



**Don't Forget to Register Your Dog or Cat**

This is a reminder that the City of Jersey Village requires all dogs or cats to have the animal vaccination against rabies by the time the animal is four months of age and at regular intervals thereafter as prescribed by board rule. Every person owning, keeping or having in possession any dog or cat shall pay an annual license fee and receive a pet tag which shall be effective for a period of one year from the date of issuance.

Pet tags can be purchased at City Hall, located at 16327 Lakeview Drive, for \$5.00 Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

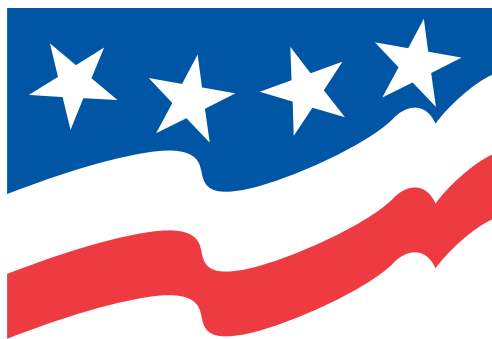
If you have any questions please contact code enforcement/animal control at 713-466-2129. ★

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**Statistics for November 2012  
JV Police Department**

Calls for Service	1204
Vehicle Theft	0
Aggravated Assault	0
Burglary, Business	2
Burglary, Residence	5
Burglary, Vehicle	4
Disturbance	52
Narcotics, Felony	3
Minor Accidents	116
Major Accidents	15
Alarms	126
Suspicious Person	226
Traffic Control	5
Traffic Hazard	15

**JV Fire Department**

Building Fires	0
Auto Fires	1
Other Fires	2
Rescue/EMS Incidents	58
Hazardous Conditions	5
Service Calls	12
Smoke or Odor Calls	0
False Alarms/Cancelled Enroute	2
Total Ambulance Transports	36



Emergency Call	911
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## Art's Article

By: Art Petitt

### What is the Crime Control and Prevention District?

The Crime and Prevention District (CCPD) is authorized by Section 363 of the Texas Local Government Code and is created and renewed by a vote of Jersey Village citizens. The citizens of Jersey Village first voted to establish CCPD in 1998 for a five year period. The District was renewed in 2003 for a ten-year period and will be up for renewal again on May 11th 2013.

#### How is this funded?

Based upon goods and services provided to persons, some paid by those passing through our city, the district is funded by a 1/2 cent sales and use tax. This fund serves

to enhance police service for our citizens by enhancing police service while lessening the property tax burden on our tax paying citizens.

#### What does the CCPD do?

The district provides funds directed to the police department that strengthens the police service and increase productivity. The CCPD is the single item that provides for a reduced general budget, thus freeing funds for projects such as street improvements, parks, utility projects, and other budgetary items. The CCPD has provided the ability for specific task programming and essential tools to meet citizen needs.

#### Further Information

Please view the Jersey Village website at [www.jerseyvillage.info](http://www.jerseyvillage.info) for information on the CCPD. ★

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### Jersey Village Sales Tax

Revenues from sales tax account for approximately 28 percent of all revenue received for the City of Jersey Village. For the current calendar year, this amount will total nearly \$ 3 million. Sales tax receipts represent the second largest source of revenue for the city, exceeded only by property taxes. Given the significance of sales tax to the financial health of the city, it is important to make sure that both buyers and sellers do their part to ensure sales tax dollars are properly accounted for. Many sellers physically located in the city of Jersey Village will list Houston as their place of business. When sellers list Houston as their business location for sales tax reporting purposes, money that is owed to the City of Jersey Village ends up being given to the good folks of Houston. The city makes every effort to recapture these misdirected funds on an ongoing basis. In November 2006, after an extensive audit, the city of Jersey Village recaptured several hundred thousand dollars that had been sent to Houston over the period 2002 through 2006. By law, the city could only recapture misdirected funds from the previous four years. How many hundreds of thousands of dollars were sent to our neighbors in Houston because businesses in Jersey Village were not diligent in their accounting? If you operate a business within the city of Jersey Village, please ensure that you use the correct code for sales tax reporting. ★

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### Why is Recycling Important to us as a Community?

#### Keeping Garbage Out of Landfills

Recycling helps keep garbage out of landfills. Much of the waste in landfill sites is not biodegradable, meaning that it will stay in its existing form in the landfill site for many years. This means that the landfill sites become full and new sites need to be found. In addition, gases and chemicals are released as materials in landfills decompose, which causes air pollution. Reducing the amount of waste will help control gases generated, which will mean better air quality.

#### Save Energy

Another key reason why recycling is important is that it often saves energy. For most items, it takes less energy to process the recycled materials than it does to use new materials. For instance, it takes significantly less energy to recycle paper than it does to create paper from new woodland. Energy


from non-renewable resources is protected and saved for future generations.

#### Save Money

One important feature of recycling that affects us all is the fact it can save money. Processing costs incurred by waste management companies are reduced, and manufacturing costs are reduced, resulting in cost savings being passed on to the consumer.

Recycling is one of the few processes that we can all participate in as a community, that requires minimum effort, yet it has far reaching and long lasting benefits. Tascon Industries Inc. will continue to provide recycling collection for the City of Jersey Village. Recyclable materials will be collected every Wednesday, and include paper, aluminum cans and plastics. We would like to encourage all of our residents to participate in the program! ★

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## Jersey Village— 2012 Year in Review

The year 2012 was a busy one for the City of Jersey Village. The year began with city council authorizing initiation of Phase 3 of the city's street replacement program. Phase 3 affects 12 streets in the village with a combined construction value of \$ 6.5 million. The projected duration of the project is 16 months, with completion anticipated during the summer of 2013. It is important to note that Phase 3 is being funded entirely with cash. In April, the city completed an external study of water and sewer rates. Actions taken because of the study will ensure the city is able to maintain its infrastructure well into the future. In April, the city also refunded large portions of its outstanding debt to take advantage of low interest rates. Refunding of the debt will enable the city to save approximately \$ 1.1 million over the life of these obligations. During the summer, city officials rebid the city's solid waste (garbage) contract. Results of the bid process enabled the city to maintain a relationship with the current solid waste provider for a lower contract price. In July, city council appointed a charter review committee to undertake a comprehensive review of the Jersey Village Home Rule charter. City ordinances call for a mandatory review of the charter every four years. The charter committee continues to meet. If deemed necessary, a charter election will occur in May of 2013, for residents to vote on any proposed amendments. In October, the city once again led the way with a large National Night Out celebration. In total, 32 residents hosted NNO celebrations within the city. Also in October, the city moved forward on the relocation of city utility lines along the US 290 corridor. The US 290 expansion necessitates the movement of water and sewer lines that are located next to the highway. Earlier in the year, city council authorized the filing of a declaratory lawsuit against TxDOT over easement issues relating to the

highway expansion. City officials continue to work with TxDOT to reduce the noise generated from an expanded US 290. As you can tell, it has been a busy year for staff and council alike. We look forward to the challenges and opportunities that 2013 promises and encourage all residents to get involved in the governance of their city. ★



## Code Violations

The Public Works Department Code Enforcement Division has the task of addressing city code violations. When talking with residents regarding code violations most did not know that they had actually committed an offense. The following is a list of what our department

receives calls on and sees on a daily basis. We would like to make residents aware that these are code violations.

- 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 & trailers) not properly parked in streets or drive ways.

If you have any questions regarding Code Violations or would like to report a violation please call 713-466-2119 ★

### 2013 Citizens Fire Academy

Thurs.	10 Jan.	6:30-9:30pm	Introduction, fire service history, fire department organization, CERT overview and station tour.
Thurs.	17 Jan.	6:30-9:30pm	Adult CPR
Thurs.	24 Jan.	6:30-9:30pm	Basic first aid, JVES EMS overview and ambulance tour.
Thurs.	31 Jan.	6:30-9:30pm	Communications, incident command, dispatch and police department tour.
Thurs.	07 Feb.	6:30-9:30pm	Protective clothing and self contained breathing apparatus.
Thurs.	14 Feb.	N/A	<b>No class this week</b>
Thurs.	21 Feb.	6:30-9:30pm	Fire science and fire extinguisher use.
Thurs.	28 Feb.	6:30-9:30pm	Fire prevention, fire inspections and disaster preparedness.
Thurs.	07 Mar.	6:30-9:30pm	Ladders, forced entry, utility control and search techniques.
Thurs.	14 Mar.	N/A	<b>No class this week</b>
Thurs.	21 Mar.	6:30-9:30pm	Rescue overview, simple shoring and hazardous materials.
Sat.	23 Mar.	8 am- 5 pm	CERT exercise and car extrication practical.
Thurs.	28 Mar.	6:30-9:30pm	Water supply, hose loads, fire streams and pump operations.
Thurs.	04 Apr.	6:30-9:30pm	Protective clothing review, ventilation and salvage operations.
Sat.	06 Apr.	8 am- 5 pm	CERT final exercise, live fire exercise and rope operations.
Thurs.	11 Apr.	N/A	<b>No class this week</b>
Thurs.	18 Apr.	N/A	<b>No class this week</b>
Thurs.	25 Apr.	N/A	<b>No class this week</b>
Tues.	30 Apr.	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 fire station located at 16501 Jersey Drive, in the training room.

Contact Jersey Village Fire Department to sign up or for further details:  
(713) 466 2130  
Fax (713) 466-2151  
Coordinator:  
[rmissall@ci.jersey-village.tx.us](mailto:rmissall@ci.jersey-village.tx.us)

[www.jvfire.com](http://www.jvfire.com)



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**ELECTIONS, ELECTIONS, ELECTIONS – CALLING ALL ELECTIONS!**

Even though the May 11, 2013 Election Day is some five months away, planning for that day is well underway at the City. With the calling of the City's General Election and a Special Joint Election, it is expected that 2013 will be a very exciting election year. This article will provide some insight on what residents can expect.

First, the City's General Election will be held to elect at large a mayor, a Councilmember for Place 2 and a Councilmember for Place 3. The timeframe in which to file for a place on the ballot is January 30 through March 1, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. Interested candidates should contact the City Secretary for a Candidate Packet.

Second, the City will conduct a Special Joint Election on May 11, 2013 with the City of Jersey Village Crime Control and Prevention District for the purpose of voting for or against the following proposition:

**PROPOSITION:**

- |                                  |   |
|----------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> FOR     | Whether the Jersey Village Crime Control and Prevention District should be continued for ten years and whether the crime control and prevention district sales tax should be continued for ten years. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AGAINST |   |

For more information about the Jersey Village Crime Control and Prevention District, visit the following link: <http://www.jerseyvillage.info/ccpd/index.html>

For more information about elections in our City, contact the City Secretary at 713-466-2102.

**ELECCIONES, ELECCIONES, ELECCIONES – CONVOCANDO TODAS LAS ELECCIONES!**

A pesar que el 11 de mayo de 2013 día de elecciones es en cinco meses, la ciudad esta ya planeando para este día. Con la convocatoria de las elecciones generales y una elección especial conjunta, se espera que el 2013 sea un año muy excitante de elecciones. Este artículo proveerá a los residentes algunas ideas de lo que pueden esperar.

Primero, las elecciones generales se llevaran a cabo para elegir un alcalde, un concejal para el lugar numero 2 y un concejal para el lugar numero 3 para toda la ciudad. El tiempo indicado para aplicar para un lugar en la boleta de votación es desde el 30 de enero hasta el 1 de marzo del 2013 a las 5:00 p.m. Los candidatos interesados deben contactar la secretaria del ayuntamiento para recibir un Paquete de Información para los candidatos.

Segundo, la ciudad llevara a cabo una elección especial conjunta el 11 de mayo del 2013 con el Distrito de prevención y control de crímenes de Jersey Village con el propósito de votar a favor o en contra a la siguiente proposición:

**PROPOSICIÓN:**

- |                                    |  |
|------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> A FAVOR   | Si el Distrito de prevención y control de crímenes de Jersey Village debe continuar por 10 años y si los impuestos de venta del Distrito de prevención y control de crímenes deben de continuar por 10 años. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> EN CONTRA |  |

Para más información acerca del Distrito de prevención y control de crímenes de Jersey Village, visite la siguiente dirección: <http://www.jerseyvillage.info/ccpd/index.html>

Para mas información acerca de las elecciones en nuestra ciudad, contacte a la secretaria del ayuntamiento al 713-466-2102.



# Jersey Village Star

## Recreation and Events Committee Seeking Applicants

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. 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.

