



Mayor's Monthly Newsletter

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Important Issues Call For Effective Leadership

Hello Neighbors, Residents and Friends:

I am writing this month's Mayor's Newsletter on a rainy Sunday afternoon from the Jersey Village Executive Mansion. Today was a good day. We celebrated our youngest daughter, Ellen Rose's, second birthday. Allison is headed out of town for a work seminar and our two daughters are spending the night with their grandparents. That leaves my oldest son and I at the house to hang out and do guy stuff. We'll probably eat nachos and watch an action movie on Netflix that Allison will deem inappropriate for a seven year old. That's what Dads are for after all.

This pleasant Sunday Morning started off with an excellent sermon delivered by Dr. David Flemming at Champion Forest Baptist at Jersey Village (formally known as Jersey Village Baptist Church). Today's sermon centered on the responsibilities of leaders. Effective leaders, as the sermon goes, both love the people they serve and embrace the activities involved in leadership. Leaders never forget their roles are to serve and are good stewards of the authority granted by their leadership positions.

I am thankful the people of Jersey Village have entrusted me with responsibilities and opportunities as the Mayor of this great community. I know my colleagues on City Council share my sentiments and are grateful of the confidences bestowed upon us. We have a lot of important work ahead of us and it's important we stay true to the fundamentals of leadership during the months ahead. Looking ahead, we will take on some big decisions that will have long lasting effects:

Flood Mitigation – The City conducted its second town hall meeting to provide updates on the long term flood recovery activities. Final recommendations will be provided this summer. Our community will need to decide what flood mitigation strategies to implement and how to fund them.

Capital Improvement Projects – Our City has a number of important Capital Improvement projects on the board. We will review them in the upcoming budget and decide how to prioritize them and integrate flood relief strategies.

Economic Development – City leaders will take on economic development activities. We will determine how to attract development to our community and the City's role in encouraging economic development.

Developing a City Budget – Jersey Village's budget must be fiscally sound and continue to promote the growth of the community. We will again develop a municipal budget that provides for excellent municipal services and maintains healthy fund balances without an onerous tax burden.

I am optimistic about our abilities to successfully tackle the big decisions facing our City Council and community. We have an excellent staff, an engaged community and an upward trending City with strong financials. Embracing the tenants of effective leadership, City Council will be hard at work addressing these and other important issues in the months to come.

All the Best,

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