



Jersey Village Star

**Charter Review Coming Soon - Volunteers Needed!**

Most residents are unfamiliar with the city’s Home Rule Charter and the requirement to formally review this document every four years. The charter essentially works as the city’s constitution. It establishes the basic template for governance within Jersey Village. Topics covered in the charter include election procedures, City Council powers, staff responsibilities, financial procedures, and the city’s form of government.

A provision in the charter calls for a comprehensive review by a council-appointed commission. The commission

shall have seven members and three alternates, and serve for a period of six months. City Council will appoint members to the commission at its July Council Meeting. The deadline for applications is July 08, 2024. If you are interested in serving on this commission, a copy of the city’s Board Application Form is available on the city’s website, <https://www.jerseyvillagetx.com/page/city.boardsapplication>. Alternately, you may contact the City Secretary at (713) 466-2102 with your questions. ★

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**Statistics for March 2024  
JV Fire Department**

Motor Vehicle Accidents	15
Motor Vehicle Accidents w/Injury	6
Motor Vehicle Pedestrian Accident	1
Mutual Aid Building Fires	6
Building Fires	0
Auto Fires	1
Other Fires	0
Rescue/EMS Incidents	57
Hazardous Conditions/Gas Leak	0
Good Intent Calls	0
Service Calls	22
Smoke or Odor Calls	3
False Alarms/Cancelled	16
Covid 19 Calls	0
Total Calls	127
Total Ambulance Transports	41

**Fire Safety Tip**

Did you know that cooking is the main cause of home fires and injuries. If you have to leave your cooking, bring something to remind you such as a spatula.



Emergency Call	911
Main Number	713.466.2100
City Manager	713.466.2109
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
Parks & Rec	713.466.2174
JV Star	713.466.2102

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**Statistics for March 2024  
JV Police Department**

Homicide / Manslaughter	0
Sexual Assault	0
Robbery	0
Aggravated Assault	2
Burglary Hab/ Building	1
Burglary Motor Vehicle	6
Motor Vehicle Theft	4
Thefts All Other	11
D.W.I.	7
Calls for Service	644
Traffic Stops	473
Citations	237
Warnings	319
Accidents	68
House Watches	184
Crime Preventions	553
Case Reports	94
Arrest	29
Flock Hits	43
Flock Recovery	8
Drone Flights	1
Firearms Seized	4
Narcotics Items Seized	14
Reports to CID	26

## City Seeks Applicants to Serve on the Comprehensive Planning Update Committee

The City's Comprehensive Plan is the guiding document that helps leaders, over the course of 15-20 years, make improvements that ensure the city remains a desirable place to live, where property values increase, and the quality of life remains strong. The plan presents a vision for the future, with long-range goals and objectives for all activities that affect the local government. The city's current Comprehensive Plan can be viewed from the homepage of the city's website at <https://www.jerseyvillagetx.com/page/cpuc.2020Plan>.

### The Comprehensive Planning Update Committee is responsible for:

1. Inquiring into the progress and implementation of the Comprehensive Plan;
2. Evaluating any changes in conditions that form the basis of the Comprehensive Plan;
3. Evaluating community support for the Comprehensive Plan's goals, strategies, and actions
4. Recommending changes to the Comprehensive Plan to the Planning and Zoning Commission, who in turn shall make a final recommendation to City Council.

The committee shall consist of seven regular members and three alternate members. Three regular members of the committee shall be current members of the City's Planning and Zoning Commission.

If you are interested in serving on this committee, a copy of the city's Board Application Form is available on the city's website [www.jerseyvillagetx.com/page/city.boardsapplication](http://www.jerseyvillagetx.com/page/city.boardsapplication).

Completed forms are to be submitted no later than 5:00 PM, June 5, 2024. Incomplete applications and applications received after this deadline will not be forwarded to City Council for consideration.

Because of the importance of this committee, City Council has requested that prospective applicants be prepared to deliver a three-to-five-minute presentation at a Special City Council Meeting on June 17, 2024. At that time, applicants should be prepared to present their qualifications for appointment, in addition to providing an explanation of why they desire to serve on this committee. ★

## Jersey Village Shines with Renewed Transparency Star Awards

In a testament to our unwavering commitment to transparency and open government, the City of Jersey Village is proud to announce the renewal of its Transparency Star Awards from the Texas State Comptroller in several key areas: Traditional Finances, Debt Obligations, Public Pensions, and Economic Development. This prestigious recognition underscores our dedication to not only meeting but exceeding transparency standards, setting a benchmark for local governments across Texas.

The Transparency Stars program, spearheaded by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, celebrates local governments that open their books far beyond the basic requirements, providing citizens with clear, accessible, and meaningful financial information.

Residents can find all of this information by going to our homepage, [www.jerseyvillagetx.com](http://www.jerseyvillagetx.com), and clicking on the "Financial Transparency" Button.



## Jersey Village City Manager, Austin Bleess, Named 2024 Public Official of the Year

In a distinguished recognition of dedicated public service and leadership, Jersey Village City Manager Austin Bleess has been honored as one of the 2024 Public Officials of the Year by the University of Houston Hobby School of Public Affairs. This prestigious award is given to public servants who have demonstrated exceptional leadership in their roles, actively improving the lives of the people they serve through innovative, ethical, and effective governance. Austin Bleess is celebrated among four outstanding public service leaders known for their dynamic problem-solving abilities, leadership excellence, and unwavering commitment to enhancing community life. The program, designed to spotlight those who tackle complex challenges with forward-thinking solutions, recognizes Bleess for his remarkable contributions to Jersey Village and beyond.