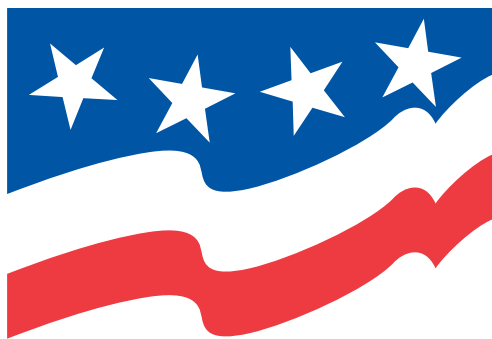
The Recreation and Events Committee is seeking interested applicants. If you are interested, please contact Council Liaison Jill Klein by email at [jklein@ci.jersey-village.tx.us](mailto:jklein@ci.jersey-village.tx.us) for more information. ★

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**Statistics for December 2012  
 JV Police Department**

Calls for Service	1356
Vehicle Theft	17
Aggravated Assault	0
Burglary, Business	1
Burglary, Residence	3
Burglary, Vehicle	10
Disturbance	64
Narcotics, Felony	4
Minor Accidents	114
Major Accidents	17
Alarms	151
Suspicious Person	252
Traffic Control	6
Traffic Hazard	29

**JV Fire Department**

Building Fires	2
Auto Fires	0
Other Fires	4
Rescue/EMS Incidents	66
Hazardous Conditions	5
Service Calls	13
Smoke or Odor Calls	1
False Alarms/Cancelled Enroute	3
Total Ambulance Transports	42



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## Art's Article

By: Art Petitt

### What To Do If You Are in an Auto Accident?

- **Stop your car.** Be sure to not leave the accident scene.
- If you are able to move the vehicle, go to a safe place and wait for the police.
- Get police and medical help right away. Use your cell phone or get someone else to make the call. In most cities you can call 911.
- When police get at the scene be sure to:
  - o Tell them what exactly occurred.
  - o Follow their instructions.
  - o If you are able, write down the officer's name.
  - o Get a copy of the police accident report at a later date. If the accident occurred in Jersey Village a report will be available after 10 working days at the City of Jersey Village Police Station, located at 16401 Lakeview Dr., Jersey Village, Texas 77040 in the records division. Please call (713) 466-2120

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### Update on U.S. 290 Actions

The Texas Department of Transportation conducted two Public Hearings regarding the U.S. 290 focused reevaluation on December 11th and December 13th. Thank you to those residents who came to the hearings, especially those who testified on either evening. TxDOT was required to conduct the public hearings because they modified the original plans for the highway expansion. The modified plans incorporate a "managed lane" element in place of the originally planned Hempstead Tollway. At the public hearings, TxDOT presented an overview of the new configuration and received comments from citizens and officials alike. Comments from the public hearings will be sent to officials with the Federal Highway Administration. FHA officials will determine the level of environmental review TxDOT will be required to undertake as a

prior to attempting to pick up a report to assure it is ready.

- Get this info from the other driver:
  - o Name:
  - o Address:
  - o Telephone number:
  - o Their insurance company:
  - o Names and addresses of all passengers
- Get the names, addresses, and phone numbers of all witnesses.
- Write down all the accident facts as soon as you can.
- Call your insurance company at once to inform them of the car accident. ★

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### Remember...

#### Only Rain Down the Drain!

As stormwater flows over driveways, lawns, and sidewalks, it picks up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants. Anything that enters a storm sewer system is discharged untreated into the water bodies we use for swimming, fishing, and drinking water. Polluted runoff is the nation's

greatest threat to clean water. By practicing the following healthy household habits, you can keep common pollutants from getting into the water system.

- Check your vehicle for leaks and spills. Make repairs as soon as possible and clean up spilled fluids with an absorbent material such as cat litter, and sweep up the residue.
  - Use pesticides and fertilizers on your lawn sparingly, and don't overwater
  - Sweep up yard debris, rather than washing down areas with a hose
  - When working on an outdoor project at your home, use paints, solvents and chemicals sparingly, and buy non-toxic products whenever possible
- Adopting these few tips can help to keep our water clean. If you see illegal dumping into storm sewers please report it at 713-466-5824. ★

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### Solicitation By Mail

The City has been contacted by several residents who have recently received letters regarding the repair of exterior water lines. These are independent companies trying to solicit business through the mail. The appearance and formality of these letters may lead some to believe that the letter is from the City of Jersey Village, or that the company is working on behalf of the City. The City of Jersey Village does not endorse these companies. This letter is similar to letters you may have received in the past regarding home warranties for your property.

If City workers happen to spot a problem during daily maintenance of City lines or while reading meters for the monthly water bill we will contact you. Please keep in mind that all lines running from the meter to your home are the responsibility of the home owner. The City of Jersey Village is only responsible for making repairs to water service lines that run from the main line to your meter. As always, please be sure to research all companies prior to signing any contracts or making any payment. ★

## Sales Tax—Keeping it in the Village (Part 2)

Last month, we wrote about the importance of sales tax to the financial health of Jersey Village. Sales Tax remissions represent the second largest source of revenue for the city. We also talked about the importance of businesses in Jersey Village properly recording the Point of Sale for their transaction: namely, ensure the code for Jersey Village and not Houston is entered. This month, the discussion centers on the consumer. When you purchase goods or services, have you considered whether or not there is a Jersey Village option? Jersey Village has an abundance of restaurants and small boutique shops available for the discriminating buyer. Within the city, you may also find hardware and computer stores that sell everyday goods. Without naming names, the big-box retailer at West Road and 290 is within the city limits. Sales tax from purchases made at these establishments finds its way back to the city budget, and enables city hall to provide the level of service that you have come to expect. Significantly, a portion of the sales tax is earmarked for Police protection. The money goes directly into buying equipment and funding additional patrol officers. Currently, six positions within the Police Department are funded using Crime Control Prevention District funds. In

turn, the Crime Control Prevention District is funded solely through Sales Tax receipts. You can either fund Houston cops or Jersey Village cops when you spend your money: the choice is yours.

In addition to shopping locally, were you aware that taxes on services performed in your household should be directed to Jersey Village? Common services that residents utilize include Air Conditioning Repair / Maintenance, Pest Control, Carpet Cleaning, Remodeling work, etc.

Local use tax is collected based on where the customer receives the goods or services: the point of delivery. A word of caution, many service providers will simply enter the zip code into a software program to determine the taxing jurisdiction. For most JV residents, the zip code is 77040. Most software programs assume any address with a 77040 zip code is a City of Houston address. Again, our money goes down the highway to the folks in Houston. You can stop this by making sure your service provider correctly enters Jersey Village as the Point of Service Delivery. It requires some effort on your part. Please make the effort and help us ensure that we receive sales tax proceeds that are rightfully ours. ★

## Portable Space Heaters

Portable space heaters are a potential source of fire if not used properly. The requirements listed below, applicable code requirements, and manufacturer's recommendations must be followed to maintain a safe environment.

If you will be using a portable space heater, ensure you follow these safety tips:

- All heaters must be Underwriters Listed (UL) or Factory Mutual approved for their intended use.
- Heaters should have a thermostat to automatically shut down the unit when the desired temperature is achieved.
- Heaters should have a tip over automatic shutdown feature.
- Heaters should be kept at least 3 feet (36 inches) from all combustible materials e.g. file cabinets, desks, trash cans, paper boxes, etc.
- Do not place heaters under desks or other enclosed areas.
- Heaters should be monitored when in operation.
- Plug heater directly into a wall receptacle. Never plug it into an extension cord.
- Heaters need to be monitored daily. Those heaters missing guards, control knobs, feet, etc. should be taken out of service immediately and repaired by a competent person.
- Do not use heaters in rooms that will not be continually occupied.
- Keep doors and windows closed, including storm windows. This will help prevent freeze-ups.
- Keep space heaters away from exit ways, walkways and paths of travel.
- Do not use space heaters in wet areas like bathrooms or kitchens.
- Do not use portable space heaters if small children are expected in the area. ★

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### Trash Collection

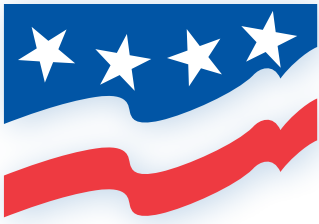
Trash pick up is every Tuesday and Friday



Please have trash at curb side by 7:00am each pick up day.

Jersey Village Public Works  
713-466-2133

WCA direct at 281-368-8397.



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**Street Light Repair**

When calling or emailing about a street light outage, you will need to get the pole number, and if you add your email address Center Point can keep you apprised of the status of the repair request.

**713-207-2222**  
[www.centerpointenergy.com](http://www.centerpointenergy.com)







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**Code Corner: Know the City Codes!**

The City's Code Enforcement division enforces codes enacted by City Council to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Jersey Village. Code Enforcement works to prevent and abate nuisances on private property, and helps to keep the City clean and in order. Part of the Code Enforcement Officer's job is monitoring signage throughout the city. Two types of signage commonly found in the City are real estate signs and garage sale signs. It is important to remember that there are regulations regarding these types

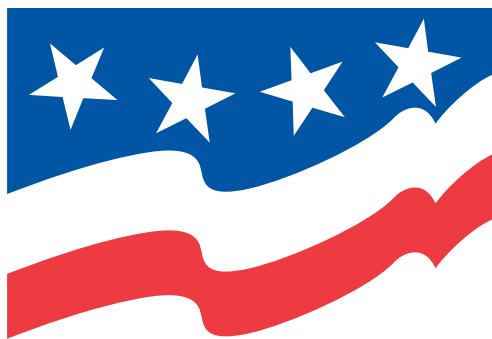
of signs; such as size limits, and quantity of signs allowed. In addition, no signage is allowed to be placed in the public right of way, or on city street signs. Bandit signs placed on City property will be removed immediately. A complete description of all City codes is located at [www.municode.com](http://www.municode.com). Help us keep Jersey Village beautiful by becoming familiar with the city code requirements and by reporting violations. To report violations, call the Public Works Department at (713) 466-2110. . ★

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Calls for Service	1257
Vehicle Theft	1
Aggravated Assault	2
Burglary, Business	0
Burglary, Residence	0
Burglary, Vehicle	4
Disturbance	54
Narcotics, Felony	3
Minor Accidents	106
Major Accidents	7
Alarms	115
Suspicious Person	2519
Traffic Control	1
Traffic Hazard	33

**JV Fire Department**

Building Fires	4
Auto Fires	0
Other Fires	2
Rescue/EMS Incidents	51
Hazardous Conditions	2
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False Alarms/Cancelled Enroute	2
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## Art's Article

By: Art Petitt

### American Legion 2nd Annual 5K Fun Run

Last year the 1st Annual Jersey Village American Legion 5k Fun Run was a huge success. This year the Second Annual 5k Fun Run will be held on Saturday, March 23, 2013 at 8:30am at Clark Henry Park. Information on this event can be found at: [www.jerseyvillageamericanlegion5kfunrun.com](http://www.jerseyvillageamericanlegion5kfunrun.com)

The 5k Fun Run will be the same course as last year: Two loops, starting at Post Elementary and run counter clockwise around the Jersey Village High School on Congo and Solomon and part of Gulf Bank to Security Way and then onto the hike and bike trail. There will be a runner's lane on all three streets. The four main intersections that will be closed will be at Jersey Drive and Equador, Shanghai and Equador, Congo and Equador, and Congo and Solomon. For the runners interested in their correct time, timing chips will be provided. There will also be hydration stations set up

so the runners will be able to hydrate. At the end of the race there will be fruit and drinks.

People who live in the vicinity will have to be patient as well as cognizant of the runners that morning. If you have nothing planned for the morning of the Fun Run come out and cheer the runner's on. If you have something planned for that morning and you live in the vicinity of the fun run, leave early enough so it will not interfere with your plans. ★



### 5K Fun Run...

**WHAT:**

Jersey Village American Legion 5K Fun Run

**WHEN:**

Saturday, March 23, 2013

8:30 AM Race Start

**WHERE:**

Course begins at Post Elementary  
7600 Equador, Jersey Village

**WHY:**

To support American Legion programs recognizing and supporting youth leaders, academic accomplishments, and emergency first responders.

**To register runners please visit:**

[www.jerseyvillageamericanlegion5kfunrun.com](http://www.jerseyvillageamericanlegion5kfunrun.com)

## Easter Egg Hunt

**Sunday, March 24 at 2 p.m.**

**Carol Fox Park**

**Hunt for eggs with traditional Easter treats and special eggs containing coupons for prizes.**

First hunt for ages 0-3 starts promptly at 2:00 in the sand volleyball area on the south side of the park. A hunt for ages 4-9 will start immediately following the first hunt with the last hunt for ages 10 and up following the second hunt. The second and third hunts will be inside the park.

Children must be with and supervised by their parents!

