

# ★ Jersey Village Star ★

December 2007

## School Remodeling and Improvements

On November 6th the voters of Cypress Fairbanks Independent School district voted for an \$807 million bond. According to [www.cfsd.net](http://www.cfsd.net) the bond will allow for more schools and a second alternative learning center; the purchase of more school buses; and funding for renovation and improvement projects at district facilities. Post Elementary and Jersey Village High School are two of the schools that will be renovated and improved. The Public Works Department is working with Cy Fair Traffic Engineers to coordinate traffic control during construction. Plans are still under review, but be looking for construction to start in the near future.



### Statistics for October 2007 JV Police Department

Calls for Service	92
Vehicle Theft	4
Aggravated Assault	1
Burglary, business	10
Burglary, residence	5
Burglary, vehicle	1
Disturbance	31
Narcotics, felony	3
Minor accidents	72
Major accidents	7
Alarms	61
Suspicious person	75
Traffic control	0
Traffic hazard	22

### JV Emergency Services

Building Fires	2
Auto Fires	0
Other Fires	2
Rescue/EMS incidents	57
Hazardous Conditions	2
Service Calls	6
Smoke or odor calls	6
False alarms/cancelled enroute	16
Total Ambulance Transports	44

### 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 Santa's Safety Tips

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

The holidays are people rushing, stressed, careless and looking for last-minute gifts. It's enough to make a crook giddy with holiday joy. Be prepared for the possibility of a crime so you don't become a victim.

**Traveling:** Get an automatic timer for lights, ask a neighbor to watch your home and park in the driveway occasionally, have mail and newspaper delivery stopped.

**Out for the evening:** Turn on lights, radio or television so it looks like someone's home. Lock doors and windows. Don't display gifts where they can be seen from outside.

**Shopping:** Stay alert and be aware of your surroundings. Park in a well-lighted space, lock the car, and hide bags and gifts in the trunk. Avoid carrying large amounts of cash; pay with a check or credit card. Don't overload yourself with packages. Carry a purse close to your body. Put a wallet in an inside coat or front pocket. Teach children to go to a store clerk or security guard if separated.

Be ready to unlock your car without fumbling for keys and be ready to react. If you think someone is following you, change directions or return to the store. Never feel embarrassed about asking for help.

**Home during the holidays:** If a stranger comes to the door, beware criminals sometimes pose as couriers delivering gifts. And it's not uncommon for people to try to take advantage of others' generosity during the holidays by going door to door for charitable donations when there's no charity involved. Ask for identification and find out how the funds will be used. If you aren't satisfied, don't give. Help a charitable organization you know and like instead.



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## Friendly Trash Reminders

With the holiday season rapidly approaching, we would like to remind everyone to be sure to flatten card board boxes that may have once contained toys, games, etc. Flattening boxes makes debris removal quicker and easier.

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.

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.**

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.

Items such as appliances, furniture, carpet (up to 1 room, rolled up four feet wide and less than fifty pounds), cardboard boxes (flattened), will be picked up either day. By Federal Law, refrigerators and freezers or any other items containing Freon must be drained of Freon and have an accompanying bill to validate such service was performed.

Items excluded from normal collection are dirt, rocks, bricks, concrete, tires, batteries, motor oil, cooking oil, waste generated by a private contractor or any materials or items deemed hazardous materials. WCA will leave a tag explaining the reason for non-collected item(s).

WCA will meet with the resident to determine a price for the pick up of items excluded for normal trash collection.

Waste Corporation of Texas-Ph: (281) 368-8397



## Upcoming Events:

### December 2 - Holiday in the Park from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

- Come out to Carol Fox Park to enjoy snow, shopping, fun and so much more!

### December 11-12 Christmas Decorating Contest

- From 7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. judges will be out looking for the best dressed Jersey Village homes.

### December 7-9 and 13-16 - Santa is Back

- The fire department fundraiser will again have Santa, Mrs. Claus and their elves arrive in style on fire trucks ready to deliver gifts.



## 2008 Citizens Fire Academy

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.

The 12 week class will begin Thursday, January 10th in the training room of the Fire Station. The station is located at 16501 Jersey Dr.

### Class Schedule

Thurs. 10 Jan. 7-10 pm	Introduction, fire service history, fire department organization, CERT overview and station tour.
Thurs. 17 Jan. 7-10 pm	Adult CPR
Thurs. 24 Jan. 7-10 pm	Basic first aid, JVES EMS overview and ambulance tour.
Thurs. 31 Jan. 7-10 pm	Communications, incident command, dispatch and police department tour.
Thurs. 07 Feb. 7-10 pm	Protective clothing and self contained breathing apparatus.
Thurs. 14 Feb. 7-10 pm	Fire science and fire extinguisher use.
Thurs. 21 Feb. 7-10 pm	Fire prevention, fire inspections and disaster preparedness.
Thurs. 28 Feb. 7-10 pm	Rescue overview, simple shoring and hazardous materials.
Sat. 01 Mar. 8 am- 5 pm	CERT exercise and car extrication practical.
Thurs. 06 Mar. 7-10 pm	Ladders, forced entry, utility control and search techniques.
Thurs. 13 Mar. 7-10 pm	Water supply, hose loads, fire streams and pump operations.
Thurs. 20 Mar. 7-10 pm	No class this week due to Easter.
Thurs. 27 Mar. 7-10 pm	Protective clothing review, ventilation and salvage operations.
Sat. 29 Mar. 8 am- 5 pm	CERT final exercise, live fire exercise and rope operations.
Tues. 01 Apr. 6pm to end	Graduation

