

MAYOR'S NEWLETTER
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The holiday season is upon us -- the weather is a little cooler (actually cold by our standards) and neighbors are putting up lights and decorations. The never-ending election has finally ended. As I write this letter the long Thanksgiving weekend is over, and it is a splendid opportunity to be thankful for all the good things that surround us.

All these great things did not happen by accident. The original founders of Jersey Village had a vision of what the city could become fifty-two years ago. While I doubt that they could accurately visualize how things are today, they agreed on a plan that set a path to where we are today. Since that time numerous people have added to and amended the original plan which has allowed Jersey Village to continue to grow and prosper.

During the Texas Municipal League convention, I attended a great seminar about making and updating a vision for your city. The seminar leaders quoted the famous line from *Alice in Wonderland* when Alice is asking for directions. Since she did not know where she was going, any road would be OK to take. That is why a plan is imperative to keep this city a desirable place to live.

Does Jersey Village have a vision? Does it need updating? I am sure that the founders of Jersey Village had a vision and equally sure that many other people have added to that original plan. The seminar leader asked how many of the elected officials had a vision for their city and if so, was it shared by the constituents? I have a vision of the city I would like to live in. I have always enjoyed and feel privileged to live here based on the vision of our leaders through the last 50 years. I would like to keep those benefits in place and make the necessary changes to keep up with the surrounding area.

The next step is to make sure the residents of Jersey Village share this vision of the city. I am asking the citizens of Jersey Village, "What is your vision for Jersey Village?"

I would like each of you to share your vision with me. How would you like Jersey Village to look in five years? What changes would you like to see in the place where you live? Use your imagination and since it is the holiday season, let me know what your wish is. I will select several and publish them anonymously in future letters. Please keep the responses short. You may write to my home address, 16410 Koester, or email me at rhamley@ci.jersey-village.tx.us. I look forward to hearing from you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sam Hamley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large, decorative flourish at the end.