The park will be closed starting at 2:00 to allow for hiding the eggs and will reopen when the last hunt is concluded.

**Save the Date...**

## Spring Fling!

**April 19th, 2013**

**Mark your calendars!**

**6:30-9:30 p.m.!**

**Pavilion at Clark Henry Park**

(by the swimming pool)

Dance with music by renowned

DJ, Billy Jack Ebersole

Games and contests with prizes, hot dogs and hamburgers on the grill, chili dogs, nachos, frito pie, sodas and cookies.

## Jersey Village Fire Department Receives September 11, 2001 World Trade Center Artifact



On January 31, 2013 the Jersey Village Fire Department was visited by US Congressman John Culberson. Congressman Culberson presented the Fire Department with a piece of steel that had been in the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001. Two years ago, one of our volunteer Firefighters Michael Brittain attempted to obtain an artifact from this tragic day. We initially were told we would not receive an artifact. After almost two years, Firefighter Brittain spoke with Assistant Chief Frank Maher who in turn made a phone call to a friend in Washington. That individual contacted Congressman Culberson's Office and spoke to his staff regarding our request. Congressman Culberson thought it was a great idea for our department to receive an artifact. On behalf of Jersey Village Fire Department Congressman Culberson wrote a letter to the Port Authority of New York, (the lead agency handling this

type of request). On October 26, 2012 Congressman Culberson's office received word that Jersey Village Fire Department had in fact been selected to receive an artifact from the September 11, 2001 World Trade Center Catastrophe.

Jersey Village Fire Department members are extremely honored to have been selected to receive this artifact knowing 343 Fire Fighters and 60 Police Officers lost their lives that day. We are grateful to Congressman Culberson for his efforts in obtaining this artifact for us and are truly overwhelmed by his personal appearance to present this item to us. The department would also like to thank Mayor Russell Hamley, Councilman Rod Erskine and Councilwoman Sheri Sheppard for attending this presentation. The amazing artifact is on display at Jersey Village Fire Department if you would like to see it. ★

## FEMA Mapping

A frequent question that we receive at City Hall relates to updates to the Flood Zone maps for Jersey Village. Specifically, residents want to know when the FEMA maps will be updated to reflect recent construction activity along White Oak Bayou. The short answer is that this is a work in progress. The Harris County Flood Control District is in the process of completing updates to the flood zone map that will incorporate recent work along the bayou. The Flood Control District will complete their proposed map revision this summer. Once completed, the Flood Control District will submit their updated models and maps to FEMA. FEMA will review the work and submit comments and suggestions back to the Flood Control District. This process may take several cycles before FEMA is satisfied. Once satisfied, FEMA will publish notice of the map revision in the Federal Register and seek public comments. The comment period will last 90 days. After the public comment period, FEMA will issue a formal Letter of Map Revision (LOMR). The LOMR will serve as the base document for determining flood insurance rates for the community.

So, back to the original question; when will all of this occur? It is the Flood Control District's intent to submit their documentation to FEMA this summer. The review cycle can range from several weeks to several months and is contingent on many factors. Currently, a significant portion of FEMA resources (both budget and manpower) are devoted / tied-up with Tropical Storm Sandy related activities. In addition to White Oak Bayou, other watersheds in the region that are under review include Brays Bayou and Sims Bayou. The unfortunate response is that we do not know when the final maps will be approved. The good news is that we expect the final LOMR will result in a reduction in the number of homes within Jersey Village that are located in the mapped 100-year flood zone. Staff and city council will continue to work with the Flood Control District to stay informed on this critical issue. ★

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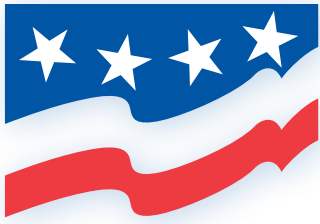
## Like Gathering with Neighbors at Fun Social Events in JV?

The Recreation and Events Committee of Jersey Village has openings for three new members. This committee coordinates and hosts five events each year: Egg Hunt, Spring Fling, Ice Cream Social, Fall Frolic and Holiday in the Park.

The success of these events is dependent upon the volunteer efforts of the committee members. If you would like to ensure that these events continue, please consider joining this committee. If you cannot commit

at this time but know someone who might be interested, please spread the word. Any adult citizen of Jersey Village can apply.

To view an online application, visit the City of Jersey Village's website at [http://www.jerseyvillage.info/city\\_council/secretarys\\_office/index.html](http://www.jerseyvillage.info/city_council/secretarys_office/index.html) or contact Lorri Coody, the City Secretary at 713-466-2102. ★



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## REGISTER YOUR CELL PHONE FOR EMERGENCY ALERTS



The City of Jersey Village has a new link on the city website which will allow all residents to sign up to receive emergency alerts on their cell phones. In years past, the city could not send emergency information to cell phones. The technology to do this is now available and the City of Jersey Village has partnered with Harris County 911 to allow our citizens to register their cell phones for such alerts when they are sent.

On the main city website located at [www.jerseyvillage.info](http://www.jerseyvillage.info), the bottom left corner has a button as shown above. Please click on this button and it will take you to the explanation page. Once you agree to the statements on this page it will take you to a registration page. There you can input your information and register for this service. Some examples of alerts would be to “shelter in place” because of a hazmat scene or maybe the city is experiencing the potential for “flooding” and you want to know this is about to occur. These are just two examples of what we might send out to all phones in our city.

Many families do not have a home phone and the only phone they have is a cell phone; so please take advantage of this opportunity and register today.



### Special Needs Citizens Register by Dialing 211

Jersey Village Emergency Management office would like to remind citizens that if you have special needs such as being bedridden or you are on continuous oxygen and cannot go without it; that you should dial 211 and register your name and address. By doing this, emergency management staff will contact you when there is an indication of a hurricane approaching the coast or a crisis situation occurs. It is our goal to

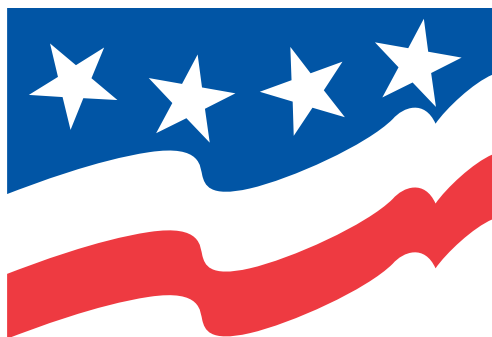
make sure all residents with special needs are cared for by family and friends and your needs are met in situations that might leave you unable to fend for yourself. When you Call 211 it will take about 20 minutes to go through several questions. If you've registered in the past for 211, you must do it again as the registry is erased every year. ★

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**Statistics for February 2013  
 JV Police Department**

Calls for Service	1279
Vehicle Theft	0
Aggravated Assault	2
Burglary, Business	1
Burglary, Residence	0
Burglary, Vehicle	0
Disturbance	545
Narcotics, Felony	3
Minor Accidents	162
Major Accidents	3
Alarms	105
Suspicious Person	243
Traffic Control	11
Traffic Hazard	8

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**JV Fire Department**

Building Fires	1
Auto Fires	0
Other Fires	3
Rescue/EMS Incidents	46
Hazardous Conditions	2
Service Calls	14
Smoke or Odor Calls	21
False Alarms/Cancelled Enroute	4
Total Ambulance Transports	29



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Emergency Call	911
Main Number	713.466.2100
City Manager	713.466.2108
City Secretary	713.466.2102
Fire Department	713.466.2130
Police Department	713.466.2123
Permits	713.466.2110
Public Works	713.466.2133
Code Enforcement & Animal Control	713.466.2129
Water Billing	713.466.2111
Municipal Court	713.466.2124
Golf Course	713.896.0900
City Pool	832.467.1032
JV Star	713.466.2108

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**For more information visit  
[www.jerseyvillage.info](http://www.jerseyvillage.info)**

## Art's Article

By: Art Pettitt

## Calling 911...WHAT TO DO

### When calling 911 in an emergency:

- Give the address where you need help.
- Tell the 911 dispatcher what the problem is -- why you need help- Remember the (5w's) Who, What, When, Where, and Weapons if any.
- Answer the dispatcher's questions -- they must ask you certain questions to help the police or fire units responding to your emergency.
- Give the 911 dispatcher your name and call back number in case you get disconnected.
- Remain calm and speak clearly.

### Other things to know when you call 911:

- Give your address, including an apartment number or letter.

- Describe the vehicles in your drive-way
- Anything eye catching or unique about your home.
- Know if the street you live on runs north and south or east and west.
- Know the nearest intersection/ cross street
- Let the operator control the conversation.
- Speak loud and clear, but do not scream.

### Please do not call 911 and:

- Hang up - If you hang up before speaking to the 911 dispatcher, they will call you back. Instead say, "This is not an emergency, but..."
- If you do accidentally call 9-1-1 without an emergency, do not immediately hang up. Stay on the line and let the dispatcher know that it was an accident, giving your name, and address. The dispatcher may interpret that the hang-up was done by somebody else. ★

## City Announces Opening On Golf Course Advisory Committee

The Jersey Village City Council is accepting applications to fill an opening on the Golf Course Advisory Committee. It is the responsibility of this Committee is to provide oversight to the ongoing operation of the municipal golf course, including fiscal management, long-term facilities, and grounds maintenance programs, capital improvement programs and management effectiveness. Qualified applicants must be residents of the City of Jersey Village.

The City Council invites interested Jersey Village citizens who wish to serve on the Golf Course Advisory Committee to complete an application. The Council will review all applications during its April 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:

[www.jerseyvillage.info/city\\_council/secretarys\\_office/index.html](http://www.jerseyvillage.info/city_council/secretarys_office/index.html) or contact Lorri Coody, the City Secretary at 713-466-2102. ★

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## City Announces Community News Section for JV Star Newsletter

At the request of Council Member Sheri Sheppard, City Council approved a Community News Section for the JV Star Newsletter. Each month, a section of the JV Star will contain short notices of upcoming activities that have been submitted by residents. The purpose of this news section is to provide a method to publicize event listings and articles from noncommercial and/or nonprofit organizations in the community. While certain criteria must be met to be eligible to submit articles/events for publication, to qualify, eligible groups must be comprised of people who have joined together to provide a community service or public benefit. Examples of such groups include religious or charitable organizations, organizations promoting civic or educational causes and those groups promoting conservation of resources or animals. They do not include organizations seeking political support or contributions. This service will not be

available to for-profit entities. Articles will be published each month on a first come, first served basis and must meet certain publication requirements. The submission guidelines, along with helpful suggestions, can be found on the City's website under the newsletter page: [www.jerseyvillage.info/newsletter/index.html](http://www.jerseyvillage.info/newsletter/index.html). ★

# Spring Fling

## Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>

**When:** Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m. to 9:3- p.m.

**Where:** Pavilion at Clark Henry Park (by the swimming pool)

**Food:** Hot dogs and hamburgers on the grill, chili dogs, nachos, Frito pie, sodas and cookies.

**Fun:** Dance with music by DJ, Billy Jack Ebersole, plus games/contests with prizes



## Elections...Why Bother?

On May 11, 2013, Jersey Village residents will have an opportunity to elect at large a mayor, a Councilmember for Place 2 and a Councilmember for Place 3.

**The slate of candidates for this election is as follows:**

**Mayor:** Rod Erskine and Joyce Berube  
**Councilmember, Place 2:** Sandra Joachim  
**Councilmember, Place 3:** Harry Beckwith III

In addition to the City Council Positions, voters will decide whether the Jersey Village Crime Control and Prevention District should be continued for ten years and whether the crime control and prevention district sales tax should be continued for ten years.

Due to the importance of these issues, every eligible voter must take this obligation seriously and vote in this election. Why is it important? Some will argue that voting

represents a civic responsibility that we should not take for granted. Others will tell us that Democracy fails when a majority of the population stays home on Election Day. To this list of reasons to vote, I would humbly add one more motivation. In a word, it is about REPRESENTATION. A city that distinguishes itself through high voting turnout has an especially valid case to make when calling on elected representatives across all levels of government. We are at a point in the history of the city where we routinely ask County and State officials to represent the city and serve as an active advocate for the interests of Jersey Village residents. In the coming months, we may be asking these representatives to support city efforts relating to a multitude of pending projects. Politicians at all levels pay attention to voter turnout!!

In the last municipal election in the City of Jersey Village, voter turnout was 13 percent.

I urge those of you reading this article to vote, and take another person to the polls with you (spouses don't count). We should make it our goal to turnout 25 percent of eligible voters. Democracy avails itself to many forms of representation. The one form that counts, the one that people pay attention to, is also the simplest to undertake.

