney Rutherford.

Thanks to our Children's Choice Judges and to their parents for sharing their time to judge Christmas light displays this past Christmas season! They spent 2 nights viewing all the lights and selecting this year's winners during a very busy holiday season. Great job, Judges (and drivers)!

Hannah Krieger

Tim Irwin

Jack Krieger

Kourtlyn Irwin

Ty Krieger

Anna Irwin

Casey Krieger

Emma Anderson

Jordan Maher

Caylin Oliver

Kyle Rutherford

Kameryn Kelly

Kynsie Rutherford

Brooklyn Martinez

Cameron Clark

Abigail Krus

Meghan Walker

Allison Darrow

Ashleigh Becker

Nathan Becker

Elizabeth Berger

Paul Berger

Robby Berger

Time to Spring Forward and Change Batteries



On March 13, 2011 at 2:00 am we will once again change our clocks. Daylight Savings Time comes twice a year for us. It is something we plan for and must do to stay on time for that day and all days to follow. The Fire Department would like to remind everyone that on March 13, 2011 it is also a good day to remove your batteries from you smoke detectors and replace them with fresh batteries. Smoke Detectors are our first line of notification when a fire occurs in your home. This is especially true when we are sleeping. The one sense that continues to

really work in the human body is our hearing when we are asleep. Batteries are relatively an inexpensive investment for peace of mind that you and your family escape the dangers of a fire. If your smoke detectors require replacement, most hardware stores or large retail chains carry them for less than \$10.00 each. For more information on smoke detectors or other fire related questions you can go to the United States Fire Administration at

<http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/downloads/pyfff/index.html>.



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2011 JERSEY VILLAGE PHONE DIRECTORY



Each residence should be receiving a notification card shortly for the Jersey Village Phone Directory. All new residents are welcome. Current residents, please verify the information on the card. Any corrections, additions of names/phone numbers should be sent to Judy Bruner at judy@brunerteam.com. The phone number is (713) 937-1000 or the fax number is (713) 466-4146.

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CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS

Council Action Report – Regular Session Meeting – January 17, 2011

ORDINANCE, RESOLUTION, OR ACTION ITEM	PASS/FAIL
1. Consider Resolution No. 2011-01, canceling the Monday, May 16, 2011 Regular City Council Meeting, and calling a Special City Council Meeting on Monday, May 23, 2011 in order to canvass the May 14, 2011 General Election results.	PASS
2. Consider Resolution 2011-02, authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with CenterPoint Energy for the installation of street lighting in the vicinity of the Promenade Apartment.	PASS
3. Consider Ordinance No. 2011-01, amending the fiscal year budget beginning October 1, 2010 and ending September 30, 2011, to cover cost associated with the installation of street lights along Ruffian Drive.	PASS
4. Consider Ordinance No. 2011-02, amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Jersey Village, Texas, by adding to Chapter 14, Building and Development, Article XX, Miscellaneous Regulations: Penalty, a new Section 14-665 to limit the use of, and require a permit for, certain dumpsters and temporary portable storage units; providing a severability clause; providing for repeal; providing a penalty as provided by Section 1-8 of the code; and providing an effective date.	PASS

*New Golfer Program At Jersey Meadow Adults *** Singles *** Couples*

*Four 1 hour sessions
 Cost for any four session package is \$80 per person.
 cover all aspects of the game.*

Great for the novice to intermediate level golfer.

*Wednesdays at 6:00 pm:
 March 23, 30, April 6 & 13
 OR*

*Saturdays at 2:00 pm:
 March 26, April 2, 9 & 16*

Call us at 713-896-0900 to enroll or stop by the Pro Shop!



Jersey Village Star



March 2011

Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT)

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills. The program focuses on areas in fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help.

CERT members also are encouraged to support emergency response agencies by taking a more active role in emergency preparedness projects in their community. If you are not active in the community and would like to be, the CERT team in Jersey Village would love for you to join them. Classes are held throughout the county and here in Jersey Village during our Citizens Fire Academy (CFA) held yearly. For more information please contact Jersey Village Fire Department at 713-466-2130.

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Sgt. Sandy's Corner Who Has the Right-of-Way?

By: Sgt. S. Joachim

"Who has the right of way when passing a parked car?"

Several streets are in question, including Village Dr. and Lakeview Dr. On several occasions the question has been brought up, "who has the right-of-way when vehicles are passing parked cars." The law states: **An operator MAY NOT drive on the left side of the center of the roadway in passing another vehicle unless:**

(1) The left side is clearly visible and free of approaching traffic for a distance sufficient to permit passing WITHOUT interfering with the operation of the passed vehicle or a vehicle approaching from the opposite direction.

(b) An operator passing another vehicle shall return to an authorized lane of travel: before coming within 200 feet of

an approaching vehicle or as soon as practicable.

Now for the rest of us what does this say? If you wish to go around a vehicle, and your vehicle has to cross over into on coming traffic, you must wait until it is clear for you to pass. Anytime your vehicle crosses over the center of the roadway, into on coming traffic, the oncoming traffic has the right of way. Sorry - be mad, but we cannot change state law and unless the roadway is clear for you to pass the parked vehicle, you are in the wrong!

Learn more about safe driving, there are a number of ways to continue your education. Brush up on the "Rules of the Road". Get a copy of the driving handbook. Take a safe driving course. Try your insurance agent or your local auto club for more information on courses in your area. If you have any farther questions or concerns about safe driving, please feel free to contact Sgt. S. Joachim at 713-466-5824.

Temporary Closures of Charles Street & Wright Road Due to Construction of Jones Road Extension

Jersey Village, Texas — As part of the Jones Road Extension Project, portions of Charles Street, that portion adjacent to where the Jones Road extension will intersect with City limits, are scheduled to be closed beginning February 28, 2011 through March 14, 2011 for road transition related to construction activities. Message signs with these dates have been posted along the north side of Charles Street in two different locations.

There will be additional road closures at Wright Road and Charles Street at the intersections of FM 529. Informational signs have been posted at the entrance and exit points for both of these locations.

We urge all citizens to focus on safety in construction zones, observe posted speed limits, and observe construction zone signage. To avoid congestion and possible delays, motorists should consider using an alternate route. Nonetheless, traffic safety markers and signage has been posted along the construction route to safely guide drivers around the construction area.

The City appreciates your patience during this construction period as we continue to work to improve the mobility for our citizens.

For more information call the City of Jersey Village Public Works Department Project Management Division at (713) 466-2162.

Meet Our New Chief of Police, Eric Foerster



Birthplace: Euless, Texas

Family: Wife, Amy Foerster and Son, Spencer Foerster

Education:

Masters Degree Public Administration- Bellevue University, NE

Bachelor Degree Criminal Justice Administration- Bellevue University, NE

Associate Degree Criminal Justice- Howard College, TX

Police Academy- Dallas Baptist University

FBI-Command College

Master Peace Officer

Career Experience:

Oct. 2010-Current City of Jersey Village: Chief of Police

Oct. 2008-Oct 2010 City of Vidor: Chief of Police

May 2006-Oct. 2008 City of Colorado City: Chief of Police

Sep. 2005-May 2006 Abilene Christian University: Police Officer

Jan. 1994-Jun. 2004 San Angelo Police Department: Officer, Detective, FTO, Narcotics Task Force, Hostage Negotiator, Motor Officer, Crime Prevention, Recruiting, Backgrounds, Administration

1993-1994 City of Marshall Creek: Police Sergeant/Asst. Chief of Police

1989-1991 Falcon Aviation: Chief Pilot

1987-1989 Pegasus Flight Center: Chief Flight Instructor

Memberships: Houston Area Police Chiefs Association, Texas Police Chiefs Association, and Cy-Fair Chamber of Commerce

Recreation/Hobbies:

Golf, fishing, reading, photography, flying

Notice of Joint Public Hearings

NOTICE is hereby given that the City of Jersey Village City Council and the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Jersey Village, Texas will conduct a joint public hearing at 7:00 p.m., Monday, March 21, 2011, at the Civic Center Auditorium, 16327 Lakeview, Jersey Village, Texas, for the purpose of receiving written and oral comments from any interested person(s) concerning proposed amendments to the City's comprehensive zoning ordinance as it relates to qualifying the requirement for slab heights outside the one percent probability floodplain, building veneer finish standards, and internal consistency of ordinances, including building codes.

A copy of the Planning and Zoning Commission's Preliminary Report, which is accompanied by proposed ordinance changes, may be examined online at <http://www.jerseyvillage.info/>.

The City of Jersey Village public facilities are wheelchair accessible and accessible parking spaces are available. Requests for accommodations or interpretive services must be made 48 hours prior to this meeting. Please contact ADA Coordinator at (713) 466-2102 or FAX (713) 466-2177 for further information.

Lorri Coody, City Secretary
City of Jersey Village, Texas

Did You Know?.... Requirements for Severely Damaged Homes

When any building or home is damaged by fire or any other cause (such as flooding, hurricane, etc.), in which the damage exceeds 50 percent of the assessed value of the structure, city ordinances require that the structure be reconstructed to comply with all current codes. Additionally, if a building or home is within the 100-year floodplain, and the value of repairs due to damage and/or remodels and additions, exceeds 50 percent, the slab on your reconstructed home must be elevated to a level that is one-foot above the floodplain elevation (known as the base flood elevation).

Residents of Jersey Village are able to buy flood insurance because the city participates in the National Flood Insurance Program. In order for the city to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program, years ago city council adopted ordinances that specified how homes would be built, and what would happen in the event a home was severely damaged as a result of flooding. If the city had not adopted the appropriate ordinances, no home in Jersey Village would be eligible for flood insurance. Elevating your home to comply with FEMA floodplain standards may be very expensive. If you do not know if your flood and homeowners insurance incorporates the cost of slab elevation, now is a good time to check with your insurance agent regarding homeowner's or flood coverage.



Jersey Meadow Golf Course held a fun-filled Valentine's Couples Event on Sunday, February 13, 2011. Twenty five couples were in attendance. The weather was great and a good time was had by all who played.

City of Jersey Village—General Municipal Election—May 14, 2011

The City Council at its February 21, 2011 Council Meeting ordered that a General Municipal Election be called for Saturday, May 14, 2011, for the purpose of electing the following officials of the City:

Mayor
Councilmember, Place 2
Councilmember, Place 3

The deadline to apply for a place on the May 14, 2011 ballot is March 14, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. Anyone interested should contact the City Secretary at 713-466-2102.

Important election dates for the May 14, 2011

General Municipal Election are:

Last Day to File for Place on Ballot:

March 14, 2011

First Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail:

March 15, 2011

Last Day to Register to Vote:

April 14, 2011

First Day of Early Voting: May 2, 2011

Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail:

May 6, 2011

Last Day of Early Voting May: 10, 2011

Election Day May 14, 2011

Citizens needing information on the voter registration process should contact the Harris County Tax Assessor Collector who serves as the Registrar of Voters at 713-368-8683. Voter registration information can also be found on-line information from the Harris County Voter Registration website at: <http://www.hcvoter.com/voter/voterapp/acquirevoterapp.asp>


Additionally, the City of Jersey Village will post all pertinent election information on its Election Page of the City website at: <http://www.jerseyvillage.info/election/index.html>

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Come Hunt Some Eggs! Sunday, March 27 at 2 p.m.

Don't be late! Bring the kids to Carol Fox Park to fill their Easter baskets and hunt for special gold and silver eggs with special prizes inside.

Children must be with and supervised by their parents!

Save the Date— Spring Fling on April 15th

Mark your calendars and don't forget to come to the Spring Fling on Friday, April 15 from 6:30-9:30 p.m.! This event will be held at the Pavilion at Clark Henry Park (by the swimming pool) and features a dance with renowned DJ, Billy Jack Ebersole, games and contests with prizes, and hot dogs and hamburgers on the grill, chili dogs, nachos, frito pie, sodas and cookies. We'll be looking for you!



