



Jersey Village Star

City Seeking to Fill Council Vacancy

At the November 18, 2013 Regular Meeting of the Jersey Village City Council, Resolution 2013-78 was passed, accepting the resignation of Council Member Sandra Joachim, and declaring a vacancy of city Council Member Place 2. City Council is now seeking to fill this position for a term that will expire in May, 2014. Qualifications required to hold office may be reviewed at Section 2.02 of the City Charter. The City Charter may be accessed online through the Jersey Village web site (www.jerseyvillage.info). Prospective officeholders should complete the Application for City Boards, Commissions, and Committees that is available under the City Secretary page of the Jersey Village web site. Please write "City Council" under the Comments Section of the

application. Completed forms should be received at city hall, or e-mailed to the office of the city secretary no later than 5:00 PM, January 15, 2014. Incomplete applications and applications received after this deadline will not be forwarded to city council.

City Council has requested that prospective candidates be prepared to deliver a three to five minute presentation at the beginning of the January 20 city council meeting. Candidates should be prepared to present their qualifications for office, in addition to providing an explanation of why they desire to hold office. ★

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**Statistics for November 2013
JV Police Department**

Calls for Service	1314
Vehicle Theft	4
Aggravated Assault	8
Burglary, Business	3
Burglary, Residence	3
Burglary, Vehicle	4
Disturbance	61
Narcotics, Felony	3
Minor Accidents	114
Major Accidents	0
Alarms	126
Suspicious Person	206
Traffic Control	6
Traffic Hazard	16

JV Fire Department

Building Fires	5
Auto Fires	0
Other Fires	4
Rescue/EMS Incidents	73
Hazardous Conditions	3
Service Calls	11
Smoke or Odor Calls	1
False Alarms/Cancelled Enroute	19
Total Ambulance Transports	44



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Art's Article

By: Art Pettitt

How to Prevent Identity Theft

If a thief takes your personal information and uses it for financial gain, you have been a victim of identity theft. Criminals can use your personal information to reroute your mail, open bank accounts in your name, and fraudulently apply for loans and credit. You may not know somebody has been using your identity until it's too late. Bank statements, bills, receipts, photos, pre-approved credit card mail, junk mail with your personal address, jotted down phone numbers, warranty cards – you'll be amazed how many pieces of paper have your personal information on it. And once it's thrown out, it's fair game.

•Invest in a **cross cut shredder** (it shreds paper both ways)

•Shred all old bills, bank statements, credit cards, personal notes, anything that has your personal information or address on it.

•Retrieve all your mail promptly. Track your regular mail, such as bills, bank statements and magazine subscriptions. If they suddenly stop, somebody may have changed your address.

•If you've purchased a high-ticket item, such as a computer or big screen TV, disguise the box you throw out by breaking it down and placing it in a bag. That way dumpster divers won't tag you as having a high income.

•Review all your bank and credit card statements for suspicious purchases and activity

•Move your bills and bank statements online, so there is less paper with your identity printed on it

•Protect your computer with specialized **identity theft software** ★



Outstanding Contribution Award to Dr. Diana Fite

The American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) presented the James D. Mills Outstanding Contribution award to Dr. Diana Fite. She is an attending physician at two hospital emergency departments in Houston; Methodist Willowbrook and Christus Saint Catherine's. In addition, two free standing emergency facilities in Katy and Tomball. Dr. Fite pursued Obstetrics and Gynecology while pursuing emergency medicine. She also has served in many leadership positions in organized medicine, being the first emergency physician to serve as president of the Harris County Medical Society in 1995. It is the largest county medical society in the nation, with more than 12,000 members. In the early 1980s, Dr. Fite recognized that a significant number of emergency patients were unrecognized as victims of child abuse

and domestic violence. She became the first physician member of the Houston Area Women's Center board of directors. Dr. Fite gave many lectures throughout Texas educating physicians on the subject in the years before awareness became widespread. Dr. Fite served 22 years as a part time clinical assistant professor for the emergency medicine residency program at University of Texas Medical School. She also served 22 years on the Legislative Chair for The Texas College of Emergency Physicians.

Since 1985, Dr. Fite continues to serve the citizens of Jersey Village in a non-paid role as the Medical Director establishing protocol for our EMS Department. Dr. Fite lives in Tomball and is a proud mother of eight children. Jersey Village Fire Department Staff and members are proud of Doctor Fite and all of her accomplishments! ★

2013 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.