City Elections will be conducted on Saturday, May 11th at the Civic Center. Early Voting will begin April 29 and end May 7, 2013. Please help your city by voting (and bringing someone else to vote).

For more information about the Jersey Village Crime Control and Prevention District, visit the following link:  
[www.jerseyvillage.info/ccpd/index.html](http://www.jerseyvillage.info/ccpd/index.html) ★



## Elecciones – Para que molestarnos?

El 11 de mayo del 2013, Los residentes de Jersey Village tendrán la oportunidad de elegir un alcalde para toda la municipalidad, un concejal para la posición 2 y un concejal para la posición 3.

**La lista de candidatos para esta elección es la siguiente:**

**Alcalde:** Rod Erskine y Joyce Berube  
**Concejal, posición 2:** Sandra Joachim  
**Concejal, posición 3:** Harry Beckwith III

Además de las posiciones para el concejo municipal, los votantes decidirán si el distrito de control y prevención de crímenes de Jersey Village deben continuar por diez años y si los impuestos de ventas para dicho distrito deben continuar por diez años.

Dado a la importancia de estos tópicos, cada votante con derecho al voto debe tomar esta obligación seriamente y votar en esta elección. Por qué es importante? Algunos dirán que votar representa una responsabilidad cívica que no debe ser tomado a la ligera. Otros dirán que la democracia falla cuan la mayoría de la

población se queda en casa el día de la elección. A esta lista de razones para votar, yo añadiría humildemente una motivación adicional. Esta motivación se define en una sola palabra, REPRESENTACIÓN. Una ciudad que se distingue por el alto número de votantes que asisten a las urnas en este momento es mucho más importante cuando es necesario de contactar diferentes representantes en todas las esferas del gobierno. Nosotros estamos en un punto en la historia de esta ciudad donde rutinariamente pedimos a oficiales del condado y el estado que nos representen y promuevan los intereses de los residentes de Jersey Village. En los próximos meses, vamos a tener que necesitar de estos representantes para que nos apoyen en relación con un gran número de proyectos pendientes. Los políticos de todos las esferas le prestan mucha atención al número de votantes que acuden a las urnas!!

En la última elección municipal de la ciudad de Jersey Village, el número de votantes que asistieron a las urnas fue de un 13 por ciento. Yo les pido a ustedes que están leyendo

este artículo que voten, y que inviten a otra personas a ir a las urnas a votar junto con ustedes (sus conyugues no cuentan). Nosotros debemos trazarnos una meta que el 25 por ciento de los votantes electos ejerzan el derecho al voto. La democracia se beneficia en diferentes formas de representación. La forma que cuenta, y que las personas le prestan más atención, es la más simple de aceptar.

Las elecciones de la ciudad se llevaran a efecto el sábado, 11 de mayo en el Centro Cívico. La votación adelantada comenzará el 29 de abril y terminará el 7 de mayo del 2013. Por favor ayude a su ciudad por medio del voto (e invite a alguien también para que lo acompañe a votar).

Para más información acerca del distrito de control y prevención de crímenes de Jersey Village, visite la siguiente dirección:  
[www.jerseyvillage.info/ccpd/index.html](http://www.jerseyvillage.info/ccpd/index.html)

Para más información acerca de las elecciones en nuestra ciudad, contacte a la secretaria de la ciudad en el 713-466-2102. ★



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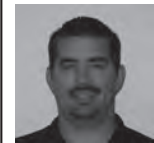


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## The Jersey Village Fire Department's Annual Awards Banquet was held on March 2, 2013. This banquet acknowledges the accomplishments of 2012. The following staff received recognition from their peers.



**Firefighter of the Year: BILL SHEPPARD**

Bill Sheppard joined the department as a volunteer in June of 2011. Bill joined the department after attending the Citizens Fire Academy.



**Duty Crew Member of the Year: CAPTAIN JOSH PARRAMORE**

Josh is one of our full time Captain/Paramedics. He joined the department in September of 2006 as a part time employee. In October of 2010 Josh came on board with the city as a full time employee.



**EMS Member of the Year: CURTIS HAVERTY**

Curtis joined the department as a volunteer in September of 2007. Curtis is the recipient of EMS member of the year in 2011 also.



**Junior Member of the Year: JORDAN MAHER**

Jordan joined the department in May of 2012. Jordan entered the department in our Junior Firefighter program and has completed the firefighter cadet class. Jordan is a third generation Maher to be active in the department.



**Dispatcher of the Year: Jennifer Sachs**

Jennifer joined the city as a full time dispatcher in May 2007. Jennifer holds an Advanced Level Certification in Telecommunications and is one of our certified trainers for the Communications Division.

**Chief Mark Bitz presented a special award to Assistant Chief Frank Maher for serving on an Ambulance for the last 27 years.**







# Jersey Village Star

## If You Smell Natural Gas...

Since natural gas has no scent, a strong odorant that smells like rotten eggs is added to help you detect possible leaks. If you smell natural gas:

- Remove any cigarettes or other smoking materials from the area, and then extinguish them.
- Do NOT use matches, lighters or other open flames or activate light switches, electrical appliances, flashlights, doorbells or even garage door openers, as they could create a spark.
- Do NOT use telephones (cellular included) on the premises where the leak is suspected. Phones can create a spark.

- Evacuate everyone from the building immediately and then call CENTERPOINT, your natural gas provider from a safe location at 713-207-2222.

- Do not re-enter the building until CENTERPOINT has declared it to be safe.

### Other Signs of a Potential Natural Gas Leak

Sight – look for dirt blowing into the air, persistent bubbling in standing water, or discolored or dead vegetation around the pipeline area. Sound – listen for any unusual hissing or roaring sound. ★



### Statistics for March 2013 JV Police Department

Calls for Service	1140
Vehicle Theft	2
Aggravated Assault	5
Burglary, Business	0
Burglary, Residence	0
Burglary, Vehicle	3
Disturbance	16
Narcotics, Felony	3
Minor Accidents	98
Major Accidents	13
Alarms	106
Suspicious Person	190
Traffic Control	5
Traffic Hazard	22

### JV Fire Department

Building Fires	2
Auto Fires	3
Other Fires	2
Rescue/EMS Incidents	53
Hazardous Conditions	1
Service Calls	17
Smoke or Odor Calls	2
False Alarms/Cancelled Enroute	25
Total Ambulance Transports	38




Emergency Call	911
Main Number	713.466.2100
City Manager	713.466.2108
City Secretary	713.466.2102
Fire Department	713.466.2130
Police Department	713.466.2123
Permits	713.466.2110
Public Works	713.466.2133
Code Enforcement & Animal Control	713.466.2129
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Municipal Court	713.466.2124
Golf Course	713.896.0900
City Pool	832.467.1032
JV Star	713.466.2108



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## Art's Article

By: Art Pettit

### Tips for Home Safety and Protection

**Keep all doors and windows closed and securely fastened.** Doors should have deadbolt locks with a one-inch throw and reinforced strike plate with three-inch screws. All windows should have two window locks.

Secure sliding doors. Place a metal rod or piece of plywood in the track and install vertical bolts to prevent burglars from forcing the door open or lifting it off the track.

Do not rely on your automatic garage door opener for security. When traveling, unplug the automatic garage-door opener to ensure that burglars with universal remotes cannot trigger the door mechanism.

If you're away, have a trusted neighbor

collect your mail and newspapers while you are gone.

Trim any hedges and bushes in front of your home that could allow burglars to hide from neighbors and passersby.

Don't ignore your back yard: Residents often mistakenly think their back doors and windows are less likely to be hit.

Try to keep very expensive jewelry out of the jewelry box. Instead, hide it in an inconspicuous container or a small safe.

Record the serial numbers of expensive items and take photographs of expensive jewelry and other items that could be resold.

If you are planning a trip call the police department and have your home placed on our house watch list.

For home security inspections call the police department and a trained officer will come out and inspect your home.

Jersey Village Police Department non-emergency number: 713-466-5824. ★

## Mosquito Season is Here!



Mosquito season is already here. Unfortunately, one side effect of much needed rain is the emergence of mosquitoes. The lifecycle of a mosquito is as follows: An adult mosquito lays a raft of eggs in water. They don't need a large body of water to lay eggs in - a dog bowl with a little water left inside it is sufficient to make a mosquito larvae habitat. The eggs turn into larvae within 48 hours of being laid. The larvae feed on microorganisms in the water. It takes larvae about 1-6 days to become pupae. The pupae take about 48 hours to develop into full grown adult mosquitoes. If you inadvertently leave standing water on your property, mosquitoes will reproduce in it extremely quickly. Here are some tips to reduce mosquito populations on your property:

- Put away water-holding containers such as buckets, flowerpots and toys.
  - Fill low areas in the yard with sand.
  - Clean clogged roof gutters.
  - Remove debris piles of any kind.
- This is a safe place for mosquitoes to harbor until the sun goes down.
- Reduce time on your water sprinkler if water is running down the street when it is running. This only creates a breeding ground if the water ponds long enough to turn septic.
  - Make repairs to leaking spigots or pool equipment such as pipe connections and pump connections that leak. ★

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### Cool off in the JV Pool

It's getting warm outside so we've been busy getting the pool ready for swimmers. The pool will open weekends beginning Saturday, May 11th then go to summer hours beginning Saturday, June 8th.

#### Weekend Hours

- Saturdays, open 11am (or after home swim meet-approx. 3pm) to 9pm
- Sundays, open 1pm to 8pm
- Open Memorial Day Monday, May 27th 11am to 9pm.

#### Swim Lessons

We have several Lifeguards offering swim lessons for young children. Individual lessons vary, but in general, lessons last 30 minutes and are \$10-15 per lesson. Each Lifeguard keeps their own calendar for scheduling lessons. For more information on scheduling lessons call or visit the pool. Our new pool manager is Teresa Baranowski (teresabaranowski@yahoo.com)

The pool phone number is 832-467-1032.

**Don't forget:** A resident family pass can be purchased at City Hall for \$50.00 Monday

through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. 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. ★

#### Jersey Village Pool Hours Starting June 8

**Monday:** Closed

**Tuesday-Saturday:** 11 am to 9pm (On home Swim Meet Days-Pool will open after meet)

**Sunday:** 1pm to 8pm

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Sunday, Sept. 1: 1pm to 8pm

Monday, Sept. 2: 11am to 9pm

**(Labor Day- last day of the season)**

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**Pool Closed for the season starting on September 3, 2013**

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**Home Swim Meets: May 18, May 25, June 8, June 15, and June 22.**

## City of Jersey Village – General and Special Elections – May 11, 2013

A General Municipal Election will be held on Saturday, May 11, 2013, for the purpose of electing at large a mayor, a Councilmember for Place 2 and a Councilmember for Place 3. The slate of candidates for this election is as follows:

Mayor – Rod Erskine and Joyce Berube  
Councilmember, Place 2 – Sandra Joachim  
Councilmember, Place 3 – Harry Beckwith III

The City will also be conducting a Special Joint Election on May 11, 2013 with the City of Jersey Village Crime Control and Prevention District for the purpose of voting for or against the following proposition:

### PROPOSITION:

- |                                  |   |
|----------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> FOR     | Whether the Jersey Village Crime Control and Prevention District should be continued for ten years and whether the crime control and prevention district sales tax should be continued for ten years. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AGAINST |   |

For more information about the Jersey Village Crime Control and Prevention District, visit the following link: <http://www.jerseyvillage.info/ccpd/index.html>

The Elections will be held at the Civic Center, 16327 Lakeview Drive, Jersey Village, Texas 77040 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on May 11, 2013.

## Ciudad de Jersey Village – Elecciones Generales y Especiales – 11 de mayo del 2013

Una elección municipal general se llevara a cabo el sábado, 11 de mayo del 2013, con el propósito de elegir para toda la ciudad un alcalde y dos concejales en la posiciones 2 y 3. La lista de los candidatos para esta elección es la siguiente:

Alcalde – Rod Erskine y Joyce Berube  
Concejal, lugar 2 – Sandra Joachim  
Concejal, lugar 3 – Harry Beckwith III

La ciudad también conducirá una elección especial conjunta el 11 de mayo de 2013 junto al Distrito de prevención y control de crímenes de Jersey Village con el propósito de votar a favor o en contra de la siguiente proposición:

### PROPOSICIÓN:

- |                                    |  |
|------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> A FAVOR   | Si el Distrito de prevención y control de crímenes de Jersey Village debe continuar por 10 años y si los impuestos de venta del Distrito de prevención y control de crímenes deben de continuar por 10 años. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> EN CONTRA |  |

Para más información acerca del Distrito de prevención y control de crímenes de Jersey Village, visite la siguiente dirección: <http://www.jerseyvillage.info/ccpd/index.html>

Las elecciones se llevaran a cabo en el Centro Cívico, 16327 Lakeview Drive, Jersey Village, Texas 77040 desde la 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m., el 11 de mayo del 2013.

