



*Jersey Village Star*

**Tree Planting a Success**

On Saturday, December 10, about 50 Jersey Village residents, along with volunteers from Trees for Houston, combined their efforts to make Jersey Village a little greener. Approximately 25 trees and 50 bushes were planted in an area along White Oak Bayou, south of Village Drive. The event was conceived and organized by Jerry and Nancy Roberts. When mature, in several years, the trees will block the view of U.S. 290 from Village Drive. Several youth groups participated in the

event. The event would not have been possible without the participation of the staff and volunteers from Trees for Houston. Representatives from this organization have participated in other tree plantings in and around Jersey Village. The web site for Trees for Houston is [www.treesforhouston.org](http://www.treesforhouston.org) Special thanks again to Jerry and Nancy Roberts for their work in mobilizing volunteers and having a concern for their city.

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JV Police Department**

Calls for Service	1189
Vehicle Theft	1
Aggravated Assault	1
Burglary, Business	0
Burglary, Residence	6
Burglary, Vehicle	6
Disturbance	47
Narcotics, Felony	1
Minor Accidents	151
Major Accidents	15
Alarms	99
Suspicious Person	247
Traffic Control	5
Traffic Hazard	25

**JV Fire Department**

Building Fires	2
Auto Fires	1
Other Fires	2
Rescue/EMS Incidents	52
Hazardous Conditions	3
Service Calls	3
Smoke or Odor Calls	2
False Alarms/Cancelled Enroute	20
Total Ambulance Transports	35



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## Sgt. Sandy's Corner

### Bills — Bills

By: Sgt. S. Joachim

When the Christmas bills come around make sure you put them in the big blue box. The holiday season is over and the prime time for Identity Theft to take place. If you don't use the US Postal Box for all your outgoing mail, your personal mailbox will become what fraud investigators call the, 'point of compromise.' From the novice to the professional, the mail box in front of your home presents a target of opportunity.

Identity theft is a global problem. It affects both Americans and citizens of other countries. Identity theft cost American consumers over \$15 billion in 2006, according to the Identity Theft Resource Center. The average victim will spend over 175 hours of personal time and an additional loss of over \$1,000.00 just to clear their name. What is even more alarming is that some victims may never totally clear away the issues surrounding the criminal episode.

If you think your identity has been stolen, you need to contact law enforcement.

### Preventative measures against identity theft:

★ Use the "big blue mail box" instead of the one at your home.

★ Place passwords on credit cards, bank and phone accounts. Avoid using easily available information like a mother's maiden name, birth date, the last four digits of the social security number or phone number, or a series of consecutive numbers. When opening new accounts, people may find that many businesses still have a line on their applications for their mother's maiden name. Use a password instead.

★ Secure personal information in the home, especially for those who have roommates, employ outside help, or are having service work done in the home.

**For more information on identity theft, visit the Federal Trade Commission Web site at [www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov).**

## Don't Forget to Register Your Dog or Cat

This is a reminder that the City of Jersey Village requires all dogs or cats to have the animal vaccination against rabies by the time the animal is four months of age and at regular intervals thereafter as prescribed by board rule. Every person owning, keeping or having in possession any dog or cat shall pay an annual license fee and receive a pet tag which shall be effective for a period of one year from the date of issuance.

Pet tags can be purchased at City Hall, located at 16327 Lakeview Drive, for \$5.00 Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

**If you have any questions please contact code enforcement/animal control at 713-466-2129.**



## Jersey Village — 2011 Year in Review

The year 2011 was a busy one for the City of Jersey Village. The year began with city staff moving into a newly expanded Police Department facility. The 2,200 square foot addition provides for additional training space, as well as a greatly expanded squad room. In February, the city received notice that its official Census population stood at 7,620. The residential section of Jersey Village recorded the highest participation levels of any census block in Harris County. In March, council approved a slab elevation ordinance that will enhance flood protection for residents of newly built homes in Jersey Village. The ordinance also ensures that new construction does not make flooding worse for existing residents of Jersey Village. In April, council approved the creation of Zoning District D for property

within the city limits, south of U.S. 290. District D provides a blueprint for the city's implementation of Transit Oriented Development and establishes standards that provide for the highest and best use of this area of Jersey Village. In May, the city welcomed Harry Beckwith to his position on city council. In addition, Mayor Russell Hamley and Councilmember Rod Erskine were unopposed and subsequently reelected to their positions for a two-year term. On August 5th, the city conducted a ribbon-cutting on the Jones Road extension. The Jones Road extension was first conceived in the late 1990s as a joint project between the city and Harris County Precinct 4. Also in August, city council approved the list of streets to be considered as a part of the third phase of the street rehabilitation projects. City council will

make a determination of the final list of streets once the project bids have been received. It is important to know that Phase 3 of the street rehabilitation program will not require the issuance of debt, but will be funded with cash on-hand. In October, the Fire Department hired three full-time paramedics to aid in the Department's continuing efforts to provide superior service. In December, the Fire Department took delivery of a new ambulance. Many enhancements over previous ambulance designs ensure Jersey Village has the very latest equipment. As you can tell, it has been a busy year for staff and council alike. We look forward to the challenges and opportunities that 2012 promises and encourage all residents to get involved in the governance of their city.

## Keep Your Own Grass, Please

Although it may not seem like it now, at some point we will actually see normal rainfall again in Jersey Village. Droughts in Texas seem to typically end with a large rain event. Flooding and street drainage are issues that are constantly on the mind of every Jersey Village resident. While the city and Harris County have spent millions to alleviate the situation, there are simple steps that you as a homeowner can take to do your part. Do you use a lawn service? If so, talk with them to make sure they are not blowing grass clippings into the street. Section 14-673 of the Code of Ordinances provides for the following:

**No person shall place or cause to be placed into any watercourse,**

**waterway, storm drain or ditch any grass, tree or yard clippings, construction debris, or any other sort of debris or trash.**

In addition, many homes that back-up against the bayou use their bayou frontage as a storage yard. Any article that is placed near the bayou for storage becomes potential debris when water levels on the bayous rise. If you live next to the bayou, please be considerate of your neighbors by helping to reduce potential damage. Now that we are not cutting our grass in the winter, it is the perfect time to clean up and prepare for what we hope will be a moderately wet spring.

## Jersey Village Fire Department

16501 Jersey Drive

Jersey Village, TX 77040

713.466.2130 Fax: 713.466.2151



Dear Residents,  
Recently in the news media, there have been several stories involving Fire Marshal's attempting to inspect homes and then burglarizing them during the process. Please note this has not happened in Jersey Village! Also, it is not the normal practice for Jersey Village Fire Marshal's Office to inspect a residence. Unless we receive a complaint about a home or receive an invitation from a homeowner to answer fire related questions, we will not show up to a home to inspect it. If you are approached by anyone claiming to be a Fire Marshal from Jersey Village or Harris County and they want to inspect your home, be weary of this. We would suggest the following when in doubt:

★ **Call 911**

★ **Ask them for credentials – Our staff carries three forms of ID. Fire Department ID with Photograph, Peace Officer License with Photograph, and a driver's license.**

★ **Don't answer the door. Call our office at 713-466-2130 or after hours dispatch at 713-466-5824 and let us know someone is at your door claiming to be a Fire Marshal.**

**We ask that all residents be watchful of your surroundings and keep an eye on your neighbors.**

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s/Lorri Coody



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## Cardboard Boxes are Recyclable

Residential recycling services are provided at no charge to the city by Tascon Inc. Collection day for recycling is every Wednesday; please place your bags curbside for collection no later than 7am.

Now that holidays have passed we know that several residents have cardboard boxes to dispose of. We want to remind you that cardboard boxes can be recycled with paper. Please remember that all cardboard boxes must be broken down flat and placed in black plastic trash bags.

The City would like to remind all residents that your recyclable items must be placed in plastic bags for pick up. Paper is to be placed in black trash bags and plastic and aluminum in white trash bags. Tascon can ONLY use dry paper. So if paper is not being



put in the bags and it rains your paper recyclables then become trash.

If you have any questions please call 713-466-2108. Remember "The City of Jersey Village is in your hands!"



**Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT)**

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills. The program focuses on areas in fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional

responders are not immediately available to help. CERT members also are encouraged to support emergency response agencies by taking a more active role in emergency preparedness projects in their community. If you are not active in the community and would like to be, the CERT team in Jersey Village would love for you to join them. Classes are held throughout the county monthly. For more information please contact Jersey Village Fire Department at 713-466-2130. ★



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## Art's Article

By: Art Pettitt

As most of you know, Sandy Joachim was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 2010. Her schedule is very demanding, so she has passed the torch to me on writing an article in the Jersey Village Star. I have some big shoes to fill since Sandy was the Crime Prevention Officer, Dare/Great Officer for such a long time.

My name is Art Pettitt, I am married and have a 22 year old son, named Zachary. After Finishing my Tour of Duty in the U.S. Army in 1972, I started working with juveniles at Harris County Juvenile Probation. While working there, I attended Sam Houston State University, earning a B.S. in Criminology. I graduated in 1975 and joined the Houston Police Department, working Patrol, Dispatcher, and Vice. I left HPD in 1982 to pursue owning my own business. I had a very lucrative business for about 3 years and then the economy got bad. I left the business adventure for a position of Shift Supervisor, at Harris County Juvenile Probation. I missed the

work of being a police officer so I was hired here in Jersey Village as a Reserve Officer and worked from 1995 to 2003. I retired from Harris County Juvenile Probation as the Assistant Superintendent in 2009 with 25 years' service and came to Jersey Village working full time as an Officer.

After Sandy was promoted, I was given her position as the Crime Prevention Officer so, Sgt. Sandy's corner has officially become: Art's Articles. ★



### We are still in a Drought

Both November and December provided above average rainfall for the Houston area. Although the rainfall totals are encouraging, the Houston area ended 2011 nearly 25 inches below average rainfall. 2011 was the third driest year for the Houston region. All of this to say we are still experiencing a record drought. It will take many months of above-average



### Phase III Paving, Storm Sewer and Waterline Improvement Project Commencing Soon

In regards to Phase III Street Renovation Project, all of the surveying has been completed and officially recorded. Brooks and Sparks Engineering Firm currently is wrapping up the design phase by completing the final set of drawings and related specifications specifically utilized for construction purposes on the project itself.

On January 19th, 2012 and again on January 26th, 2012 an official notice to bidders publically advertising the project and requesting formal bids from prospective contractors for the project was posted in the Cy-Fair section of the Houston Chronicle as well as the City's website as part of the open-competitive bidding process. A pre-bid meeting will be held by the City of Jersey Village in the Council Meeting Room at 16327

Lakeview, Jersey Village, Texas, 77040, at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 31st, 2012. The meeting is geared to allow those prospective bidders/contractors an opportunity to have specific questions pertaining towards the project answered by the design Engineer.

The deadline for submitting formal bids for the project is no later than 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 7th, 2012. All formal bids for the project will be officially opened by the City at 2:00 p.m. sharp on Tuesday, February 7th, 2012 at the same location mentioned above. Once a contractor has been selected by the City and mobilization has occurred periodic updates concerning the project will be placed on the City website ([www.jersey-village.info](http://www.jersey-village.info)). ★

rainfall to replenish the lakes and reservoirs that supply drinking water to the Houston area. In September of 2011, the City of Jersey Village implemented Phase 1 of the city's Drought Contingency Plan. Outside watering by means of an irrigation system or sprinkler is allowed twice per week, on designated days. The day of the week that you may water is based upon your residential street address. Those dates and times are outlined in the city's Drought Contingency Plan (Ch. 70, Art. V). The decision to lift water restrictions is not linked to actions of the City of Houston. Stated differently, if Houston lifts its water restrictions, Jersey Village is not obligated to follow suit. The amount of rainfall the city receives in the Spring and early Summer will bear significantly on any decision related to the easing of water restrictions. In the meantime, we should continue to practice water conservation in our homes in a manner consistent with good stewardship. ★

### Capital Improvements Projects

The Public Works Department will soon begin its bi-annual work to repair sanitary sewer lines and manholes that have infiltration issues. This year the areas of the City that will be addressed are: Wall Street, Capri Drive, Tahoe Drive, Crawford Street, and Carlsbad Street. The City's contractor for this project is Insituform, and it is scheduled to start this month (February).

Insituform will notify those residents affected with flyers, before beginning repair work on or near their property. Please note that city superintendents will be on site inspecting the work by Insituform. If you have any questions regarding this project please feel free to call 713-466-2107 or email [dsegundo@ci.jersey-village.tx.us](mailto:dsegundo@ci.jersey-village.tx.us). ★

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s/Lorri Coody

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January 4, 2012



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## 5K Fun Run...

**WHAT:** Inaugural Jersey Village American Legion  
5K Fun Run

**WHEN:** Saturday, March 31, 2012  
9:30am race start

**WHERE:** Course begins at Post Elementary,  
7600 Equador, Jersey Village

**WHY:** Support American Legion programs  
recognizing and supporting youth leaders, academic  
accomplishments, and emergency first responders

**Runners please visit:**

[www.active.com/running/jersey-village-tx/jersey-village-american-legion-5k-fun-run-2012](http://www.active.com/running/jersey-village-tx/jersey-village-american-legion-5k-fun-run-2012) to register.



# ★ 2011 ★ Christmas Decorating Contest Results

Thanks to all who put so much time into getting their homes into the Christmas spirit. There were many wonderful light displays and decorations this year. Your efforts brighten the entire Village!

