



Mayor's Newsletter

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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

During our April regular meeting, city council discussed a resolution to maintain the closure of the golf course bridge to vehicular traffic. It was decided to postpone a decision to allow for further study of the issue and to explore potential alternatives for vehicular access in the area.

It's important to clarify that the bridge in question is not part of any public road; rather, it is situated within the golf course parking lot. This bridge was originally built by a previous owner to provide access to different parts of the golf course before the development of the Lakes of Jersey Village subdivision and the adjacent detention pond. It was not designed to support the daily traffic of approximately 1,300 cars that it handled prior to its closure last year.

With the recent opening of our new golf course clubhouse, we've seen an increase in the number of visitors to the Jersey Meadow Golf Club. This rise in foot and cart traffic in the parking lot substantially heightens the risk of accidents, potentially leading to serious injuries or fatalities. Therefore, I support keeping the bridge closed to cars as we consider alternative routes for traffic.

I understand that this position might not be popular among those of you living near the golf course. The inconvenience caused by the bridge's closure is significant, but the safety of pedestrians and compliance with state laws must take precedence. Texas law specifically prohibits the use of parking lots as throughways from one road to another, underlining our responsibility as city officials to enforce these regulations for everyone's safety.

As a possible long-term solution, the city council will consider the extension of Jersey Meadow Drive to Rio Grande Drive. This proposal has been on the table intermittently since the city acquired the golf course in 2000, but it has been delayed for various reasons over the past two decades. I am an advocate for prioritizing this project to provide a safe, reliable passage from Jones Road to the areas east of the golf course.

I look forward to engaging in meaningful discussions with my colleagues on the city council during our upcoming budget meetings.

Your neighbor,

Bobby Warren
Mayor