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April 2011

Civic Center For Rent

Some residents are not aware that the City rents out the Civic Center for meetings, weddings, anniversaries, birthdays, graduations, reunions, scouts, little league, Garden Club, AARP, American Legion, and many more events. The Civic Center is a large room located between City Hall and the Police Department with a stage and tables and chairs to accommodate 250 people. Rates are highly competitive, averaging 1/3 to 1/2 the cost of similar facilities. Residents who use the

Civic Center will receive a discount. For a social gathering/party for residents the deposit is \$250 and the rental fee is \$350. There are additional fees for bringing food or drinks in the building as well as for alcohol. For more information on fees or if you are interested in renting the Civic Center for your next big event please contact Courtney Rutherford at 713-466-2108 or cmr@ci.jerseyvillage.tx.us.

Statistics for February 2011 JV Police Department

Calls for Service	936
Vehicle Theft	0
Aggravated Assault	0
Burglary, Business	1
Burglary, Residence	1
Burglary, Vehicle	1
Disturbance	42
Narcotics, felony	5
Minor accidents	143
Major accidents	35
Alarms	83
Suspicious person	144
Traffic control	0
Traffic hazard	30

JV Fire Department

Building Fires	3
Auto Fires	1
Other Fires	0
Rescue/EMS incidents	60
Hazardous Conditions	3
Service Calls	9
Smoke or odor calls	7
False alarms/cancelled enroute	22
Total Ambulance Transports	46

Important City Phone Numbers

Emergency Call	911
Main Number	713-466-2100
City Manager	713-466-2108
City Secretary	713-466-2102
Fire Dept.	713-466-2130
Police Dept.	713-466-2123
Permits	713-466-2110
Public Works	713-466-2133
Code Enforcement & Animal Control	713-466-2129
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Sgt. Sandy's Corner Welcome to the Road

By: Sgt. S. Joachim

“C'mon, step on it!” And to show you that I'm in a hurry I will tailgate you so that you can see my face in your mirror. Get outta my way. I'll blow past you, if I can only get a break in this traffic. I hope I'm making you nervous because you are making me mad!

High risk drivers climb into the anonymity of an automobile and take out their frustrations on anybody at any time. Frustration levels are high, and their level of concern for fellow motorists is low. They run stop signs and red lights, speed, tailgate, weave in and out of

traffic, pass on the right, make improper and unsafe lane changes, make hand and facial gestures, scream, honk, and flash their lights.

They drive at speeds in excess of the norm which causes them to: follow too closely, change lanes frequently and abruptly without notice (signals), pass on the shoulder or unpaved portions of the roadway, and sneer at and/or threaten - verbally or through gestures - motorists who are thoughtless enough to be in front of them.

- Put your pride in the back seat. Do not challenge them by speeding up.
- Wear your seat belt. It will hold you in your seat and behind the wheel in case you need to make a sudden driving maneuver.
- Avoid eye contact. Take a deep breath and exhale.

•Ignore gestures and refuse to return them.

•Report aggressive drivers to the proper authorities by providing a vehicle description, license number, location, and if possible, direction of travel.

•If an aggressive driver is involved in an accident farther down the road, stop a safe distance from the scene, wait for the police to arrive and report the driving behavior that you witnessed.

For more information on aggressive drivers, visit www.nhtsa.dot.gov, or contact Sgt. S. Joachim 713-466-5824.

Avoid the challenges or confrontations of an aggressive driver and support law enforcement's efforts to rid the streets and highways of the menace.

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Councilmember, Place 2

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While the deadline to apply for a place on the May 14, 2011 ballot has passed, the deadline to file as a write-in candidate is March 21, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. Anyone interested should contact the City Secretary at 713-466-2102.

Important election dates for the May 14, 2011 General Municipal Election are:

- ★ First Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail March 15, 2011
- ★ Last Day to File as Write-In Candidate March 21, 2011

★ Last Day to Register to Vote April 14, 2011

★ First Day of Early Voting May 2, 2011

★ Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail May 6, 2011

★ Last Day of Early Voting May 10, 2011

★ Election Day May 14, 2011

Please keep in mind that the City will only conduct a General Municipal Election should there be contested races. In the event there are no contested races, the City will take the necessary steps to cancel the May 14, 2011 election. If the election is canceled, notification of same will be properly posted.

Additionally, the City of Jersey Village will post all pertinent election information on its Election Page of the City website at:
www.jerseyvillage.info/election/index.html

Keep Your Own Grass, Please

Flooding and street drainage are issues that are constantly on the mind of every Jersey Village resident. While the city and Harris County have spent millions to alleviate the situation, there are simple steps that you as a homeowner can take to do your part. Do you use a lawn service? If so, talk with them to make sure they are not blowing grass clippings into the street. Section 14-673 of the Code of Ordinances provides for the following:

No person shall place or cause to be placed into any watercourse, waterway, storm drain or ditch any grass, tree or yard clippings, construction debris, or any other sort of debris or trash.

If you are your own lawn service, be responsible and bag or mulch your clippings immediately. The debris from only a few yards per street can clog up under-sized storm drainage lines. This in turn causes water to pool for days instead of clearing in minutes. When you contract for a yard service, stipulate that yard clippings will be mulched into the yard or bagged.

Reporting Street Light Outages

Street light outages throughout the city are reported by residents on a daily basis. The standard (silver colored) street lights are maintained by Centerpoint Energy. City staff reports outages to Centerpoint as areas with outages are identified or reported by residents. In order to report outages, Centerpoint requires the address of the outage and the pole number.

If you are aware of a street light that

is in need of service, please report the outage to our Public Works Department or contact Centerpoint directly. When reporting outages, please be sure to have the closest address and pole number available. Pole numbers are typically located at eye level on the pole and are six digits long. Pole numbers may be etched into the pole or printed on a label.

Please note that the ornamental street

lights located on Senate Avenue and Jersey Drive are maintained by city staff, and outages to those may be reported to Public Works.

You can contact Public Works at 713-466-2133. If you wish to contact Centerpoint directly, you may call 713-207-2222, or visit <http://cnp.centerpointenergy.com/outage>.

The Jersey Village Fire Department announced the following award winners for 2010, congratulations to these members who were chosen by their peers.



Firefighter of the Year
Bill Smith

Bill joined the department in February 1975. He is an active volunteer celebrating 36 years of service in this department. He received the 2008 Chief's Award for his many outstanding years of service to the community and to the fire department. Bill is a certified Advanced Volunteer Firefighter, the Department Secretary and Chaplain for our membership.



Dispatcher of the Year
Kimberly Flenoury

Kimberly is a full time Advanced Certified Dispatcher in the Communications Division of the City. She has completed 5 years of dispatching emergency calls for JV Fire and Police. She has 9 years experience in her profession.



EMS Member of the Year
Steven Lindsay

Steven joined as a volunteer member on February 18, 2008. He was the recipient of the 2009 Firefighter of the Year award and 2008 Rookie of the Year award. Over the past year he has become a new Dad, started a new job for Montgomery County Hospital District and elected Lieutenant of Suppression for 2011 by fire department members.



Duty Crew Member of the Year
John Avara

John is a part time Firefighter/EMT-Intermediate who joined our Duty Crew on January 13, 2009. He is employed full time with Sugar Land Fire Department. John has been in the fire service for over 22 years.



Rookie Member of the Year
Jake Daily

Jake joined the department as a volunteer junior member on April 21, 2009. He graduated from Jersey Village High School in May 2010 and is now pursuing his college education in Firefighting. Jake received his Volunteer Firefighter Certification in 2010 and recipient of the 2009 Junior Member of the Year award.



Chief's Award
Katie Moore

Katie joined the department as a volunteer in July 2004. She is an officer in the department with a rank of Lieutenant of EMS. She is a certified EMT-Intermediate and coordinates after hour fire prevention events. Katie is a recipient of this award for her positive attitude, creative ingenuity and commitment to the Jersey Village Fire Department.





Special presentation honoring Assistant Chief Rob Missall for 20 Years of Service with Jersey Village Fire Department

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May 2011

Hurricane Reminders

The loss of power for multiple days is a major disruption to our normal way of life. During Hurricane Ike we saw this occur and many individuals were scrambling for power sources. Hurricane season begins the first week of June. I would like to remind residents of a few items we had issues with during Hurricane Ike. The first item relates to prescription medication. If you are on specific medications, especially medications that require refrigeration, you need to think about how you keep those items refrigerated and cool for an extended period of time. Second, if you have specific health limitations or require special attention because of your health; do you have a plan

in place to address power loss? Will you evacuate? Will you Shelter in place? Do you have family close by to check on you and make sure you are doing fine? Finally, we need to think about cellular phones and keeping them charged. Again, having a generator at your home to power a portion of your home can be crucial. Power is essential to us. Prepare ahead of time as the city is limited on what we can do. Centerpoint Energy has resources scattered and working in the area during events such as these, but, they may take some time to get to us before power is restored. It is time to start preparing as the season will be here before we blink an eye.

Statistics for March 2011

JV Police Department

Calls for Service	1099
Vehicle Theft	1
Aggravated Assault	1
Burglary, Business	0
Burglary, Residence	2
Burglary, Vehicle	2
Disturbance	42
Narcotics, felony	3
Minor accidents	167
Major accidents	48
Alarms	88
Suspicious person	148
Traffic control	2
Traffic hazard	31

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Building Fires	4
Auto Fires	2
Other Fires	1
Rescue/EMS incidents	59
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Sgt. Sandy's Corner

Is Your Dog or Cat a Nuisance?

By: Sgt. S. Joachim

As the weather gets nicer people and animals are outside enjoying the fresh air and sunshine. Here are a few city ordinances that all citizens should be aware of:

Sec. 10-37. Vaccination required.

The owner of a dog or cat shall have the animal vaccinated against rabies by the time the animal is four months of age and at regular intervals thereafter.

Sec. 10-38. Vaccination tag.

The fact of anti-rabies vaccination and the date thereof shall be shown on a tag fastened in some manner to the dog or cat. It shall be unlawful for a dog

or cat not to have such vaccination tag fastened in some manner to it. Absence of such vaccination tag shall be prima facie evidence of the fact that the dog or cat has not been so vaccinated.

Sec. 10-39. Licensing.

Every person owning, keeping or having in possession any dog or cat shall pay an annual license fee in accordance with the duly adopted schedule of fees for each dog or cat, which license shall be effective for a period of one year from the date of issuance. It shall be unlawful for any person to own, keep, or have in his possession in the city, on the premises owned or occupied by him, or at any other place, any dog or cat for which a current license has not been obtained as provided in this section.

Sec. 10-45.-Dog or cat creating nuisance.

1. Opens or overturns a closed garbage container;
2. Interrupts a public function on public property;
3. Disturbs the peace while congregated in a pack of three or more dogs on private property not belonging to the owners of any such dogs and without the permission of the property owner; or
4. Runs at large upon the public highways, upon the public grounds of the city, or upon private property owned by one other than the owner of such dog or cat. (Sec. 10-36.-Definitions. At Large---a dog is deemed to be "at large" when it is off the premises of its owner and not under control by leash or chain.

HAVE A TERRIFIC SUMMER—STAY SAFE.

City Announces Opening On Planning And Zoning Commission

The Jersey Village City Council is accepting applications to fill the unexpired term for Position One on the Planning and Zoning Commission. Qualified applicants must be residents of the City of Jersey Village. The term for Position One began on October 1, 2009 and will expire September 30, 2011.

The responsibilities of the Planning and Zoning Commission are as follows:

1. Advise the city council in the preparation and maintenance of a comprehensive plan and related studies;
2. Advise the city council in establishing criteria for development of land;
3. Approve or disapprove all subdivision and development plats within the city and its extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ);
4. Assist the city council in conducting public hearings as may be required to gather information necessary for the drafting, establishment and maintenance of the comprehensive plan and ordinances and regulations related to it;
5. Recommend policies to the city council for guiding action affecting

development in the city and its environs; and

6. Perform other duties that may be specifically assigned to it by the city council that may have a bearing on the preparation or accomplishment of the comprehensive plan.

The City Council invites interested Jersey Village citizens who wish to serve on the Planning and Zoning Commission to complete an application. The Council will review only applications received in 2011, and appoint applicants in compliance with the terms of the Charter. Interested citizens are encouraged to complete an application and submit it to the City Secretary as soon as possible. Only applications received in 2011 will be considered.

To view an online application, visit the City of Jersey Village's website at http://www.jerseyvillage.info/city_council/secretarys_office/index.html or contact Lorri Coody, the City Secretary at 713-466-2102.

