



# Mayor's Newsletter

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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

We just wrapped up our city elections this month, and I am humbled and honored that you have entrusted me with another two-year term to serve as your mayor. I will work every day to continue earning the trust you have placed in me. Congratulations to Mayor Pro Tem Michelle Mitcham and Councilmember Sheri Sheppard on being re-elected unopposed to their respective positions. I have the pleasure to work with a very dedicated and talented group of people on our city council and I look forward to continuing to work with all of them over the next two years.

Your city council is preparing for the single most important task it undertakes each year – reviewing and approving the city's annual budget. A council meeting to discuss budget priorities will take place at the Jersey Village Civic Center on Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm, followed by our regular May council meeting at 7:00pm. In addition, council has scheduled budget workshops for the evenings of July 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> (and, if needed, 19<sup>th</sup>) to go through the proposed budget line-by-line.

Of course, during the course of our budget meetings, council will also begin discussions regarding property tax rates and exemptions. Last year, the city council raised the standard residential exemption to the maximum 20%. I am confident that the over 65 exemption will be a big part of this discussion. As we all know, costs for goods and services have risen across the board over the last year. The challenge placed before our city council is to ensure we manage those increased costs responsibly while also being mindful of the tax burden placed on our citizens. I am optimistic that we can face those challenges and develop a budget that meets the needs of our citizens, makes necessary investments in public safety, services, and infrastructure, while remaining within our means.

I want to encourage our citizens to come to our budget meetings, review the proposed budget when it is released, and reach out to members of council to ask any questions or express any concerns you may have. I am happy to sit down with any interested citizens to discuss the proposed budget and the process by which it is reviewed and approved.

Thank you again for the trust you have placed in me. I look forward to working to keep Jersey Village an amazing place to live!

Your neighbor,

Bobby Warren  
Mayor