Next Christmas be sure to check out the **WINNERS** from 2011:

### BEST OVERALL

8216 N. Tahoe

### CHILDREN'S THEME

16025 Tahoe

### SECTION WINNERS

15513 Chichester Ln.

15805 Juneau Ln.

16413 St. Helier St.

15914 Capri Dr.

8513 Wyndham Village Dr.

2 Peachtree Ct.

The Christmas Decorating Contest is sponsored by the volunteer members of the Recreation & Events Committee and the dedicated employees of the Parks & Recreation Department of the City of Jersey Village. ★



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**Save the date...**

## **Spring Fling on March 23rd**

Mark your calendars and don't forget to come to the Spring Fling on Friday, March 23 from 6:30-9:30 p.m.! This event will be held at the Pavilion at Clark Henry Park (by the swimming pool) and features a dance with renowned DJ, Billy Jack Ebersole, games and contests with prizes, and hot dogs and hamburgers on the grill, chili dogs, nachos, frito pie, sodas and cookies.

We'll be looking for you! ★



## **Come hunt some eggs! Sunday, April 1st 2 p.m.**

Don't be late! Bring the kids to Carol Fox Park to fill their Easter baskets. Hunt for eggs with traditional Easter treats and find special eggs containing coupons for prizes. Children must be with and supervised by their parents! ★



**Jersey Village Fire Department VOLUNTEERS WANTED!**

Jersey Village Fire Department is a combination volunteer/paid department. We serve and protect the community by providing Fire and Medical Services. Won't you consider joining our department and making a difference in the lives of others?



Jersey Village Fire Department  
Fire, EMS, Rescue and Prevention  
713-466-2130

Visit us at [www.jvfire.com](http://www.jvfire.com) or come by the fire station. ★

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## Art's Article

By: Art Pettitt

Many of you already know that there is going to be a fun run in Jersey Village, but for those of you that don't know, it is going to be held on Saturday, March 31, 2012 at 9:30 a.m. For the one's that want some information on participating in the fun run there is a website: [www.jerseyvillageamericanlegion5k.com](http://www.jerseyvillageamericanlegion5k.com). The number of participants is limited to 750 people, so get your entry in early.

The fun run will be two loops, starting at Post Elementary and run counter clock wise around the Jersey Village High School on Congo and Solomon and part of Gulf Bank to Security Way and then onto the hike and bike trail; with a runner's lane on all three streets. The four main intersections that will be closed will be at Jersey Drive and Equador, Shanghai and Equador, Congo and Equador, and Congo and Solomon.

For the residents who live in that general vicinity we ask that you please be patient as well as cognizant of the runners that morning. If you have something planned and you live in the vicinity of the fun run, leave early enough so it will not interfere with your plans. If you have nothing planned for the morning of the fun run come out and cheer the runner's on. Being a runner myself, it does make a difference when people come out and cheer.

Remember to be safe in whatever you plan to do. Be aware of the runner's and if you drive buckle up. ★



### Trash Collection

Trash pick up is every Tuesday and Friday

Please have trash at curb side by 7:00am each pick up day.

Jersey Village Public Works  
713-466-2133

WCA direct at 281-368-8397.

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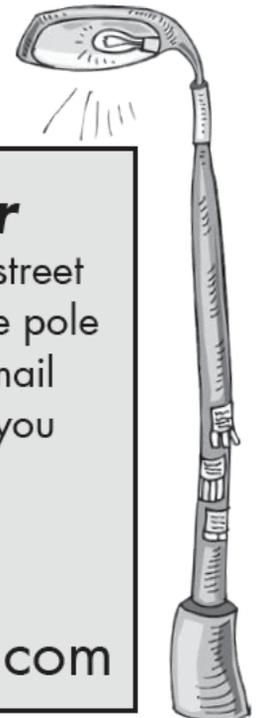
## Mosquito Season Coming Soon!

Mosquito season will soon be upon us. Our city and surrounding area desperately needs more rain to offset this major drought we have been in to replenish our lakes, rivers, and aquifers. However, a side effect of more rain is the emergence of mosquitoes. The lifecycle of a mosquito is as follows: An adult mosquito lays a raft of eggs in water. They don't need a large body of water to lay eggs in - a dog bowl with a little water left inside it is sufficient to make a mosquito larvae habitat. The eggs turn into larvae within 48 hours of being laid. The larvae feed on microorganisms in the water. It takes larvae about 1-6 days to become pupae. The pupae take about 48 hours to develop into full grown adult mosquitoes. If you inadvertently leave standing water on your property, mosquitoes will reproduce in it extremely quickly. Here are some tips to reduce mosquito populations on your property:

- Put away water-holding containers such as buckets, flowerpots and toys.
- Fill low areas in the yard with sand.
- Clean clogged roof gutters.
- Remove debris piles of any kind. This is a safe place for mosquitoes to harbor until the sun goes down.
- Reduce time on your water sprinkler if water is running down the street when it

is running. This only creates a breeding ground if the water ponds long enough to turn septic.

- Make repairs to leaking spigots or pool equipment such as pipe connections and pump connections that leak. ★



## Street Light Repair

When calling or emailing about a street light outage, you will need to get the pole number, and if you add your email address Center Point can keep you apprised of the status of the repair request.

713-207-2222  
[www.centerpointenergy.com](http://www.centerpointenergy.com)

## Finding Lost Pets

Here are steps you can take to make it easier to find your pets if they are ever lost. ALWAYS KEEP IDENTIFICATION ON YOUR PET and check tags often making sure they are legible. MICROCHIP YOUR PET! Talk to your veterinarian. SPAY/NEUTER YOUR PET! REPAIR LOOSE BOARDS AND HOLES IN FENCING!

IF YOUR PET IS LOST IMMEDIATELY TAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS!.

Post signs at grocery stores, pet stores, veterinary clinics, and churches.

Walk, bike, or drive slowly through the neighborhood calling your pet's name. Hearing your voice may encourage your pet to answer you. After calling your pet's name, remain in one place long enough for your pet to find you. Go out at night with a flashlight and call for your pet.

• Ask neighbors and the postman if they

have seen your pet. Print and hand out flyers with your pet's photo and your phone numbers.

• Visit animal shelters, rescues, and animal-control and file a "Lost" pet report with them. Provide an accurate description and a photo of your pet. Check with the shelters every few days. Notify the police if you believe that your pet may have been stolen.

• If lost near a busy highway or road, contact the Texas Department of Transportation.

When you find your pet! Make certain to inform all the places you contacted and remove all flyers.

Lost Cat Tip: The majority of "lost" cats remain in the general area from which they disappeared.

Lost Dog Tip: A "lost" dog will likely travel

into the oncoming wind. Make this your first direction of search.

Below are a few free resources that you may find helpful.

### Free Resources

- Citizens for Animal Protection (CAP)
- Houston Area Animal Shelters
- Houston Chronicle Lost Pets
- Pet Finder
- Pet Harbor
- Pets911
- Findtoto.com
- Craigs List
- Find Fido
- Houston Community Newspapers
- Help Me Find My Pet

Jersey Village animal control can be contacted at 713-466-2129.



## Phase III Street Renovation Project Awarded to SER Construction Partners, LLC.

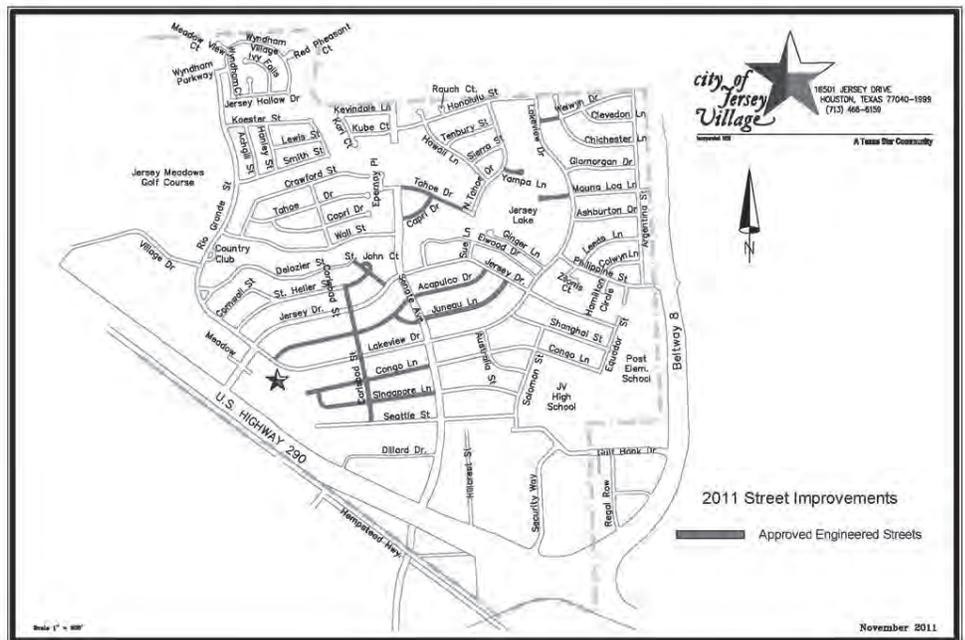
At the February 20th City Council meeting, members of council voted unanimously to award the contract for the next phase of street improvements to SER Construction Partners, LLC. The amount of the contract award is \$ 6.5 Million. Formal bids were received through an open competitive bidding process on February 7, 2012. SER Construction Partners, LLC was the lowest of three bids that were submitted. In August 2011 City Council selected Brooks and Sparks Engineering Firm to administer and complete the surveying, design, bidding, and construction phases for the project. The streets which have been included in the contract, either in their entirety or specific segments, for reconstruction are: Acapulco, Capri, Carlsbad, Congo, Delozier/St. John, Juneau, Mauna Loa, Singapore, St. Helier, Tahoe, Welwyn, and Yampa.

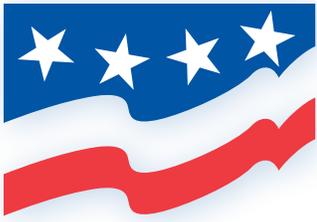
The project will commence as soon as possible. Portions of Acapulco will be prioritized for renovation due to pressing water line issues. Prioritization and scheduling for the remainder of streets in the project will be at the discretion of the contractor. The contract for this project is expected to last a total of 450 calendar days. A town hall meeting is

tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, March 7, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Civic Center, 16327 Lakeview Drive, Jersey Village, Texas. The purpose of the town hall meeting will be to provide residents an opportunity to ask questions of both City Staff and representatives of the construction contractor. An overview of the entire project, along with the construction process will also be provided.

SER Construction Partners, LLC was

the contractor for Phase II of the street rehabilitation program. Phase II was completed in 2009 and involved many streets in the northeast portion of the city. SER Construction Partners, LLC produced quality work for our residents in the former project. Periodic updates and information concerning the Phase III street renovation project can be found on the City's website ([www.jersey-village.info](http://www.jersey-village.info).) ★





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# Spring

## Spring Fling on March 23rd

**Don't forget:**

**What:** Spring Fling

**When:** Friday, March 23 6:30-9:30 p.m.!

**Where:** Pavilion at Clark Henry Park (by the swimming pool)

**Food:** grilled Hot dogs, hamburgers, chili dogs, nachos, frito pie, sodas and cookies.

**Fun:** Dance with renowned DJ, Billy Jack Ebersole, plus games/contests with prizes!!

We'll be looking for you!





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## A message from Jersey Village Fire Department...

### HURRICANE SEASON IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

When the time comes for hurricane season, are you ready? Hurricane season is just around the corner, and citizens across the area will soon begin preparing for it. Will you be prepared? Are you prepared to stay or leave? Do you have the correct essentials necessary to sustain living for many days? You are the only person that can answer these questions. You know if you're

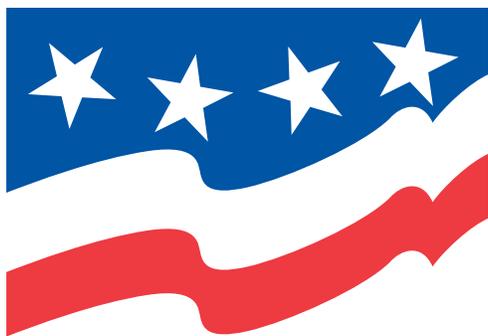
ready or not. You know what assistance you need. On the World Wide Web, you can find a variety of websites to assist you. Websites such as [www.ready.org](http://www.ready.org) will help in preparation of hurricane season. Harris County Office of Emergency Management also has a website at [www.readyharris.org](http://www.readyharris.org) Try this site for local information and tips on how to prepare you for the 2012 Hurricane Season. ★

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**Statistics for February 2012  
 JV Police Department**

Calls for Service	1172
Vehicle Theft	5
Aggravated Assault	1
Burglary, Business	2
Burglary, Residence	2
Burglary, Vehicle	8
Disturbance	66
Narcotics, Felony	1
Minor Accidents	129
Major Accidents	25
Alarms	83
Suspicious Person	206
Traffic Control	1
Traffic Hazard	17

**JV Fire Department**

Building Fires	2
Auto Fires	2
Other Fires	2
Rescue/EMS Incidents	56
Hazardous Conditions	4
Service Calls	2
Smoke or Odor Calls	2
False Alarms/Cancelled Enroute	24
Total Ambulance Transports	54



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Emergency Call	911
Main Number	713.466.2100
City Manager	713.466.2108
City Secretary	713.466.2102
Fire Department	713.466.2130
Police Department	713.466.2123
Permits	713.466.2110
Public Works	713.466.2133
Code Enforcement & Animal Control	713.466.2129
Water Billing	713.466.2111
Municipal Court	713.466.2124
Golf Course	713.896.0900
City Pool	832.467.1032
JV Star	713.466.2108

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## Art's Article

By: Art Pettitt

Prescription drugs are the #1 abused drug in the United States, surpassing marijuana. People ask, "How do you dispose of out of date drugs that have accumulated in the medicine cabinet or wherever you store them?" Well, I have an answer for you!

The Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) and the local Law Enforcement Agencies have teamed up once again having a drop off program where someone can bring in old medicine whether it is pills, liquid, or syringes. Mark on your calendar, April 28th, between the hours of 10am-2pm. A DEA agent and I will be taking the drugs back inside the Police Station, in the old

training room, on that Saturday. Come by and have a cup of coffee, visit, and drop off your old medicine. Let me know how you heard of the Drop off Program. In the past, the DEA has had the announcement in the paper, online with their website, and on television. The containers that the medicine is dropped in will be sealed with tape, taken by the DEA agent, and burned in an incinerator. This procedure is a whole lot better than flushing them down the commode or placing them in the garbage.

We have had three take back programs in Harris County and the surrounding Counties and hope to have a good turn out this time. The DEA is hoping to collect 15 tons so they can keep the program alive, due to financial cutbacks. ★

## City Offices Closed for the Easter Holiday

City offices will be closed on Friday, April 6, 2012 in observance of the Easter Holiday. City offices will re-open for business at the regular time on Monday, April 9, 2012.

The Police Department, Fire Department and Emergency Medical Service personnel will be on duty for emergencies and other City personnel in other departments will be on-call, if required.

There will be regular trash pickup on Friday, April 6th. ★



## City Announces Opening on Golf Course Advisory Committee

The Jersey Village City Council is accepting applications to fill an opening on the Golf Course Advisory Committee. It is the responsibility of this Committee is to provide oversight to the ongoing operation of the municipal golf course, including fiscal management, long-term facilities, and grounds maintenance programs, capital improvement programs and management effectiveness. Qualified applicants must be residents of the City of Jersey Village.

The City Council invites interested Jersey Village citizens who wish to serve on the Golf Course Advisory Committee to complete an application. The Council will review all applications during its April Regular Council Meeting and appoint applicants in compliance with the terms of the Charter. Citizens are encouraged to complete applications and submit them to the City Secretary as soon as possible.

To view an online application, visit the City of Jersey Village's website at [http://www.jerseyvillage.info/city\\_council/secretarys\\_office/index.html](http://www.jerseyvillage.info/city_council/secretarys_office/index.html) or contact Lorri Coody, the City Secretary at 713-466-2102. ★

## City of Jersey Village—General Municipal Election May 12, 2012

The City Council at its January 16, 2012 Council Meeting ordered that a General Municipal Election be called for Saturday, May 12, 2012, for the purpose of electing the following officials of the City:

**Councilmember, Place 1**

**Councilmember, Place 4**

**Councilmember, Place 5**

Due to changes in election laws passed by the 82nd Texas Legislature, the voting process for this year's General Municipal Election has changed. While early voting will still be conducted at the Municipal Government Center and Election Day voting will be conducted at the Civic Center, voters will use a paper ballot to cast votes for the candidates of their choice. Voting booths will be provided for voter privacy and the AutoMARK Voter Assist Terminal will be provided for the disabled voter.

**Important election dates for the May 12, 2012 General Municipal Election are:**

**Last Day to Register to Vote  
April 12, 2012**

**First Day of Early Voting  
April 30, 2012**

**Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail  
May 4, 2012**

**Last Day of Early Voting  
May 8, 2012**

**Election Day  
May 12, 2012**

Citizens needing information on the voter registration process should contact the Harris County Tax Assessor Collector who serves as the Registrar of Voters at 713-368-8683. Voter registration information can also be found on-line information from the Harris County Voter Registration website at: <http://www.hcvoter.com/voter/voterapp/acquirevoterapp.asp> The City of Jersey Village will post all pertinent election information on the Election Page of the City's website at: <http://www.jerseyvillage.info/election/index.html> ★

# City of Jersey Village Operating and Capital Budget Fiscal Year 2012-2013

The City of Jersey Village fiscal year begins in October 1 and ends September 30th. The process of preparing for the annual budget begins in mid-April with a budget staff retreat. Later, during the month of May, 2012, City Council and staff will meet in a retreat setting to establish goals and objectives for fiscal year 2012-2013. During the summer and early fall, staff research issues and questions developed by city council and residents. It is important to know that citizen input into the budget process is welcome and sincerely appreciated. Below, please see some of the proposed dates in which City Council and staff will need to conduct meetings related to this

very important process. All meetings of city council that relate to the budget are public meetings that are posted a minimum of 72 hours in advance of the meetings. All dates listed below are tentative and subject to change. Please check the city's web site for the most current information relating to the budget schedule.

### During the month of May 2012

City Council and staff retreat related to fiscal year 2012-2013 City of Jersey Village Operating and Capital Budget

### During the month of July, 2012

Budgets reviewed by City Council and Crime Control Board.

### August 20th at 7:00 P.M.

Crime Control Board conducts public hearing on budget and adopts budget.

### September 17th at 7:00 P.M.

City Council conducts public hearing on Proposed City budget and adopts budget.

### October 15th at 7:00 P.M.

Adoption of Tax Rate, Utility Rates, and other rates.

If you need additional information on our budget schedule or any budget-related matter, please contact the City of Jersey Village, Finance Department at (713) 466-2104. ★



## Ciudad de Jersey Village – Elección Municipal General – 12 de mayo, 2012

El consejo de la ciudad en la reunión efectuada el 16 de enero del 2012 decretó que una Elección Municipal General fuera convocada el sábado, 12 de mayo, 2012, con el propósito de elegir los siguientes oficiales para la ciudad:

Miembro del consejo, Lugar 1  
Miembro del consejo, Lugar 4  
Miembro del consejo, Lugar 5

Debido a los cambios en las leyes relacionadas con elecciones aprobadas por la legislatura 82 del estado de Texas, el proceso de votación ha cambiado para elecciones municipales generales este año. Mientras las votaciones adelantadas seguirán efectuándose en el Centro Municipal Gubernamental y el día de la elección la votación se efectuara en el Centro Civil, los votantes usaran una boleta de papel para emitir el voto a favor de los candidatos de su preferencia. Un sitio exclusivo para votación será proveído para privacidad en el momento de la votación y el AutoMARK que es una terminal para asistir al votante será proveído para los votantes deshabilitados.

Fechas importante para la elección del 12 de mayo del 2012 Elección Municipal General:

Ultimo día para registrarse para votar	12 de abril 2012
Primer día para la votación adelantada	30 de abril 2012
Ultimo día de aplicar para recibir la boleta por correo	4 de mayo 2012
Ultimo día para la votación adelantada	8 de mayo 2012
Día de Elección	12 de mayo 2012

Los ciudadanos que necesiten información en el proceso de registrarse para votar deben de contactar el Asesor y Colector de Impuestos del Condado Harris quien además brinda el servicio de Registrador de Votantes al 713-368-8683. Información para la registración de votantes pueden también ser obtenida en el internet en el sistema de redes de la Registración de Votantes para el Condado Harris en: <http://www.hcvoter.com/voter/voterapp/acquirevoterapp.asp>

La Ciudad de Jersey Village pondrá información pertinente de las elecciones en la Página de Elección de la red de la ciudad: <http://www.jerseyvillage.info/election/index.html>

## Keep Your Own Grass, Please

Flooding and street drainage are issues that are constantly on the mind of every Jersey Village resident. While the city and Harris County have spent millions to alleviate the situation, there are simple steps that you as a homeowner can take to do your part. Do you use a lawn service? If so, talk with them to make sure they are not blowing grass clippings into the street. Section 14-673 of the Code of Ordinances provides for the following: No person shall place or cause to be placed into any watercourse, waterway, storm drain or ditch any grass, tree or yard clippings, construction debris, or any other sort of debris or trash.

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## If We Can't Find You...We Can't Help You!

Someone in your home calls 911 for HELP. Jersey Village Police, Fire and/or EMS respond at once. But they CAN'T FIND YOU because:

- The number on your mailbox is small and not reflective – or not there at all.
- The number is on the front of your mailbox and approaching headlights do not illuminate the numbers.
- You have let bushes, vines or weeds grow and hide the numbers.
- You have placed brass numbers on your post which do not contrast with the background color and can't be easily seen.
- You have a lovely clear number on the house, but in the dark it can't be seen unless light is directed at it. Even then, an emergency vehicle must slow down and peer closely at each house to locate the correct address.

Jersey Village code requires that each residence must be clearly marked, either on the house (at least 3-inch high contrasting numbers) or on both sides of the mailbox or mailbox post (2-inch numbers). Marking the house number on the curb is not sufficient. [Sec. 14-331 (a)-(c)]. Emergency personnel recommend a reflective number on the mailbox or mailbox post for best visibility.



Please take the time to clearly mark your mailbox. It's a convenience for the pizza guy to be able to find your house. In an emergency, it's critical. ★



**Phase III Street Renovation Project Update**

Construction commenced concerning the project on March 26th, 2012. At the present time the contractor has directional bored the new water line from Carlsbad Street (North-East) along Acapulco to just (East) of the Senate Avenue / Acapulco intersection. Water line crews have also already placed in the ground new water main pipe from Carlsbad to Lakeview Drive along Acapulco. Enlarged storm system piping and new drainage inlets have been installed from Carlsbad Street (East) to Juneau along Acapulco. The entire North

side of Acapulco Street from Carlsbad to Senate has new street paving and as of 4/16/2012 one-way traffic has been switched over to the north side of Acapulco from Carlsbad to Senate. Crews have begun street paving on south side of Acapulco Street from Carlsbad working up to Senate. The project is moving forward well with no immediate concerns at hand. Project updates and pertinent residential information will be periodically sent thru email blasts. ★

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**Statistics for March 2012  
JV Police Department**

Calls for Service	1325
Vehicle Theft	2
Aggravated Assault	1
Burglary, Business	2
Burglary, Residence	0
Burglary, Vehicle	13
Disturbance	51
Narcotics, Felony	9
Minor Accidents	141
Major Accidents	17
Alarms	110
Suspicious Person	242
Traffic Control	1
Traffic Hazard	29

**JV Fire Department**

Building Fires	5
Auto Fires	2
Other Fires	1
Rescue/EMS Incidents	59
Hazardous Conditions	5
Service Calls	5
Smoke or Odor Calls	3
False Alarms/Cancelled Enroute	15
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## Art's Article

By: Art Pettitt

The month of May has several programs in which someone can honor and remember Peace Officers who paid the ultimate price, as we approach National Police Week, May 13th-19th.

Each year the Jersey Village Police Department has been involved with the annual Salute to Law Enforcement along with area agencies to support the strengths of our communities. This event is located at Willowbrook Mall and is scheduled

for May 5th from 11am to 3pm. In 2011, over 100 agencies participated, sharing new technology, equipment, and crime fighting tools with an estimated 10,000 – 15,000 in attendance at the 4 hour event. The mission of the program is to provide a positive Law Enforcement experience for the kids, allow the citizens we serve an opportunity to see the resources used to protect them, and exhibit a unified effort of Law Enforcement in the community.

Two other programs that need mentioning are the Harris County Sheriff's Memorial Service, which will be held May 8th, at

7:00pm, 3001 Main St, at the Crime Stoppers building, and the Houston Police Memorial Service held at 2400 Memorial Drive at 7:00pm on May 18th.

I have attended the Harris County memorial service, the HPD memorial service, and I also had the opportunity to go to the State of Texas memorial service last year, which is held every two years. If you have not attended one of the programs and have an opportunity to do so, please go. You'll be glad you did. ★



## Drought Restrictions Lifted

Effective March 12, the City of Jersey Village lifted all water restrictions associated with Phase 1 of the city's drought contingency plan. The decision to lift the restrictions was based upon weather conditions over the preceding six months. Although the restrictions are no longer in effect, the city urges residents to practice water conservation. Long term predictions from the national weather service forecast an unusually hot and dry summer for coastal Texas. The conditions that resulted in last Summer's abnormally dry weather pattern are predicted to return. Although we are unlikely to see a return of extreme drought conditions, residents should be prepared for the possibility of demand reduction measures.

Resultant from the drought, many residents will be clearing out damaged or dead trees and shrubs this Spring. Whether you utilize a yard service or do the work yourself, if you leave the debris at your curb for pickup, you must follow some basic rules. Trees, shrubs, brush trimmings and fencing must be bundled in lengths no greater than 4 feet with no branch diameter exceeding 3 inches. The bundling is required to allow quick pickup and size limitations are required to avoid damaging the equipment in the crushing process.

Other than normal amounts of residential refuse, yard trimmings

or bulk items, if notified in advance, WCA will meet with a resident prior to collection day to determine a price. If a resident does not notify WCA of such a special pick-up before its scheduled day, then WCA will leave a notice for the resident to contact a Contractor during normal office hours before the next scheduled pick up day. ★



## Before a Hurricane

To prepare for a hurricane, you should take the following measures:

- To begin preparing, you should build an emergency kit and make a family communications plan.
- Know your surroundings.
- Make plans to secure your property:
  - Cover all of your home's windows. Permanent storm shutters offer the best protection for windows. A second option is to board up windows with 5/8" marine plywood, cut to fit and ready to install. Tape does not prevent windows from breaking.
  - Install straps or additional clips to securely fasten your roof to the frame structure. This will reduce roof damage.
  - Be sure trees and shrubs around your home are well trimmed so they are more wind resistant.
  - Clear loose and clogged rain gutters and downspouts.
  - Reinforce your garage doors; if wind enters a garage it can cause dangerous and expensive structural damage.
  - Plan to bring in all outdoor furniture,

## A Message from the Fire Department

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decorations, garbage cans and anything else that is not tied down.