Blood Drive

The Fire Department will be hosting a blood drive on May 28, 2011 between 10am and 2pm here at the fire station. This drive has come about to help our Medical Director's son. Doctor Diana Fite has been the Fire Department's Medical Director for 26 years. She has not required any financial commitment from the city for all of the 26 years and has volunteered her services to us. This is extremely rare for any agency to have services for free. When we heard Doctor Fite's son was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer and needed blood, many of our volunteers went to MD Anderson to give blood in his name. You too can have an opportunity to do this on May 28, 2011 at the Fire Station. We need to have a specific number of people attend in order for the MD Anderson Blood Mobile to come to our station. If you would like to commit to giving blood on this day, please email Assistant Chief Rob Missall at rmissall@ci.jersey-village.tx.us or call him at 713-466-2145. In advance, the Jersey Village Fire Department would like to thank you for the support.

Jersey Village Initiates Budget Process For Operating And Capital Budget For Fiscal Year 2011-2012



CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS

Council Action Report – Regular Session Meeting – April 18, 2011

The City of Jersey Village fiscal year begins on October 1st of each year and ends on September 30th. Preparation for the budget begins many months in advance. Staff begins to prepare the budget in late March. On Monday, May 16, 2011 thru Wednesday May 18, 2011, City Council and staff will meet at city hall to formulate next year's budget in detail. Listed below are some of the more important dates relating to adoption of the city's budget and tax rate for next year: All budget meetings are open to the public.

May 16th – May 18th at 6:00 P.M.

City Council and staff retreat related to fiscal year 2011-2012 City of Jersey Village Operating and Capital Budget

July 25th – July 27th at 6:00 P.M.

Budgets review by City Council and Crime Control District Board.

August 15th at 7:00 P.M.

Crime Control Board conducts public hearing on FY 2012 budget and adopts budget.

September 19th at 7:00 P.M.

City Council conducts public hearing on proposed FY 2012 City budget and adopts budget.

October 17th at 7:00 P.M.

Adoption of Tax Rate, Utility Rates, and other rates.

If you need additional information on our budget schedule or any related matter, please contact the City of Jersey Village, Finance Department (713) 466-2104.

ORDINANCE, RESOLUTION, OR ACTION ITEM	PASS/FAIL
1. Conduct Joint Public Hearing with Planning and Zoning Commission on amendments to the City's comprehensive zoning ordinance concerning the creation of a new District D – Jersey Village Crossing district, which primarily represents the property located south of the U.S. Highway 290 right-of-way and within the corporate city limits of the City of Jersey Village; and establishing the Form Based Code Requirements for this district.	PH – Not Conducted – Reset for May 23, 2011 at 7 PM
2. Conduct Joint Public Hearing with Planning and Zoning Commission on the proposal to amend the City's zoning ordinance at Chapter 14, Article IV, Section 14-106(a)(19) by adding a subsection (c) to include telecommunication towers.	PH Conducted
3. Resolution No. 2011-21, authorizing the Collection Agency Contract with Linebarger for the collection of delinquent municipal court fines and warrants.	PASS
4. Ordinance No. 2011-16, amending the budget for fiscal year October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011 in the amount of \$8,000 to cover cost associated with the operation of the city's fleet department.	PASS
5. Receive information from Anthony Mills, Regional Manager of City Services, concerning member benefits with Texas Municipal Retirement System.	INFO RECEIVED
6. Resolution No. 2011-22, authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with CenterPoint Energy for the installation of "cobra style" street lighting along the roadway portion of the Jones Road Extension.	PASS
7. Ordinance No. 2011-17, amending the budget for fiscal year October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011, in the amount of \$15,000 to provide for the installation of street lighting along the Jones Road Extension by CenterPoint Energy.	PASS
8. Resolution No. 2011-23, receiving the Planning and Zoning Commission's Final Report concerning the creation of a new District D – Jersey Village Crossing district, which primarily represents the property located south of the U.S. Highway 290 right-of-way and within the corporate city limits of the City of Jersey Village; and establishing Form Based Code Requirements for this district.	NOT CONSIDERED RESET TO May 23, 2011
9. Ordinance No. 2011-18, amending Chapter 14, Article IV of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Jersey Village, Texas, by amending certain Sections of Chapter 14, Article IV to add a new zoning District D – Jersey Village Crossing; revising the official zoning map to add District D; correcting and re-numbering section numbers in Chapter 14, amending Section 14-85 relating to designation of newly annexed areas, amending Section 14.88(a) related to District D; making findings and provisions relating to the subject; providing a severability clause; providing for repeal; providing a penalty as provided by Section 14-87 of the Code; and providing an effective date.	NOT CONSIDERED RESET TO May 23, 2011
10. Receive update concerning the Jones Road Extension Project from Project Manager, Erik Tschanz.	UPDATE RECEIVED
11. Resolution No. 2011-24, receiving the Planning and Zoning Commission's Final Report pertaining to amending the City's Zoning Ordinance at Chapter 14, Article IV, Section 14-106(a)(19) by adding a subsection (c) to include Telecommunication Towers.	PASS
12. Ordinance No. 2011-19, amending Chapter 14 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Jersey Village, Texas, by amending Article IV, Section 14-106(a)(19) by adding a subsection (c) to include telecommunication towers; providing for repeal; providing for penalty as provided by Section 1-8 of the Code; and providing an effective date.	PASS
13. EXECUTIVE SESSION - Consult with Attorney pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act Section 551.071 regarding the Noise Mitigation Lawsuit brought against the Federal Highway Administration relating to the expansion of U.S. Highway 290.	CONDUCTED
14. Discuss and take appropriate action on items considered in Executive Session.	NO ACTION TAKEN

JERSEY VILLAGE 2011 POOL CALENDAR

(SUBJECT TO CHANGE)


	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
MON				1 CLOSED	
TUES				2 11-9	
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June 2011

City of Jersey Village—Your City Council

Having no contested races for the City’s May 14, 2011 Election, the following unopposed candidates were declared elected by City Council as follows:

Mayor
Councilmember - Place 2
Councilmember - Place 3

Russell Hamley
Rod Erskine
Harry Beckwith III

election in accordance with state election laws. The current City of Jersey Village City Council is comprised of the following members:

Mayor, Russell Hamley; Councilmember, Place 1, Joyce Berube; Councilmember, Place 2, Rod Erskine, Councilmember, Place 3, Harry Beckwith III, PE; Councilmember, Place 4, Mark Maloy; and Councilmember, Place 5, Jill Klein.

The newly elected Councilmembers have taken their oath of office and were issued certificates of

Statistics for April 2011 JV Police Department

Calls for Service	1034
Vehicle Theft	2
Aggravated Assault	3
Burglary, Business	2
Burglary, Residence	4
Burglary, Vehicle	4
Disturbance	51
Narcotics, felony	1
Minor accidents	121
Major accidents	27
Alarms	125
Suspicious person	156
Traffic control	2
Traffic hazard	24

JV Fire Department

Building Fires	2
Auto Fires	3
Other Fires	1
Rescue/EMS incidents	48
Hazardous Conditions	0
Service Calls	3
Smoke or odor calls	2
False alarms/cancelled enroute	10
Total Ambulance Transports	26

Important City Phone Numbers

Emergency Call	911
Main Number	713-466-2100
City Manager	713-466-2108
City Secretary	713-466-2102
Fire Dept.	713-466-2130
Police Dept.	713-466-2123
Permits	713-466-2110
Public Works	713-466-2133
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Sgt. Sandy's Corner

Car Break-Ins

By: Sgt. S. Joachim

A One of the most common crimes is having your car broken into. This type of crime often happens in places that have a large number of parked cars such as shopping centers or apartment complex parking lots. The good news is that there are a number of common sense steps that you can take to reduce the chance that you will be a victim.

Preventing a car break-in:

- **Lock your car doors.** *This is as simple as it sounds, but you would be surprised at how much is stolen from cars with unlocked doors.*
- **Don't leave anything of value in the car.** *The purse or golf clubs that are visible through the window make an inviting target. If you have to leave items*

in the car, at least put them out of sight in the trunk. The duffle bag with dirty gym clothes might not be of significant value to you. But a thief who doesn't know what is inside might target your car hoping to find cell phones, credit cards, lap tops or other items. Always take these personal items into your home when you park for the evening. Whenever possible, use mountings that allow you to take the equipment with you. Be sure to remove automatic garage door openers from the car, as this could give thieves easy access to your house.

- **Use safety features if you have them.** *Examples of these features include activating your car alarm, removing stereo faceplates and putting steering wheel locking devices in place.*
- **Park in well-lit areas, visible to others.** *If your car is in a driveway or parked near your house, leave your exterior lights on (front and back) throughout*

the night. Consider replacing the light fixture closest to your car with a motion detector unit. The light will be off routinely, but will come on if the car is approached. Motion detectors are good psychological deterrents since the normal assumption of a person seeing a light come on is that someone has seen them.

- **Other measures.** *If you are a victim, notify the police and make a report. Inform your neighbors, or the business or apartment management. Report suspicious or criminal behavior.*

If your car is broken into, report the incident to the police, even if you decide not to report it to your insurance company. We need your assistance to determine what areas are experiencing car break-in activities.

Help us keep you safe.

What can you expect from city staff during a major emergency?

For certain, city staff will not be just sitting around. You can expect that city staff will be extremely busy responding to emergency calls, trying to get water running to every home, trying to clear the roadways of debris, making many attempts to get Centerpoint Energy to expedite repairing electrical service and the list can go on and on. When Hurricane Ike formed and began to move towards Texas, city staff started preparations to get the city ready. Public works crews checked all stormwater drains in the city and made sure storm water would flow properly. All pump lift stations and generators at water plants were run to make sure they will work if we lost electricity. Police and Fire services checked equipment to make sure all units were ready to respond in an emergency. Staff made contact with private organizations and county agencies in preparation for cleanup and needed equipment. The most important concern of city staff is that city services function and citizen's lives get back to normal.

This year we have already started preparing as we recently held a tabletop exercise to test staff on scenarios that could arise if a hurricane does come to our area again. We have identified many items that we are now working on and are getting staff acquainted with new procedures. In addition, new policies are being created to help staff meet standards required by the federal government. These mandated changes will help staff submit for re-imbusement should we have to spend tax payer dollars. So, what can you expect from city staff? You can expect that staff is prepared to answer the call for service or respond to the emergency situation with the goal of getting every citizen's life back to normal as soon as possible. It is our hope that you understand that when you do not see us on your street, it does not mean we are not working hard for you.

Tips for Lawn Watering

- *Avoid watering during midday hours when it is hot and sunny to prevent scalding the turf.*
- *Adjust sprinklers to water only grass areas and not impervious surfaces such as streets, driveways and walkways.*
- *Mow grass to a height of 2 ½ to 3 inches. Taller grass shades the roots and soil surface, which helps reduce the amount of water that is lost to evaporation.*
- *Use sprinklers that spray low large drops vs. high fine ones.*
- *Avoid watering during rainy or windy weather conditions.*
- *Don't use a fixed schedule for lawn watering. Apply water only when it is needed. Over watering can promote diseases and affect the health of the lawn.*
- *A simple test for determining if grass needs water is to walk on the lawn and if you leave foot prints, it may be time to water the lawn.*
- *A good soaking once or twice a week is better than watering every day. Allowing the soil to dry between watering will allow the roots to grow to greater depths and help make turf more drought tolerant.*
- *Early morning watering may cause water pressure problems within the city, please consider water during evenings.*

Food and Water in an Emergency

June 1st is the first day of Hurricane Season and it is time to begin your emergency preparedness plans. Even though it is unlikely that during a hurricane residents will be completely isolated from food, water, and supplies for more than two weeks, it is important to plan with that possibility in mind. The following guidelines are given to assist residents in preparing a food and water emergency kit, in order to be ready when a storm hits.

The first thing to consider when compiling a food and water emergency kit is your family's special needs and unique taste. For example is someone diabetic, are there any allergies to consider, or is baby food/formula required. Second, your kit should consist of foods that your family enjoys and eats regularly. While not a necessity, it is not uncommon to add comfort foods that will provide your family with a sense of normalcy and security. Last, but not least, it is important to purchase your supplies with enough time in order to avoid shortages and price hikes.

Below is a list of helpful hints to better prepare you for the next storm, hurricane or evacuation. Remember that a regular food and water emergency kit has enough rations for each member of your family for a two-week period.

