



# Jersey Village Star



August 2008

## Amended Ordinance...

On July 21, 2008, the City Council and the Jersey Village Planning and Zoning Commission conducted a joint public meeting, which gave the public an opportunity to make comments concerning a proposed amendment to Section 14-88(a)(7)a. of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Jersey Village, Texas. Council approved the Planning and Zoning Commission's recommendation and amended Section 14-88(a)(7)a as follows: Trucks and vans, larger than one ton in capacity, and self-propelled, self-powered, or pull-type equipment that weighs at least 3,000 pounds and that are intended to be used for commercial, agricultural, construction, or industrial uses; trailers; and towed vehicles shall not be parked or stored in a front, side, or rear yard in zoning districts A, C, or C-2 except during the act of loading or unloading and except in connection with the provision of services to the property at which it is parked." There will be an initial warning period of 30 days and citations will begin after August 25, 2008.

## Annual Ice Cream Social

*A perfect time to catch up with friends & neighbors*



Sunday, September 7, 2008  
Clark Henry Pavilion from 6:00-8:00 p.m.  
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



## Recycle...

Our current recycle participation remains around 30-35% per week. Please remember to put paper goods in black trash bags and all other recyclables in white trash bags. All recycling is picked up curbside on Wednesday morning. Thanks again to all of our residents who have made this program a success!

### Statistics for June 2008 JV Police Department

Calls for Service	73
Vehicle Theft	3
Aggravated Assault	1
Burglary, Business	1
Burglary, Residence	2
Burglary, Vehicle	3
Disturbance	21
Narcotics, Felony	0
Minor Accidents	62
Major Accidents	9
Alarms	71
Suspicious Person	78
Traffic Control	1
Traffic Hazard	20

### JV Emergency Service

Building Fires	5
Auto Fires	2
Other Fires	0
Rescue/EMS Incidents	58
Hazardous Conditions	4
Service Calls	1
Smoke or Odor Calls	1
False Alarms/Cancelled enroute	13
Total Ambulance Transports	40

### 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

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

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## Sandy's Corner

### Smile, you're on Camera!

by Officer S. Joachim, special to the Jersey Village Star

Beginning July 28, 2008, the red light safety camera program will begin issuing citations at intersections throughout the City. Owners of vehicles photographed running red lights at intersections where cameras are installed will receive a Notice of Violation. On average, a motorist runs a red light every 20 minutes and during peak travel times it is more frequent. Red light running is the leading cause of urban accidents according to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety. Each year more than 800 people die and an estimated 200,000+ are injured in crashes that involve red light running. This is not a new problem. People have been dying in red light running crashes for many years, as indicated by the earliest statistics compiled by the federal government.

200 municipalities in 23 states and

the District of Columbia have installed some form of the technology, and they have charted significant drops in violations and serious accidents, according to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety and interviews with other traffic experts. The objective of photo enforcement is to deter violators, not to catch them. Signs and publicity campaigns warn drivers that photo enforcement is in use. So to keep your pictures from being taken follow the law:

Texas Transportation Code 544.007 and 545.101.....

An operator of a vehicle facing only a steady red signal shall stop at a clearly marked stop line. In the absence of a stop line, the operator shall stop before entering the crosswalk on the near side of the

intersection. To make a right turn at an intersection, after stopping at the red light, an operator shall make both the approach and the turn as closely as practicable to the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway. Certain entity's jurisdictions may prohibit a turn by an operator of a vehicle facing a steady red signal by posting notice at the intersection that the turn is prohibited.

(For example, at the intersection of U.S. 290 west bound service road and Jones Road, an operator can NOT turn right from the center lane on red. After stopping and yielding right of way to pedestrians in an adjacent crosswalk and other traffic lawfully using the intersection, the operator may turn right from the far right lane—closest to the curb.)

Enforcing traffic laws in urban areas by traditional means poses special difficulties for police, who in most cases must follow a violating vehicle through a red light to stop it. This can endanger motorists and pedestrians as well as officers, and police cannot be everywhere at once. Traffic stops in urban areas can exacerbate traffic congestion. Communities do not have the resources to allow police to patrol intersections as often as would be needed to ticket all motorists who run red lights. Red light cameras allow police to focus on other enforcement needs.



## Now you know the cameras are in place and working!

**Tickets for valid violations will be issued beginning July 28, 2008**

The City of Jersey Village's objective is to keep the community and our residents' safe by reducing preventable collisions at red light intersections.

