



Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT)

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills. The program focuses on areas in fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional

responders are not immediately available to help. CERT members also are encouraged to support emergency response agencies by taking a more active role in emergency preparedness projects in their community. If you are not active in the community and would like to be, the CERT team in Jersey Village would love for you to join them. Classes are held throughout the county monthly. For more information please contact Jersey Village Fire Department at 713-466-2130. ★

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**Statistics for December 2011
JV Police Department**

Calls for Service	1189
Vehicle Theft	2
Aggravated Assault	2
Burglary, Business	6
Burglary, Residence	1
Burglary, Vehicle	3
Disturbance	50
Narcotics, Felony	31
Minor Accidents	104
Major Accidents	24
Alarms	123
Suspicious Person	260
Traffic Control	3
Traffic Hazard	18

JV Fire Department

Building Fires	6
Auto Fires	0
Other Fires	0
Rescue/EMS Incidents	55
Hazardous Conditions	0
Service Calls	4
Smoke or Odor Calls	1
False Alarms/Cancelled Enroute	19
Total Ambulance Transports	36



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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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Art's Article

By: Art Pettitt

As most of you know, Sandy Joachim was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 2010. Her schedule is very demanding, so she has passed the torch to me on writing an article in the Jersey Village Star. I have some big shoes to fill since Sandy was the Crime Prevention Officer, Dare/Great Officer for such a long time.

My name is Art Pettitt, I am married and have a 22 year old son, named Zachary. After Finishing my Tour of Duty in the U.S. Army in 1972, I started working with juveniles at Harris County Juvenile Probation. While working there, I attended Sam Houston State University, earning a B.S. in Criminology. I graduated in 1975 and joined the Houston Police Department, working Patrol, Dispatcher, and Vice. I left HPD in 1982 to pursue owning my own business. I had a very lucrative business for about 3 years and then the economy got bad. I left the business adventure for a position of Shift Supervisor, at Harris County Juvenile Probation. I missed the

work of being a police officer so I was hired here in Jersey Village as a Reserve Officer and worked from 1995 to 2003. I retired from Harris County Juvenile Probation as the Assistant Superintendent in 2009 with 25 years' service and came to Jersey Village working full time as an Officer.

After Sandy was promoted, I was given her position as the Crime Prevention Officer so, Sgt. Sandy's corner has officially become: Art's Articles. ★



We are still in a Drought

Both November and December provided above average rainfall for the Houston area. Although the rainfall totals are encouraging, the Houston area ended 2011 nearly 25 inches below average rainfall. 2011 was the third driest year for the Houston region. All of this to say we are still experiencing a record drought. It will take many months of above-average



Phase III Paving, Storm Sewer and Waterline Improvement Project Commencing Soon

In regards to Phase III Street Renovation Project, all of the surveying has been completed and officially recorded. Brooks and Sparks Engineering Firm currently is wrapping up the design phase by completing the final set of drawings and related specifications specifically utilized for construction purposes on the project itself.

On January 19th, 2012 and again on January 26th, 2012 an official notice to bidders publically advertising the project and requesting formal bids from prospective contractors for the project was posted in the Cy-Fair section of the Houston Chronicle as well as the City's website as part of the open-competitive bidding process. A pre-bid meeting will be held by the City of Jersey Village in the Council Meeting Room at 16327

Lakeview, Jersey Village, Texas, 77040, at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 31st, 2012. The meeting is geared to allow those prospective bidders/contractors an opportunity to have specific questions pertaining towards the project answered by the design Engineer.

The deadline for submitting formal bids for the project is no later than 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 7th, 2012. All formal bids for the project will be officially opened by the City at 2:00 p.m. sharp on Tuesday, February 7th, 2012 at the same location mentioned above. Once a contractor has been selected by the City and mobilization has occurred periodic updates concerning the project will be placed on the City website (www.jersey-village.info). ★

rainfall to replenish the lakes and reservoirs that supply drinking water to the Houston area. In September of 2011, the City of Jersey Village implemented Phase 1 of the city's Drought Contingency Plan. Outside watering by means of an irrigation system or sprinkler is allowed twice per week, on designated days. The day of the week that you may water is based upon your residential street address. Those dates and times are outlined in the city's Drought Contingency Plan (Ch. 70, Art. V). The decision to lift water restrictions is not linked to actions of the City of Houston. Stated differently, if Houston lifts its water restrictions, Jersey Village is not obligated to follow suit. The amount of rainfall the city receives in the Spring and early Summer will bear significantly on any decision related to the easing of water restrictions. In the meantime, we should continue to practice water conservation in our homes in a manner consistent with good stewardship. ★

Capital Improvements Projects

The Public Works Department will soon begin its bi-annual work to repair sanitary sewer lines and manholes that have infiltration issues. This year the areas of the City that will be addressed are: Wall Street, Capri Drive, Tahoe Drive, Crawford Street, and Carlsbad Street. The City's contractor for this project is Insituform, and it is scheduled to start this month (February).

Insituform will notify those residents affected with flyers, before beginning repair work on or near their property. Please note that city superintendents will be on site inspecting the work by Insituform. If you have any questions regarding this project please feel free to call 713-466-2107 or email dsegundo@ci.jersey-village.tx.us. ★