BEVERAGES:

•**Water:** Having an ample supply of clean water is top priority and you should plan to have a gallon of water for each member of your family per day. Consider adding more if you are dealing with hot weather, children, illnesses or nursing mothers.

•**Milk:** Powdered milk or shelf- stable milk is the best option, but remember to add more water if you choose to buy the powdered milk option.

•**Fruit Juices:** Individually wrapped juice boxes are the best, in order to keep unused portion from spoiling.

•**Sodas:** Carbonated drinks are not recommended as a substitute for water.

•**Alcoholic Beverages:** It is not recommended to drink alcoholic beverages during an emergency as it could cause more dehydration and/or other problems.

MEALS:

• **Canned Foods:** This includes regular and condensed soups, beans, and vegetables that can be eaten cold or heated.

• **Grains and Cereals:** Granola and all types of cereal can be eaten dry or with powdered or shelf stable milk.

• **Preserved Meats:** Dried meats, such as beef jerky, canned tuna, and canned chicken.

SNACKS: Dried fruits, nuts, and granola are some healthy options to consider. Also, crackers, peanut butter, jellies, bread, chips, and bean dip are good options that do not spoil easily. In case of cravings, consider having some comfort foods that are individually wrapped, such as cupcakes, cookies, doughnuts or a chocolate bar.

MISC.: Plastic spoons, knives, forks, plates, cups, napkins and garbage bags are always helpful. If you want to be able to heat the foods, bring small portable grill, charcoal, propane gas, matches and fire extinguisher. Also, a manual can opener, plastic containers to store food, and disinfectant cleaning wipes will assist in the food preparation and cleanup.

For more information regarding emergency preparedness visit the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) website at www.fema.gov.

Harris County Hazardous Waste Disposal for Residents

The City receives calls on a regular basis from residents looking for a location to dispose of hazardous waste. We were recently made aware of location operated by Harris County very close to Jersey Village.

The Harris County Multiuse Facility, which houses the Residential Environmental Services Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility located in Houston, Texas, opened on March 10, 2010 and is the first permanent household hazardous waste (HHW) facility to open for the County.

This service is provided as part of their Harris County Storm Water Permit and is provided for unincorporated Harris County residents who reside outside the incorporated city limits of Houston. As of now they are accepting hazardous waste from the residents of the City of Jersey Village, but that is subject to change.

This is a FREE service to residents of unincorporated Harris County and it is anticipated that approximately 70% of all items collected can be sent for recycling or energy recovery.

Acceptable items include, but are not limited to household cleaners, yard/ automobile products, paint and paint related products, batteries, tires, items containing mercury (e.g. mercury thermometers, Compact Fluorescent Lights (CFLs), and fluorescent tubes), aerosols, and propane cylinders.

Unaccepted items include electronics, any waste used for business purposes, medical and biological waste, PCBs or Dioxins, ammunition, explosives, compressed gas cylinders, radioactive waste (including smoke detectors), and household appliances such as washers, dryers, freezers, air conditioners, or household trash.

The Hazardous Waste Collection Facility is located at 6900 Hahl Rd, located at US 290 and N Gessner. For more information please call 281-560-6200 or visit their website at http://www.eng.hctx.net/watershed/hhw_facility.html.



Couples Golf League

Jersey Meadow Golf Course has started a Couples League on Sunday afternoons twice a month. The cost is \$50.00 per couple for an afternoon of fun & fresh air.



Call 713) 896-0900 for more information & sign up information

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Five Day Golf Camp for Kids

Session 1:
June 13 - 17

Session 2:
July 11—15

\$150

10 Hours of
Instruction

8:30—10:30 am
Monday—Friday
Ages 7—17

See pro shop
for registration forms.





Jersey Village Star



July 2011

A message from Jersey Village Emergency Management Office...

Hurricane Season is in Session!

On the first day of Hurricane season (June 1) we have already seen an active Caribbean and a storm come over Florida. This year it is expected to be very busy with storm activity. 12 major storms are predicted to develop and 4 of them are expected to hit the United States. How many and where they would hit is still up in the air. Last year was a very busy and active season for hurricanes. We were fortunate to not see one come to Texas. We ask

citizens every year "are you ready?" Do you have the correct essentials necessary to sustain living for many days? You are the only person that has the answer to these questions. You know if you're ready or not. You know what assistance you need. On the World Wide Web, you can find a variety of websites to assist you. Websites such as www.ready.org will help in preparation of hurricane season and give you the necessary essential lists to prepare.

Statistics for MAY 2011 JV Police Department

Calls for Service	1192
Vehicle Theft	2
Aggravated Assault	1
Burglary, Business	0
Burglary, Residence	1
Burglary, Vehicle	4
Disturbance	69
Narcotics, felony	0
Minor accidents	89
Major accidents	37
Alarms	140
Suspicious person	186
Traffic control	5
Traffic hazard	34

JV Fire Department

Building Fires	6
Auto Fires	0
Other Fires	3
Rescue/EMS incidents	60
Hazardous Conditions	4
Service Calls	5
Smoke or odor calls	2
False alarms/cancelled enroute	9
Total Ambulance Transports	51

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Sgt. Sandy's Corner Craig's List

By: Sgt. S. Joachim

Bargain hunters love craigslist. With a little bit of searching you can find a good deal on just about anything, and while the majority of craigslist users are well intentioned sellers, it's still a good idea to use these safety tips to protect yourself while making a deal online.

1. Don't give out any of your personal information. Be wary of anyone requiring you to share your address, phone number, or bank account details in order to complete a transaction. Legitimate jobs and apartment rentals will sometimes require a background or credit check, but do not agree to them until after you have met the employer or landlord in person.

2. Deal locally. According to craigslist, 99% of all scams can be avoided by dealing locally with someone you have to meet in person. When you ship in good faith, it is easy for a scammer to take your item and never pay you for it, or cash your check and never mail you what you purchased.

3. Meet in public areas and take a friend. If you are buying/selling a large item, make sure that it is outside on the porch. This prevents you from entering an unfamiliar home, or from having to allow strangers into yours. Bringing a friend for backup, this will help keep you safe and reduce your chances of getting scammed.

4. Never wire money to a seller and watch out for fake payments. Watch out for fake cashier's checks and money orders. Banks will cash them

and hold you responsible, even when the fake is discovered weeks later. Scammers often claim that an MTCN or confirmation code is needed before he can withdraw your money - this is FALSE, once you've wired money, it is GONE.

5. Trust your instincts. If a deal seems too good to be true, then it probably is. Scams can happen with housing and job postings as well. If a seller or landlord doesn't want to meet with you, stop the deal. The item or apartment probably doesn't exist and you just saved yourself from making an expensive mistake.

Whether you are a seller of products, provider of services, or a buyer, caution and discretion is advised when participating in any Craigslist transaction.

Consumer Confidence Report (CCR)

On an annual basis, the State of Texas requires municipalities to issue a formal report on the quality of their water supply. This report is titled the Consumer Confidence Report. The annual consumer confidence report for the City of Jersey Village was distributed last month along with the JV Star. Although Jersey Village relies on the City of Houston for its water supply, last month's report did not include the CCR from the City of Houston. On a daily basis, ninety-nine percent of the water the City of Jersey Village provides for residents originates from the City of Houston. The CCR for the City of Houston water system is available at the following link: http://documents.publicworks.houstontx.gov/documents/divisions/utilities/water_quality_report_2010.pdf

The City of Jersey Village has three water distribution plants. The city's main water plant is located on Seattle St. The Seattle St. plant also serves as the point where City of Houston water enters Jersey Village. The city's secondary and

emergency stand-by plant is the West Rd. water plant. This plant is capable of providing well-water to the city in the event that we are unable to receive City of Houston water. If water usage in Jersey Village exceeds three million gallons per day, the West Rd. plant may be utilized to help fill water requirements within the city.

The City's third plant is the Village Dr. water plant. This plant is only used in an emergency where both the Seattle St. and West Rd. plants have failed. The report in last month's star was based on test results from the Village Dr. water plant. Because the Village Dr. plant is physically located in Jersey Village, the State of Texas requires the city to use results from that specific plant for the purposes of reporting consumer confidence information to residents. For residents concerned about their water quality, the City of Houston's CCR provides the most pertinent information. Should the state persist in their requirement for the city to publish

water quality information from the Village Dr. plant, we will also include the City of Houston CCR, along with an explanation of water production in Jersey Village.

Jones Road Extension Project Update

The project is near completion. All of the concrete roadway has been completed along with storm drainage systems. The new water main has been installed with adjacent fire hydrants. Efforts are underway to complete the sanitary sewer lift station and supply the facility with needed electrical service. The new roadway has been striped and vehicular signs have also been installed. Traffic signalization should be completed by the second to third week of July. Also, sometime in July cobra style streets lights will be installed. Tentatively the roadway is set to open for public use on August 5, 2011.

Water Restriction Measures for Jersey Village

PLEASE NOTE: To meet publication deadlines, the article that follows was written well in advance of the July 1st distribution date for the JV Star. Jersey Village may already be operating under its drought contingency plan by the time this month's newsletter comes out.

As you may have read or seen in the news, many cities in the greater Houston area have issued water restrictions notices to their residents. The City of Jersey Village has been fortunate in this regard, as we receive our water from the City of Houston and no water restrictions have been imposed yet. The following is information related to the possible implementation of water restrictions.

What would cause Jersey Village to initiate water restrictions?

Jersey Village would receive notice from the city of Houston that the Mayor of Houston has declared a Stage One water shortage and requests wholesale water customers to initiate their own drought contingency plans. At this time Jersey Village will enact Phase One of its drought contingency plan. Notification will be made to residents via door hangers. Specifically, residents will be advised as to the days and times that they may water. Additional restrictions may be found at Chapter 70, Article V of the city's Code of Ordinances.

What events trigger the City of Houston to implement their water shortage program?

Once the City of Houston averages 673 million gallons per day for three straight days, the City of Houston will declare a stage one water shortage. The Mayor of Houston may initiate

Stage One if other circumstances warrant water conservation. Once Houston initiates stage one of their water shortage plan and requests its wholesale customers to do likewise, Jersey Village is obligated to follow suit as soon as practicable. You may keep an eye on the City of Houston daily water usage at <http://dwsn.publicworks.houstontx.gov/watergauges/>

What Happens when Jersey Village enters into phase one of its plan?

The primary impact of the initiation of phase one is to limit lawn irrigation to specific days of the week, and specific times on those days. The day of the week that you may water is based upon your residential street address. Those dates and times are outlined in the city's Drought Contingency Plan (Ch. 70, Art. V). As the city progresses from phase one to phase four of its drought contingency plan, additional measures are utilized to conserve water.

Please keep in mind that the City of Houston will advertise impending drought restrictions using all media outlets available. When you hear on TV that the City of Houston is considering drought restrictions, the City of Jersey Village is not far behind.

To view the city's Drought Contingency Plan, please go to the following web site: www.municode.com. Once you get to the Municode site, select "Municode Library" from the ribbon at the top of the page. Then select the State of Texas. Select the Jersey Village link, and then select the Jersey Village Code of Ordinances link. In the table of contents find chapter 70 Utilities and click on that link you will then see Article V. Drought Contingency Plan.

A Message From The Fire Marshal!

Did you know- Fireworks are Illegal! It is illegal to use or possess Fireworks in Jersey Village? The fireworks season is about to get started again. Each year Jersey Village Fire Marshal and Police Department's receive fireworks calls and we want to remind everyone of the city ordinance:

(I) Section 3301.1.3 of the International Fire Code is amended to provide as follows:

Section 3301.1.3. Fireworks. The possession, manufacture, storage, sale, handling and use of fireworks are prohibited within the city limits of Jersey Village, Texas. It shall be unlawful and constitute a nuisance for any person to manufacture or sell fireworks within the City of Jersey Village or within the area extending five thousand (5,000) feet outside the city limits and not located within the corporate limits or extraterritorial jurisdiction of another municipality. The city attorney shall take all actions necessary to enforce this ordinance in the area located outside the city limits. Except as herein provided, it shall be unlawful for any person to assemble, possess, store, transport, receive, keep, sell, offer or have in his or her possession with the intent to sell, use, discharge, ignite, detonate, fire or otherwise put in action any fireworks of any description.



