



Mayor's Monthly Newsletter

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National Night Out

Hello Neighbors, Residents and Friends

I am comfortably writing this month's Mayors Newsletter from the north wing of the Jersey Village executive mansion. I spent last night tearing up the quiet residential roads of our community hitting as many National Night Out (NNO) parties as I could. I attempted once again to eclipse former Mayor Ed Heathcott's record of 17 parties in one night. Alas, I failed again and could only make it to a dozen homes. The record survives! It was great seeing friends and neighbors again and welcoming new members to our city. I can say with all certainty that a vibrant community spirit is alive and well in Jersey Village and it was evident in the thirty NNO parties throughout the neighborhood. Once again, hats off to Police Chief Foerster and JVPD for another great NNO in Jersey Village

NNO is a great opportunity to visit with residents and discuss the issues and opportunities present in Jersey Village. Neighbors were keenly interested in the status and plans for a number of City initiatives. The City's flood mitigation progress was of interest to many residents. I had great conversations, specifically with neighbors in the Wall-Crawford-Capri and Tahoe corridor, concerning the berm and drainage projects that will have a direct impact on their properties. We discussed the progress and the plan to combine the berm and Wall Street drainage projects into a single effort. By doing so, the City has received a federal grant of \$500K and is on track to receive in excess of \$4 million for the combined projects.

Another common topic, as can be expected, was the city's purchase of acreage on Jones Road. At numerous NNO parties I was able to discuss the vision for the Jersey Crossing and the need for more retail entertainment and mixed use development. The City is making progress with developers and the overwhelming responses last night were supportive and encouraging. Residents were also supportive and excited about the new clubhouse and meeting center at Jersey Meadows golf course. We are finalizing the design with construction to begin next year. Resident's appreciate the investment in the golf course and for providing another improved dining and entertainment option for Jersey Village.

One of the most encouraging experiences last night at the dozen parties I made it to was seeing the increasing number of young kids and families moving into Jersey Village. I have made the NNO rounds since my first year on Council in 2012. Every year I see a steady increase in kids and families that have recently chosen Jersey Village to live in. These families chose Jersey Village because of the community atmosphere and neighborhood features such as public safety. I encourage our young families to seek out opportunities to get involved in the community such as volunteering at the local elementary and high school. Post Elementary specifically is a dynamic school with a dedicated and active PTO. Find out more about Post Elementary and the PTO at www.postpto.membershiptoolkit.com.

All the Best,

Justin Ray
Mayor

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