



VILLAGE STAR

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Flood Control Update

Mayor Hamley, City Manager Mike Castro and Public Works Director Danny Segundo met with officials from the Harris County Flood Control Department on June 7th. The news from County officials continues to be very encouraging. Work on the Fallbrook basin, adjacent to Jones Road, will be completed in August / September. Work will begin on the nearby Ranchstone detention basin in August. Work on the Hollister basin is expected to commence in the Spring of 08. Construction work will take approximately 18 to 24 months for each basin. These three basins must be completed before work can begin on the Jersey Village Channel north of town. A source of funding has been also identified for the Channel completion. Final project approval for the Hollister basin and the Jersey Village Channel is the purview of Harris County Commissioners Court. Flood Control personnel were optimistic that Court approval would be forthcoming this summer regarding funding for the Hollister basin and the Jersey Village Channel. Finally, major rehabilitation work on the north slope of the bayou from North Tahoe to Lakeview will be completed this summer.

National Night Out—August 7th

On Tuesday, August 7th, neighborhoods throughout Houston are being invited to join forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the “24th Annual National Night Out” crime and drug prevention event. National Night Out, which is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch and co-sponsored locally by the Jersey Village Police Department, will involve over 11,000 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases around the world. In all, over 35 million people are expected to participate in “America’s Night Out Against Crime” on August 7th. NNO 2007 is being supported in part by TARGET and the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance.

National Night Out is designed to: (1) Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; (2) Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime efforts; (3) Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and (4) Send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

On August 7th, residents in neighborhoods throughout Houston and across the nation, are asked to lock their doors, turn on outside lights and spend the evening outside with neighbors and police. Many neighborhoods throughout Houston will be hosting a variety of special events such as block parties, cookouts, parades, visits from police and fire departments, flashlight walks, contests, youth activities and anticrime rallies.

For more information, or to sign up as a block captain, please contact Officer S. Joachim at 713-466-2125.

Are you prepared for a Hurricane?

Hurricane season is here and it may be a busy one for us this year. Weather officials are already saying that the Texas coastline should expect a Hurricane this year. Are you prepared?

Recommended Items to Include in a Basic Emergency Supply Kit:

- Water, one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation
- Food, at least a three-day supply of nonperishable food
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert and extra batteries for both
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Whistle to signal for help
- Dust mask, to help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Can opener for food (if kit contains canned food)
- Canned pet food

If you plan on Evacuating:

- Keep your vehicle in good repair with a full tank of fuel
- Check on friends and neighbors who may have special needs
- Persons with special needs should leave early
- 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
- Take your Pets

Be prepared. Go to www.ready.gov for more information on being prepared.

211, what is that? 211 is the information phone number that will help assist individuals in a variety of areas. The 211 phone number was created to assist persons with special needs. Harris County defines a person with special needs as anyone who will need assistance with evacuation. Are you a person with special needs? There are two ways to find out if you are a person with special needs. Visit www.211.org or phone 211 direct. The City of Jersey Village is encouraging residents with special needs to register today. As with any situation you want to be prepared. If you know someone who may need assistance getting out of harms way, encourage them to call 211. Operators are standing by 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to take your call.

Keep Your Own Grass, Please

Flooding and street drainage are issues that are constantly on the mind of every Jersey Village resident. While the city and Harris County are spending millions to alleviate the situation, there are simple steps that you as a homeowner can take to do your part. Do you use a lawn service? If so, talk with them to make sure they are not blowing grass clippings into the street. If you are your own lawn service, be responsible and bag or mulch your clippings immediately. The debris from only a few yards per street can clog up under-sized storm drainage lines. This in turn causes water to pool for days instead of clearing in minutes. When you contract for a yard service, stipulate that yard clippings will be mulched into the yard or bagged.

Sandy's Corner

By: Officer S. Joachim

Citizens Police Academy

The Jersey Village Citizens Police Academy is a 10 to 12 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 September 6th from 6:30pm—9:30pm. The class will be limited to 20 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 Officer S. Joachim at 713-466-2125.

Budget Process Coming Soon

Do you ever wonder how the city spends the money it receives from taxes? Where does most of the money come from? If you have a curiosity for municipal operations and love numbers, the city budget process is right around the corner. On July 30 and 31, the city will conduct a series of public hearings detailing how we did in the current year and what we expect for next year. This is a good opportunity to learn first-hand the issues we face as a community. It is also the single best opportunity to speak with Council regarding strategic decisions. In the past, very few residents have attended budget hearings and budget meetings. These are relatively dry affairs. However, citizen input is welcomed and warmly received. Hearing dates and budget details will be published as we get closer to August.

Requesting Public Information

The Public Information Act

Texas Government Code, Chapter 552, gives you the right to access government records; and an officer for public information and the officer's agent may not ask why you want them. All government information is presumed to be available to the public. Certain exceptions may apply to the disclosure of the information. Governmental bodies shall promptly release requested information that is not confidential by law, either constitutional, statutory, or by judicial decision, or information for which an exception to disclosure has not been sought.

To request information from this governmental body please contact:

You may send your request

By mail: City of Jersey Village, City Secretary By Fax: 713-466-2177
16501 Jersey Drive
Jersey Village, TX 77040-1999

By e-mail: publicinformation@ci.jersey-village.tx.us In person at: 16327 Lakeview Drive

For more information visit our website at www.jerseyvillage.info and click on the City Secretary's link. A link to the public information request form is available for you to fax, mail, or e-mail your request via the e-mail link available on-line. If you have questions or comments regarding the city's public information process, please call 713-466-2102.

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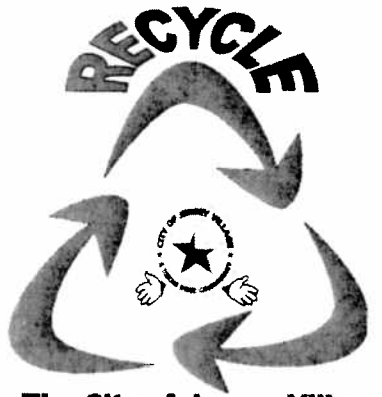
Statistics

JV Police Department

Calls for Service	217
Vehicle Theft	10
Aggravated Assault	2
Burglary, business	6
Burglary, residence	4
Burglary, vehicle	10
Disturbance	81
Narcotics, felony	2
Minor accidents	148
Major accidents	18
Alarms	146
Suspicious person	136
Traffic control	4
Traffic hazard	53

JV Emergency Services

Building Fires	5
Auto Fires	3
Other Fires	0
Rescue/EMS incidents	101
Hazardous Conditions	8
Service Calls	6
Smoke or odor call	2
False alarms/cancelled enroute	47
Total Ambulance Transports	82



**The City of Jersey Village
is in your hands!**

**Participation
Goal - 50%
Current - 20%**

**Every Wednesday
curbside out by 7:00 am**

**Paper in black bags
Everything else in white bags!**

**Important City Phone
Numbers**

Emergency Call	911
Main Number	713-466-2100
City Manager	713-466-2108
City Secretary	713-466-2102
Fire Dept	713-466-2130
Police Dept	713-466-5824
Permits	713-466-2110
Public Works	713-466-2133
Code Enforcement & Animal Control	713-466-2129
Water Billing & Taxes	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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