- Determine how and where to secure your boat.
- Install a generator for emergencies.
- Consider building a safe room.

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**City of Jersey Village  
General Municipal Election  
May 12, 2012**

A General Municipal Election will be held on Saturday, May 12, 2012, for the purpose of electing Councilmembers for the City of Jersey Village Council positions #1, #4, and #5. The slate of candidates for this election is as follows:

**Councilmember, Place 1:**

**Jim Fields, Justin Ray, and**

**Michael P. Mauer**

**Councilmember, Place 4:**

**Sherri Sheppard and Mark Maloy**

**Councilmember, Place 5:**

**Jill Klein**

The Election will be held at the Civic Center, 16327 Lakeview Drive, Jersey Village, Texas 77040 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on May 12, 2012.

**Ciudad de Jersey Village  
Elecciones Generales  
Municipales  
12 de mayo del 2012**

Una elección general municipal será efectuada el sábado 12 de mayo del 2012, con el propósito de elegir miembros del consejo para la ciudad de Jersey Village para las posiciones #1, #4, and #5. La lista de candidatos para esta elección es la siguiente:

**Miembro del consejo, Lugar 1:**

**Jim Fields, Justin Ray, and**

**Michael P. Mauer**

**Miembro del consejo, Lugar 4:**

**Sherri Sheppard and Mark Maloy**

**Miembro del consejo, Lugar 5:**

**Jill Klein**

La elección será efectuada en el Centro Cívico, 16327 Lakeview Drive, Jersey Village, Texas 77040 desde 7:00 a.m. hasta 7:00 p.m., el 12 de mayo del 2012. ★

**Cool off in the JV Pool**



It's getting warm outside so we've been busy getting the pool ready for swimmers. The pool will open for **Memorial Day Weekend** then close until **June 2, 2012**.

**Memorial Day Weekend Hours**

- Saturday, open after the swim meet (around 3:00) until 9:00pm
- Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> open 1pm to 8pm
- Monday 28<sup>th</sup> open 11am to 9pm
- Closed to public until June 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Jersey Village Pool Hours Starting June 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Monday	Closed
Tuesday – Saturday	11 AM to 9 PM (June 9 <sup>th</sup> – Home Swim Meet – Pool will Open after Meet)
Sunday	1 PM to 8 PM
Closed August 27 to August 31	
Opened September 1 <sup>st</sup> to 3 <sup>rd</sup>	
Saturday, Sept 1 <sup>st</sup>	11 AM to 9 PM
Sunday, Sept 2 <sup>nd</sup>	1 PM to 8 PM
Monday, Sept 3 <sup>rd</sup>	11 AM to 9PM (Last day of the season)

**Water Aerobics**

Summer Water Aerobics class will start May 1, 2012. We have a great group of friendly people ready to greet newcomers and help answer any questions you might have.

This is a class for people of all skill levels and abilities. We have some participants with back, hip, and/or knee issues, but they've found that exercising in the water is a great way to move around without all the aches.

So, get off the couch, cool off in the pool, make some new friends, and get a little exercise.



**Swim Lessons**

We have several Lifeguards offering swim lessons for young children. Individual lessons vary, but in general, lessons last 30 minutes and are \$10-15 per lesson. Each Lifeguard keeps their own calendar for scheduling lessons. For more information on scheduling lessons call or visit the pool

Our new pool manager is Glynis Nerren.

The pool phone number 832-467-1032.





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## This is a reminder that trees need to be trimmed!

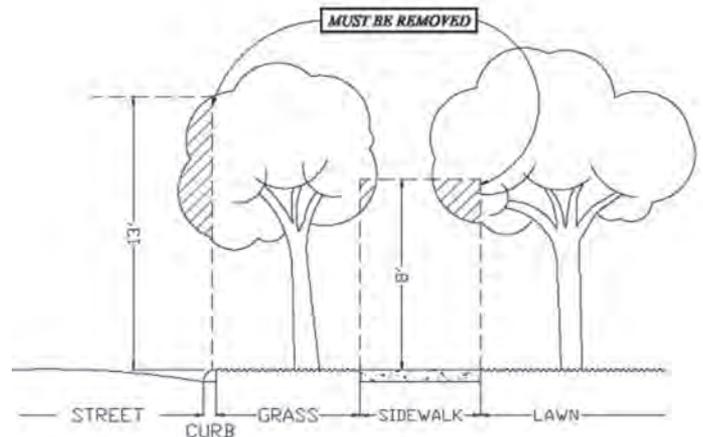
Please make it a point to take a look at your trees and trim any low hanging limbs. Remember once you trim your trees they must be placed at the curb in bundles no greater than 4-foot lengths and 40 pounds.

### Sidewalk Obstructions

Pursuant to the City of Jersey Village, Texas, Code of Ordinances: SEC.14-310

(b) Landowner responsibilities. The landowner shall be responsible for:

(e) The owner of a tree overhanging a street or right-of-way within the city shall prune the branches so that the branches will not severely obstruct the light from any street lamp or obstruct the view of any street intersection and so that



there shall be a clear space of 13 feet above street surface of [or] eight feet above the sidewalk surface. The owner shall be responsible for removing all dead, diseased, or dangerous trees, or broken or decayed limbs, including tree stumps, which constitute a menace to the safety of the public. Tree pruning shall be done in accordance with accepted arboricultural standards.



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Burglary, Residence	2
Burglary, Vehicle	2
Disturbance	62
Narcotics, Felony	2
Minor Accidents	121
Major Accidents	36
Alarms	167
Suspicious Person	237
Traffic Control	4
Traffic Hazard	34

**JV Fire Department**

Building Fires	2
Auto Fires	1
Other Fires	2
Rescue/EMS Incidents	62
Hazardous Conditions	11
Service Calls	6
Smoke or Odor Calls	1
False Alarms/Cancelled Enroute	16
Total Ambulance Transports	46



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Main Number	713.466.2100
City Manager	713.466.2108
City Secretary	713.466.2102
Fire Department	713.466.2130
Police Department	713.466.2123
Permits	713.466.2110
Public Works	713.466.2133
Code Enforcement & Animal Control	713.466.2129
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## Art's Article

By: Art Pettitt



### SUMMER IS HERE!

The school year is over, which means summer vacation is here! Remember, when you load the car and head out to your destination, keep in mind that criminals are sharing your day with you.

#### Safety tips to follow:

- Lock your doors and roll up the windows when leaving your car, and don't leave valuables inside. (See below)
- People are outdoors working in the yard, hosting barbecues or relaxing by a pool. Criminals may steal items from the garage itself, which usually contains tools and other valuables, or use it as an easy way to get into your home.

• Some criminals will work together during the summer months. One will come to your door and distract you, while the other sneaks into your garage, back yard or home to take whatever they can grab.

• Contact the Police Department at 713-466-5824 and request a "house watch". Officers will be made aware that you are not home and will drive by the area more frequently.

• Ask a neighbor to pick up your newspaper and mail, and make sure your ringer on the telephone is turned off.

• Purchase timers for your lights and television/radio.

• Leave shades and blinds in a position that you would normally leave them. This goes for cars in the drive way and lights normally left on or off.

• Make sure smoke and burglar alarms function properly.

You can make your trip more enjoyable and carefree if you take a few simple steps to reduce your risk of becoming a victim.

**AND DON'T FORGET YOUR MOST IMPORTANT ITEMS, CHILDREN AND**

**PETS!** Every summer we hear of a child that was accidentally left in a hot car. When it is 80 F to 100 F outside, your car can quickly reach 131 F to 172 F. In a matter of minutes a child's body temperature can reach 106 F, which can quickly lead to heat stroke and death; even in as little as 10 minutes.

To help reduce the risks of leaving a child in the car try one of these tips:

• Place a reminder in the back seat, such as the keyless entry remote that locks a car (put it on a key chain separate from the car keys), your purse, wallet, briefcase, or anything else that you typically take with you and can't do without.

• Put something on the dashboard, your keychain (like a pacifier), or car window to remind you that your baby may be in the car.

• When you get home, bring your baby inside the house first and then bring in the groceries so that you don't get distracted inside the house and forget your baby outside in the car.

And **NEVER** leave a child or pet unattended in a car for any reason. ★



## Harris County Hazardous Waste Disposal for Residents

The City receives calls on a regular basis from residents looking for a location to dispose of hazardous waste. We were recently made aware of location operated by Harris County very close to Jersey Village.

The Harris County Multiuse Facility, which houses the Residential Environmental Services Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility located in Houston, Texas, opened in March 2010 and is the first permanent household hazardous waste (HHW) facility to open for the County.

This service is provided as part of their Harris County Storm Water Permit and is provided for unincorporated Harris County residents who reside

outside the incorporated city limits of Houston. As of now they are accepting hazardous waste from the residents of the City of Jersey Village, but that is subject to change.

This is a FREE service to residents of unincorporated Harris County and it is anticipated that approximately 70% of all items collected can be sent for recycling or energy recovery.

Acceptable items include, but are not limited to household cleaners, yard/automobile products, paint and paint related products, batteries, tires, items containing mercury (e.g. mercury thermometers, Compact Fluorescent Lights (CFLs), and fluorescent tubes), aerosols, and propane cylinders.

Unaccepted items include electronics, any waste used for business purposes, medical and biological waste, PCBs or Dioxins, ammunition, explosives, compressed gas cylinders, radioactive waste (including smoke detectors), and household appliances such as washers, dryers, freezers, air conditioners, or household trash.

The Hazardous Waste Collection Facility is located at 6900 Hahl Rd, located at US 290 and N Gessner. For more information please call 281-560-6200 or visit their website at [http://www.eng.hctx.net/watershed/hhw\\_facility.html](http://www.eng.hctx.net/watershed/hhw_facility.html). ★

## Tips for Lawn Watering

- Avoid watering during midday hours when it is hot and sunny to prevent scalding the turf.
- Adjust sprinklers to water only grass areas and not impervious surfaces such as streets, driveways and walkways.
- Mow grass to a height of 2 ½ to 3 inches. Taller grass shades the roots and soil surface, which helps reduce the amount of water that is lost to evaporation.
- Use sprinklers that spray low large drops vs. high fine ones.
- Avoid watering during rainy or windy weather conditions.
- Don't use a fixed schedule for lawn watering. Apply water only when it is needed. Over watering can promote diseases and affect the health of the lawn.
- A simple test for determining if grass needs water is to walk on the lawn and if you leave foot prints, it may be time to water the lawn.
- A good soaking once or twice a week is better than watering every day. Allowing the soil to dry between watering will allow the roots to grow to greater depths and help make turf more drought tolerant.
- Early morning watering may cause water pressure problems within the city, please consider water during evenings. ★



## Hurricane Season has Arrived!

Again it is time to prepare for Hurricane season. Yearly we remind our citizens to prepare your home and to get your essential kits together. Make sure you have items documented and you have a plan in place should you desire to leave.

Last year we had an active season which did not involve our area. That is good thing and we hope this coming season will be the same. But if it is not and we do have an active season that will threaten our area; you do not want to be the person who did not prepare ahead of time.

On the World Wide Web, you can find a variety of websites to assist you. Websites such as [www.ready.org](http://www.ready.org) will help in preparation of hurricane season and give you the necessary essential lists

## City Announces Opening on Planning and Zoning Commission

The Jersey Village City Council is accepting applications to fill the unexpired term for Position Six on the Planning and Zoning Commission. Qualified applicants must be residents of the City of Jersey Village. The term for Position Six began on October 1, 2010 and will expire September 30, 2012.

### The responsibilities of the Planning and Zoning Commission are as follows:

- (1) Advise the city council in the preparation and maintenance of a comprehensive plan and related studies;
- (2) Advise the city council in establishing criteria for development of land;
- (3) Approve or disapprove all subdivision and development plats within the city and its extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ);
- (4) Assist the city council in conducting public hearings as may be required to gather information necessary for the drafting, establishment and maintenance of the comprehensive plan and ordinances and regulations related to it;
- (5) Recommend policies to the city council for guiding action affecting development in the city and its environs; and
- (6) Perform other duties that may be specifically assigned to it by the city council that may have a bearing on the preparation or accomplishment of the comprehensive plan.

The City Council invites interested Jersey Village citizens who wish to serve on the Planning and Zoning Commission to complete an application. The Council will review applications received at its June Council meeting, and appoint applicants in compliance with the terms of the Charter. Interested citizens are encouraged to complete an application and submit it to the City Secretary as soon as possible. Only applications received in 2012 will be considered.

To view an online application, visit the City of Jersey Village's website at [http://www.jerseyvillage.info/city\\_council/secretarys\\_office/index.html](http://www.jerseyvillage.info/city_council/secretarys_office/index.html) or contact Lorri Coody, the City Secretary at 713-466-2102. ★

to prepare. In addition, you can view Harris County's Office of Emergency Management page at [www.hcoem.org](http://www.hcoem.org) which also has a variety of information to assist you.

Don't get caught at the last minute trying to put things together and prepare. Be proactive and get ahead of the game NOW why you can. ★



## City of Jersey Village— Your City Council

The following candidates were elected to the City Council at the May 12, 2012 General Municipal Election:

- Councilmember - Place 1 Justin Ray
- Councilmember - Place 4 Sheri Sheppard
- Councilmember - Place 5 Jill Klein

The newly elected Councilmembers have taken their oath of office and were issued certificates of election in accordance with state election laws. The current City of Jersey Village City Council is comprised of the following members:

Mayor, Russell Hamley; Councilmember – Place 1, Justin Ray; Councilmember – Place 2, Rod Erskine, Councilmember – Place 3, Harry Beckwith III, PE; Councilmember – Place 4, Sheri Sheppard; and Councilmember Place 5, Jill Klein.