Cameras have been installed at the intersections on Highway 290 at Senate, Highway 290 at FM 529, and Highway 290 at Jones Road. Beginning July 28, 2008, the red light safety camera program will begin issuing citations at intersections throughout the city. Owners of

vehicles photographed running red lights at intersections where cameras are installed will receive a Notice of Violation. Violators will be assessed a \$75 civil penalty. For more information please visit our website at [www.jerseyvillage.info](http://www.jerseyvillage.info).



## Keep Your Own Grass, Please

Flooding and street drainage are issues that are constantly on the mind of every Jersey Village resident. There are some things that you can do 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, causing water to take days to dry up. When you contract for a yard

service, stipulate that yard clippings will be mulched into the yard or bagged.



## Street Construction Brief Update

1.) Equador Street (Anticipated completion date-August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2008). This street is 95 % complete as of date. All of the new water line has been installed, tested, and is currently active. The majority of both sides of the entire street paving are completed for the exception of a couple of entrances leading into Post Elementary School.

2.) Shanghai Street (Anticipated completion date – August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2008).

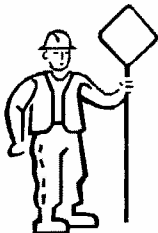
This street is 60% complete as of date. The entire street paving on the south side of the road is completed along with driveways & sidewalks on the same side.

3.) Argentina Street (Anticipated completion date – Mid September, 2008). This street is 40% complete as of date. New water line has been installed for the entire length of the street. All of the west side of the street has been paved along with

completed driveways on same side.

4.) Chichester Street (Anticipated completion date – Mid October, 2008). This street is 30 % complete as of date. After today the new water line will be 100% installed for the entire length of street. All of the new storm sewer piping has been installed for the length of street for the exception of placing down storm sewer inlets.

5.) Glamorgan, Leeds, Carlsbad & Tahoe Streets (Anticipated completion date is dependant upon progress of other streets under construction – unknown at this time).



## Flood Control Update

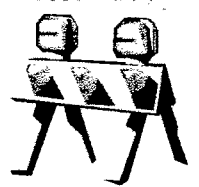
In the past 18 months, there has been significant work completed on flood control projects within and around Jersey Village. Most prominently, work was completed on the Fallbrook detention basin, located at Jones Rd. and Fallbrook. Work is underway on a second upstream detention basin, Ranchstone. This basin is immediately southeast of the Fallbrook Basin. The contractor for the Ranchstone basin has a total of 225 contract days to complete the work. At the end of June, he had used approximately 150 days of his allotment. This would put him on schedule to complete the project in late Fall or early Winter. The third detention basin planned is the Hollister basin. The contract for this basin was awarded this past March. Construction has yet to begin. When construction on the Hollister basin

does begin, the contractor will have 300 contract days to complete the work. Once work has been completed on the three detention basins, flood control can begin work on the JV Channel on the north side of town. In the past, flood control officials have stressed that the JV Channel will be able to divert as much as 30% of the flow of White Oak Bayou during peak flow conditions. City officials have also met with Flood Control officials to initiate planning for the Golf Course detention basin. Flood Control has assigned a project officer to this work, and has initiated preliminary design specification.

## Jones Road Update

Design work for the Jones Road extension is at 100% and awaiting final County approval. When Harris County does approve the final design, the city will be able to place the project out for bid. The project will be bid on a competitive basis, with the city choosing the contractor that best meets the requirements of the bid documents. The project should be bid during the Fall, with construction starting right before, or immediately after the new year. The final plat for the project was approved by City Council at its June Regular City Council meeting. The owner of the property adjacent to the future Jones Road has donated his property for the construction of the roadway. The donation saved the city the cost of having to purchase the property. Plans for the future roadway include extensive drainage and flood control allowances for current and future development in the area.

This is a project that has been discussed and planned for a long time. It has been a part of the city's capital improvement program since 2001. The city initiated discussion with Harris County regarding the project in the mid-1990s. The project has involved several government agencies jointly managing and paying for both the engineer work and the actual construction. Because of the multitude of participants, the project has been delayed longer than anyone would care for. The city currently has funds on hand to meet its obligations for this project. The good news is that the design is complete, and all property necessary for the project has been either purchased or donated.



## 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

21, 2008 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.