Fines for this offense are as follows:

- \$214.00 Discharging of fireworks**
- \$239.50 Manufacturing or possession of fireworks**
- \$165.00 Parent or guardian giving permission**

Fundraiser Items Needed to Support One of Our Own

The City of Jersey Village will be holding a fundraiser on Saturday, September 3rd for Communications Supervisor Kimberly Maldonado who is undergoing chemotherapy treatment for cancer. Kimberly is a dedicated and loyal employee of the City, a loving wife, mother and grandmother and a cherished friend. Kimberly has committed herself to serving citizens not only for this City, but for other agencies for the past 15 years. We are looking for donations of silent and live auction



items. If any resident or business would like to contribute items for Kimberly's benefit, please drop them off at the Jersey Village Fire Department at 16501 Jersey Drive Monday thru Friday between the hours of 8am and 5pm. If it is after hours or on weekend, items will be accepted at the Jersey Village Police Department at 16401 Lakeview Drive in the Dispatch Office. Any questions please email rherzog@ci.jersey-village.tx.us. Thank you in advance for your support.

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Don't Forget Your Family Pool Pass

This is a reminder that City of Jersey Village pool is now open full time Tuesday through Sunday and closed every Monday for cleaning.

A resident family pass can be purchased at City Hall for \$50.00.

This allows the members of your household unlimited access to the pool during the summer season. Residents can also purchase daily pool passes at the gate for a fee of \$3.00 per adult and \$2.00 per child.

Pools Hours June 5 – August 21

Tuesday – Saturday 11AM to 9PM

Sunday 1PM to 1PM

August 23 – September 5

Tuesday – Friday 4PM to 9PM

Saturday 11AM – 9PM

Sunday 1PM – 9PM

Monday September 5 – LAST day that the pool will be open

11AM to 8PM



Friendly Trash Reminders

Trees, shrubs, brush trimmings and fencing must be bundled in lengths no greater than 4 feet with no branch diameter exceeding 3 inches. The bundling is required to allow quick pickup and size limitations are required to avoid damaging the equipment in the crushing process.

On each regularly scheduled collection day, WCA will collect residential refuse located at the curbside; Curbside refuse must be either in containers or bags not exceeding

40 gallons or weighing over 40 pounds. **PLEASE NOTE THAT CURBSIDE IS CONSIDERED TO BE IN BETWEEN THE SIDEWALK AND THE CURB. TRASH PLACED ON THE SIDEWALK WILL NOT BE COLLECTED.**

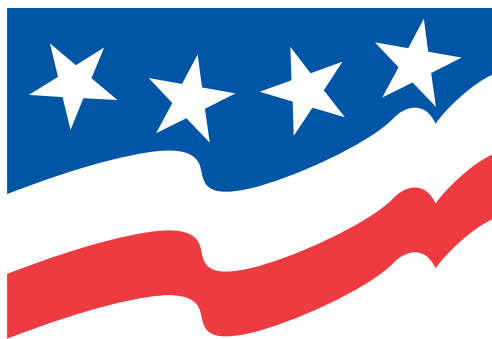
Please have trash out at curb by 7:00 am on the day of pick up. All trash may be out no sooner than 5:00 pm the day prior to trash collection and out of public view by 7 am the morning following the pick up day.

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**Statistics for June 2011
JV Police Department**

Calls for Service	1397
Vehicle Theft	1
Aggravated Assault	1
Burglary, Business	9
Burglary, Residence	11
Burglary, Vehicle	6
Disturbance	61
Narcotics, Felony	2
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Sgt. Sandy's Corner

National Night Out-October 4th

By: Sgt. S. Joachim

On Tuesday, October 4th, neighborhoods throughout Houston are being invited to join forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the "28th Annual National Night Out" crime and drug prevention event. National Night Out, which is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch and co-sponsored locally by the Jersey Village Police Department, will involve over 15,000 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases around the world. In all, over 37 million people are expected to participate in "America's Night Out Against Crime". NNO 2011 is being supported in part by TARGET, a national corporate sponsor.

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For more information, or to sign up as a block captain, please contact the coordinator, Officer A. Pettit at 713-466-2125.



Recycle Reminder...



Here is an example of paper items put out for recycling on a day that it rained and now none of these items can be recycled.

The City would like to remind all residents that your recyclable items must be placed in plastic bags for pick up. Paper is to be placed in black trash bags and plastic and aluminum in white trash bags. Tascon can ONLY use dry paper. So if paper is not being put in the bags and it rains your paper recyclables then become trash.

So please continue to put all recyclables in plastic bags and place all recyclables out curbside every Wednesday morning by 7:00 a.m.

If you have any questions please call 713-466-2108. Remember "The City of Jersey Village is in your hands!"



Code Enforcement and Animal Control after Hours

The Code Enforcement Division of Public Works has the task of addressing city ordinance violations.

When talking with residents regarding code violations most were not aware that an offense was actually committed. The following are a few of the items commonly reported to or noted by our Code Enforcement Division:

- ★ Trash, grass clippings, and tree limbs being out before 5pm on Monday & Thursdays.
- ★ Garage signs, realtor, and contractor signs placed in the right of way, (between curb & sidewalk).
- ★ Lost cat or dog signs being placed on light poles or stop signs.
- ★ Yard maintenance (high grass).
- ★ Dogs being allowed to run at large.
- ★ Vehicles, boats and trailers not properly parked in streets or driveways.

If you have any questions regarding Code Violations or would like to report a violation please call 713-466-2129 between the hours of 8 am and 5 pm. If a code enforcement issue arises, Monday-Friday after 5 pm or on weekends, residents should contact the dispatcher on duty at 713-466-5824. If the issue is deemed to be an emergency, Dispatch will send a police officer to address the problem. If it is not considered to be an emergency, the Code Enforcement Officer will be notified of the call by e-mail and will follow up on his return to the office. By following the proper procedure city personnel will be able to address Code Enforcement Violations in a timely manner so that abatement proceedings, if necessary, may begin judiciously.

Deed Restrictions VS. Zoning Ordinances

On a regular basis, city staff receives questions from residents concerning the differences between a deed restriction and a city zoning ordinance. They often wonder why their neighborhood deed restrictions are not being enforced by the City.

First, it is important to note that the rules and regulations that apply to land use are very complex. However, on a very basic level, deed restrictions are private, contractual covenants which limit land use. Deed restrictions are placed on real property by the owner of the property, for the benefit of that property only, and typically are placed with the intent to enhance the value of the property. In establishing deed restrictions, there are no limitations except for compliance with laws and public policies. Nonetheless, established restrictions affect subsequent owners of the real property for a stated term, and for any extensions.

In addition to deed restrictions, an owner of land may also agree to another typical land use constraint known as a covenant. Covenants impose obligations upon landowners either to do, or not do, certain acts. There are two types of covenants, restrictive covenants and personal covenants. Restrictive covenants are those that "run with the land" and are enforceable. Personal covenants are not enforceable. Generally, deed restrictions and restrictive covenants, may not be enforced by a city.

Since deed restrictions are not automatic, someone must seek to enforce them. Typically, that person will represent one of the following interests:

1. The developer of the project;
2. The representative of a corporation set up to represent the property owners; or
3. An individual property owner.

In connection with item (2), a representative of a corporation set up to

represent the property owners is typically a homeowners' association or a property owners' association. These associations:

- a. have a membership primarily consisting of the owners of the property covered by the dedicatory instrument for the residential subdivision; and
- b. manage or regulate the residential subdivision for the benefit of the owners of property in the residential subdivision.

Zoning ordinances provide the police power to protect the health, safety, and public welfare of the community. This is a legislative power exercised by the City. Therefore, the goal of zoning is the protection of the community through regulation of land use that is focused on the benefit of the whole community. These zoning restrictions are enforced by the city and violations constitute Class C misdemeanors.

In Jersey Village, where the city exercises zoning authority over land subject to deed restrictions and covenants, both sets of land use rules apply. In applying both, if there is an inconsistency, the more restrictive land use requirement controls. It should also be noted that some land use practices that may be valid under a deed restriction or restrictive covenant are outside the scope of the city's zoning authority.



Jersey Village Citizens Police Academy

The Jersey Village Police Department is looking for recruits for our Citizens Police Academy Class #8. It will begin Thursday, August 18th from 6:30 p.m. till 9:30 p.m. The classes will be held every Thursday for 14 weeks and graduation will follow. The classes will be conducted at the Police Department in the training room. If you are interested please contact Joyce Underhill Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 713-466-2120.



Plan Now For Santa Deliveries

As part of the Fire Department's Annual Fundraiser; Santa, Mrs. Claus and the Elves will again make delivery of your gift to your child by following the guidelines below:

★ On Wednesday, August 24, 2011 the fire department will start taking reservations for the December delivery dates listed below. Contact the Fire Dept. Administrative Office @ 713-466-2130 to reserve your date.

★ Dates for delivery: December 9, 10, 11 and 16, 17, 18

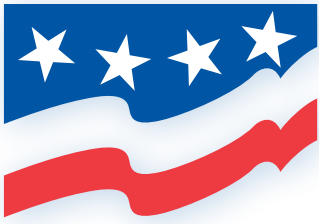
★ Deliveries made between 6:00pm – 8:30pm (5:00pm on Sat/Sun)

★ A minimum donation of \$35.00 for a ten minute visit for a family of four. Santa has requested no deliveries to large groups or parties.

★ Bring your child's wrapped gift to the Fire Station the Tuesday prior to your scheduled delivery date. Station located @ 16501 Jersey Dr.

★ Additional donations will be greatly appreciated. Checks payable to: City of JV/Fire Dept. Donation Account





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Ice Cream Social on September 11, 6-8 p.m.

Come help yourself to some ice cream treats served in the Pavilion from 6-8 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 11! The pool will also be open from 4 to 8 p.m. that day for Jersey Village residents so come and cool off inside and out! Remember, that all children must be accompanied and supervised by their parents.

Save the date... Fall Frolic on October 21st

Mark your calendars and don't forget to come to the Fall Frolic on Friday, October 21 from 6:30-9:30 p.m.! This event will be held at the Pavilion at Clark Henry Park (by the swimming pool) and features dancing and music by renowned DJ, Billy Jack Ebersole; games and contests with prizes; and hot dogs and hamburgers on the grill, chili dogs, nachos, frito pie, sodas and cookies. We'll be looking for you!



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Reminder...National Night Out—October 4th

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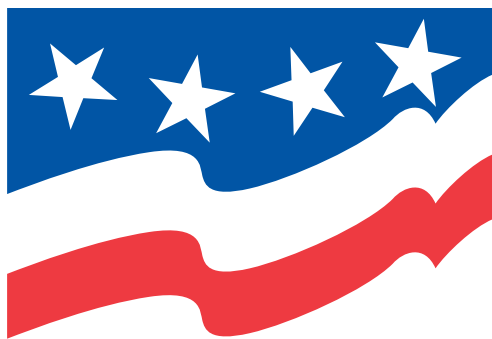


Statistics for July 2011 JV Police Department

Calls for Service	1110
Vehicle Theft	0
Aggravated Assault	2
Burglary, Business	5
Burglary, Residence	6
Burglary, Vehicle	5
Disturbance	51
Narcotics, Felony	3
Minor Accidents	132
Major Accidents	21
Alarms	91
Suspicious Person	152
Traffic Control	1
Traffic Hazard	22

JV Fire Department

Building Fires	2
Auto Fires	1
Other Fires	2
Rescue/EMS Incidents	77
Hazardous Conditions	5
Service Calls	10
Smoke or Odor Calls	1
False Alarms/Cancelled Enroute	12
Total Ambulance Transports	54




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Sgt. Sandy's Corner

All Aboard

By: Sgt. S. Joachim

School has started and that means the roadways are populated by the big yellow school buses. The police department's objective is to keep America's most precious cargo safe while traveling to and from school.

When you drive in neighborhoods and school zones, take extra precaution to watch for children and youth walking or biking to school. Remember, young people are busy thinking about getting to school and are not always thinking about getting there safely. Here's how you can help make sure they do.

Be watchful for children and youth walking to school as you back out of your driveway. Slow down. Watch for children and youth walking in the street, especially if there are no sidewalks. Watch for children and youth on

bicycles, particularly at intersections and driveways. Young bicyclists have a tendency to dart out of driveways without looking for traffic.