Appreciation is extended to out-going Councilmembers Joyce Berube with 16 years of service and Mark Maloy with 2 years of service. Both have worked very hard for the City. ★



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### **City Offices Closed for July 4th Holiday**

City offices will be closed on Wednesday, July 4, 2012 and in observance of the July 4th Holiday. Police Department, Fire Department and Emergency Medical Service personnel will be on duty for emergencies and other City personnel in other departments will be on-call, if required. City offices will re-open for business at the regular time on Thursday, July 5th. ★

### **Jersey Village Police Department Citizen Police Academy**

The Jersey Village Police Department is looking for recruits for our Citizens Police Academy Class #9. It will begin Thursday, August 23rd from 6:30 p.m. till 9:30 p.m. The classes will be held every Thursday for 12 to 14 weeks and graduation will follow. The classes will be conducted at the Police Department in the training room. If you are interested please contact Joyce Underhill Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 713-466-2120. ★



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**Urgent Information Site**

Remember as we enter into the hurricane season that city has installed signage in key locations on existing street posts. These signs say “Urgent Information Site”. Below each one of these signs will be a flyer box. In the event of a Hurricane or significant event or when the city has urgent information to inform the public about, the city will place flyers into each box.

Please identify the box closest to your home and be sure to check it regularly during any significant event. All of the sign locations are in reasonable walking distance from your homes.

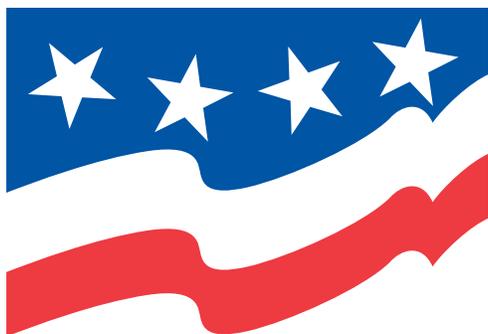
The City will not be placing notices on doors as we have during the past emergencies. ★

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## Art's Article

By: Art Pettif

## No Parking Zones

As summer approaches, history tells us that we will see an increase in vehicle traffic within the city limits. Confusion often comes into play due our unique parking areas and streets with special rules that have been enacted to assist in the movement of vehicles. Here are some of the unique parking rules that have been enacted within the city limits of Jersey Village.

**(a) No parking zones are established as follows:**

**Congo Street:** Along the south side of Congo Street between its intersection with Equador Street and Solomon Street.

**Elwood:** Along the north side of Elwood for the entire portion of Elwood which lies immediately adjacent to White Oak Bayou.

**Equador:** Along the east side of Equador from 200 feet north of its intersection with Jersey Drive to its intersection with Congo Street.

**Equador Street:** Along the east side, from its intersection with Philippine Drive to its intersection with White Oak Bayou, except that parking shall be allowed for park patrons.

**Jersey Drive:** Along the east side of Jersey Drive between U.S. Highway 290 and Rio Grande, except on Sundays.

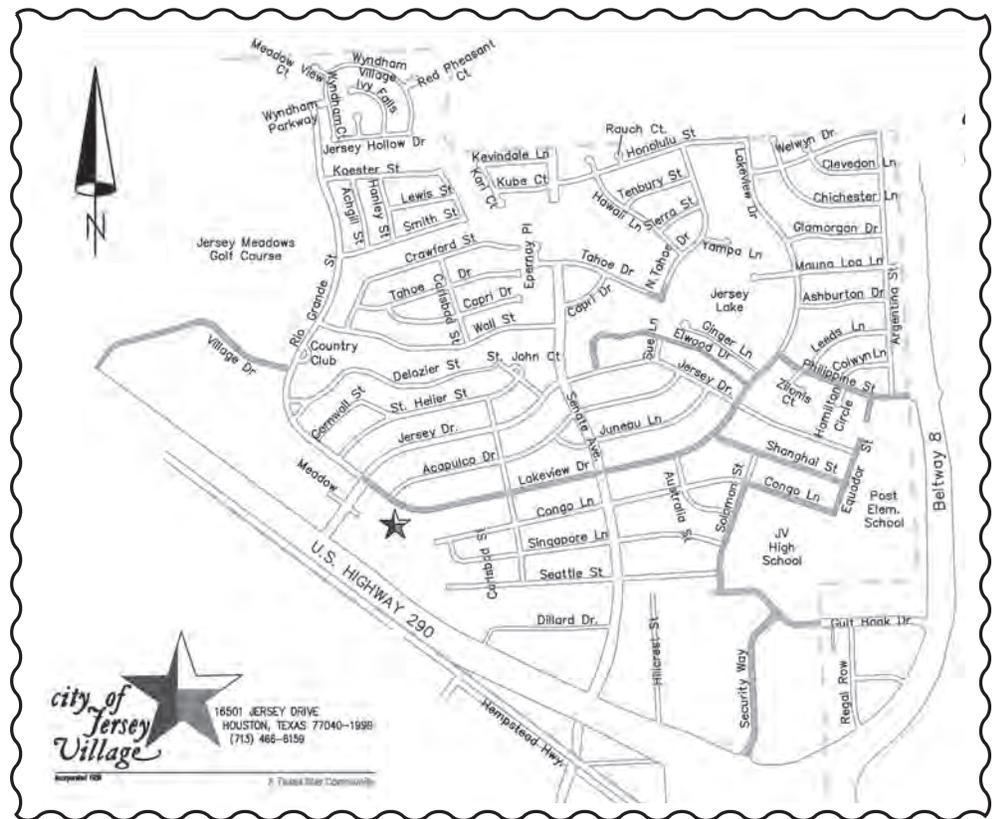
**Lakeview Drive:** Along the west side of Lakeview Drive between its intersection with Jersey Drive and Philippine Street. Along the north side of Lakeview Drive between its intersection with Jersey Drive and easterly to Senate Avenue. Along the north side of Lakeview Drive between its intersection with Senate Avenue eastward to Jersey Drive.

**North Tahoe:** Along the west side of North Tahoe between its intersection with Tahoe and a point 150 feet north of its intersection with Tahoe.

**Philippine Street:** Along the north side of Philippine Street between its intersection with Lakeview Drive and a point 160 feet east of its intersection with Argentina Street.

**Security Way:** Along both sides between its intersection with U.S. Highway 290 and its intersection with West Gulfbank Road.

**Solomon Street:** Along the east side of Solomon Street between its intersections with Congo Street and West Gulfbank Road. Along the west side of Solomon Street between its intersection with Seattle Street and West Gulfbank Road.



**Tahoe:** Along the north side of Tahoe between its intersection with North Tahoe and a point 150 feet west of its intersection with North Tahoe.

**Village Drive:** Along the south side of Village Drive between its intersection with U.S. 290 and Rio Grande Street. Along the north side of Village Drive between its intersection with U.S. 290 and a point 500 feet east of such intersection.

**West Gulfbank Road:** Along both sides between its intersection with Solomon Street and its intersection with the east city limit line.

**(b) It shall be unlawful for any person to park**

a motor vehicle within a no parking zone described in subsection (a) of this section when signs are duly erected giving notice thereof.

**(c) The director of public works is authorized and directed to place, or cause to be placed, no parking zone signs along the zones described in subsection (a) of this section.**

(Code 1977, § 20-29; Ord. No. 95-19, § 1, 11-20-95; Ord. No. 98-17, § 1, 7-27-98; Ord. No. 02-03, § 1, 3-18-02; Ord. No.)

The entire listing of traffic and parking ordinances can be found at: <http://library.municode.com/index.aspx?clientId=10228> ★

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## Are you prepared for a Hurricane?

Hurricane season is here and it may be a busy one for us this year. Weather officials are already saying that the Texas coastline should expect a Hurricane this year. Are you prepared?

### Recommended Items to Include in a Basic Emergency Supply Kit:

- Water, one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation
- Food, at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert and extra batteries for both
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Whistle to signal for help
- Dust mask, to help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation

- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Can opener for food (if kit contains canned food)
- Canned pet food

### If you plan on Evacuating:

- Keep your vehicle in good repair with a full tank of fuel
- Check on friends and neighbors who may have special needs
- Persons with special needs should leave early
- Designate a meeting point with your family should you get separated
- Cell phone for emergencies
- Monitor local radio and television stations for the latest information
- Don't take unnecessary items with you
- Take your Pets

Be prepared. Go to [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov) for more information on being prepared. ★



## FLOOD INSURANCE— Are you covered?

Standard homeowners' insurance policies do not cover losses due to floods. Because The City of Jersey Village is a participant in the National Flood Insurance Program, it is possible for property owners to obtain federally backed flood insurance. This insurance is available to any owner of insurable property in the city, regardless of whether or not the property is located in a floodplain. You also can insure the contents of your home from flooding and if your home is substantially damaged, you can file for an Increased Cost of Compliance Claim, which will provide extra coverage to help bring the house up to code after a flood. We urge everyone to purchase flood insurance; property can flood that has never experienced flooding previously. Please note that there is a 30-day waiting period before coverage goes into effect, so don't wait for the next storm to protect your family. If you have

specific questions about flood insurance, or for more information on rates and coverage, contact your insurance agent. Insurance information is also available through the FEMA website at [www.floodsmart.gov](http://www.floodsmart.gov).

Flood hazards are mapped by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and are shown on Flood Insurance Rate Maps. The City of Jersey Village has copies of the maps for review as well as other publications on flood protection and copies of elevation certificates for houses built in the floodplain since 1996. If you have any questions about the floodplain, what flood zone your property is in, or if you need flood insurance please call the Public Works Department at (713)466-2148 or stop by City Hall for more information. ★

## Water Conservation

Last year we experienced one of the worst droughts we have seen in Jersey Village in a long time. This year has not been much better, but we are seeing a rain shower every now and then. While we may not be in pre drought conditions, it is always a good idea to practice water conservation.

Here are a few suggestions to consider alternative ways that limit the amount of water we use in our every day lives.

- Water our lawns when they need water, not daily or every other day.
- Water lawns for no more than 10 minutes.
- Do not leave taps running while brushing teeth.
- Reduce shower times; do not use more water in the bath than is required.
- Repair dripping faucets and leaky toilets. Dripping faucets can waste about 2,000 gallons of water each year. Leaky toilets can waste as much as 200 gallons each day.
- To prevent water loss from evaporation, don't water your lawn during the hottest part of the day or when it is windy.
- Only run the dishwasher and clothes washer when they are fully loaded.
- Defrost frozen food in the refrigerator or in the microwave instead of running water over it.
- Use a broom, rather than a hose, to clean sidewalks and driveways.
- If you have a swimming pool, get a cover. You'll cut the loss of water by evaporation by 90 percent.

There are many good reasons to practice water conservation. Conserving water will help the environment; it will preserve our supply of drinking water, and save money on your water bill. Please visit the following web sites for more information.

[www.wateruseitwisely.com](http://www.wateruseitwisely.com)  
[www.h2ouse.org](http://www.h2ouse.org)  
[www.texaswatermatters.org](http://www.texaswatermatters.org)



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## City of Jersey Village Budget

In September of each year, the Jersey Village City Council adopts a municipal budget. The period covered by the budget runs from October 1 through September 30 the following year. The budget is one of the more important documents that will be acted upon by City Council in a given year. The budget represents City Council's plan for the provision of services to residents. In addition, the budget details the sources of revenue utilized to fund operations of the city.

The budget is further separated into an Operating Budget and Capital Budget. The Operating Budget funds operations of a routine nature, which include personnel, supplies, commodities (fuel, electricity), and other items associated with the daily costs of running a business. The Capital budget supports the operation of the City by providing maintenance

and repair of existing infrastructure, as well as the construction or purchase of new facilities and equipment.

The budget process is a continuous effort that takes place during the spring and summer of each year. On July 23-25, 2012, staff will present, at a series of special meetings, a proposed budget to City Council for their review. These meetings are open to the public. On August 20th, 2012, City Council will give staff final instructions on the Proposed Budget. On September 17th, 2012 City Council will adopt the Operating and Capital Budget after conducting a public hearing. The budget will become effective on October 1st.

If you would like additional information on any budget matter, please contact the Finance Department at (713)-466-2104. ★



## Art's Article

By: Art Pettit

### Take the Time for National Night Out

In modern day society there are many things that interfere with getting to know our neighbors. Work and family obligations take a big part in our daily lives. You never hear of neighbors getting together visiting, sitting down drinking a cup of coffee in the afternoons. This practice is a thing of the past for most of us.

The 29th annual National Night Out is scheduled for Tuesday, October 2, 2012. This is a good reason to return tradition of spending time with those who live next door or down the street. It's good for personal safety.

#### National Night Out is designed to:

- Strengthen neighborhood support

- Increase crime prevention awareness
- Stimulate anti-crime efforts

I encourage everyone to participate in National Night Out by attending block parties and other social gatherings –or just informal door to door visits. Talk about keeping an eye on each other. Discuss your daily routines so that your neighbors might be able to tell when something out of the ordinary and potentially dangerous, is taking place. Exchange phone numbers and e-mail addresses. The suggested time for these visits is 6pm to 9pm.

