Mayor's Newsletter
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SMILE, YOU'RE ON THE RED LIGHT CAMERAS!

If you have been paying attention as you've been driving around, you may have noticed some new poles, cameras and lights being installed at some intersections within Jersey Village. These three intersections have been the sites of most of the car crashes in the last few years. Cameras have been set up at the following locations:

Highway 290 at Senate
Highway 290 at FM 529
Highway 290 at Jones Road

City Council voted to install these cameras in order to reduce the number of accidents occurring in those intersections. National statistics show that there is a minimum 25% reduction in side impact accidents (the most deadly kind) when red light cameras are installed. In New York City, over a ten year period, there was a 73% reduction of violations, a 41% reduction of collisions and a 35% reduction in fatalities since red light cameras were installed.

The City of Jersey Village will not be making money from tickets issued as a result of these cameras. Most of the money goes to the State of Texas and the equipment company, with Jersey Village receiving a little of the revenue to pay for the overhead of citation verification. The primary reason for installing these cameras is to protect our citizens from dangerous intersection accidents.

They work like this: the cameras are activated when a car runs a red light. The photographic information will be sent daily to the company monitoring the equipment. Every valid violation will be sent to the Jersey Village Police Department for verification, and then sent to the violator(s).

NOW THAT YOU KNOW THAT THE CAMERAS ARE IN PLACE AND WORKING, please know that tickets will be issued for valid violations. You run red lights at your own risk.

Finally, I have received numerous calls and letters regarding the City's codes. They can be found at the following website:
http://www.municode.com/Resources/code_list.asp?stateID=43.
Find and click on Jersey Village, and then to the free online viewing of the entire Code of Ordinances.