

Mayor's Newsletter

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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

It was great to see so many of you at the Fourth of July parade and the celebration afterward at Clark Henry Park! From all of the pictures and photos posted to social media in the days following, it looks like many of you enjoyed it as much as my wife and I did. Thank you to all of the Parks and Recreation volunteers and staff who planned and carried out yet another amazing event for our community! I also wanted to thank Senate Avenue Brewing Company for generously underwriting the fantastic fireworks show to conclude the evening.

Your city government is continuing to prepare the budget for the upcoming 2022-2023 fiscal year. The city council will meet for budget meetings the evenings of July 18th, 19th, and (if needed) 20th to perform a line-by-line review of the budget prepared by our city staff. Reviewing and approving our city's budget is the single most important task undertaken by your elected officials, so I encourage you to come out and listen to the discussion.

I am proud to report that city council unanimously approved an increase in the residential homestead exemption to the maximum 20% allowed by state law. As I mentioned in last month's newsletter, inflation is a concern for all of us and your city government is not immune to the cost increases we're all experiencing right now. The challenge before us right now is to keep your tax bills as low as possible while also ensuring we continue to provide the same level of services you have come to enjoy from the city. The increased homestead exemption should help with that effort.

The proposed budget is currently available on the city's website at jerseyvillagetx.com. Simply click on the "Financial Transparency" icon on the front page and you'll find a link to the proposed 2022-2023 budget toward the top of the table of documents. If you have any questions or concerns about the current proposal, please feel free to reach out to me and the other members of council. You can e-mail me at bwarren@jerseyvillagetx.com or call me on my personal cell phone at 713-515-2958.

Your neighbor,

Bobby Warren

Mayor