The Jersey Village Police Department and Jersey Village Fire Department will do its part. Our police and firemen- the emergency responders you may never see unless there is trouble will make rounds in Jersey Village so we can become more familiar with you, and you can learn

more about us. I am certain these friendly exchanges will improve your sense of security and well-being.

**For more information call Officer Pettit at 713-466-2125. ★**



### Recycle Reminder...



Remember, that all recycling must be in plastic bags. We have had quite a bit of rain lately and paper put at the curb not in bags just becomes trash.

Here is an example of paper items put out for recycling on a day that it rained and now none of these items can be recycled.

The City would like to remind all residents that your recyclable items must be placed in plastic bags for pick up. Paper is to be placed in black trash bags and plastic and aluminum in white trash bags. Tascon can ONLY use dry paper. So if paper is not being put in the bags and it rains; your paper recyclables have just become trash.

Please continue to put all recyclables in plastic bags and place all recyclables out curbside every Wednesday morning by 7:00 a.m.

**If you have any questions please call 713-466-2108. Remember "The City of Jersey Village is in your hands!" ★**

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### School's Back

School starts August 27, 2012, and that means the return of the big yellow school bus and children walking to school. Please slow down and watch for children and youth playing and gathering near bus stops.

When you drive in neighborhoods and school zones, take extra precaution to watch for children walking or biking to school. Remember that young people who are busy thinking about getting to school are not always thinking about getting there safely.

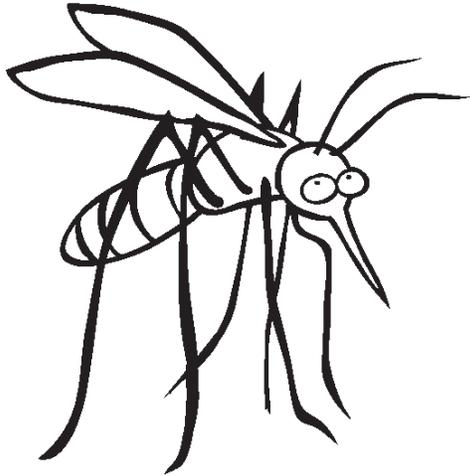
Be alert for children walking to school as you back out of your driveway or leave your garage. Slow down. Watch for children walking in the street, especially if there are no sidewalks in the area. Watch for children on bicycles, particularly at intersections

and driveways. Young bicyclists have a tendency to dart out of driveways without looking for traffic.

Remember; Stop your car when you see red lights flashing on a school bus. Yellow flashing lights indicate that the bus is preparing to stop. Red flashing lights indicate that the bus is stopped and young people are getting on or off. Don't start driving until the red lights stop flashing. State law requires that an operator on a highway, when approaching from either direction a school bus stopped on the highway to receive or discharge a student shall stop before reaching the school bus when the bus is operating a visual signal.

Help us keep you and our children safe. ★

## After the Rain...Mosquitos!



First the rain wouldn't stop and soon mosquitos will be a nuisance. The recent rains have left standing water which is the perfect breeding grounds for mosquitos.

The lifecycle of a mosquito is as follows: An adult mosquito lays a raft of eggs in water. They don't need a large body of water to lay eggs in - a dog bowl with a little water left inside it is sufficient to make a mosquito larvae habitat. The eggs turn into larvae within 48 hours of being laid. The larvae feed on microorganisms in the water. It takes larvae about 1-6 days to become pupae. The pupae take about 48 hours to develop into full grown adult mosquitoes. If you inadvertently leave standing water on your property, mosquitoes will reproduce in it extremely quickly.

### Here are some tips to reduce mosquito populations on your property:

- Put away water-holding containers such as buckets, flowerpots and toys.
- Fill low areas in the yard with sand.
- Clean clogged roof gutters.
- Remove debris piles of any kind, this is the perfect place for mosquitoes to harbor until the sun goes down.
- Reduce time on your water sprinkler if water is running down the street when it is running. This only creates more breeding grounds.
- Make repairs to leaking spigots or pool equipment such as pipe and pump connections. ★

## PLAN NOW FOR YOUR SPECIAL SANTA DELIVERY



As part of the Fire Department's Annual Fundraiser; Santa, Mrs. Claus and the Elves will again make delivery of your gift to your child by following the guidelines below:

\* On Wednesday, August 22, 2012 the

Jersey Village Fire Department will start taking reservations for the December delivery dates listed below.

Contact the Fire Department Administrative Office @ 713-466-2130 to reserve your date.

- \* Dates for delivery: **December 7, 8, 9 and 14, 15, 16**
- \* Deliveries made between **6:00pm – 8:30pm (5:00pm on Sat/Sun)**
- \* A minimum donation of **\$35.00 for a ten minute visit for a family of four**. Santa has requested no deliveries to large groups or parties.
- \* Bring your child's wrapped gift to the Fire Station the Tuesday prior to your scheduled delivery date. Station located @ 16501 Jersey Dr.
- \* Additional donations will be greatly appreciated. Please make checks payable to: **City of JV/Fire Dept. Donation Account**



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## Don't Forget: You still have time to swim!!

This is a reminder that City of Jersey Village pool is open full time Tuesday through Sunday and closed every Monday for cleaning.

A resident family pass can be purchased at City Hall for \$50.00. This allows the members of your household unlimited access to the pool during the summer season. Residents can also purchase daily pool passes at the gate for a fee of \$3.00 per adult and \$2.00 per child.

### Pools Hours

**Tuesday – Saturday 11AM to 9PM**

**Sunday 1PM – 8PM**

**Closed August 27 to 31**

**Open September 1 to 3**

**Monday September 3 – LAST day that the pool will be open. ★**





# Jersey Village Star

## Building Pride in Our Community

Many of you have asked about ways to get involved and help build upon our community pride. We all have good intentions, but unfortunately with jobs and family we have limited time. Knowing that it is difficult to regularly attend City Council meetings or volunteer for committees and boards, I would like to propose another volunteer opportunity and would like to get your ideas and feedback. I would like to propose an annual community service day. The day would be all about citizens helping citizens, building relationships, and working together to make a positive impact in the community. We would encourage participation from individuals,

families, organizations (e.g. boy scouts/girls scouts) and Church groups. Obviously there is much to plan and organize to make this a positive and successful experience, and if there is enough interest from the citizens we will build out a committee to move forward with those next steps. If you would like for there to be an Annual Jersey Village Community Service day, have thoughts or ideas, or would be interested in helping plan an event like this, please send me an email at [ssheppard@ci.jersey-village.tx.us](mailto:ssheppard@ci.jersey-village.tx.us). I look forward to hearing from you. ★  
 Sheri Sheppard City Council - Position 4

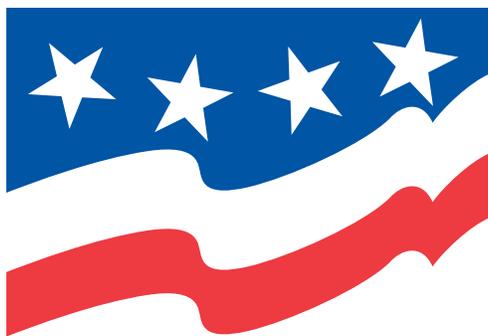


### Statistics for July 2012 JV Police Department

Calls for Service	1450
Vehicle Theft	6
Aggravated Assault	2
Burglary, Business	7
Burglary, Residence	1
Burglary, Vehicle	5
Disturbance	64
Narcotics, Felony	1
Minor Accidents	106
Major Accidents	41
Alarms	146
Suspicious Person	242
Traffic Control	1
Traffic Hazard	48

### JV Fire Department

Building Fires	1
Auto Fires	1
Other Fires	1
Rescue/EMS Incidents	59
Hazardous Conditions	4
Service Calls	13
Smoke or Odor Calls	2
False Alarms/Cancelled Enroute	19
Total Ambulance Transports	45




Emergency Call	911
Main Number	713.466.2100
City Manager	713.466.2108
City Secretary	713.466.2102
Fire Department	713.466.2130
Police Department	713.466.2123
Permits	713.466.2110
Public Works	713.466.2133
Code Enforcement & Animal Control	713.466.2129
Water Billing	713.466.2111
Municipal Court	713.466.2124
Golf Course	713.896.0900
City Pool	832.467.1032
JV Star	713.466.2108



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## Art's Article

By: Art Petitt

### PROTECTING your IDENTITY

You can reduce your chances of becoming a victim of identity theft by taking the following precautions:

- Minimize the amount of personal financial information you carry. Memorize passwords and PIN numbers instead of carrying them with you.
- Keep personal financial information in a secure place in your home or bank safe deposit box. Shred identifying information before throwing it away.
- Do not give sensitive information to unsolicited callers. Remember that

most legitimate businesses will not ask for your Social Security or bank account numbers.

- Shield your hand when entering your PIN at a bank ATM or when making long distance calls with a calling card. Take your credit card receipts and ATM slips. Shred them before throwing them away.
- Pick up new checks or a new or reissued credit card at your bank rather than having them delivered to your home. Do not have your driver's license number or social security number printed on your checks.
- If your bank or credit card statement does not arrive on time, call the issuer to make sure they are being sent to the proper address. Also contact the Post Office to see if a change of address

has been filed in your name. A thief may steal or divert your statements to hide illegal credit activity.

Just a reminder: The Drug Take Back Program is in operation- Saturday, September 29, 2012 starting at 10am-2pm in the Police Station lobby. ★



### Harris County Hazardous Waste Disposal for Residents

In March 2012 Harris County opened the Residential Environmental Services Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility located at 6900 Hahl Rd, near US 290 and N Gessner. This is the first permanent household hazardous waste (HHW) facility to open for the County and is provided as a part of their Harris County Storm Water Permit.

Acceptable items include, but are not limited to household cleaners, yard/automobile products, paint and paint related products, batteries, tires, items containing mercury (e.g. mercury thermometers, Compact Fluorescent Lights (CFLs), and fluorescent tubes), aerosols, and propane cylinders.

Unaccepted items include electronics, any waste used for business purposes, medical and biological waste, PCBs or Dioxins, ammunition, explosives, compressed gas cylinders, radioactive waste (including smoke detectors), and household appliances such as washers, dryers, freezers, air conditioners, or household trash.

This is a FREE service to residents of unincorporated Harris County. For more information please call 281-560-6200 or visit [http://www.eng.hctx.net/watershed/hhw\\_facility.html](http://www.eng.hctx.net/watershed/hhw_facility.html) ★



### Council Hires Teardown Consultant

The Jersey Village City Council has hired the firm of Kendig Keast to assist the city in examining the impact of teardown residential construction. What is teardown construction? Teardown construction occurs when a homeowner enlarges or replaces their existing home with a structure that is much larger than adjacent houses or houses in the surrounding neighborhood. Why is the city concerned at this time? The residential construction market in the Houston region appears to be rebounding significantly from the recession. Jersey Village is a desirable community that is known for its quality of life and commitment to public safety. Jersey Village is also located at a significant transportation crossroads. Combined with larger residential lots, these factors make Jersey Village an ideal location for teardown activity. Other communities that have experienced

teardown activity regret their lack of forethought and preparation. Significant concerns center on incompatible home styles, building height and mass, demolition and landscaping concerns, and building set-back requirements. By addressing these issues now, it is the hope of city council to get ahead of the curve on this potentially divisive issue. In all efforts, it is the city's desire to affect changes that are reasonable as they pertain to the rights of individual property owners. Going forward, Kendig Keast will review city ordinances and engage the community to determine the level of interest and specific concerns of residents. Kendig Keast will also survey methods used in other communities to address the teardown phenomena. There will be multiple opportunities for citizen input throughout this process. ★

## New Water and Wastewater Rates

The purpose of this notice is to inform the water and wastewater customers of changes to the city's Utility Fund that will affect your water and wastewater bill beginning in October of this year. In December of 2011, the City of Jersey Village contracted with Red Oak Consultants to develop a long-term financial model for the city's water and wastewater utilities. A goal of the study was to develop a plan to ensure the city maintained sufficient funds to provide for day-to-day operations of its utilities, while providing for long-term capital investments. Red Oak Consultants presented their findings to City Council at the April 16, 2012 City Council meeting. In general, it was a

consensus of the consultants that the city was doing an admirable job funding and maintaining its utility operations. It is important to remember that the city's utilities are not paid for with property taxes. The utility bill that you pay every month is the only source of funding available to the city to pay for its water and wastewater operations. At the April 16 meeting, City Council approved Ordinance 2012-12 to establish a new rate structure for water and wastewater service. These changes will take effect beginning with the billing cycle that starts on or about October 25, 2012. For more information please see the City's website [www.jerseyvillage.info](http://www.jerseyvillage.info) ★

## City of Jersey Village Tax Rate Adoption

After a series of public budget meetings and a public hearing which will be conducted on September 17th at 7:00 P.M., the City of Jersey Village Council will consider adoption of the budget for fiscal year 2012-2013, which begins October 1, 2012 and ends September 30, 2013.

City Council will consider keeping the property tax rate at \$0.7425 per \$100 of valuation in order to fund part of the City's General Fund budget based on projected current year's values and allow the timely payments for its Debt Service Fund. The City must follow the State of Texas legislative guidelines for proposing and adopting a tax rate. If the tax rate proposed by the City of Jersey Village governing body (City Council) exceeds the effective tax rate (a calculated rate that would provide the taxing unit with about the same amount of revenue it received in the year before on properties taxed in both years), or rollback rate (calculated maximum rate allowed by law without voter approval), whichever is lower, they must publish a new public hearing notice and conduct a series of public hearings. If they do not exceed these rates, then they may adopt the tax rate on just one public meeting. The Tax Rate is split in two parts, the M&O (Maintenance and Operation) tax rate and I&S (Interest Sinking or Debt Service) tax rate.

