



Mayor's Newsletter

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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

It was great to see so many of you at our Fourth of July Parade and Festival earlier this month. The weather cooperated and we had a chance to enjoy many fun activities. Thanks to the staff and volunteers who help to make these events such a great part of living in Jersey Village!

July is always a big month for our city government. At this time each year, your city council gathers for multiple days to review the proposed budget prepared by our city staff. At our meetings on July 19, 20 and (if needed) 21, we will hold public meetings to go over the 2021-2022 fiscal year budget line by line.

Setting the budget for the upcoming fiscal year is one of the most important tasks your city council undertakes every year. It ultimately charts the course for how your tax dollars will be spent to fund our first responders, make investments in our infrastructure and put on great events like our Fourth of July Parade and Festival.

The proposed budget is currently available on the city's webpage, and I highly encourage you to look over it. If you have questions or concerns, feel free to reach out to me via e-mail at bwarren@jerseyvillagetx.com or on my cell phone at 713-515-2958.

Finally, we received some great news recently regarding our flood mitigation efforts. The city was informed that one of the two home elevation grants we submitted to FEMA in November 2020 was "identified for further review", which means we will receive the grant pending completion of final compliance checks and pre-award processes.

This grant will fund elevation of 16 homes in Jersey Village, with FEMA paying \$4,536,131 of the project cost. The city will cover the remaining \$391,639. We anticipate beginning work on these elevations within the next 12-18 months. With this pending award, our Long-Term Flood Recovery Plan adopted by the city in 2017 has now resulted in \$23.79 in grants received by the city for every dollar spent on developing the plan. That is an amazing return on investment!

We still have a long way to go. Even with these 16 homes elevated, many others are still at significant risk in the event of a flood. We will continue pursuing grants and other initiatives to reduce the risks of flooding and get our families out of harm's way.

Your neighbor,

Bobby Warren
Mayor