Near school bus stops slow down and watch for children and youth playing and congregating near bus stops. Be aware that children and youth that arrive late for the bus have only one thing in mind—getting on the bus. They may run out into the street without looking for traffic.

STOP your car when you see red lights flashing on a school bus. Yellow flashing lights indicate that the bus is preparing to stop. Red flashing lights indicate that the bus is stopped and young people are getting on or off. Don't start driving until the red lights stop flashing.

We want your children to be safe when they travel to and from school.

More tips:

- Parents should make sure they remove loose drawstrings or ties on their child's

jacket and sweatshirt because they can snag on bus handrails.

- The child should look before stepping into the street to make sure there are no cars passing the bus.

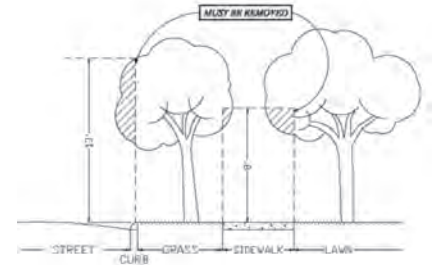
- The child should cross the street at least 10 feet (or 5 giant steps) in front of the bus.

- The child should ask the bus driver for help if anything is dropped while entering or exiting the bus.

We hope you will see that school bus safety starts at home.



This is a reminder that trees need to be trimmed!



Please make it a point to take a look at your trees and trim any low hanging limbs. Remember once you trim your trees they must be placed at the curb in bundles no greater than 4-foot lengths and 40 pounds.

Sidewalk Obstructions

Pursuant to the City of Jersey Village, Texas, Code of Ordinances: SEC.14-310

(6) Landowner responsibilities.

The landowner shall be responsible for:

(e) The owner of a tree overhanging a street or right-of-way within the city shall prune the branches so that the branches will not severely obstruct the light from any street lamp or obstruct the view of any street intersection and so that there shall be a clear space of 13 feet above street surface of [or] eight feet above the sidewalk surface. The owner shall be responsible for removing all dead, diseased, or dangerous trees, or broken or decayed limbs, including tree stumps, which constitute a menace to the safety of the public. Tree pruning shall be done in accordance with accepted arboricultural standards.

City of Jersey Village Tax Rate Adoption

After a series of public budget workshops, meetings between City staff and Council, the City of Jersey Village Council will adopt the budget for fiscal year 2011-2012 after a public hearing on September 19th 2011. The budget will be effective for the next fiscal year, which is October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012.

The City of Jersey Village Council decided that keeping the property tax rate at \$0.7425 per \$100 of valuation will fund the City's General Fund budget based on projected current year's values and allow the timely payments for its Debt Service Fund. The City must follow the State of Texas legislative guidelines for proposing and adopting a tax rate. If the tax rate proposed by the City of Jersey Village governing body (City Council) exceeds the effective tax rate

(a calculated rate that would provide the taxing unit with about the same amount of revenue it received in the year before on properties taxed in both years), or rollback rate (calculated maximum rate allowed by law without voter approval), whichever is lower, they must publish a new public hearing notice and conduct a series of public hearings. If they do not exceed these rates, then they may adopt the tax rate on just one public meeting. The Tax Rate is split in two parts, the M&O (Maintenance and Operation) tax rate and I&S (Debt Service) tax rate.

The Finance Department will be happy to assist any constituents if any questions or clarifications arise after reading this article.

Fire Prevention Month

October is fire prevention month and a time for everyone to focus on fire safety and prevention. The Fire Department will speak to children at schools and daycares to show them how to protect themselves and their homes. One of the things we teach the children is how to check your smoke detector and change the battery. The smoke detector is your first line of defense and usually the first indication that a problem is occurring when a fire starts. When you are asleep, your sense of smell, taste, feel and sight are in pause mode. The only sense that really is on standby and waiting is your hearing. The children are taught to change the batteries in the smoke detectors when time change occurs. This way you have a fresh battery in the smoke detector. We also teach them to check the smoke detector every month by pushing the test button. This way they know it is working, how it sounds and ready to alert them when smoke is in their home.

Another lesson is to Stop, Drop and Roll if

their clothes catch on fire. The children love performing this and they truly understand that if they run, the fire gets bigger. Finally, we teach them to make an escape plan for their home and find two ways out of every room. The door and the window are two ways out. When they get out they are told to meet at a special meeting place and not go back into the home for anything. As adults, we get complaisant with our daily routines and forget about the small details that could help protect us. If you have small children in your home, they will most likely come home telling you about the fire department experience at their school.

The fire department encourages you to check your smoke detectors, develop an escape plan and practice the plan so you are ready if an emergency occurs. The fire department open house is October 29, 2011 from 10am-2pm. If you have any questions about fire safety in your home, we can answer those questions for you. If you cannot make the open house, call 713-466-2130. We are happy to help in any way we can.



Citizen Involvement Welcome!

City government depends on residents who volunteer their time and expertise to participate in public service as members of boards and commissions. Boards and commissions fulfill an important role by evaluating issues which affect our community and making recommendations to the Council for needed action. Although most boards and commissions are advisory in nature, a few are decision-making entities. The value of these bodies is a direct reflection of the interest and dedication of our citizens in making Jersey Village a better place to live. City Council encourages you to apply for appointment to

any board or commission in which you may be interested.

Council will consider appointments to most boards and commissions at its Regular September Council Meeting. If you are interested, please complete an application. If you currently have an application on file, please contact the City Secretary to confirm your interest in serving with the City.

To view an online application, visit the City of Jersey Village's website at http://www.jerseyvillage.info/city_council/secretarys_office/index.html or contact Lorri Coody, the City Secretary at 713-466-2102.

Paint...Use it Up or Pass It Forward

Almost 2 gallons of paint per person is sold every year. The dangerous news is that much of it ends up as liquid in landfills, potentially contaminating soil, water and air.

The Good News

- There are natural paints made from citrus and other botanicals. They are free of biocides and preservatives.
- Milk paints (casein paints) are popular because of their healthy and eco-friendly properties.
- Latex paint is water-based and less toxic than oil paint (petroleum-based).

- Paint, if stored correctly (upside down with a tight seal around the lid), can last years.

How Can You Help?

- Always buy latex paint (not oil).
- Use up stored paint before buying new paint.
- Donate leftover paint to neighbors, friends, family or groups that can use it.
- Never pour paint down the drain or on the ground.
- Let latex paint dry completely before putting into a trash can.

**For more information please visit
www.earth911.com**



Christmas Decorating Contest

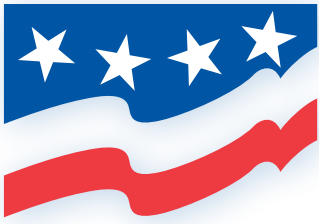
A topic of conversation for National Night Out on October 4th.

Some changes to the Christmas Decorating Contest are currently under review and "street themes" are being considered as a judging category. As you may know, many of our streets already have themes that were established many years ago i.e. candy canes on Singapore, jersey cows on Jersey Drive, angels on St. Helier, etc. Many of the original wooden theme signs are still in use but many have been lost or damaged over the years and many of our newer subdivisions don't have existing street themes.

National Night Out is the perfect opportunity to discuss the possibility of using a theme for your street. If your section is new in Jersey Village, this is a great opportunity to come up with a "street theme". If your street has previously had a theme and many of the old theme signs are no longer in good repair or in use, discuss whether the existing theme should be preserved or a new one adopted.

Give some thought as to whether you'd like to promote our city pride street by street and show community involvement with a festive display of themed streets to add to our christmas light decorating efforts. Plan to attend National Night Out on Oct. 4 and add your thoughts to the discussion! More information will follow in the coming JV Star newsletters so let the thoughts flow and the conversation begin!!





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Basic Neighborhood Safety

As with any economic downturn there are some troubling side effects that impact our community. These include an increase in all types of crimes. Many of these crimes can be greatly reduced by the involvement of our citizens and them using their knowledge of their neighborhoods. There is no better resource in crime reduction than our own citizens. Your personal knowledge of your neighborhood is a very valuable resource. You tend to know every nuance in your area. Subtle activities that look benign to the unknowing eye are the very activities that need to be reported.

All suspicious activity in your neighborhood should be reported to the police department immediately. Suspicious activity should be reported to 713-466-5824 (non-emergency). Any crime in progress should be called in to 911. You can remain anonymous during these calls. Building a strong and safe community will benefit all of us in the long run. Work with your neighbors to be active in reporting crimes and suspicious activity to the police department. We need your help in guiding us to what doesn't look right in your neighborhood.

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JV Police Department**

Calls for Service	1194
Vehicle Theft	1
Aggravated Assault	3
Burglary, Business	1
Burglary, Residence	9
Burglary, Vehicle	7
Disturbance	28
Narcotics, Felony	7
Minor Accidents	118
Major Accidents	45
Alarms	100
Suspicious Person	182
Traffic Control	3
Traffic Hazard	24

JV Fire Department

Building Fires	3
Auto Fires	2
Other Fires	1
Rescue/EMS Incidents	73
Hazardous Conditions	8
Service Calls	4
Smoke or Odor Calls	2
False Alarms/Cancelled Enroute	27
Total Ambulance Transports	46



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Sgt. Sandy's Corner

Calling All Ghosts and Goblins

By: Sgt. S. Joachim

Halloween! Kids Love it!!! They get dressed up and get free candy! Give your kids some precious Halloween memories that they'll have for life.

Make sure your kids dress up safely:

- Costumes should be flame-retardant to keep the little-ones safe near burning jack-o-lanterns and other fire hazards.
- Keep costumes short to prevent trips, falls, and other bumps in the night.
- Try make-up instead of a mask. Masks can be hot and uncomfortable and they can obstruct a child's vision—a hazardous thing when kids are crossing streets and going up and down steps.
- Kids need to wear light colors or put reflective tape on their costumes.
- Trick-or-treaters should be in-groups and parents should escort young children.
- Tell children to only stop at familiar homes where the outside lights are on.
- Make sure someone has a flashlight and use well-lighted streets.

- Make sure kids know not to enter strange houses or strangers' cars.

Treats:

- Kids should not eat their treats until they get home.
- Check out all treats at home in a well-lighted place.

Expecting trick-or-treaters?

- Provide healthier treats, such as individual packs of raisins, trail mix, or pretzels. Be sure walking areas and stairs are well-lit and free of obstacles that could result in falls.
- Keep candle-lit jack-o'-lanterns and luminaries away from entrances and sidewalks. Place them on strong tables, keep them out of range of pets and small children, and never leave them unattended.
- Remind drivers to watch out for trick-or-treaters.

Halloween can be a lot of fun for parents and kids alike—if everybody remembers the tricks and the treats of playing it safe.

Vendors Wanted for HOLIDAY IN THE PARK!

If you have a business, product or service you would like to showcase, please consider participating in Holiday in the Park at Carol Fox Park on Senate and Jersey Dr. on Sunday, December 4 from 1-4 p.m.

This event features two fields of freshly blown snow and an appearance by Santa and Mrs. Claus! There is no booth fee for residents of Jersey Village or for Scout troops, and a fee of just \$10 for non-resident vendors. To request an application please send an email stating what you would like to sell/promote to Barbara at HolidayinthePark2011@gmail.com



Watering Tips For Trees

Texas Forest Service tree experts have compiled a list of watering tips that can help you nurse your trees through the drought:

- Well-established, valuable, mature trees should be watered every week or two during times of major drought.
- When you water, do so deeply — 6 to 8 inches into the soil under the foliage of the tree. Avoid shallow, frequent watering. You can measure the depth with a long screwdriver; taking note of how easy it slides into the soil.
- The easiest way to give your tree a good, deep soak is with a soaker hose. A mature tree needs about an inch of water — or 60 gallons per 10-foot by 10-foot area — every week or two.
- Time your soaker hose so you'll know how long to run them. With a hose sprinkler, place an empty tuna or cat

food can near the tree and time how long it takes to fill it up. With a soaker hose, curl it up inside a kiddie pool, let it run for a set period of time and then measure how much water is released.