The Finance Department will be happy to assist any constituents if any questions or clarifications arise after reading this article. ★

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## Citizen Involvement Welcome!

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appointment to any board or commission in which you may be interested.

Council will consider appointments to most boards and commissions at its Regular September Council Meeting. If you are interested, please complete an application. If you currently have an application on file, please contact the City Secretary to confirm your interest in serving with the City.

To view an online application, visit the City of Jersey Village's website at [http://www.jerseyvillage.info/city\\_council/secretarys\\_office/index.html](http://www.jerseyvillage.info/city_council/secretarys_office/index.html) or contact Lorri Coody, the City Secretary at 713-466-2102.

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## Online Payments For Water and Sewer Accounts

City Council recently authorized the installation of Tyler Technology's Online Utility Account Management Software. Once installed, this software will permit water and sewer account customers to obtain real time, detailed information

about their payments and account history. Additionally, for a convenience fee of \$1.25 per transaction and a 2.5% for processing fee per transaction, residential and commercial account holders will be able to make payments

either by ACH, credit card or debit card. It is expected that this service will be available for use by November 1st, 2012.

If additional information is needed please contact the Finance Department at 713-466-2188.



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## Art's Article

By: Art Pettitt

### What you can do to help from becoming a victim of a Burglary of a Motor Vehicle (BMV):

**Take, Lock, Hide!** This is the basic crime fighting tool to preventing BMV.

**Lock your vehicle!** Yes, it takes seconds to break a window, but doing so makes noise and criminals hate making noise.

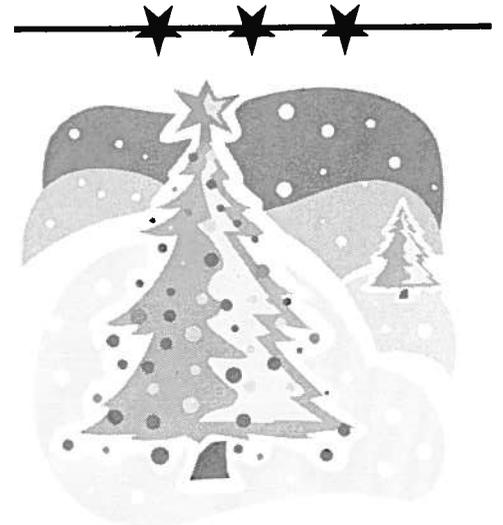
**Hide valuables from sight, or, even better, take items with you!** If a criminal doesn't see anything, they're less likely to break in, and will go to the next vehicle and window shop.

Remember to hide valuables BEFORE you park in the place you're leaving your vehicle. If a criminal sees you put a laptop in the trunk, they'll just break into the trunk when you leave. The same is true for putting property under a seat. If a criminal sees you reaching under a seat, they'll assume something is under there, and break in, looking for property.

**Park in areas that are not secluded!** Well lit parking lots, with good "sight lines", make it more likely for your vehicle to be visible to the general public. Remember, criminals don't like witnesses.

**Record serial numbers of property you may leave inside your vehicle!** If stolen, it is more likely the suspect, if

he tries to pawn it, will be identified. Remember, there is no 100% fool-proof way to prevent all crime. But, you can make yourself less likely to be a victim by following the above tips, and by using common sense. Simply locking your vehicle and removing property from inside is half the battle. ★



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### 43-Acre Detention Basin

Harris County Commissioners Court awarded an approximately \$3.6 million construction contract to Serco Construction Group, Ltd. on May 8 for a detention basin located on a 43-acre site, formerly part of the Jersey Meadows Golf Course. Seventy-five percent of this project is funded by Hurricane Iike Hazard Mitigation Grant Program and the remaining 25% is funded by Harris County Flood Control District(HCFCD).

The 30-month project includes removing approximately 432,000 cubic yards of soil, constructing a weir spillway structure and re-grading the detention basin's slopes. This project will also include a 1.6-mile hiking trail funded by the City of Jersey Village through an

interlocal local agreement between the City and HCFCD

The Jersey Meadows Storm water Detention Basin will hold about 114 million gallons of water when completed. This basin along with other previously constructed storm water detention basins and channel improvement work will lower water surface elevation of White Oak Bayou in the area during extreme rainfall events.

Construction of the 43-acre detention basin began June 13, 2012 and was approximately 15% complete as of September 2012. The anticipated completion is fall 2014. ★

### Vendors Wanted for HOLIDAY IN THE PARK 2012!

The City of Jersey Village Recreation & Events Committee announces its annual Holiday in the Park. If you have a business, product or service you would like to showcase, please consider participating in this year's event. It will take place on Sunday, December 2, from 1:00PM-4:00PM at Carol Fox Park, located at the corner of Senate and Jersey Drive.

The event will feature fields of freshly blown snow as well as approximately 50 vendor booths. There is no vendor booth fee for Jersey Village residents or scout troops. Non-JV residents pay a vendor booth fee of just \$10.00.

To request an application please send an email stating what you would like to sell/promote to Barbara or Doris at [JVHolidayinthePark@gmail.com](mailto:JVHolidayinthePark@gmail.com) ★

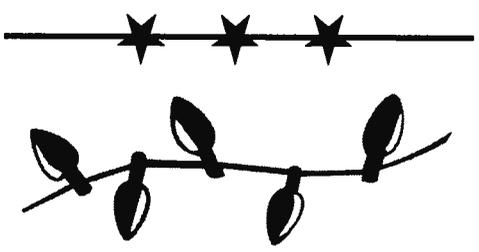
# October is Fire Prevention Month



Fire Prevention Month is in October every year. Our staff at Jersey Village Fire Department will be working hard this year to reach hundreds of children at schools and daycares to teach them about fire safety.

Are you safe in your home? Do you have working smoke detectors? Do you know how to change the batteries on the smoke detector and when to change them? How about a working fire extinguisher? Our elementary age children will be learning about these items and much more.

Have you ever heard of EDITH? **EDITH stands for Exit Drills in the Home.** Do you have an exit plan in for your family if your home catches fire? Does everyone know how to get out? Do you have a meeting place outside? And once you are out of the house, never go back in! These are the items we will be talking about with your kids in the month of October. If they are elementary school age, ask them about what they learned in school about fire prevention. ★



## Jersey Village December Light Decorating Contest 2012

Early heads-up: The City of Jersey Village's **December Light Decorating Contest 2012** will take place on **Monday, December 7 AND Tuesday December 18.** Please watch for the November Jersey Village Star newsletter for more details. ★

## Phase III Construction Update

Construction is moving right along, the City's Contractor SER has completed the paving of Carlsbad Street and the majority of residential driveways between Seattle and St. Helier. New curbing and new sod is also being placed down in these same areas and along Acapulco (east of Senate). SER has begun installing water lines along Congo and Singapore and residents should see construction related to the street start soon. While continued progress can be seen along the Delozier Street area, we can report that this area is being paved and near completion. Also, recently drainage inlets and piping have been installed on Juneau Ln. As always we thank everyone for their patience and please let us know if you have any concerns! ★



## October City Council Meeting Date Change

The 2012-2013 tax schedule requires that the City Council meet on October 22, 2012 to conduct business associated with the 2012-2013 budget. Therefore, Council approved Resolution No. 2012-44, canceling the Regular Council Meeting to be held on October 15, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. and called a Special Council Meeting to be held on October 22, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. ★

## Openings on Boards and Commissions

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**The following boards/commissions currently have openings for which the Council will consider appointments on October 22, 2012:**

- Building Board of Adjustment and Appeals Positions 1 and 3**
- Recreation and Events Committee Positions 2 and 7**
- 2012 Charter Review Commission One Position**

If you are interested, please complete an application. If you recently submitted an application and have not been appointed to board, please contact the City Secretary to confirm your interest in serving with the City. To view an online application, visit the City of Jersey Village's website at [http://www.jerseyvillage.info/city\\_council/secretarys\\_office/index.html](http://www.jerseyvillage.info/city_council/secretarys_office/index.html) or contact Lorri Coody, the City Secretary at 713-466-2102. ★



## Fall Frolic - October 26th 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Join us for the City of Jersey Village Annual Fall Frolic sponsored by the Jersey Village Recreation and Events Committee. The fun will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Clark Henry Pavilion located next to the pool. Join us for hamburgers, hotdogs, dancing and prizes. **Be sure to come dressed in your best Halloween costume!!!** ★



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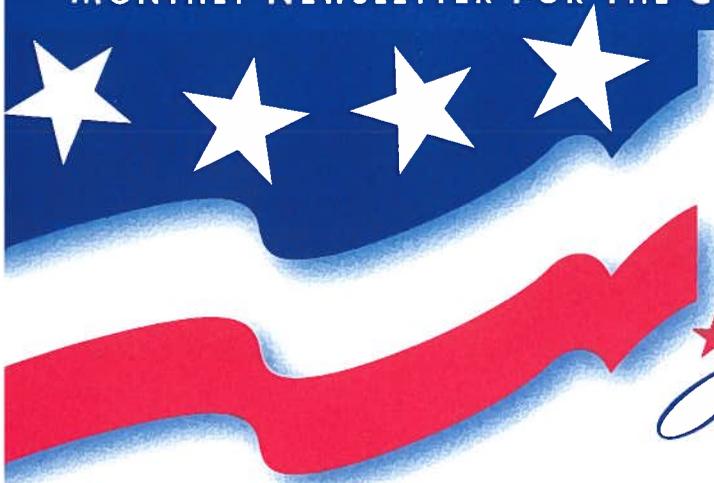
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**VENDORS WANTED for Holiday in the Park 2012**

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## Art's Article

By: Art Petitt

### Holiday Safety Tips for Home and Away

The holiday season is one of the most anticipated times of the year. Unfortunately, criminals also look forward to the season as more people are out shopping and leaving their homes unattended during holiday travel. Combine this season of opportunity with yet another holiday in a bad economy, and crime rates for things such as burglary, burglary of a motor vehicle, etc. are particularly high.

#### SAFETY TIPS AROUND THE HOUSE

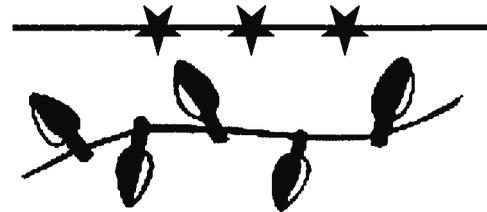
- Before traveling, contact our

dispatcher and ask to have your home placed on our "house watch." JV Police Department 713-466-5824

- Try to make your house look lived in while you are away. Consider picking up some inexpensive timers for lights and radios and have them come on at times when you are normally home.
- Ask a friend or neighbor to pick up your mail.
- Leave a spare key and emergency telephone number with a trusted neighbor or friend.
- Remove garage door openers from cars parked in the driveway.
- Lock garage entry doors.
- Do not leave remnants of Christmas morning by the curb.

#### HOLIDAY SHOPPING SAFETY TIPS

- Use the buddy system. It is always a good idea to shop in pairs as thieves are less likely to target two or more individuals.
- Lock your gifts in the trunk.
- Consider moving your car when you drop off presents.
- Don't flash your cash.
- Ask for a security guard escort.
- Keep credit and debit cards close.
- Have keys ready and don't take your time getting in your car.
- Park in well-lit areas. ★



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### Safety While Shopping

The Holiday Season is around the corner. It's the day after thanksgiving and you are standing in a line waiting for the doors to open. You're thinking, how many other people are going to try and get the same thing I want to buy? I am going to run as fast as I can and make sure it is mine. The door opens, the crowd rushes in and you seem like you're in a bee hive trying to make your way in and out.

What most people fail to do during the busiest shopping time of the year is think of their personal safety. How many of you ever thought what if an emergency occurred while I was in this store? What would I do? How would I get out?

Most businesses are required by code to maintain multiple exit doors

for emergency egress. Plan ahead this year. Visit the stores you plan on shopping during the busy holiday season and plan your escape route in the event of an emergency. We talk with your children about having two ways out of your home in an emergency during our school visits. You too, should be thinking about the secondary ways out of the businesses you visit.

Emergencies come at undesirable times and in places you do not expect. Thinking out side the box and preparing yourself gives you the upper hand and just may help save your life this holiday season! ★

**Happy Holidays!**  
**Jersey Village Fire Department**  
**Fire-Rescue-EMS**

### Jersey Village Christmas Decorating Contest 2012

On Monday and Tuesday, December 17th & 18th, from 7:00pm-10:00pm, judges will be out looking for the best decorated Jersey Village homes. There is plenty of time to start checking those lights and yard displays to make sure everything is in good working order.

To promote our city pride and community involvement, please take the time to discuss with your neighbors the holiday decorating theme for your street or section. Don't have a theme? There is still time! Discuss what might be a good option for your street or section. It does not matter if that theme is already in use elsewhere.

Perhaps one neighbor has woodworking or painting skills for themed yard signs, another may have tools such as a ladder on which to put up holiday lights. Let's promote neighbor helping neighbor, street by street, section by section. Happy decorating! ★

## City of Jersey Village Notice of Charter Review Commission Public Hearing

NOTICE is hereby given that a public hearing will be conducted on November 8, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. by the City of Jersey Village Charter Review Commission in the Civic Center Meeting Room at 16327 Lakeview Drive, Jersey Village, Texas. The purpose of the public hearing is to give all interested residents of the City of Jersey Village the right to appear before the Commission and provide any recommendations that they may have for amendments to the City's current Charter.

