



Mayor's Monthly Newsletter

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Kicking Off 2018 in Jersey Village

Hello Neighbors, Residents and Friends

Happy New Year and here's to a great 2018 in Jersey Village, Texas! We have so much on tap this year I don't know where to begin. Let me start off by saying how excited I am about some of the projects our City will tackle in 2018. Projects range from important infrastructure improvements to park enhancements to new entrances and signage. I want to discuss some of these important endeavors in this month's Mayor's Newsletter

Many people know Jersey Village is tackling flood mitigation with multi-year infrastructure projects. Of those, the golf course berm has generated a lot of questions and inquiries. The berm is intended to retain water on the golf course during a major rain event and reduce street flooding. The project has produced questions about the berms' location, features and effects on the golf course. The importance of this project compelled City Council to take an active role in the engineering and planning. Last month Council held the first of several workshops with City Staff to plan and oversee the development of the berm. It is incumbent that a berm is economical, functional, aesthetically pleasing and doesn't impede golf course playability. All workshops are open to the public and I encourage residents to attend and learn about the berm project and on-going flood mitigation strategies. Monitor the City website for dates and additional information.

The City also conducted a public forum in December for citizens to express their opinions on new entry monuments and wayfinding signage. As part of the Comprehensive Plan, the City will be updating entrances and signage to reflect our community pride. Several options were presented and feedback was instrumental in zeroing in on a design that reflects our community spirit and vision. City Council is expected to vote on the final design at January's meeting with construction set to take place during the next fiscal budget. Check out the City website for more information and to see the proposed designs.

2018 will also see needed renovations at the Jersey Meadows club house. The club house is a hidden gem that has tremendous potential. I envision the club house as a community gathering location for dinners and events. To make that vision a reality, the building needs renovating, modernizing and a fresh atmosphere. This will improve experiences of the golfers and community looking for a great place to meet up with neighbors and friends. The process is already underway with a new roof to be completed soon. The club house renovations are funded with hotel tax funds instead of the City's general fund.

I want to welcome Jason Alfaro as the new Parks and Recreation Director for Jersey Village. Jason will be joining our team on January 8th and comes to us from Kingsville where he is currently the Parks and Recreation Director. Jason will inherit a slate of exciting projects including a new splash pad that is scheduled for this spring.

If anyone has questions about these or other City projects, please contact myself, Council members and City Staff. We welcome your insights and opinions.

All the Best,

Justin Ray
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Jersey Village, Texas