A hallmark of Bleess's tenure as City Manager has been his proactive and strategic approach to grant acquisition,

significantly bolstering the financial health of Jersey Village. His efforts have secured over \$29,000,000 in federal funds for flood mitigation, safeguarding the community and ensuring the city's resilience against natural disasters. Under his guidance, Jersey Village has seen the successful integration of AI technology, setting a benchmark for municipal efficiency and governance. This technological advancement has streamlined city operations, enabling quicker, more informed decision-making processes that benefit both the city staff and its residents. Furthermore, Bleess has been instrumental in championing initiatives aimed at promoting employee wellness and improving healthcare benefits. His leadership in this area underscores a commitment to creating a supportive and healthy work environment for all city employees, ultimately enhancing the overall productivity and morale of the city's workforce.

"Receiving the 2024 Public Official of the Year Award is a testament to Austin Bleess' visionary

leadership and relentless dedication to our community. Austin's innovative strategies, particularly in grant acquisition and the integration of technology, have significantly advanced the quality of life in Jersey Village," said Mayor Bobby Warren. "We are incredibly proud of Austin's recognition and grateful for his contributions that have positioned Jersey Village as a beacon of effective governance and community wellbeing."

The University of Houston Hobby School of Public Affairs highlights Bleess' collaborative spirit as a defining trait of his leadership. His ability to reach across departments, jurisdictions, and sectors to forge partnerships with government entities, nonprofits, and corporate allies exemplifies his holistic approach to problem solving and governance.

As we celebrate this well-deserved recognition, we extend our heartfelt congratulations to Austin Bleess for being named a 2024 Public Official of the Year. ★

# Jersey Meadow Golf Club News

**Course closed May 14th & 28th for golf course maintenance.**

## LOL Classes (Ladies Only Lessons)

\$30 for a one-hour group clinic.

Free clubs.

\* Saturday, May 4th 4 pm – beginners – basic full swing

\* Saturday, May 11th 4 pm – beginner to intermediate - putting

\* Wednesday, May 29th 6 pm – on course experience (must have prior golf lessons)

## 2024 Junior Summer Camp

June 4 - 7 Ages: 6 -12 years old

June 18 – 21 Time: 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

July 16 - 19 Fees: \$175 per student

July 30, 31 – Aug 1, 2

August 6 - 9

Each student will get a Jersey Meadow cap, golf instruction, games, on course experience, rules, etiquette and skills challenge on final day with awards.

Sign up on the website

[www.jerseymeadow.com](http://www.jerseymeadow.com). ★

## Jersey Village Residents,

As we approach the season of unpredictable weather, it's crucial to take proactive steps to protect your property from potential floods. Here are some valuable tips to help safeguard your home and belongings:

- Elevate Essential Systems:** Elevate critical utilities such as HVAC systems, water heaters, and electrical panels above potential flood levels. This helps prevent damage to essential systems and reduces the risk of costly repairs after a flood event.
- Secure Important Documents:** Safeguard important documents by storing them in waterproof containers or digitally backing them up. This includes vital records, insurance policies, and personal identification. Having these documents readily accessible can facilitate a smoother recovery process in the aftermath of a flood.
- Install Flood Barriers and Sealants:** Consider installing flood barriers and sealants to prevent water from entering your home. These measures can help create a barrier against rising floodwaters, reducing the risk of damage to your property.
- Landscaping Considerations:** Evaluate your landscaping to ensure proper drainage away from your home. Properly graded land and well-maintained gutters and downspouts can help redirect water and minimize the risk of flooding.
- Emergency Preparedness Kit:** Assemble an emergency preparedness kit containing essential supplies such as non-perishable food, water, medications, and first aid items. Keep this kit in an easily accessible location in case you need to evacuate your home during a flood.
- Stay Informed:** Stay informed about local weather conditions and flood alerts. Sign up for emergency notifications from local authorities to receive timely information about potential threats in your area.

Remember, taking preventive measures today can make a significant difference in minimizing the impact of potential floods on your property.

**Let's work together to keep Jersey Village safe and resilient!** ★



**BRAESWOOD FARMERS MARKET**

HOSTED AT THE JV CIVIC CENTER  
Sundays @10AM-2PM

**Get your local produce, enjoy some food, meet your neighbors**



CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE

**4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY FESTIVAL**

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JULY 4TH | CLARK HENRY PARK  
PARADE STARTS 6:00 PM  
FESTIVAL HOURS: 7:00PM-9:45PM




# Jersey Village Star

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YOUTH TRIATHLON 2024 

## Participants

**AGE GROUPINGS**  
13-14 YEAR OLDS  
10-12 YEAR OLDS  
7-9 YEAR OLDS

**ALL PARTICIPANTS WILL GET A TSHIRT AND MEDAL**

FEATURING

# SWIMMING, BIKING, AND RUNNING

**SAFE WITH HELP FROM PD, FIRE, AND VOLUNTEERS**

### COMMUNITY NEWS

*Organizations submitting articles below for publication are not endorsed or sponsored by the City of Jersey Village.*

#### **2024 Falcons Basketball Camp**

Dates: June 10th, 11th, 12th

Incoming 1st – 6th graders: 8 am – 11 am.

Incoming 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> graders 1 pm – 4 pm.

Cost: \$60

Location: Jersey Village High School

Signup link: <https://bit.ly/FalconsBBCamp>