The City of Jersey Village public facilities are wheelchair accessible and accessible parking spaces are available. Requests for accommodations or interpretive services must be made 48 hours prior to this meeting. Please contact ADA Coordinator at (713) 466-2102 or FAX (713) 466-2177 for further information. ★

Lorri Coody, City Secretary  
City of Jersey Village, Texas

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**City Offices Closed for the**  
*Thanksgiving*  
**Holiday**

City offices will be closed on Thursday, November 22, 2012 and Friday, November 23, 2012 in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday. The Police Department, Fire Department and Emergency Medical

## Budget Wrap-Up

By the time you read this article, city council will have passed the budget for the next budget year and set the tax rate. Budget years in Jersey Village run from October 1 to September 30. This is similar to the federal budget. I will not post specific numbers in this article, as the city's budget is over 300 pages in print and difficult to reduce to a simple set of figures. The approved budget will be available for viewing on the city's web site. The budget will also be available for viewing at city hall. Passage of the budget represents the culmination of a six-month process that involves multiple public hearings and workshops. All of the meetings and workshops are open to public attendance.

Next year's proposed budget is in keeping with the conservative nature that characterizes budgets of the recent past. In light of the economic environment of the past several years, (both national and regional) the amount of equipment proposed for purchase remains modest. Staffing levels have remained flat, and there are no proposals to add positions in the near future. At the direction of city council, staff adjusted expenditures to match flat or slightly declining revenues. Should economic conditions worsen, or the recovery is extended for

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Service personnel will be on duty for emergencies and other City personnel in other departments will be on-call, if required. City offices will re-open for business at the

several years, Jersey Village will be able to weather the storm better than most.

Several proposed projects are noteworthy. The city will continue with Phase 3 of its street reconstruction program. The entire cost of Phase 3 (\$ 6.5 million) will be paid from existing cash reserves. By paying cash for this project, the city avoids millions of dollars of interest payments that would arise had the project been funded through the issuance of debt. In addition, the city will spend a considerable amount meeting unfunded mandates promulgated by state and federal legislators. The city will spend nearly one million dollars over the next three years replacing its entire radio communications system to meet federal requirements. New federal security requirements require the replacement of Police Department laptop computers. Those of you who attend council meetings on a regular basis will appreciate the scheduled replacement of civic center chairs.

Each budget is constructed with a set of assumptions in mind. For the budget that was just passed, the city assumed a slightly improving economic condition. The city remains committed to living within its means, while providing a superior level of service to Jersey Village residents. ★

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regular time on Monday, November 26, 2012.

There will be regular residential garbage collection on Friday, November 23rd. ★



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## Tax Exemptions for the City of Jersey Village

### **HOMESTEAD EXEMPTIONS:**

In 2003, members of the City of Jersey Village Council approved a homestead exemption of 8% of the appraisal value with minimum exemption of \$5,000.

### **AGE 65 OR OLDER AND DISABLED EXEMPTIONS:**

Individuals 65 and older qualify for an additional \$50,000 exemption and disabled homeowners can apply for an exemption of \$20,000. If the individual qualifies for both, he or she should choose one or the other.

### **VETERAN DISABILITY EXEMPTION:**

The amount of the exemption depends on the veteran's disability rating from the branch of the armed service and it is as follows:

Disability rating 10% to 30% - Exemption Amount \$5,000 from the property's value

Disability rating 31% to 50% - Exemption Amount \$7,500 from the property's value

Disability rating 51% to 70% - Exemption Amount \$10,000 from the property's value

Disability rating 71% to 100%- Exemption Amount \$12,000 from the property's value

### **RELIGIOUS AND CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION EXEMPTIONS:**

Religious or charitable organizations may receive a property tax exemption for the year in which the qualifying property was purchased.

If you need more information on this subject or any other matter related to property taxes, please contact our Finance Department, our telephone number is 713-466-2100 and we will be glad to help you with any questions or clarification.

Other taxing entities (School District, Harris County Appraisal District, etc.) offer exemptions of varying amounts. You should contact these agencies directly to determine if you are eligible for an exemption.



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**Recycle Program Continued!!**

At the November 19, 2012 City Council Meeting, the City of Jersey Village City Council approved a contract with Tascon Industries to continue the City's recycling program.

The approved contract begins on December 1, 2012 and will continue for one year. Tascon Industries will receive \$1.25 per home per month; the city has approximately 2,060 homes. Both parties have the option to extend the contract at the end of the term.

The City would like to encourage everyone to participate in the recycle program. We are currently in the twenty percent participation range and would like to see that number increase. It's a very simple process to participate, newspaper should be placed in black plastic bags, plastic and aluminum placed in white plastic bags and left at the curb side by 7:00 am every Wednesday. ★

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**Statistics for October 2012  
JV Police Department**

Calls for Service	1276
Vehicle Theft	1
Aggravated Assault	3
Burglary, Business	2
Burglary, Residence	1
Burglary, Vehicle	3
Disturbance	56
Narcotics, Felony	2
Minor Accidents	135
Major Accidents	14
Alarms	102
Suspicious Person	205
Traffic Control	7
Traffic Hazard	36

**JV Fire Department**

Building Fires	1
Auto Fires	0
Other Fires	2
Rescue/EMS Incidents	67
Hazardous Conditions	9
Service Calls	16
Smoke or Odor Calls	1
False Alarms/Cancelled Enroute	6
Total Ambulance Transports	42



Emergency Call	911
Main Number	713.466.2100
City Manager	713.466.2108
City Secretary	713.466.2102
Fire Department	713.466.2130
Police Department	713.466.2123
Permits	713.466.2110
Public Works	713.466.2133
Code Enforcement & Animal Control	713.466.2129
Water Billing	713.466.2111
Municipal Court	713.466.2124
Golf Course	713.896.0900
City Pool	832.467.1032
JV Star	713.466.2108

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## Art's Article

By: Art Petitt

### What to do When Stopped for a Traffic Violation

If you are stopped or detained by police it is generally because you are in the area where a crime just occurred, witness to a crime, fit the description of a suspect, have been pointed out as a suspect, appear to need assistance, or have violated a law.

If you do get pulled over by the police follow these guidelines:

- Pull your vehicle as far to the right as possible.
- Remain seated in the vehicle; do not get out unless instructed to do so.
- Keep your hands visible to the officer.
- Follow the officer's instructions.
- Turn on your interior light when it's dark.

- Do not reach for anything unless directed to do so by the officer.
- Produce your driver license and proof of financial responsibility (insurance) upon request.
- If a weapon is present, verbally inform the officer of its exact location. Do not make any gestures toward the weapon. State whether you possess a concealed handgun permit. Wait for specific instructions before making any movements.
- If a citation is issued, you will be requested to sign the citation. THIS IS NOT AN ADMISSION OF GUILT.
- Along with the citation there will be more information on the citation that will instruct you on procedures to resolve this matter.
- Never attempt to flee or evade a police officer under any circumstances, this is yet another violation. ★

## Curb Drainage

There are many houses in the Jersey Village that have curb drains in the front yards. The Public Works Department has noticed an increase in such drains around the city. The failure to acquire a permit for the curb drains is a violation of a City ordinance. A citation may be issued to the owner of the property or resident living at the address if a permit is not obtained through the City's permit office. This type of drainage requires the approval of the Public Works Director. There is also a selected procedure for this type of drainage. The City requires that curbs be saw cut and not broken with a hammer. The saw cutting procedure better protects the rest of the curb from breaking and also from future cracking. ★



### Citizens' Fire Academy, or What Would I Ever Learn Here?



Your family is at the beach and your child (or grandchild) trips and falls against a piece of metal. They scream and hold up their arm. Bright red blood spurts out. You know this is serious. You hope cell phone reception is OK to dial 911 AND you hope the ambulance doesn't take 20 minutes to get there. What do you do now?

A strong wind blows a large tree into your neighbor's house. They knock on your door and say they smell a strong odor of gas inside. They are afraid it will catch fire, or explode. Can you do

anything before the fire truck arrives? Wouldn't it be great to know what to do in these situations? The Citizens' Fire Academy will equip you to handle most every-day emergencies that confront you, your family, and your neighbors. Plus, you get to try all that gear our fire fighters use!

The Fire Academy is open to anyone over 18. Participation in any session is always voluntary and no one will be asked to do anything that makes them feel uncomfortable. All sessions are taught by the members of our JV Fire Department. There is no cost to attend and all materials are provided. Plus, there is no homework or tests!

The classes start in January 2013 and the academy is about 12 weeks in length. We meet at 7:00 PM on Thursdays for

2 1/2 - 3 hrs at the Fire Station with an occasional Saturday. Please Call the Fire Department Administrative Offices at 713-466-2130 for more info, or to register. ★



### JV Christmas Tree Recycling

**Who:** Jersey Village Residents ONLY

**What:** All live Christmas Trees, but they first must be cleared of all decorations and any nails or other material which may have been used for stands

**When:** December 26, 2012 through January 5th, 2013

**Where:** In the parking located at the end of Jersey Meadow Drive near the detention pond outside the golf course.

**Why:** The Parks Department will be chipping trees and using the mulch. ★

# A MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE MARSHAL! Did you know Fireworks are Illegal?

It is illegal to use or possess Fireworks in Jersey Village? The fireworks season is about to get started again. Each year Jersey Village Fire Marshal and Police Department's receive fireworks calls and we want to remind everyone of the city ordinance:

(I) Section 3301.1.3 of the International Fire Code is amended to provide as follows:

Section 3301.1.3. Fireworks. The possession, manufacture, storage, sale, handling and use of fireworks are prohibited within the city limits of Jersey Village, Texas. It shall be unlawful and constitute a nuisance for any person to manufacture or sell fireworks within the City of Jersey Village or within the area extending five thousand (5,000) feet outside the city limits and not located within the corporate limits or extraterritorial jurisdiction of another municipality. The city attorney shall take all actions necessary to enforce this ordinance in the area located outside the city limits. Except as herein provided, it shall be unlawful for any person to assemble, possess, store, transport, receive, keep, sell, offer or have in his or her possession with the intent to sell, use, discharge, ignite, detonate, fire or otherwise put in action any fireworks of any description. ★

### Fines for this offense are as follows:

- \$214.00 Discharging of fireworks
- \$239.50 Manufacturing or possession of fireworks
- \$165.00 Parent or guardian giving permission

## Public Hearings for Noise Mitigation

The Texas Department of Transportation will conduct two public hearings regarding proposed changes to the design of the approved U.S Highway 290 expansion. The hearings will be conducted at the following times / locations:

**Tuesday, December 11, 2012**  
**6PM Sheraton Brookhollow**  
**3000 North Loop West**  
**Houston, Texas 77092**

**Thursday, December 13, 2012 6PM**  
**Berry Center**  
**8877 Barker Cypress Road**  
**Cypress, Texas 77433**

The purpose of the public hearings is to solicit comments from interested parties along the 290 corridor who may be affected by the contemplated changes. Specifically, TxDOT proposes to add reversible / managed lanes to the center median of U.S. 290. The managed lanes were not a part of the original plan for the highway expansion. Because the improvements were not a part of the original plan, TxDOT must solicit public comments on the matter. The noise engineer hired by the city believes that these changes will increase noise from the freeway. Dozens of residents have complained

to city hall regarding the level of noise generated by existing conditions along the roadway. Many of you have further expressed concern that the proposed highway expansion will only serve to increase noise levels in the future. The environmental review conducted by TxDOT determined that the expansion will not generate noise conditions that exceed federal standards. In short, TxDOT has no plans to address noise concerns in Jersey Village in an appreciable manner.

The upcoming public hearings may be the only opportunity for the city to express our frustration and concerns to TxDOT. In addition, the city is anticipating that state elected officials will be present for these hearings. If state officials are present, a strong showing of Jersey Village residents will reinforce our concern and level of frustration regarding the lack of urgency on the part of TxDOT. Conversely, a weak showing will demonstrate a lack of concern from the community. As a city, we will never have another opportunity to speak directly to those officials who can address our concerns. Once the highway is constructed, we will live with the consequences of our action (or inaction) for decades to come. ★



## Recreation and Events Committee Seeking Applicants

City government depends on residents who volunteer their time and expertise to participate in public service as members of boards and commissions. Boards and commissions fulfill an important role by evaluating issues which affect our community and making recommendations to the Council for needed action. The value of these

bodies is a direct reflection of the interest and dedication of our citizens in making Jersey Village a better place to live.

The Recreation and Events Committee is seeking interested applicants. If you are interested, please contact Council Liaison Jill Klein by email at [jklein@ci.jersey-village.tx.us](mailto:jklein@ci.jersey-village.tx.us) for more information. ★



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## City Offices Closed for the Christmas and New Year Holiday

City offices will be closed on **Monday, December 24 and Tuesday, December 25, 2012** in observance of the Christmas Holiday. City offices will re-open for business at the regular time on Wednesday, December 27, 2012.

City offices will also be closed on **Tuesday, January 1, 2013** in observance of the New Year Holiday and will re-open on Wednesday, January 2, 2013.

The Police Department, Fire Department and Emergency Medical Service personnel will be on duty for emergencies and other City personnel in other departments will be on-call, if required.

### No Trash Collection

There will be **no residential garbage collection on Tuesday, December 25th or Tuesday, January 1st**. Garbage collection will resume on the following regular collection day.



## Lights, Siren, Santa is coming!

Santa will tour Jersey Village on Christmas Eve.

Listen for the Fire Engine sirens between 2:00-4:30 p.m.

Santa and his helpers will drive down your street.

Be outside so you don't miss him!