## JV Parks Review Committee Report to the Citizens

by Jim Pulliam

The JV Park Review Committee is composed of five citizens and we meet approximately every three weeks in the JV Civic Center. We created the park survey and 220 surveys were returned. The returned surveys indicated the basic desires of the citizens was to build the 43 acre Detention Pond Park, plant trees, maintain the existing parks and build a Military Commemorative Memorial. The City Council added a Master Park Plan with approximate costs.

The Parks Master Plan is being coordinated by Jon Peterson. The plan is very basic right now. At the last meeting we took that Master Plan and added approximate costs to all of the projects for the JV budget meetings coming at the end of the month.

A JV citizen, Michael Mauer, volunteered to create a design of the Military Commemorative Memorial from a report created by Committee Member Paulette Williams. He presented a concentric circle design to the committee at the last meeting. We need to determine a site for the Memorial and would like input from the citizens. The suggested locations are at the Civic Center, at Delosier (sp) Park, at the Volleyball Park across the street from Carol Fox Park or at the Detention Pond Park.

The trees and the Community Demonstration Garden are both being worked on by Nancy Bond and Laura Boyd. We have a Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and the Jersey Village Garden Club that would like to work on the garden. The basic design would use

low water and low maintenance plants for the citizens to observe at an entrance to the city. If you are interested in more information on these types of plants go to the website [www.beadribble.com](http://www.beadribble.com).

Nancy Bond has made contact with a tree company that will plant and take care of the trees for two years for \$150 each. The city could purchase the trees for the parks and other city land. The citizens could also purchase the trees as a memorial to a loved one especially at the Military Commemorative Memorial.

The Detention Pond Park ideas are being coordinated by Jim Pulliam. He has had one meeting with the Harris County Flood Control District to review their proposed design that was

very good for the city. It will relocate the main channel and have a series of lakes in the bottom that will be used to naturally clean the water. This design is liked by the EPA who may fund it.

The next meeting of the JV Parks Review Committee is July 31, at 7:00 PM at the Civic Center. If you have ideas for the JV Parks please contact Jim Pulliam by mail, phone or email at [pulliaj@gmail.com](mailto:pulliaj@gmail.com).



## 10th Year for Santa Deliveries

This will be our 10th and final year for Santa Deliveries with our special Santa and Mrs. Claus.

As part of the fire departments annual fundraiser, Santa, Mrs. Claus and Elves will make delivery of your gift to your child by following the guidelines below:

- \* On August 18, 2008 the fire department will start taking reservations for the December delivery dates listed below. Contact the Fire Dept. Administrative Office @ 713-466-2130 to reserve your date.
- \* Dates for delivery: December 11, 12, 13, 14, 18, 19, 20 and 21
- \* Deliveries made between 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm (5:00 pm no Sat/Sun)
- \* A minimum donation of \$35.00 for a ten minute visit for a family of four. Santa has requested no deliveries to large groups or parties.
- \* Bring your child's wrapped gift to the Fire Station the Wednesday prior to your scheduled delivery date. Station located @ 16501 Jersey Dr.
- \* Additional donations will be greatly appreciated

Checks payable to: City of JV/Fire Dept. Donation Account



## Hurricane Safety Tips

### Evacuation Tips

- Keep your vehicle in good repair with a full tank of fuel.
- Check on friends and neighbors who may have special needs.
- Prepare a disaster supplies kit.
- Persons with special needs should leave early.
- Designate a meeting point for your family should you get separated.
- If possible, have a cell phone, CB radio or other form of communication.
- Only use cell phones for emergencies.
- Monitor local radio and television.
- Don't take unnecessary items with you.
- If local officials order an evacuation, it is because it is too dangerous to stay, and resources will not be available to take care of you before, during, and for at least 72 hours after a storm.

### Prepare a Disaster Supplies Kit

- Can opener
- Three (3) day supply of food and water. One (1) gallon of water, per person, per day.
- Bedding or sleeping bags
- Bleach
- Mosquito repellent
- Extra prescription medications, or refill information
- First aid kit
- Eating utensils
- Toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, etc.)
- Toilette paper
- Extra change of clothes
- Battery-operated AM/FM radio
- Flashlights
- Extra batteries
- Extra keys
- Extra eyeglasses or prescription information
- Special needs items (hearing aid, etc.)
- Important papers (such as insurance information, etc.)
- Money, checks, or credit cards
- Name, address and telephone number of an out-of-area contact person
- Prepare to be self-sufficient for at least 72 hours!



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