## Legislators Push to Eliminate Red Light Cameras

An area of concern for many legislators regards the operation of photographic enforcement programs, also known as Red Light Cameras. For several years, legislators throughout Texas have authored bills to eliminate the program in its entirety. The current legislative session is no different, with at least a dozen bills proposed that would sharply curtail or outright abolish the program.

The city of Jersey Village initiated its Red Light Camera Safety program in August of 2007. The city is required to track accidents at intersections that use red light cameras and report its findings to the Texas Department of Transportation. Since the program's inception, overall accidents at monitored intersections are down 24 percent. Injury related accidents are down 50 percent. A reduction in accidents means the city's Police Officers can spend more time patrolling or responding to other priorities within Jersey Village. Reduced accidents also mean less property damage and potential loss of life for Jersey Village residents who travel these intersections.

The Jersey Village City Council recently passed Resolution 2013-15, expressing opposition to any proposed legislation that would interfere with the city's ability to operate its Red Light Camera program. Police Chief Eric Foerster and City Manager Mike Castro have both testified in front of the House Transportation Committee to convey city council's opposition. City officials from other municipalities in Texas were present at these hearings and provided corroborating testimony. It is unclear at this time whether any of these filed bills will become law. City staff will continue to monitor the legislature and provide testimony at every appropriate juncture. ★

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## 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 placed at the curb be 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

- (b) 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

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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. ★



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## **City Offices Closed for the Memorial Day Holiday**

City offices will be closed on Monday, May 27, 2013 in observance of the Memorial Day Holiday. City offices will re-open for business at the regular time on Tuesday, May 28, 2013.

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. ★



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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

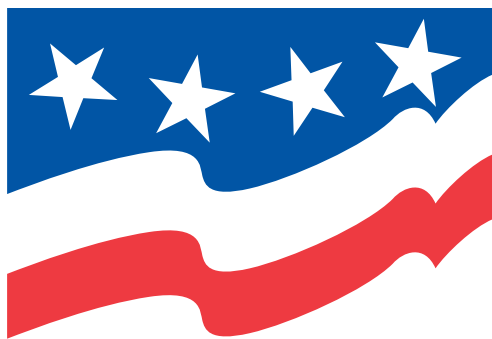
responsibility to be certain that a permit is obtained prior to the commencement of work. Some types of permits include, but are not limited to the following: Repair or replacement of fences, roofs, siding, driveways, the installation of swimming pools and irrigation systems, any type of remodel: including 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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**Statistics for April 2013  
JV Police Department**

Calls for Service	1225
Vehicle Theft	2
Aggravated Assault	1
Burglary, Business	1
Burglary, Residence	0
Burglary, Vehicle	5
Disturbance	49
Narcotics, Felony	4
Minor Accidents	129
Major Accidents	8
Alarms	107
Suspicious Person	205
Traffic Control	7
Traffic Hazard	26

**JV Fire Department**

Building Fires	1
Auto Fires	1
Other Fires	3
Rescue/EMS Incidents	34
Hazardous Conditions	4
Service Calls	6
Smoke or Odor Calls	0
False Alarms/Cancelled Enroute	15
Total Ambulance Transports	25



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## Art's Article

By: Art Pettitt

### JVFD Home Security Inspection

A home security inspection is a FREE service for residents in Jersey Village that is provided by the Jersey Village Police Department through the Texas Department of Insurance.

All inspections are conducted by state certified crime prevention specialists. The criteria for the inspections are set forth by the Texas Insurance Code, Article 5.33A, and Section 6(A) (1&2).

Upon completion of a home inspection, homeowners may qualify for an insurance premium discount. (Check with your Insurance Company for this discount) Texas requires the following:

- Exterior wooden doors must be solid core doors at least 1 3/8 inch thick and secured by dead-bolt locks. The bolts must penetrate a metal strike plate with a minimum bolt lock of one inch. If breakable glass is located within 40 inches of the lock, the lock must be key operated from both sides unless prohibited by life safety codes.
- Double doors must meet the specifications for exterior doors as listed above with the inactive door secured by header and threshold bolts that penetrate metal strike plates.
- Sliding glass doors must be secured by secondary locking devices to prevent prying and lifting.
- Dutch doors must have concealed flush mounted locking devices to interlock the

upper and lower halves and must be secured by a deadbolt lock.

- Garage doors must be equipped with key-operated locking devices.
- Windows must be secured by auxiliary locking devices. Auxiliary locking devices are screws, wooden dowels, pinning devices, and/or key operated locks.

Contact the Jersey Village Police Department today to schedule your home security inspection. Please call Officer Pettitt at 713-466-2125. ★



### City of Jersey Village Budget

In September of each year, the Jersey Village City Council adopts a municipal budget. The period covered by the budget runs from October 1 through September 30 the following year. The budget is one of the more important documents that will be acted upon by City Council in a given year. The budget represents City Council's plan for the provision of services to residents. In addition, the budget details the sources of revenue utilized to fund operations of the city.

The budget is further separated into an Operating Budget and Capital Budget. The Operating Budget funds operations of a routine nature, which include personnel, supplies, commodities (fuel, electricity), and other items associated with the daily costs of running a business. The Capital budget supports the operation of the City by providing maintenance and repair of existing infrastructure, as well as the construction or purchase of new facilities and equipment.

The budget process is a continuous effort that takes place during the spring and summer of each year. On July 22-24, 2013, staff will present, at a series of special meetings, a proposed budget to City Council for their review. These meetings are open to the public. On August 19th, 2013, City Council will give staff final instructions on the Proposed Budget. On September 16th, 2013 City Council will adopt the Operating and Capital Budget after conducting a public hearing. The budget will become effective on October 1st.

**If you would like additional information on any budget matter, please contact the Finance Department at (713)-466-2104. ★**

### 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. ★

**Pool Hours Starting June 5**

**Monday:** Closed

**Tuesday-Saturday:** 11 am to 9pm (On home Swim Meet Days-Pool will open after meet)

**Sunday:** 1pm to 8pm

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Sunday, Sept. 1: 1pm to 8pm

Monday, Sept. 2: 11am to 9pm

**(Labor Day- last day of the season)**

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**Pool Closed for the season starting on September 3, 2013**

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**Home Swim Meets: May 18, May 25, June 8, June 15, and June 22.**

### A Message from Jersey Village Fire Department... HURRICANE SEASON IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER!

When the time comes for hurricane season, are you ready? Hurricane season is just around the corner, and citizens across the area are beginning to prepare. Are you prepared to stay or leave? 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](http://www.ready.org) will help in preparation of hurricane season. Last year, many of our citizens registered with 2-1-1. This is an easy telephone number to remember which connects callers to information about critical health and human services available in their community. More specifically, if you require special assistance during emergencies like hurricanes, we need to know who you are. You can learn more about 2-1-1 by visiting [www.211.org](http://www.211.org).

**Note: If you were registered with 2-1-1 last year, you must re-register. Your information is removed each year so you have to register again. ★**

## PLAN NOW FOR YOUR SPECIAL

# SANTA DELIVERY



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\* On Wednesday, August 28, 2013 the

Jersey Village Fire Department will start taking reservations for the December delivery dates listed below.

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\* Deliveries made between **6:00pm – 8:45pm (5:00pm on Sat/Sun)**

\* A minimum donation of **\$50.00** 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.

Please make checks payable to: **City of JV/Fire Dept. Donation Account**

## City of Jersey Village — May 11, 2013 Election results

The following candidates were elected to the City Council at the May 11, 2013

General Municipal Election:

Mayor: Rod Erskine

Councilmember - Place 2

Sandra Joachim

Councilmember - Place 3

Harry Beckwith III

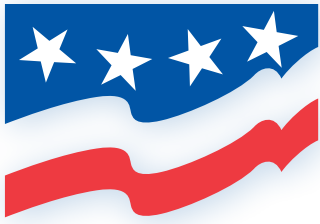
The newly elected Councilmembers have taken their oath of office and were issued certificates of election in accordance with state election laws. The current City of Jersey Village City

Council is comprised of the following members:

Mayor, Rod Erskine; Councilmember – Place 1, Justin Ray; Councilmember – Place 2, Sandra Joachim, Councilmember – Place 3, Harry Beckwith III, PE; Councilmember – Place 4, Sheri Sheppard; and Councilmember Place 5, Jill Klein.

Appreciation is extended to out-going Mayor, Russell Hamley for all of his hard work and many years of dedication to the City.

In addition to the General Election, the Crime Control and Prevention District conducted a Special Election on May 11, 2013. The District's proposition on whether the Jersey Village Crime Control and Prevention District should be continued for ten years and whether the crime control and prevention district sales tax should be continued for ten years was approved with 691 votes in favor of the proposition and 84 votes against. ★



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## Jersey Village Community News

### Northwest Harris County Aggie Mom's Club

Northwest Harris County Aggie Moms has been here for 25 years. We're committed to helping your student and YOU enjoy the TAMU experience. Are you a New Aggie Mom? Find out how our club helps your student succeed at one of our informal 2013 Summer Mixers. Go to [www.nwhcaggiemoms.org](http://www.nwhcaggiemoms.org) for dates and locations.

The Northwest Harris County Aggie Mom's Club meets August thru May, the second Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm at the Houston Distributing Center, 7100 High Life Road, Houston, Texas 77066. Our next meeting will be our 'HOWDY PARTY' on August 13, 2013-Please join us! ★







**Citizens Police Academy**

The Jersey Village Citizens Police Academy is a 12 to 14 week program designed to give members of the public a working knowledge of the Jersey Village Police Department and the criminal justice system it serves. It consists of a series of classes, discussions and hands on activities held every Thursday, starting August 15, 2013 from 6:30 pm-9:30 pm. The class will be limited to 25 students at no cost.

The classes are geared to provide an in-depth view into

various areas of law enforcement. It is an educational and informative program that allows citizens the opportunity to learn about the issues facing law enforcement, how we train to handle them and how to develop a partnership between the police and the community.

For more information, or to sign up for the Citizens Police Academy, contact Joyce Underhill at 713-466-2120 or Lola Hazel at 713-466-2119. ★

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**Statistics for May 2013  
JV Police Department**

Calls for Service	1385
Vehicle Theft	3
Aggravated Assault	1
Burglary, Business	4
Burglary, Residence	1
Burglary, Vehicle	3
Disturbance	72
Narcotics, Felony	1
Minor Accidents	148
Major Accidents	10
Alarms	107
Suspicious Person	225
Traffic Control	8
Traffic Hazard	23

**JV Fire Department**

Building Fires	4
Auto Fires	1
Other Fires	1
Rescue/EMS Incidents	64
Hazardous Conditions	2
Service Calls	13
Smoke or Odor Calls	1
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## Art's Article

By: Art Pettit

# Hurricane Season has arrived.

## Be Prepared!

**When a hurricane strikes there is always the possibility of being without electricity or clean water for days. You should plan accordingly.**

### Recommended items for a Basic Emergency Supply Kit:

- Three day supply of water (1 gallon per person per day).
- Ready to eat non perishable food for every family member and pet for a minimum of three days.
- Manual can opener.
- Essential medications, including eyeglasses and contact lenses.
- First Aid kit. Include bandages, antiseptic, tape, a compress, non-aspirin pain reliever and anti-diarrhea medication.
- Battery powered flashlight for each person and radio with extra batteries (two week supply).
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation.

- Dust mask, to help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place.
- Tool kit to turn off utilities.
- Fire extinguisher.
- If power is lost, turn off major appliances to reduce power "surge" when electricity is restored.

If you plan on evacuating:

- Keep your vehicle in good repair with a full tank of fuel.
- Take your pets.
- Persons with special needs should leave early.
- Check on friends and neighbors who may have special needs.
- Designate a meeting point with your family should you get separated.
- Cell phone for emergencies.
- Monitor local radio and television stations for the latest information.
- Don't take unnecessary items with you.

For more information visit [www.ready.gov/hurricanes](http://www.ready.gov/hurricanes). ★

### 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. ★

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### "URGENT Information Site"

Remember as we enter into the hurricane season that city has installed signage in key locations on existing street posts. These signs say "Urgent Information Site". Below each one of these signs will be a flyer box. In the event of a Hurricane or significant event when the city has urgent information to inform the public about, the city will place flyers into each box.

Please identify the box closest to your home and be sure to check it regularly during any significant event. All of the sign locations are in reasonable walking distance from your homes.

