



DECEMBER 2003

November Council Actions

November 17, 2003, City Council meeting summary:

- As items under the consent agenda, Council approved the Minutes from the October 20, 2003 session and approved the annual agreement with Harris County for fire fighting and fire protection services.
- Under resolution, council voted for Bill Harry as a member of the Harris County Appraisal District Board of Directors.
- Council approved an agreement with Texas Department of Transportation for landscape cost sharing program for the US Hwy 290 Beautification Project.
- Council approved a Citizen Advisory Board Handbook for all active members of city boards and commissions.
- Council approved the use of part-time person for the City Secretary's office, Finance and Municipal Court. The additional personnel will not increase the budget.

City of Jersey Village Becomes Affiliate to Keep Texas Beautiful

Making Texas the cleanest, most beautiful state in the nation is a vision that is alive and well in the statewide partnerships that are the heart and soul of Keep Texas Beautiful. KTB achieves its goals through a unique synergy that involves government, business, civic groups and volunteers to address litter prevention, solid waste management, recycling, composting, beautification and general community improvement.

The City of Jersey Village is proud to join the approximately 300 cities across Texas who are KTB affiliates. The Mayor and City Council unanimously endorsed the City joining KTB, recognizing the unique opportunity this program gives the City to increase its natural beauty. The City has numerous beautification projects underway – many that residents are enjoying now, as well as those planned, including major plantings of over 5,000 oleanders along frontage roads along 290 in conjunction with TXDOT, new endcap plantings at the Jones Road/290 intersection and West Road/290 intersections and aesthetic plantings throughout the City. When the endcaps at Jones and HWY 290 are completed soon, the City will have over 1,000 landscape roses planted. These are low maintenance landscape and antique varieties.

In the coming months, look for announcements of fun events to promote our City as an affiliate of Keep Texas Beautiful. There will be opportunities for church groups, Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops, ROTC, school groups, businesses and citizens of all ages to participate.

Who Keeps Texas Beautiful? You do! Who Keeps Jersey Village Beautiful? You do! Everyone can be a part of this exciting promotion of our City in events that encourage care and beautification of our environment!



Upcoming Events

December 15 - Council Meeting;
Civic Center Auditorium

December 24 - Santa visits Jersey
Village

December 25 - Merry Christmas!

January 2 - Christmas Tree
Recycling Begins



First Annual Statewide Texas Round-Up

Governor Perry has teamed up with numerous partners across the State to launch the Texas Round-Up, an initiative to encourage Texans to incorporate physical activity into their daily lives. The Governor challenges all Texans to commit to a more active lifestyle.

The **Texas Round-Up** is a statewide effort kicking off January 2004, to get Texans to become more physically active. The signature event of the Texas Round-Up is

a Physical Activity Festival and Texas-sized 10k the weekend of April 17 in Austin. This event will celebrate the fitness of Texans and educate Texans on the importance of physical activity in their daily lives. The Round-Up will also incorporate a statewide challenge to all Texans to become more active. Please see www.texasroundup.org for more information.

BUGLER WANTED

The Jersey Village American Legion Post 32A is in need of a Bugler. If you're interested, please contact J. Huerta at 713-466-9527.

Child Safety Seat Checks

Free Child Safety Seat Checks by Jersey Village Emergency Services.

8am to 4pm Monday thru Friday by appointment only

Call 713-466-2130 to schedule your appointment.



Listen for Santa



Santa will be making his rounds through Jersey Village on Christmas Eve. Listen for the fire engine sirens as he goes through the streets. If you're lucky, you might even catch some candy!

Capital Improvements

Each year, the City of Jersey Village allocates funds for upgrading the infrastructure that sustains our community. Our Public Works Department reports on the progress of these efforts at the monthly Council Meeting, and the STAR will include this update as a regular feature.



TASK/PROJECT	COMPLETION		COMMENTS
	DESIGN	CONST.	
Lakeview Water-Honolulu to WOB	100%	95%	Working on clean up and yard restoration.
Lakeview Paving- Honolulu to WOB	100%	90%	Started sidewalk repair and yard restoration.
Fire Station project	100%	99%	Working to resolve unpaid subcontractors.
Repaint Elevated Storage #1	100%	65%	Prime Coat has been applied.
Castlebridge Street Connection	100%	0%	Contractor has started construction.
30-inch Trunk Sewer Rehabilitation	100%	75%	Contract is working on manhole rehabilitation.
Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation	100%	70%	Acapulco line is complete; working on Congo.
Philippine Lift Station	0%	0%	Change order recommended by City Engineer.
Jersey Drive - Paving	100%	0%	Pre-construction meeting set for December of 2003
Jersey Drive - Utility	100%	0%	Pre-construction meeting set for December of 2003
Lakeview - Paving	100%	0%	Pre-construction meeting set for December of 2003
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Sandy's Corner Keeping Safe During the Holidays

By: Officer S. Joachim



The holidays are an exciting and busy time, filled with feasting, celebrating, exchanging gifts, and visiting family and friends. But, with all the joys of the holiday season, come potential safety hazards that can cause injury and even death.

The following tips are provided by the American Academy of Pediatrics, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, National SAFE KIDS Campaign, and other safety organizations. These tips can help you and your families have a safe holiday season.

