



Mayor's Monthly Newsletter

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Reflections from February

Hello Neighbors, Residents and Friends

As I sat down to write this month's Mayor's Newsletter, I didn't know where to begin. I was tempted to dive into another discussion on the City's flood mitigation efforts or the promising advances in the Jones Road development. There is so much activity going on at City Hall and within the community it was hard to pick a single topic to address. Instead of choosing one of the numerous undertakings in JV to explore, I instead reflected back on just the recent month of February in the community. Remarkably the events of just a single month illustrate how special it is to live in Jersey Village.

The February City Council meeting started early for me as usual. I often host a Scout troop an hour before the start of the meeting. I discuss our country's system of Federalism, how the entities down to the local level all work together and how the City of Jersey Village is organized. Last month I hosted the Girl Scouts from area schools and was peppered with insightful questions about the City. The kids in these Scout troops amaze and impress me time and time again. It's encouraging to see the abundance of bright minds we have in our community.

At that February meeting, a milestone was hit that we had been working towards for some time. City Council approved the new design for the Jersey Meadows clubhouse. The new clubhouse will be 11,000 square feet of new meeting space, golf amenities and patio space. Importantly, this will be a new gathering place for the neighborhood with enhanced bar and grill options. The clubhouse will be up and running next year and I look forward to seeing everyone there.

The Jersey Village Fire Department held its annual awards banquet last month as well. Chief Bitz is a gracious host and allows me the honor of addressing our first responders and thank them for their service. I tell the Chief it is one event I wouldn't miss as I thoroughly enjoy being around the proud family atmosphere of our Fire Department. This year was another moving night celebrating our community, the Fire Department and acknowledging the contributions of individual Department members.

In just the last week, I saw inspiring moments of community in Jersey Village. At the golf course, I witnessed our Assistant Golf Pro, Jennifer, patiently teaching and instructing freshman girls in some of their first golf lessons. The Post Elementary PTO hosted a movie night under the pavilion. The pavilion floor was covered by parents and kids enjoying a Friday night outdoor movie. The following Sunday was another Farmers Market in Jersey Village where Girl Scouts manned cookie booths and Boy Scouts sold fundraiser coupon books.

Looking back on just last month alone causes me to appreciate living in Jersey Village that much more. It was a month of community bonding and building towards the future. It was a great month in a great City and I know there will be many more great months ahead.

All the Best,

Justin Ray

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