The City will not be placing notices on doors as we have during the past emergencies. health of the lawn. ★

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### Protecting Our Drinking Water Source

**The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Control (TCEQ) and Jersey Village Organizes Source Water Protection Program.**

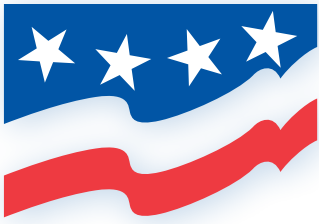
A Source Water Protection Program is a program that prevents the pollution of the surface and ground water that serve as sources of drinking water. The program includes delineation of the protection area, identifying various potential sources of contamination that may impact the delineated area, implementation measures to manage

these sources, and planning for the future. Source Water Protection helps safeguard community water supplies. It is a program that belongs to and is managed by the local community. Unquestionably, communities are the key stakeholders in Source Water Protection. It is people living and working in communities who have the most to gain or lose from the quality of their drinking water.

The benefits to communities protecting their drinking water source might be best understood by describing the costs of failing to protect the source. Easily quantifiable costs of drinking

water protection include treatment, remediation, finding and establishing new water supplies or providing bottled water, consulting services and staff time, legal costs of litigating against responsible parties, and conducting public information campaigns.

Source Water Protection can have important secondary benefits as well. The protection of surface water supplies is obviously beneficial to fish, wildlife, and recreation. We also must include the reductions in risk to human health which result from cleaner drinking water. Please keep an eye out for future articles and updates! ★



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## Why is recycling important to us as a community?

### Keeping Garbage Out of Landfills

Recycling helps keep garbage out of landfills. Much of the waste in landfill sites is not biodegradable, meaning that it will stay in its existing form in the landfill site for many years. This means that the landfill sites become full and new sites need to be found. In addition, gases and chemicals are released as materials in landfills decompose, which causes air pollution. Reducing the amount of waste will help control gases generated, which will mean better air quality.

### Save Money

One important feature of recycling that affects us all is the fact it can save money. Processing costs incurred by waste management companies are reduced, and manufacturing costs are reduced, resulting in cost savings being passed on to the consumer.

Recycling is one of the few processes that we can all participate in as a community, that requires minimum effort, yet it has far reaching and long lasting benefits. Tascon Industries Inc. will continue to provide recycling collection for the City of Jersey Village. Recyclable materials will be collected every Wednesday, and include paper, aluminum cans and plastics. Please make sure to have your recyclable items at the curb no later than 7 a.m. each Wednesday. We would like to encourage all of our residents to participate in the program!



# Jersey Village Star

## It is HOT! HOT! HOT!

The Jersey Village Fire Department would like to remind you to prepare for a season of extreme heat. We encourage you to educate yourself and friends about ways they can prevent heat-related sickness. You can take these steps to prevent heat-related illnesses, injuries, and deaths during times of extreme heat:

- ★ Stay in air-conditioned buildings as much as possible.
- ★ Avoid direct sunlight.
- ★ Do not rely on a fan as your primary cooling device during an extreme heat event.

- ★ Drink more water than usual and don't wait until you're thirsty to drink.
- ★ Avoid alcohol or liquids containing large amounts of sugar.
- ★ Wear loose, lightweight, light-colored clothing.
- ★ Seek medical care immediately if you have or someone you know has symptoms of heat-related illness like: muscle cramps, headaches, nausea or vomiting. ★

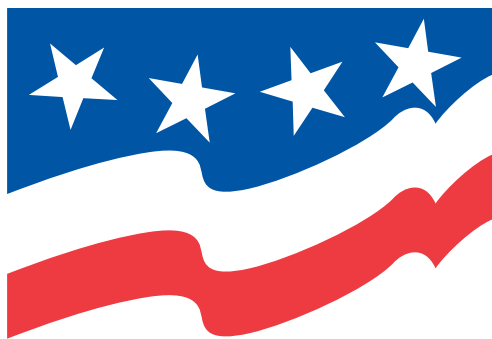



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Traffic Control	4
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Hazardous Conditions	2
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## Art's Article

By: Art Petitt

### Back-to-School Safety Tips

1. Plan a walking route to school or the bus stop. Choose the most direct way with the fewest street crossings.
2. Teach your child never to talk to strangers or accept rides or gifts from strangers.
3. Make sure your child walks to and from school with a sibling, friend, or neighbor.
4. Teach your kids to obey all traffic signals, signs and traffic officers.
5. When driving kids, deliver and pick them up as close to the school as possible.
7. If your child bikes to school, make sure he wears a helmet. Research indicates that a helmet can reduce the risk of head injury by up to 85 percent.

8. Teach children to arrive at the bus stop early, stay out of the street, wait for the bus to come to a complete stop before approaching the street, watch for cars and avoid the driver's blind spot.

9. Remind your children to stay seated at all times and keep their heads and arms inside the bus while riding.

10. Tell your child not to bend down in front of the bus to tie shoes or pick up objects, as the driver may not see him before starting to move.

12. Be sure that your child knows his or her home phone number and address, your work number, the number of another trusted adult and how to call 911 for emergencies.

For more information on school safety or to recommend a topic for Arts Article please contact Officer Art Petitt at 713-466-2125. ★

## City Announces Opening On Board Of Adjustment

The Jersey Village City Council is accepting applications to fill openings 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 August 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](http://www.jerseyvillage.info/city_council/secretarys_office/index.html) or contact Lorri Coody, the City Secretary at 713-466-2102. ★



## URGENT Information Site Signs Reminder

Hurricane season is already here and all of us in Jersey Village should be keeping a close eye on what our local weather forecasters are saying. In 2009, Urgent Information Sign locations were decided and special signs that say "Urgent Information Site ↓" we installed on existing street poles along with a realtor box. This realtor box will be filled after a hurricane arrives with pertinent information to the residents.

Once a hurricane passes thru, as needed the city will use these locations to inform the citizens. You may see a flyer that informs you to boil your water or a flyer that tells you about debris removal. Every day of the week will have a new

color paper so you know the information is new.

After Hurricane Ike, public works personnel spent dozens of hours a day walking to each resident and handing flyers on doors. This was very time consuming and this took key staff members away from important jobs that will get the city infrastructure back to normal operations.

Over 40 urgent information site signs have been placed in key locations so residents can easily obtain pertinent information. It is the cities goal to make sure residents are informed every step of the way through a major event like a hurricane. Please be on the lookout for these signs and get to know the one closest to you. ★

## City of Jersey Village Annual Ice Cream Social

A perfect time to catch up with friends & neighbors

Sunday, September 8, 2013

Clark Henry Pavilion from 6 PM to 8 PM

The pool will be opened from 2 PM to 8PM

No pool pass required

Children 10 and under must be accompanied by an adult 18 or older

Sponsored by the Jersey Village Recreation & Events Committee



## Jersey Village Focuses on Safe Drinking Water

Last month, we published an article that provided background information on a new drinking water protection program. This is the second in a series of articles on local drinking water resources.

The city of Jersey Village depends upon the City of Houston as their source of drinking water. It's a safe supply of water. But it's important that we implement a program to assure it stays safe. That's why our local community has taken a proactive approach in developing and implementing a Source Water Protection Program that fits our local needs. The Source Water Protection Program is voluntary; it is designed to assist communities in protecting their drinking water sources and is linked to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's drinking water protection program.

The Texas Commission on Environmental Protection has contracted with several consulting firms (Atkins, LBG-Guyton, and Laura Raun Public Relations) to

assist Jersey Village who rely upon the City of Houston in protecting the local drinking water supply. After meeting with local officials, the consultants began an inventory of potential sources of contamination that exist within the area of influence around the city's public water supply wells. The city also assisted the consultants in the source water protection inventory. Several areas of potential concern have been identified including oil and gas activities, petroleum storage tanks, auto repair facilities, and improperly functioning septic systems. A good example of a potential source of contamination is used motor oil that could be illegally dumped. One gallon of used motor oil can contaminate one million gallons of fresh water.

The inventoried sources were then evaluated on a site-specific basis to determine the threat, if any, to the drinking water supply. The results of

the inventory effort were then published in a report written specifically for the Jersey Village.

Based upon the recommendations made within the report, the local community can decide what management practices might work best for the local community. Best management practices can range from public education activities to ordinances prohibiting certain activities within source water protection areas. The program seeks to increase public awareness, inform the public of the steps each citizen can take to protect the integrity of drinking water sources, and elevate citizens' level of participation in the effort.

In the next article, we'll discuss what potential sources of contamination may exist within our communities that could affect our drinking water and what we can do as individual citizens to protect our valuable drinking water supply. ★

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## 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. The exception is for a city that has not adopted zoning regulations, and which elects to enforce the restrictions, such as the City of Houston. To learn more about the City of Houston's deed restriction enforcement program, visit <http://www.houstontx.gov/legal/deed.html>.

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

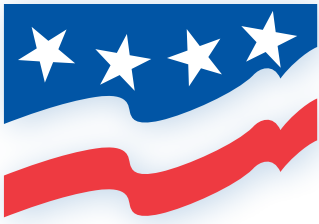
1. The developer of the project;
2. The representative of a corporation set up to represent the property owners; or
3. An individual property owner.

In connection with item (2) above, 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. ★



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## DON'T FORGET TO SCHEDULE YOUR **SANTA DELIVERY**



As part of the Fire Department's Annual Fundraiser; Santa, and his helpers will again make delivery of your gift to your child.

On Wednesday, August 28, 2013 the Jersey Village Fire Department will start taking reservations for the December deliveries. Please call the Fire Department Administrative Office @ **713-466-2130** for more details and to reserve your delivery.

## Don't Forget: You Still Have Time to Swim!

This is a reminder that City of Jersey Village pool is 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: Monday** - Closed **Tuesday – Saturday** 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. (On home swim meet days pool will open after meet) **Sunday:** 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, Sept 2nd 11 am to 9pm (Labor Day - last day of the season) **Pool Closed for the season starting on September 3, 2013** ★

## 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. ★





**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.

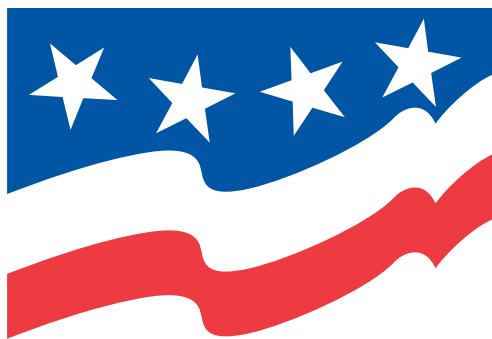
Council will consider appointments to most boards and commissions at its Regular September Council Meeting. If you are interested, please complete an application. If you currently have an application on file, please contact the City Secretary to confirm your interest in serving with the City. Only new or confirmed applications 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](http://www.jerseyvillage.info/city_council/secretarys_office/index.html) or contact Lorri Coody, the City Secretary at 713-466-2102. ★

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**Statistics for June 2013  
JV Police Department**

Calls for Service	1365
Vehicle Theft	0
Aggravated Assault	3
Burglary, Business	3
Burglary, Residence	3
Burglary, Vehicle	2
Disturbance	68
Narcotics, Felony	4
Minor Accidents	102
Major Accidents	5
Alarms	117
Suspicious Person	238
Traffic Control	23
Traffic Hazard	23

**JV Fire Department**

Building Fires	7
Auto Fires	0
Other Fires	1
Rescue/EMS Incidents	61
Hazardous Conditions	6
Service Calls	12
Smoke or Odor Calls	1
False Alarms/Cancelled Enroute	16
Total Ambulance Transports	42



Emergency Call	911
Main Number	713.466.2100
City Manager	713.466.2108
City Secretary	713.466.2102
Fire Department	713.466.2130
Police Department	713.466.2123
Permits	713.466.2110
Public Works	713.466.2133
Code Enforcement & Animal Control	713.466.2129
Water Billing	713.466.2111
Municipal Court	713.466.2124
Golf Course	713.896.0900
City Pool	832.467.1032
JV Star	713.466.2108

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## Art's Article

By: Art Petitt



### National Night Out

On Tuesday October 1, 2013 the City of Jersey Village is invited to join forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the 30th Annual National Night Out Crime and Drug Prevention Event. Organize a Block Party – It's Easy to Do!

- Get together and decide on a place! One or two families can plan a party.
- Send out a flyer/email/poster to your neighbors.
- Register your party with the Jersey Village Police Department so police, city officials and other emergency personnel can visit your party.
- Everyone bring some snacks, drinks, hot dogs or just yourselves.
- Gather on National Night Out at the designated spot.
- AND Get to know your neighbors and have a BLAST!

