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Summer 2017 Part II: The Heat Is On!

Hello Neighbors, Residents and Friends

As promised, the summer of 2017 has been a whirlwind of activity for Jersey Village City Government. Last month, the City conducted a town hall meeting to present the findings of the flood mitigation study. The well attended event was the third public meeting and presented an opportunity for citizens to pose questions to myself, City Staff and our engineering consultants. I was encouraged by the turnout, dialog and plan recommendations. The initial findings and recommendations, which are available on the City's website, include:

- ❖ In a 100 year rain event (1% chance in a year), 611 homes in JV were at risk of being flooded before the Harris County improvements to the detention ponds and JV bypass channel. After the improvements, 163 homes are currently at risk in a 100 year event
- ❖ The study recommended three structural improvements that once completed, removes an additional 62 homes from a 100 year event. The structural improvements included:
 - Working with Harris County to widen and deepen the White Oak Bayou channel in the city limits
 - Creating a berm around the golf course to create additional water detention
 - Increase drainage on Wall, Crawford and Capri Streets
- ❖ The study recommended non-structural improvements to an additional 58 homes. These homes are classified as severe repetitive and repetitive loss structures. The recommended non-structural improvements will be in the form of home elevations that the City will pursue Federal grants to fund
- ❖ Once all structural and non-structural improvements are completed, 43 homes will remain at risk for minimal damages (under 6") in a 100-year event. These homes do not meet the damage threshold to be considered for Federal grant money

The final plan, recommendations and supporting data will be presented to the City by July or August. During that time, City Council and Staff will conduct budget meetings to prioritize and fund flood mitigation activities.

This past June also witnessed Jersey Village City Government continue to take the lead on economic development south of Highway 290 on Jones Road. As I have mentioned, this is an area that is prime for higher end retail and restaurants and it was time the City take a bigger role in promoting the area. At its June meeting, City Council passed several tax incentive resolutions for the area, also known as the Jersey Crossing. The resolutions established the intent and guidelines for tax abatements, development of Chapter 380 economic development programs, and notification of the intent to create a tax increment reinvestment zone or TIRZ.

Lastly, I want to thank everyone involved in the Farmers Market at the Jersey Village Civic Center. From all appearances and feedback it was a roaring success and I know my family is looking forward to the next one.

All the Best,

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