

Mayor's Newsletter

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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

October is shaping up to be a very busy month in Jersey Village!

As I write this month's newsletter, many of our neighbors are preparing for one of my favorite events of the year: National Night Out. It is an opportunity for us to get to know our neighbors even more and strengthen the ties that make our city so amazing. I want to thank our Jersey Village Police Department for helping to coordinate this event every year.

Later this month, the Jersey Village Police Department and Jersey Village Fire Department will host their annual open house! On October 16th from 10am until 2pm, our first responders will welcome citizens to stop by and check out some of the tools and equipment they use to keep us safe. It is a great opportunity to get to know our firefighters, EMT's and police officers and learn more about the amazing work they do for our community.

As many of you know, every ten years the Texas Legislature is required to redraw district lines for several different elected offices, including our congressional districts and state house and senate districts. As of the writing of this letter, the Texas Senate has passed a new map that would keep Jersey Village in Senate District 7, currently represented by Senator Paul Bettencourt. The new congressional map is still being debated on the Senate floor, but the current proposal would place Jersey Village entirely within the newly formed 38th Congressional District.

Unfortunately, last week when the proposed map for state house districts were released, I was dismayed to discover that the plan called for splitting Jersey Village in half between House Districts 138 and 148. Worse yet, the boundary between the two districts runs directly through some of our single-family neighborhoods near the golf course.

I had the opportunity to testify before the House Committee on Redistricting on October 4th to advocate for Jersey Village remaining in one state house district. Our citizens are very politically active. Time and again through the years, you have been extraordinarily effective advocates for our city at the county, state and federal levels. Dividing our citizens up into two districts would dilute our influence and make it much more difficult to effectively pursue projects and policies beneficial to our community. I am continuing to reach out to legislators on the committee in an effort to persuade them to reverse course on this plan.

As always, I encourage all citizens to reach out to me anytime they have questions or concerns about their city government. You can e-mail me at bwarren@jerseyvillagetx.com or call me on my personal cell phone at (713) 515-2958.

Your neighbor,

Bobby Warren Mayor