- Young, newly-planted trees should be watered three times a week. During each watering, they need 5 gallons of water for every inch of stem — or trunk — diameter, which is measured 6 inches above the ground. So if your tree measures 6 inches in diameter, that's 30 gallons of water, three times each week.
- Water should be concentrated at the base of a new tree, which is why water bags are ideal. If you don't have access to them, drill a few holes in the bottom of a 5 gallon bucket, place it next to the tree, fill it up and let the water slowly drain out.
- Generally, a tree is considered

established about two to three years after planting, but the ongoing, extreme drought is causing some older trees to struggle. Keep a close eye on any trees planted within the last seven years.

- Another option is to reduce your watering needs by removing plants that surround your tree. Grass and trees often fight for available water. Replacing that grass — especially around new trees — with a 6-foot diameter, 2-inch deep circle of mulch can help keep moisture on the ground and available to the tree.

For more helpful tips please visit these websites:

<http://txforestservicetamu.edu/main/default.aspx>

<http://centraltexasgardening.wordpress.com>

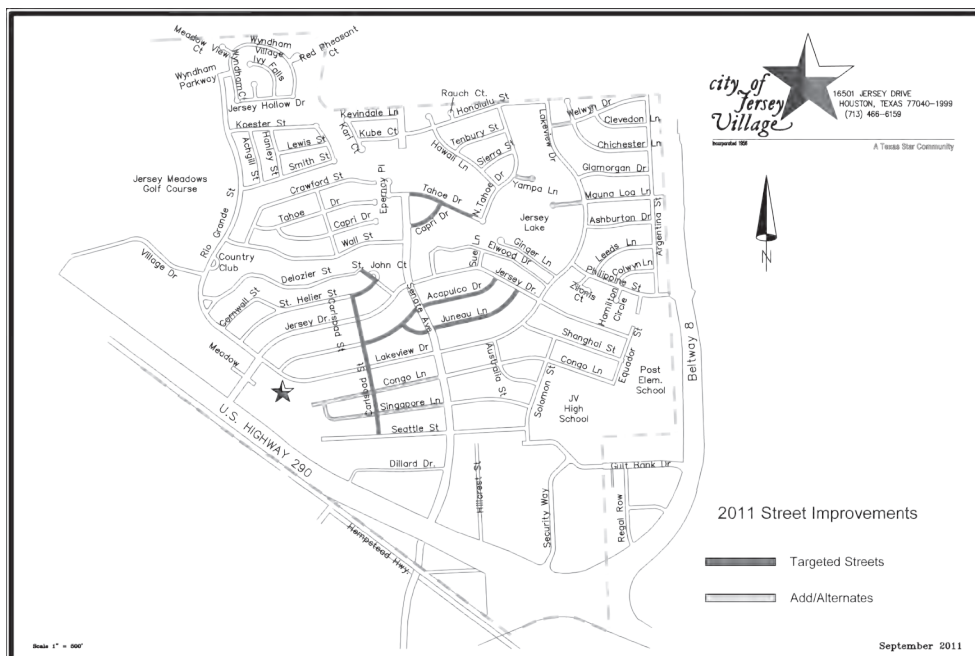
<http://eartheasy.com>

Street Renovation Project Underway

At the August City Council meeting a contract was approved for the City's Engineer, Brooks & Sparks, to begin preliminary design related to street and drainage rehabilitation. Seven (7) streets have been identified for renovation with the possibility of two (2) additional alternates based upon available funding. The project scope will entail new water mains/fire hydrants, adjustments to existing storm sewer systems providing positive sheet flow run off to inlets along new streets, new concrete streets, sidewalks, and the installation of new decorative street lights for those streets. The streets which have been identified are: Acapulco (between Jersey and

Carlsbad), Capri (between Senate and Tahoe Dr.), Carlsbad (between Seattle and St. Helier); also a jog from St Helier to Delozier), Congo (west of Senate), Juneau (between Acapulco and Jersey), Singapore (between Congo and Senate), Tahoe (between Senate and North Tahoe). The two additional alternates include: Mauna Loa Lane cul-de-sac (west of Lakeview), and Yampa Lane cul-de-sac (east of North Tahoe Drive). Please note that the final list of streets to be rehabilitated is subject to change based upon bids received. Initial surveying efforts for the project are currently being accomplished by West Belt Surveying, Inc.. Residents may have already seen wooden stakes placed within the right of ways of several of the streets mentioned above. The wooden laths which have been placed in the ground reveal

critical bench marks and other important elevation points used primarily during the construction process. We ask your cooperation as residents to not alter and/or pull up these wooden stakes from the ground until all of the surveying has been completed and is officially recorded. After the surveying is completed then the design phase of the project will commence. Once the design phase is completed the project will be publically advertised and go thru a competitive bidding process. Periodic updates concerning the project will be placed on the City's website. The City looks forward to another successful street renovation project in making these needed improvements concerning aged infrastructure for the residents of Jersey Village.



during a time when restrictions are in place. Driving around town, it appears that 75 percent of residents have ceased landscape watering. That means that the 25 percent left are watering at a rate several times their normal usage.

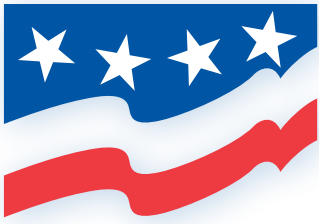
Please be careful how and when you use water. We are not at a point where we are asking residents to stop outside watering. We are at a point where it looks like we will need every drop of water we have several months from now. Should the drought continue through the Fall and Winter months, we will be implementing Phase 2 restrictions to prioritize the available water for domestic use, sanitation, and fire protection. In a pie chart, landscaping takes up 75 percent of city water resources. Although landscaping represents a capital investment, and is aesthetically pleasing, it takes a back seat to health and sanitation requirements. Elsewhere in this month's JV Star, we have listed several web sites for information on drought survival tips. Each of these web sites contains extensive information on how to nurse trees and vegetation through the drought. Please visit these web sites and examine your own practices to see where you can further conserve.



Drought Conditions Continue

As most are aware, the Houston area is in the midst of one of the worst droughts in this region's history. Should the situation continue to worsen, city officials will implement further drought contingency measures. We are currently in Phase 1 of the city's Drought Contingency Plan. Outside watering by means of an irrigation system or sprinkler is allowed twice per week, on designated days. If the city implements Phase 2 of the plan,

watering will be permitted one day per week. The decision to implement Phase 2 of the plan is contingent upon receipt of a request to do so from the City of Houston. The conditions that would require the City of Houston to implement their next phase appear to be far off into the future: however Houston is processing water at a rate that exceeds 600 million gallons per day. Here in Jersey Village, we are shattering records for water usage, even



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Open House at the Fire & Police Stations

16501 Jersey Drive
Saturday, October 29, 2011
10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Join us for this annual community event. Both departments will provide station tours, special demonstrations, refreshments and fire truck rides for children of all ages. See you there!

Thank You For Your Support



The City of Jersey Village employees would like to thank everyone who helped make our benefit for our Communication Supervisor, Kimberly Maldonado, such a huge success. With your help of donations, time, work and fellowship at the benefit we were able to give Kimberly and her family over \$20,000 to help with her medical cost. Unfortunately, Kimberly left us on September 14, 2011, her 44th birthday, after a long battle with cancer. Serving the citizens who needed help as well as protecting her officers and firefighters brought Kimberly fulfillment and purpose to her life. She will be greatly missed. Thanks again for all of your love and support.



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Vendors Wanted for Holiday In The Park!

If you have a business, product or service you would like to showcase, please consider participating in Holiday in the Park at Carol Fox Park on Senate and Jersey Dr. on Sunday, December 4 from 1-4 p.m.

This event features two fields of freshly blown snow and an appearance by Santa and Mrs. Claus! There is no booth fee for residents of

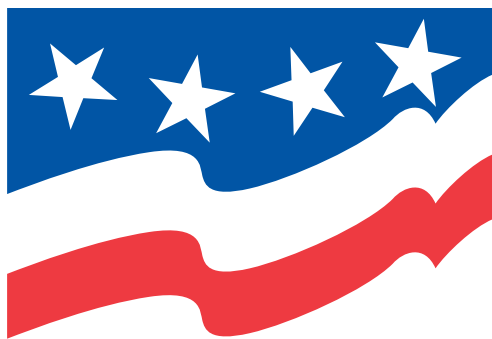
Jersey Village or for Scout troops, and a fee of just \$10 for non-resident vendors. To request an application please send an email stating what you would like to sell/promote to Barbara at HolidayinthePark2011@gmail.com

**Statistics for September 2011
JV Police Department**

Calls for Service	11361
Vehicle Theft	1
Aggravated Assault	0
Burglary, Business	1
Burglary, Residence	4
Burglary, Vehicle	2
Disturbance	54
Narcotics, Felony	1
Minor Accidents	152
Major Accidents	30
Alarms	89
Suspicious Person	220
Traffic Control	0
Traffic Hazard	27

JV Fire Department

Building Fires	3
Auto Fires	1
Other Fires	7
Rescue/EMS Incidents	50
Hazardous Conditions	4
Service Calls	8
Smoke or Odor Calls	0
False Alarms/Cancelled Enroute	25
Total Ambulance Transports	31



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Sgt. Sandy's Corner

Dog Bites

By: Sgt. S. Joachim

Each year about 4.5 million people in America are bitten by dogs, however most of those don't require medical attention. Thousands of people in the U.S. are treated in emergency rooms after a dog attack—316,000 emergency room visits and 9,500 hospital stays related to dog bites. The number of dog bites increased 86 percent between 1993 and 2008, according to a report released by The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality.

Why would a dog bite?

There are several reasons. (1) It is sick or hurt. A dog that is in pain is more likely to lash out even at its owner. (2) It is being teased. Dogs, like people,

don't like to be teased. They may respond aggressively. (3) It gets too excited while playing. Dogs can get overexcited while playing rough or rowdy games. (4) It's trying to protect something. Dogs can get aggressive to protect their puppies. Some dogs are trained to protect, and can act very aggressively if they feel threatened. (5) It is startled. Dogs are often scared by loud noises, such as thunder. These noises can make dogs act in unexpected ways.

Responding to an angry dog:

- ★ Don't run—the dog may think you're playing and chase you.
- ★ Put something between you and the dog, like a chair, bike or piece of clothing. Facing the dog, back away slowly.
- ★ Don't stare into the dog's eyes. Dogs will see this as a challenge.

★ Don't make a lot of noise—instead, say no or call for help. Screaming will only make the dog more excited. Stay calm.

★ If you fall or are knocked to the ground, curl up in a ball. Put your hands over your head and neck.

★ Tell an adult after being attacked. Adults should report attacks to the local animal control agency or police.

If you are bitten:

Wash the wound thoroughly with warm, soapy water. If the animal is a pet, get the owners name and address. Ask for proof of rabies vaccination and call your health-care provider at once. Report the bite to the local health or animal control authority and/or police department.



Fire Safety for the Holiday's

The Holiday's season is upon us and we need to be thinking safety. Here are safety rules you can follow:

Preventing Christmas Tree Fires

★ Selecting a Tree for the Holiday
Needles on fresh trees should be green and hard to pull back from the branches, and the needle should not break if the tree has been freshly cut. The trunk should be sticky to the touch. Old trees can be identified by bouncing the tree trunk on the ground. If many needles fall off, the tree has been cut too long, has probably dried out, and is a fire hazard.

★ Caring for Your Tree

Do not place your tree close to a fireplace or heat vent. The heat will dry out the tree, causing it to be more easily ignited by flame or sparks. Keep the tree stand filled with water at all times.

Holiday Lights

★ Maintain Your Holiday Lights
Inspect holiday lights each year for frayed wires, bare spots, gaps in the insulation, broken or cracked sockets, and excessive kinking or wear before putting them up. Do Not Overload Electrical Outlets
Do not link more than three light strands, unless the directions indicate it is safe
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All decorations should be nonflammable or flame-retardant and placed away from heat vents.
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If you are using an artificial tree, make sure it is flame retardant.

Candle Care

★ Avoid Using Lit Candles
Make sure they are in stable holders and place them where they cannot be easily knocked down. Never leave the house with candles burning.
★ Never Put Lit Candles on a Tree
Do not go near a Christmas tree with an open flame - candles, lighters or matches.

Finally, as in every season, have working smoke alarms installed on every level of your home, test them monthly and keep them clean and equipped with fresh batteries at all times. Know when and how to call for help. And remember to practice your home escape plan.