Each year, hospital emergency rooms treat about 8,700 people for injuries such as falls, cuts and shocks, related to holiday lights, decorations and Christmas trees. Christmas trees are involved in about 400 fires annually, resulting in 20 deaths, 70 injuries and an average of more than \$15 million in property loss and damage.

Trees and lights: *Place Christmas trees and other greenery away from fireplaces. Keep tree stands filled with water—dried out Christmas trees are a fire hazard.

*After purchasing a live tree, be sure to cut the bottom of the tree to expose new wood that will be able to soak up water.

*When purchasing an artificial tree, look for the label "Fire Resistant" or "UL".

*Check each set of tree lights for frayed wires, broken bulbs, and loose connections. Throw away damaged sets. Never string more than three sets of lights on an extension cord, never run cords or strings of lights behind drapes or under carpets. Turn lights off when you go to bed or leave the house.

*Make sure the extension cord is large enough to carry the intended load. (The thicker the cord, the greater the load it should be able to carry without overheating.)

*Do not overload outlets! Use surge protectors if multiple outlets are needed.

*Before using lights outdoors, check labels to be sure they have been certified for outdoor use. To hold lights in place, string them through hooks or insulated staples, not nails or tacks. Never pull or tug lights to remove them.

*Keep holiday plants away from children and pets. Mistletoe, holly berries, and Christmas cactus are poisonous if swallowed. Poinsettias can cause stomach irritation in humans, and they can make pets very sick. (Continued, Back

Code Corner; Know the City Codes!

The city's Code Enforcement division enforces the city code 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.

Help us keep Jersey Village beautiful and safe by becoming familiar with the city code requirements and by reporting violations. To report violations, call the Public Works Department at (713) 466-2110. Several of the city's code requirements are described below.

Real Estate Signs

A residential structure or lot is allowed one "For Sale", "For Rent", or "For Lease" sign. One non-illuminated, temporary ground sign not exceeding four square feet in size and five feet in height shall be allowed for each single-family dwelling unit or vacant in order to give information concerning leasing, renting or selling of such while the dwelling or lot is actually available for lease, rent or sale. No permit is required for a temporary real estate sign.

A temporary real estate sign may be located anywhere on the premises; provided, however, such sign cannot project beyond the property line (the sign must be placed behind the public sidewalk). A temporary real estate sign must be located on the property being advertised on the sign.

Leaving a Refrigerator or Container Accessible to Children

An offense is committed when a person places a refrigerator, freezer, or other airtight or semi-airtight container outside of a dwelling, building, or structure so that the container is accessible to children. This applies to containers that have (1) a capacity of at least 1½ cubic feet; (2) an opening of at least 50 square inches; and (3) a door or lid equipped with a latch or other fastening device capable of securing the door or lid shut.

This offense is a misdemeanor, and the criminal penalty is punishable by a fine of not less than \$5 or more than \$200. Each day of a continuing violation constitutes a separate offense.

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Christmas Tree Recycling

Beginning January 2nd, residents of Jersey Village will be able to have their Christmas trees recycled. Bring your trees to the North parking lot of the Jersey Meadow Golf Course to take advantage of this service.



October 2003 Statistics

JV Police Department

Calls for Service	385
Vehicle Theft	3
Aggravated Assault	0
Burglary, business	2
Burglary, residence	2
Burglary, vehicle	6
Disturbance	28
Narcotics, felony	5
Minor accidents	72
Major accidents	7
Alarms	43
Suspicious person	22
Traffic control	4
Traffic hazard	22

JV Emergency Services

Building Fires	4
Auto Fires	1
Other Fires	1
Rescue/EMS incidents	38
Hazardous Conditions	2
Service Calls	7
Smoke or odor calls	2
False alarms/cancelled enroute	20
Total Ambulance Transports	24

(Sandy's Corner Continued)

Over the river and through the woods: *When you leave the house, turn off the tree lights and blow out all candles.

*Buckle your seatbelt every time you drive or ride in a car.

*Never drink and drive.

*Stay alert at all times and pay attention to your surroundings.

*Park in well-lit spaces.

*Don't overload yourself with packages.

*Have your car keys in hand before heading to the parking lot.

Parties and Food Safety: *When hosting a holiday party, follow some basic safety tips.

*Bacteria are often present in raw foods. Fully cook meats and poultry, and thoroughly wash raw vegetables and fruits.

*Always thaw meat in the refrigerator, never on the countertop.

*Foods that require refrigeration should never be left a room temperature for more than two hours.

*Provide non-alcoholic drinks for designated drivers and other guests.

*Don't let any of your guests drive home if they've been drinking.

*Keep a laminated list with all the important phone numbers you or a baby-sitter are likely to need in case of an emergency. Include the police and fire department, your pediatrician and the poison control center.

Fireplaces: *Use care with "fire salts" which produce colored flames when thrown on wood fires.

They contain heavy metals that can cause intense gastrointestinal irritation and vomiting if eaten.

Keep them away from children.

*Do not burn wrapping papers in the fireplace. A flash fire may result as wrappings ignite suddenly and burn intensely.

The City of Jersey Village wishes one and all a safe and joyful holiday season and a prosperous new year.



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