Thanks to your hard work and commitment in the past the State of Texas has won the National Night Out State Category Award every year. So send a copy of any neighborhood National Night Out material you may acquire including flyers, newsletters,

and photographs to the Police Department. Your contribution could make a difference in Texas being judged number one in the nation again this year. Block Captains will be given their party bags the week of September 24th-28th and inside the bag there will be a fan that has the 30th anniversary logo on it. Be sure to include this fan in the pictures you submit of your block party.

Help strengthen law enforcement and citizen contact. Your cooperation will make our community a safer place to live.

#### **For further information contact:**

Officer Art Petitt, National Night Out Coordinator  
Jersey Village Police Department  
713-466-2125. ★



## City of Jersey Village Tax Rate Adoption

After a series of public budget meetings and a public hearing, the City of Jersey Village Council will adopt the budget for fiscal year 2013-2014 on September 16th at 7:00 P.M. and adopt the property tax rate on October 21, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. The budget and property tax rate will be effective for the next fiscal year, which begins October 1, 2013 and ends September 30, 2014.

The City of Jersey Village Council is considering no adjustment to its current property tax rate of \$0.7425 per \$100 of valuation. The \$0.7425 property tax rate will fund part of the City's General Fund budget based on projected current year values and allow timely payments for its Debt Service Fund.

The tax rate is split in two parts, the M&O (Maintenance and Operation) tax rate and I&S (Interest Sinking or Debt Service) tax rate.

In proposing and adopting a tax rate, the City must follow the State of Texas legislative guidelines, which basically state if the tax rate proposed 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 (a calculated maximum rate allowed by law without voter approval), whichever is lower, it must publish a new public hearing notice and conduct a series of public hearings. If the City does not exceed these rates, then it may adopt the tax rate without the

necessity of conducting the additional public hearings.

In consideration of the budget information available at the time of writing this article, it is expected that the City will need to conduct the two additional public hearings in order to set its 2013-2014 tax rate. Accordingly, these hearings have been scheduled for Thursday, October 3rd and Monday, October 7th, both at 7:00 P.M. at City Hall. The adoption of the tax rate has been set for Monday October 21st, at 7:00 P.M.

The Finance Department is available to assist with any questions or clarifications concerning this article. Please call 713-466-2104. ★

## 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 November 2, 2013 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. ★

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## IMPORTANT Voting Changes—Photo ID's Required to Vote

Effective immediately a new law goes into effect that will change how voters votes in Texas. In the past, a voter only needed to present his/her valid voter registration certificate to the voting clerk and eligibility to vote was confirmed. This will no longer be the practice as the new law requires that all voters must produce one of the following forms of photo identification in order to be eligible to vote in Texas elections:

- Driver's license, election identification certificate, personal identification card,

or concealed handgun license issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety;

- United States Military identification card that contains the person's photograph;
- United States citizenship certificate that contains the person's photograph;
- United States passport.

All forms of identification listed, excepting US citizenship certificates, must be current or have been expired no more than 60 days before it is presented for voter qualification at the polling place.

The election identification certificate is a

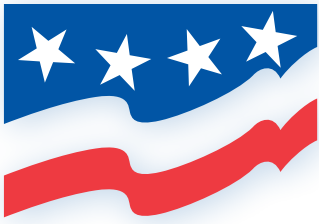
new form of photo identification created by this new law. Effective immediately, these identification certificates are being issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety to registered voters or those eligible to register who do not have the required form of photo identification. There is no fee for the certificate.

**For questions or additional information, contact the City Secretary's Office at 713-466-2102. ★**

## SAVE THE DATE!

**Fall Frolic - October 25th 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.**

**Join us for the City of Jersey Village Annual Fall Frolic sponsored by the Jersey Village Recreation and Events Committee. The fun will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Clark Henry Pavilion, located next to the pool. Be sure to come dressed in your best Halloween costume!!! ★**



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## JERSEY VILLAGE COMMUNITY NEWS

### **JERSEY VILLAGE BAPTIST CHURCH**

Jersey Village Baptist Church Car and Cycle Show Saturday, October 19 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. For more information contact Paul Wallick at 713-466-8945 or John Plummer at 713-956-7300. Bring your car or cycle and join us for a good time of fun, food and fellowship.

### **ATTENTION AGGIE MOMS**

The Northwest Harris Aggie Moms Club will host Texas A&M University's former Yell Leaders on Tuesday, September 10, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the Houston Distributing Company, 7100 High Life Drive, located near Willowbrook Mall at the intersection of High Life Drive and Cutten Road. Be prepared to be entertained as the yell leaders teach us the Aggie yells and traditions! Enjoy light refreshments while you shop our Boutique for that one-of-a-kind hand-crafted Aggie treasure or our new Tradition Beads! For more information on monthly speakers or upcoming events visit our website at [www.nwhcaggiemoms.org](http://www.nwhcaggiemoms.org).



**Vendors Wanted for HOLIDAY IN THE PARK 2013!**

The City of Jersey Village Recreation & Events Committee announces its annual Holiday in the Park. If you have a business, product or service you would like to showcase, please consider participating in this year's event. It will take place on Sunday, December 8th, from 1:00PM to 4:00PM at Carol Fox Park, located at the corner of Senate and Jersey Drive.

The event will feature freshly blown snow as well as vendor booths. There is no vendor booth fee for Jersey Village residents or scout troops. Non-JV residents pay a vendor booth fee of just \$10.00.

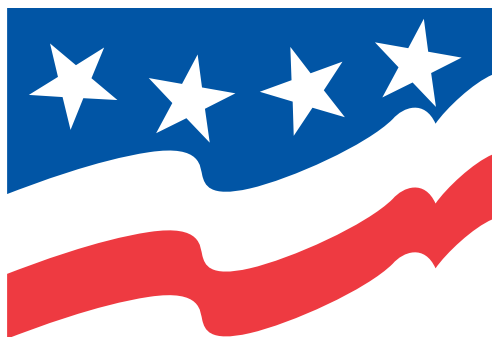
To request an application please send an email stating what you would like to sell/promote to Jeanette or Rebecca at [jvevents.holiday@gmail.com](mailto:jvevents.holiday@gmail.com). ★

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Burglary, Business	3
Burglary, Residence	3
Burglary, Vehicle	5
Disturbance	52
Narcotics, Felony	3
Minor Accidents	124
Major Accidents	0
Alarms	105
Suspicious Person	239
Traffic Control	7
Traffic Hazard	40

**JV Fire Department**

Building Fires	3
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Other Fires	3
Rescue/EMS Incidents	58
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## Art's Article

By: Art Pettitt

### Distracted Driving Statistics

Most adults who drive admit to engaging in distracted driving behaviors according to a poll taken in 2011.

- Approximately 86% of drivers said they ate or drank while driving at some point, and 57% said they do it "sometimes" or "often."
- Over 1/3 of drivers (37%) have sent or received text messages while driving, and 18% said they do it regularly.
- Forty-one percent of adult drivers have set or changed a GPS system while driving, and 21% do it "more frequently."
- Many adult drivers (36%) have read a map while driving, and 10% do it "sometimes" or "often."

• One in five drivers have combed or styled his or her hair while driving. One in ten does it regularly.

• Have you ever seen a driver putting on makeup? Approximately 14% have done it once, and 7% do it frequently.

• About 13% of adult drivers have surfed the Internet while driving.

• Results of the poll showed that younger drivers were more likely to engage in distracted driving. Men were more likely to drive while drowsy, drive after drinking, read a map, use a GPS system, and use the Internet.

A large percentage of the people said they know distracted driving is dangerous, but do it anyway.

In 2011, 3,331 people were killed in crashes involving a distracted driver, compared to 3,267 in 2010. ★

## National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day Saturday, October 26, 2013

To help the public properly dispose of unused or expired medication, the Jersey Village Police Department (JVPD) is partnering with the Drug Enforcement Administration to host its Fourth National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day on Saturday, October 26, from 10 - 2 p.m.

This service is free, anonymous and open to all. All tablets, capsules and solid dosage forms (intravenous solutions, injectables and syringes will not be accepted) will be collected at the Jersey Village Police Department lobby, located at 16401 Lakeview Drive, Jersey Village, Texas.

For more information, visit

[www.justice.gov/dea/](http://www.justice.gov/dea/) and click on the "Got Drugs" link or contact Officer Pettitt at [apettitt@ci.jersey-village.tx.us](mailto:apettitt@ci.jersey-village.tx.us) or 713-466-2125. ★

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## Jersey Village Fire Department Fire-Rescue-EMS



Guess what time it is? That's right, time to change your battery in your smoke detector. Every year almost 3000 people lose their lives to fire. Properly installed and maintained smoke alarms in the home are considered one of the best and least expensive means of providing an early warning of a potentially deadly fire. Smoke alarms save lives, prevent injury and reduce damage from fire. It is the early warning system that will get your

attention. Did you know that when you sleep the one true sense that works is your hearing? Many people do not realize this.

There is a saying that most people are familiar with, "Change your clock, Change your battery." November 3 is daylight savings time and time to change your clocks. At 2:00am move your clocks back one hour. It is also time to change your batteries in your smoke detectors. We won't ask you to do this at 2:00am, but sometime during that day it's out with the old and in with the new battery for your smoke detector. Take a permanent marker and write the word "used" on the old batteries. These batteries can now be utilized for your children's games.

Once the new battery is in don't forget every month to push the button on the smoke detector and check to make sure it is working. ★

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## Flu Season is Here!

To help the public properly dispose There are some simple things to remember to keep you and your family safe from catching the flu: Remember to:

1. Cover your coughing and keep distance from those who are coughing.
2. When talking to others keep at least 3 feet distance from them.
3. Wash your hands regularly.
4. If you feel ill, stay at home.
5. Get your seasonal flu shot

**These are some simple tips for keeping you and your family flu free! ★**

## Calling ALL Ghosts and Goblins



**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. ★



## **IMPERSONATOR SAFETY TIPS FROM CENTERPOINT ENERGY**



- All CenterPoint Energy employees and contractors wear uniforms and carry identification badges. If the badges are not visible, they will be shown upon request.

- If a customer has doubts about whether or not someone is a CenterPoint Energy employee or a CenterPoint Energy sponsored contractor, they should ask to see an identification badge or call the CenterPoint Energy call center to verify that CenterPoint Energy has crews in the area.

- All CenterPoint Energy vehicles are marked with the CenterPoint Energy logo.

- In the majority of cases, it is NOT necessary for our employees to enter the home as most work is done outside on power and natural gas lines. However, it IS necessary for our natural gas employees, when restoring gas service, to enter a home or business to relight pilots and ensure it is safe to resume natural gas service.

- If a person claiming to be a CenterPoint Energy employee does not have an identification badge, do not allow them to enter and call the police. ★

### **JERSEY VILLAGE COMMUNITY NEWS**

#### **WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN THE WORLD'S GREATEST ORGANIZATION FOR GIRLS**

At Girl Scouts, girls have new experiences that give them that super-excited, jumping, giggling, butterflies-in-the-stomach feeling. Experiences that inspire them to look forward to what they're going to do today, tomorrow – and then years from now – by helping them realize that they can be anything they want to be. For the girls in your life, a year with us will be filled with new friends, tons of fun and more "wow" moments than she's ever imagined.

Annual membership dues are \$15. Visit us online at [www.gssjc.org](http://www.gssjc.org) or call us at 713-292-0300.

#### **JERSEY VILLAGE WOMEN'S GROUP FOOD DRIVE**

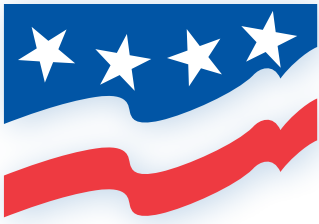
The Jersey Village Women's Group is holding a city wide food drive on Tuesday, October 15 to support NAM (Northwest Assistance Ministries) with nonperishable people food for their food pantry and pet food for their Meals on Wheels program. The Meals on Wheels program is in great need of pet food for their clients that receive food deliveries.

You can drop your food items at JV Civic Center between 7:00PM to 9:00PM. You can also drop donations on the front porch at 16221 Crawford from October 13 through October 16.

Thank you for supporting this worthy cause. More information can be found at [www.jvwg.org](http://www.jvwg.org).

#### **NORTHWEST AGGIES MOMS**

The Northwest Harris County Aggie Mom's Club will host Abby Howell from the Department of Student Activities on Tuesday, October 8, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the Houston Distributing Company, 7100 High Life Drive, at the intersection of High Life Drive and Cutten Road near Willowbrook Mall. Ms. Howell was named Texas A&M University's Sponsored Student Organization Advisor of the Year and received the Department of Student Activities Excellence Award. Enjoy light refreshments while you shop our Boutique for that one-of-a-kind hand-crafted Aggie treasure or our new Tradition Beads! For more information visit our website at [www.nwhaggiemoms.org](http://www.nwhaggiemoms.org).