City Announces Opening On Board Of Adjustment

The Jersey Village City Council is accepting applications to fill two unexpired terms on the Board of Adjustment. Qualified applicants must be residents of the City of Jersey Village. **Responsibilities for Board of Adjustment members are as follows:**

(1) The board is authorized to hear and decide appeals where it is alleged that there is an error in an order or decision by the municipal enforcement officials in applying the standards of articles IV, V, X, XI and XII of Chapter 14 of the

Jersey Village Code of Ordinances (see Section 14-10), the same being those articles adopted under V.T.C.A., Local Government Code ch. 211.

(2) The board is authorized to hear and decide special exceptions to the terms of this chapter where such special exceptions are allowed by this chapter and authorize in specific cases a variance from the terms of Chapter 14 as established in Section 14-10. (See also V.T.C.A., Local Government Code § 211.009).

The City Council invites interested Jersey Village citizens who wish to serve on the

Board of Adjustment to complete an application. The Council will review all applications during its November Regular Council Meeting and appoint applicants in compliance with the terms of the Charter. Citizens are encouraged to complete applications and submit them to the City Secretary as soon as possible.

To view an online application, visit the City of Jersey Village's website at http://www.jerseyvillage.info/city_council/secretarys_office/index.html or contact Lorri Coody, the City Secretary at 713-466-2102.

The Fire Department Hires Full Time Personnel

With the start of the 2011-2012 fiscal budgets, one very important change to the fire department was to add a fulltime fire fighter/paramedic to the city's work force. For years the department has been utilizing part time staff for this, but over the past several years the realization was that we could not always provide a paramedic every day. Fire Fighters were never a problem but having the highest level of medical care available to the residents 100% of the time was.

So what does this mean now for Jersey Village residents? It simply means the highest level of medical care outside an emergency room setting is available to serve the residents 24 hours a day; 365 days a year. For calls like a cardiac

arrest, paramedics are able to administer medicines capable of restarting the heart and maintaining the heart beat; giving that patient a better chance to survive before getting to the hospital. In addition, this full time staff member stays at the station and responds from the station which should reduce the response time to such calls for service. Additionally, these new staff members now become essential personnel and are subject to call back for events such as hurricanes.

Rest assured our staff, both volunteer and paid are ready to respond should an emergency arise. If you would like more information on our programs or becoming a volunteer with us, please call the Fire Department at 713-466-2130.

Recycle Electronics and Batteries



Electronic waste is growing at three times the rate of other municipal waste. Texans discard 1.5 million computers annually. When you want to get rid of electronic equipment that you no longer use, don't throw it into the trash. Toxins contained in these items can leak into the ground and contaminate the environment. You can help by reusing, donating, and recycling your electronics. Most rechargeable batteries can be recharged up to 1,000 times, but when they no longer hold a charge—recycle them. If every Texas household recycled five rechargeable batteries a year, we could keep more than 40 million batteries out of landfills. Visit www.earth911.com to find drop-off locations near you for electronics, batteries and other hazardous waste.

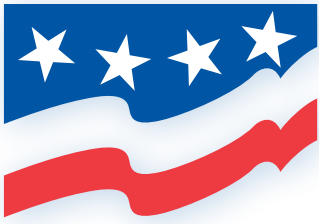
Trees for Houston—White Oak Bayou Planting



Trees for Houston is planning a tree-planting event for Jersey Village for Saturday, December 10th at 9:00 a.m. The location of the event is unknown

at this time, but will be published in next month's Star. Approximately 70 trees

will be planted at the event. Trees for Houston will provide the trees, gloves, and shovels for all volunteers that show up. Plan on spending about two hours planting trees. Dress comfortable and wear tennis shoes. If you are interested in showing up, or need more information about the event, please contact Randi Cleary at randi@treesforhouston.org or (713) 840-8733.



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Coming Soon...Holiday In The Park!

**Sunday, December 4th from
1 p.m. to 4 p.m. it will be
snowing in Jersey Village!**

It's time for Holiday in the Park at Carol Fox Park (corner of Senate and Jersey Dr.) featuring 2 areas of freshly blown snow and vendors to tempt you with their gift selections. Plus Santa and Mrs. Claus will make an appearance take requests!

Mark your calendar and don't miss this opportunity to wear those cold weather clothes for a couple of hours!

City Offices Closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday

City offices will be closed on Thursday, November 24, 2011 and Friday, November 25, 2011 in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

The Police Department, Fire Department and Emergency Medical Service personnel will be on duty for emergencies and other City personnel in other departments will be on-call, if required.

City offices will re-open for business at the regular time on Monday, November 28, 2011.

There will be regular residential garbage collection on Friday, November 25th.



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Making Home Improvements?

Being a homeowner comes along with many expenses. One of which is home improvement repairs and remodels. Everyone appreciates a well maintained home; however it is easy to overlook the necessary permitting requirements. Pulling a permit is not only an ordinance requirement, but provides another level of protection for the homeowner. Contractors are required to provide proof of state licenses necessary to perform specific types of work. In addition, the city building official will perform inspections on the work being done. Permits can be obtained by the homeowner or the contractor, but keep in mind that it is

ultimately the homeowner's responsibility to be certain that a permit is obtained prior to the commencement of work. Some types of permits include, but are not limited to the following: Repair or replacement of fences, roofs, siding, driveways, the installation of swimming pools and irrigation systems, any type of remodel: including but not limited to bathrooms, kitchens, room additions, and the installation of building sheds or storage buildings. For further information on permit requirements please contact the permit desk at 713-466-2110 and as always, thank you for maintaining the community.

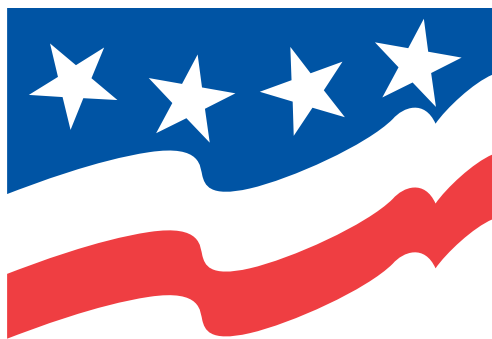


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Calls for Service	1230
Vehicle Theft	1
Aggravated Assault	0
Burglary, Business	0
Burglary, Residence	9
Burglary, Vehicle	5
Disturbance	37
Narcotics, Felony	1
Minor Accidents	150
Major Accidents	48
Alarms	121
Suspicious Person	185
Traffic Control	4
Traffic Hazard	24

JV Fire Department

Building Fires	2
Auto Fires	0
Other Fires	5
Rescue/EMS Incidents	70
Hazardous Conditions	2
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Smoke or Odor Calls	0
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Sgt. Sandy's Corner

Holiday Safety

By: Sgt. S. Joachim

As the holiday season approaches we should take a minute to think about safety during the holidays. Here are some tips on how to celebrate safely this holiday season:

Traveling

- ★Get an automatic timer for your lights.
- ★Ask a neighbor to watch you home, pick up your mail and newspapers, and park in the driveway from time to time.

Out For the Evening

- ★Turn on the lights, a radio, or TV so it looks like someone's home.
- ★Be extra cautious about locking doors and windows when you leave.
- ★Don't display gifts where they can be seen from outside.
- ★If your Christmas tree is visible from any doors or windows keep blinds or

curtains closed when you are not home. Try to keep gifts locked in a closet or attic until Christmas Eve.

Shopping

- ★Stay alert and be aware of what is going on around you.
- ★Park in a well-lighted space, and be sure to lock the car, close the windows, and hide shopping bags and gifts in the trunk.
- ★Avoid carrying large amounts of cash; pay with a check or credit card whenever possible.
- ★Keep all credit card receipts and copies when you use your card.
- ★Carry a purse close to your body, not dangling by the straps.
- ★Put wallets in an inside coat or front pants pocket.
- ★Shopping with kids? Teach them to go to a store clerk or security guard if you get separated.
- ★Have your keys ready when leaving a store. Always make sure you know

where you parked your vehicle and have those keys in your hand. They can be used as a weapon.

★When you intend on shopping at night, be sure you have a friend come along. If you do find yourself alone, ask the security guard to walk you to your car.

After Christmas

- ★Do not put any empty Christmas present boxes outside. Break them down and dispose of them on your trash collection day.
- ★Don't let children leave new Christmas gifts, such as bicycles or electric cars outside. If you do have to leave large toys outside, try to keep them in an area not visible from the street.

Our hope is for each and every citizen of Jersey Village to enjoy a safe Holiday season with good fortune in the New Year.



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Finally, as in every season, have working smoke alarms installed on every level of your home, test them monthly and keep them clean and equipped with fresh batteries at all times. Know when and how to call for help. And remember to practice your home escape plan.

Tax Exemptions for the City of Jersey Village

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTIONS:

In 2003, members of the City of Jersey Village Council approved a homestead exemption of 8% of the appraisal value with minimum exemption of \$5,000.

AGE 65 OR OLDER AND DISABLED EXEMPTIONS:

Individuals 65 and older qualify for an additional \$50,000 exemption and disabled homeowners can apply for an exemption of \$20,000. If the individual qualifies for both, he or she should choose one or the other.

VETERAN DISABILITY EXEMPTION:

The amount of the exemption depends on the veteran's disability rating from the branch of the armed service and it is as follows:

Disability rating 10% to 30% - Exemption Amount \$5,000 from the property's value

Disability rating 31% to 50% - Exemption Amount \$7,500 from the property's value

Disability rating 51% to 70% - Exemption Amount \$10,000 from the property's value

Disability rating 71% to 100%- Exemption Amount \$12,000 from the property's value

RELIGIOUS AND CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION EXEMPTIONS:

Religious or charitable organizations may receive a property tax exemption for the year in which the qualifying property was purchased.

If you need further clarification on exemptions or any other property tax issue, you can contact the Harris County Tax Office at (713) 368-2000 or visit their website: www.tax.co.harris.tx.us



Friendly Trash Reminders

Trees, shrubs, brush trimmings and fencing must be bundled in lengths no greater than 4 feet with no branch diameter exceeding 3 inches. The bundling is required to allow quick pickup and size limitations are required to avoid damaging the equipment in the crushing process.

On each regularly scheduled collection day, WCA will collect residential refuse located at the curbside; Curbside refuse must be either in containers or bags not exceeding 40 gallons or weighing over 40 pounds.

PLEASE NOTE THAT CURBSIDE IS CONSIDERED TO BE IN BETWEEN THE SIDEWALK AND THE CURB. TRASH PLACED ON THE SIDEWALK WILL NOT BE COLLECTED.

Please have trash out at curb by 7:00 am on the day of pick up. All trash may be out no sooner than 5:00 pm the day prior to trash collection and out of public view by 7 am the morning following the pick up day.

City Offices Closed for the Christmas and New Year Holiday

City offices will be closed on Friday, December 23 and Monday, December 26, 2011 in observance of the Christmas Holiday. City offices will re-open for business at the regular time on Tuesday, December 27, 2011.

City offices will also be closed on Monday, January 2, 2012 in observance of the New Year Holiday and will re-open on Tuesday, January 3, 2012.

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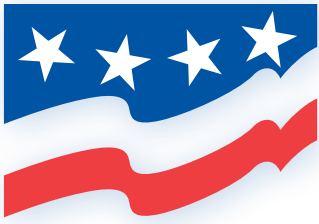
There will be regular residential garbage collection during both holidays.

Christmas Tree Recycling

The City of Jersey Village will be accepting Christmas trees for recycling again this year. The drop off site located outside of the Jersey Meadow Golf Course, at the dead end of Jersey Meadow Drive, near the bridge. Christmas trees may be dropped for recycling December 26, 2011 through January 8, 2012.

Any resident not wishing to recycle their tree may place it curbside on a regular trash collection day.





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Lights, Siren, Santa is coming!

Santa will tour Jersey Village on Christmas Eve.

Listen for the Fire Engine sirens between 2:00-4:30 p.m.

Santa and his helpers will drive down your street.

Be outside so you don't miss him!



JV Christmas Decorating Contest

On Monday and Tuesday, December 19th & 20th, from 7-10 p.m., judges will be out looking for the best dressed Jersey Village homes. Time to start checking those lights and planning for the best holiday display ever!