Contact Rob Missall to sign up or for further details:  
(713) 466 2130  
Fax (713) 466-2151

## Civic Center for Rent

Some residents are aware that the City has the civic center available for rent for meetings, weddings, anniversaries, reunions, scouts, little league, Garden Club, AARP, American Legion parties, meetings, and many more events. The civic center is a large room located next door the police department with a stage and tables and chairs to accommodate 250 people. Rates are highly competitive, averaging 1/3 to 1/2 the cost of similar facilities. Residents who use the center will receive a discount. For a social gathering/party for residents the deposit is \$250 and the rental fee is \$350. They are also additional fees for food or drinks in the building as well as for alcohol. For more information on fees or if you are interested in rented the civic center for your next big event please contact Courtney Rutherford at 713-466-2108 or [cmr@ci.jersey-village.tx.us](mailto:cmr@ci.jersey-village.tx.us).

## Christmas Tree Recycling

The City of Jersey Village will be accepting Christmas trees at the drop off site located outside of the Jersey Meadow Golf Course, at the dead end of Jersey Meadow Drive, near the bridge. Christmas trees may be dropped for recycling December 26, 2007 through January 14, 2008. Any resident not wishing to recycle their tree may place it curbside on a regular trash collection day.



## Jogging Trail Completed

The City Parks Department has completed the jogging trail around the 43 acre detention facility located at the end of Rio Grande. The Trail is just under one mile (200 ft short). There are three ways to access the trail there is one path at the end of Rio Grand, one path by the bridge on Rio Grand (curbside parking is allowed along Rio Grand) and one at the parking lot at the end of Jersey Meadow Dr. Please take advantage of the trail to enjoy this great weather and to keep in shape. This is an interim use until the county completes the planned detention pond several years from now.



## 6th Annual FrostBike 50

January 27, 2008 - Sunday 8:00AM Start  
Start/Finish at Cy-Fair College 9191 Barker Cypress Rd., Cypress, Tx 77433  
Registration: \$25.00 If Postmarked by January 6, 2008  
\$35.00 January 7, 2008 or later, including day of ride

On line registration at [www.frostbike50.com](http://www.frostbike50.com). All pre-registered riders, if registered by January 20, 2008, are guaranteed a T-shirt.  
For more information email John Singletary at [johnsingletary@sbcglobal.net](mailto:johnsingletary@sbcglobal.net)



## City Council Actions

Council Update – October 15, 2007, Work Session and October 15, 2007, Regular Session

City Council discussed the following during the October 15, 2007, Work Session:

- Open Meetings Act and Public Information Act - Training

City Council took the following action during the October 15, 2007, Regular Session:

- Public Hearing regarding the City of Jersey Village FY07-08 proposed budget
- Approval of Minutes of September 17, 2007, Regular Session, October 4, 2007, Public Hearing, and October 8, 2007, Public Hearing
- Approval of Ordinance No. 2007-42 – Approving and adopting the budget of the City of Jersey Village, Texas, for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2007
- Approval of motion – setting the Debt Service Tax Rate of \$0.2925 per \$100 value for the year 2007
- Approval of motion – setting the Maintenance and Operation Tax Rate of \$0.45000 per \$100 value for the year 2007
- Approval of Ordinance No. 2007-43 – Providing for the levy and collection of ad valorem taxes by the City of Jersey Village, Texas, for the year 2007
- Discussion regarding the cost of employee group health benefits
- Discussion regarding Municipal Court Update
- Approval of Ordinance No. 2007-39 – Amending Chapter 34 of the Code of Ordinances; requiring that food service establishments have grease traps.
- Approval of Ordinance No. 2007-41 – Amending Section 70-77 of the Code of Ordinances of said city; establishing rates for water and wastewater service
- Approval of Resolution No. 2007-45 – Appointing members to the Parks Review Committee
- Approval of Resolution No. 2007-46 – Establishing a facilities reserve balance, establishing operating guidelines for the facilities reserve balance and authorizing transfer of fund balance from the general fund into the facilities reserve balance

## Recycling

### Recycling Extended 6 Months

The current recycle contract was due to end at the end of November. City staff met with Jim Adamoli from Tascon and he has agreed to extend the contract another 6 months. He stressed to staff that we still need to get more participants in order for this to be beneficial to his company. So please help us keep the recycling program going and get your recyclables at the curb every Wednesday morning by 7:00 am. Collections will still be paper in black plastic trash bags and plastic & aluminum in white plastic bags.



#### Recycle Fun Fact:

Residents of Jersey Village recycled over 79.83 tons mixed paper the last 6 months. This saved over 1350 trees.

#### Recycle Fun Fact:

The 19.2 million tons of Texas municipal solid waste would fill two lanes of IH-10 from Beaumont to El Paso 10 feet high.

#### Recycle Fun Fact:

Texans dump enough trash every two weeks to fill the Astrodome.

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