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## Fall Frolic

**Friday, October 25th**

**What:** Fall Frolic

**When:** Friday, October 25th 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

**Where:** Pavilion at Clark Henry Park  
(by the swimming pool)

**Food:** Hot dogs and hamburgers on the grill,  
chili dogs, nachos, Frito pie, sodas and cookies.

**Fun:** Dance with music by DJ, Billy Jack Ebersole,  
plus games/contests with prizes

**COSTUMES DESIRED BUT NOT REQUIRED!!**



**Fire & Police  
Department**



**OPEN HOUSE**

**Saturday, Nov. 2, 2013**

**10am - 2pm**

### Planned Activities

Car Fire, SWAT, Jaws of Life, Fire truck  
rides, Mounted Horse Patrol, DPS  
and Life Flight Helicopters,  
Tours of both stations

*Join us for this annual community event*





**Vendors Wanted for HOLIDAY IN THE PARK 2013!**

The City of Jersey Village Recreation & Events Committee announces there is still time to request and return an application to obtain booth space to be a vendor at this popular event. Please have applications in by December 1st to ensure your spot.

**Holiday in the Park will take place on Sunday, December 8, 2013, from 1:00PM-4:00PM, at Carol Fox Park, on the corner of Senate and Jersey. This year, restrooms will be provided.**

There is no booth space fee for residents of the City of Jersey Village, and non-residents pay a booth space fee of just \$10.00.

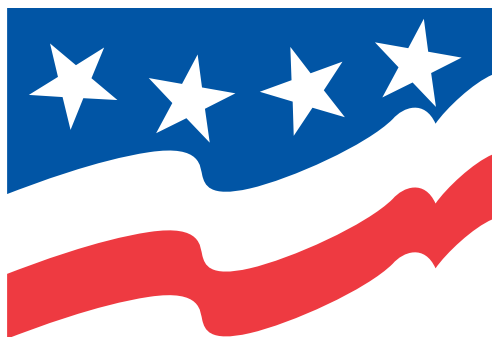
If you have a craft, product, business or service that you would like to showcase and promote please request an application by email from Jeanette and Rebecca: [JVevents.holiday@gmail.com](mailto:JVevents.holiday@gmail.com) ★

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**Statistics for September 2013  
JV Police Department**

Calls for Service	1226
Vehicle Theft	0
Aggravated Assault	2
Burglary, Business	1
Burglary, Residence	2
Burglary, Vehicle	2
Disturbance	76
Narcotics, Felony	2
Minor Accidents	148
Major Accidents	0
Alarms	93
Suspicious Person	171
Traffic Control	1
Traffic Hazard	27

**JV Fire Department**

Building Fires	4
Auto Fires	1
Other Fires	2
Rescue/EMS Incidents	52
Hazardous Conditions	2
Service Calls	7
Smoke or Odor Calls	0
False Alarms/Cancelled Enroute	17
Total Ambulance Transports	33



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Main Number	713.466.2100
City Manager	713.466.2108
City Secretary	713.466.2102
Fire Department	713.466.2130
Police Department	713.466.2123
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## Art's Article

By: Art Pettitt

### Holiday Travel Safety

The holidays are some of the most dangerous times on the road. According to the Texas Department of Transportation, last year from November 23 to November 27 there were 26 fatalities due to motor vehicle crashes. In the days surrounding Christmas, there were 23 crash fatalities, while the most dangerous time came around New Year's, from December 30 to January 2, with 32 fatalities recorded.

Between Thanksgiving and New Year's, the roads are packed with more and more traffic. It is important that you do everything in your power to make the roads as safe as possible for you and the drivers around you.

1. Program your GPS before you begin your drive.

2. With most people making long trips during the holidays, it is important to get plenty of rest and take breaks to stretch and move around.

3. Put down the phone. If you have to check your phone for calls or text messages during the drive, let a passenger do it.

4. Have kids in the car? It is important to remind your children to stay buckled in their seat during car trips and have everything they will need within arm's reach.

5. Take the extra time to enjoy your meal before you hit the road. When you are eating or drinking in the car you are taking both your eyes off the road and hands off the wheel.

You probably hear it every year, but it is important that people take responsibility for themselves and others when it comes to alcohol consumption. Don't drink and drive! ★

## City Offices Closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday

**City offices will be closed on Thursday, November 28, 2012 and Friday, November 29, 2013**

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, December 2, 2013.

**There will be regular residential garbage collection on Friday, November 29th. ★**

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### Fire Safety for the Holiday's



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

##### • Do Not Leave Holiday Lights on Unattended

#### Holiday Decorations

• **Use Only Nonflammable Decorations**  
All decorations should be nonflammable or flame-retardant and placed away from heat vents.

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.

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##### • Never Put Wrapping Paper in a Fireplace

It can result in a very large fire, throwing off dangerous sparks and embers and may result in a chimney fire.

##### • Artificial Christmas Trees

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. ★

## Potential Threats to the Safety of Our Drinking Water

This is the third in a series of articles written on local drinking water sources and the Source Water Protection Program being implemented by the City of Jersey Village.

One of the most basic needs of any community is safe and clean drinking water. That's why the City of Jersey Village and other communities throughout the region have joined in on a group effort to develop and implement a local Source Water Protection Program. Instead of remediation, added chemical treatment, and investment in new technologies after a contamination event, protecting the source from contamination can be much more cost effective. If harmful pathogens and chemicals are kept out of the aquifers, lakes, and rivers that we use as drinking water then the risk to human health is lowered significantly. This first barrier – source water protection – is not the only barrier to safeguard human health against waterborne contaminant threats. Yet it is an important first step that can save money and decrease risks to human health.

As individual citizens, we all have an important role to play in the protection of our drinking water. Protecting our drinking water begins at home. How do your personal habits affect our drinking water? The first question to ask yourself is "Where does your drinking water come from?" While it does come from the faucet, the actual answer is the City of Houston.

You may be surprised to learn that the way we dispose of products we use in our home can contribute to the contamination of our community's drinking water. You may be even more surprised to learn that a number of the products we use at home contain hazardous or toxic substances. The truth is, products like motor oil, pesticides, left-over paints or

paint cans, flea collars, weed killers, household cleaners, and even a number of medicines contain materials that can be harmful to our drinking water.

The average American disposes of approximately one pound of this type of waste each year. Although the amount of any of these substances that you pour down your drain, put in your trash, or dump on the ground or into a lake may seem insignificant to you, try multiplying it by the number of people in the surrounding cities and towns.

**Don't Pour It Down the Drain!** Anything you pour down your drain or flush down your toilet will enter your septic system or your community's sewer system. Using this method to dispose of products that contain harmful substances can affect your septic system's ability to treat human wastes. Once out of sight, these harmful substances can eventually contaminate both ground and surface water. In addition, most community wastewater treatment plants are not designed to treat many of these substances. Thus, they can eventually be discharged into surface water and cause contamination.

**Don't Put It in the Trash!** In general, community landfills are also not equipped to handle hazardous materials. As rain passes through the landfill, the water can become contaminated by these products and eventually carry them into the groundwater and surface water.

**Don't Dump It on the Ground!** Hazardous wastes that are dumped on or buried in the ground can contaminate the soil and either leach down into the groundwater or be carried into a nearby body of surface water by runoff during rainstorms. ★

## Citizen's Fire Academy, or What Would I Ever Learn Here?

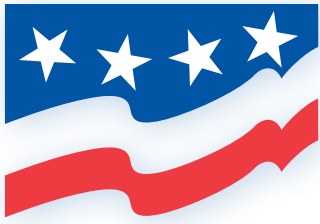
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A strong wind blows a large tree into your neighbor's house. They knock on your door and say they smell a strong odor of gas inside. They are afraid it will catch fire, or explode. Can you do anything before the fire truck arrives? Wouldn't it be great to know what to do in these situations? The Citizens' Fire Academy will equip you to handle most every-day emergencies that confront you, your family, and your neighbors. Plus, you get to try all that gear our fire fighters use!

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Coming Soon...

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**2 areas of snow • Vendors with many goods/treasures for your Holiday Shopping!**

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## Jersey Village Christmas Decorating Contest 2013

On Monday and Tuesday, December 16th & 17th, from 7:00pm-10:00pm, judges will be out looking for the best decorated homes in Jersey Village. There is plenty of time to start checking those lights and yard displays to make sure everything is in good working order.

To promote our city pride and community involvement, please take the time to discuss with your neighbors the holiday decorating theme for your street or section. Don't have a

theme? There is still time! Discuss what might be a good option for your street or section. It does not matter if that theme is already in use elsewhere.

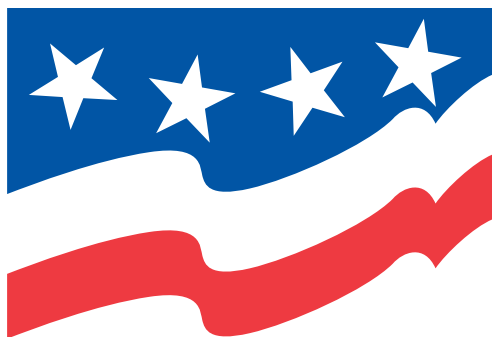
Perhaps one neighbor has woodworking or painting skills for themed yard signs, another may have tools such as a ladder on which to put up holiday lights. Let's promote neighbor helping neighbor, street by street, section by section. Happy decorating! ★

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Burglary, Vehicle	6
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## Art's Article

By: Art Pettitt

### Tips for Holiday Safety

With the Holiday Season soon approaching, the new shopping season will soon be upon us. One of the first things you want to do is plan your day.

- When shopping, try to bring a friend.
- When in covered parking or indoor parking garages, choose well-lit parking areas that are close to elevators.
- Stay away from spaces near stairways as these are usually quick exits for thieves.
- In open/ outdoor parking, such as malls or large shopping centers, find spaces as close to an entrance as possible and in well-lit areas.
- Keep purses, IPODS, IPADS, cell phones out of sight in locked vehicles ( at home too!)
- Shop at reputable stores.

- Keep vehicle locked while inside vehicle.
- Raise your level of awareness- Pay attention to what is going on around you.
- Be aware while you are using your cell phone.
- Keep a list of all credit card accounts in a safe place.
- Review statements online if possible. Track often to catch fraud.
- Check on fraud protection on Debit and Credit cards.
- Don't make yourself a target. Keep jewelry to a minimum. (Nothing you can't live without)
- Keep purchased items in a locked trunk out of sight.
- Try not to carry a purse if possible.
- Know store return policies on large purchases.
- Be cautious of people who approach. Holiday tragedy cons and scams.
- Listen to your instincts- USE CAUTION ★



### Who Has the Right-of-Way?

A number of people have called asking, "who has the right of way when passing a parked car?" There have been many "close calls" in the city, along with people that have lost their temper, because they "believed" that a car should have moved over for them or stopped for them; when passing a parked car. To keep us all in check and held responsible for our actions, the law is written below.

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.

If you need 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. This is state law, and unless the roadway is clear for you to pass the parked vehicle, you are in the wrong! ★

## Message From The Fire Marshal!

### Fireworks are Illegal!

It is illegal to use or possess Fireworks in Jersey Village! Fireworks season is about to get started again. Each year the Jersey Village Fire Department and Police Department 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** ★

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## City Offices Closed for the Christmas and New Year Holiday

City offices will be closed on Tuesday, December 24 and Wednesday, December 25, 2013 in observance of the Christmas Holiday. City offices will re-open for business at the regular time on Thursday, December 26, 2013. City offices will also be closed on Wednesday, January 1, 2014 in observance of the New Year Holiday and will re-open on Thursday, January 2, 2014.

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.

There will be residential garbage collection during the holidays. ★



## 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!*

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## Jersey Village Christmas Tree Recycling

**Who:** Jersey Village Residents ONLY

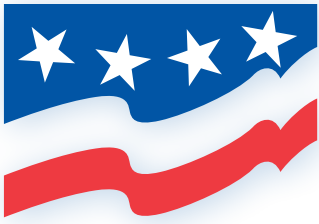
**What:** All live Christmas Trees, but first they must be cleared of all decorations and nails or material which may have been used for stands

**When:** December 26, 2013 through January 4, 2014

**Where:** In the parking located at the end of Jersey Meadow Drive, near the detention pond outside the golf course.

**Why:** The Parks Department will be chipping trees and using the mulch. ★





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The Northwest Harris County Aggie Mom's Club raises money throughout the year to fund scholarships to students from our area. Eligible students should download the scholarship application form at [www.nwhcaggiemoms.org](http://www.nwhcaggiemoms.org). Deadline to apply is February 4, 2014.