2013 WINNERS

BEST OVERALL

15618 Singapore

CHILDREN'S THEME

15925 Congo

SECTION WINNERS

15437 Chichester

15925 Congo

15701 Honolulu

16434 DeLozier

11 Epernay

8605 Wyndam Village

115 Windcrest Ct.

Also, thanks to the homeowners who so proudly displayed a theme. It is breathtaking to turn onto those streets where almost every home has the street theme displayed.

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

**NOTICE OF DEADLINE TO FILE APPLICATIONS FOR
PLACE ON THE BALLOT**

**(AVISO DE FECHA LÍMITE PARA PRESENTAR SOLICITUDES PARA
UN LUGAR EN LA BOLETA)**

Notice is hereby given that applications for a place on the City of Jersey Village Regular Election ballot and Special Election ballot may be filed during the following time:

(Se da aviso por la presente que las solicitudes para un lugar en las boletas de la Elección Regular y de la Elección Especial de la Ciudad de Jersey Village se pueden presentar durante el siguiente horario:)

Filing Dates and Times:

(Fechas y Horario para Entregar Presentaciones)

Start Date: January 29, 2014

(Fecha de Inicio: 29 de enero de 2014)

End Date: February 28, 2014

(Fecha Límite: 28 de febrero de 2014)

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

(Horario de la Oficina)

Physical address for filing applications in person for place on the ballot:

(Dirección a física para presentar las solicitudes en persona para un lugar en la boleta)

City of Jersey Village, City Secretary's Office

16327 Lakeview Drive, Jersey Village, Texas 77040

Address to mail applications for place on the ballot (if filing by mail):

(Dirección a donde enviar las solicitudes para un lugar en la boleta (en caso de presentar por correo))

Mrs. Lorri Coody, City Secretary

16327 Lakeview Drive

Jersey Village, Texas 77040

Printed Name of Filing Officer

(Nombre en letra de molde del Oficial de Archivos)

Lorri Coody, City Secretary

Signature of Filing Officer

(Firma del Oficial de Archivos)

s/Lorri Coody



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. Be sure to bring your pet's rabies vaccination certificate. 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.





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JERSEY VILLAGE COMMUNITY NEWS

NORTHWEST AGGIES MOMS

Join us for the Northwest Harris County Aggie Mom's Club meeting on Tuesday, January 14, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the Houston Distributing Company, 7100 High Life Drive, conveniently located near Willowbrook Mall at the intersection of High Life Drive and Cutten Road. **Our speaker is J.T. Higgins, Head Coach of the Texas A&M Men's Golf Team.** Husbands and sons are welcome!

The NWHC Aggie Mom's Club raises money to fund scholarships to students from our area. Eligible students should download the scholarship application form at www.nwhcaggiemoms.org. **Deadline to apply is February 4, 2014.**



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Greg C. Holden Appointed Council Member Place 2

At its January 20, 2014 City Council Meeting, the City Council appointed Greg C. Holden to fill the vacant City Council Member, Place 2 position; and acknowledged that the position shall be filled by election at the next city election for the remaining year of the unexpired term.

Council Member Holden took his oath of office on January 20, 2014 and participated in the remaining items on the January 20, 2014 Council Agenda.

The current City of Jersey Village City Council is comprised of the following members:

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

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**Statistics for December 2013
JV Police Department**

Calls for Service	1357
Vehicle Theft	2
Aggravated Assault	4
Burglary, Business	2
Burglary, Residence	3
Burglary, Vehicle	2
Disturbance	50
Narcotics, Felony	1
Minor Accidents	102
Major Accidents	0
Alarms	123
Suspicious Person	190
Traffic Control	4
Traffic Hazard	27

JV Fire Department

Building Fires	6
Auto Fires	1
Other Fires	1
Rescue/EMS Incidents	69
Hazardous Conditions	4
Service Calls	15
Smoke or Odor Calls	2
False Alarms/Cancelled Enroute	22
Total Ambulance Transports	42



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Art's Article

By: Art Pettitt

A Guide to the Suspicious

No police department can function without the concerned assistance of responsible citizens. The Police are depending on YOU to call and tell them whenever you observe suspicious persons or actions.

Information Most Often Needed by Police

- **What Happened?**
- **When?**
- **Where?**
- **Anyone Injured?**
- **Vehicle Tag**
- **Vehicle Description**
- **Direction of Travel**
- **Description of Persons** (including clothing and/or how many) When describing suspects, notice age, race, sex, height, and weight.

WHAT IS SUSPICIOUS?

Basically, anything that seems even slightly "out of place" or that is occurring at an unusual time of day could be criminal activity. Some of the most obvious things to watch for:

- A stranger entering your neighbor's house when it's unoccupied.
- A scream heard anywhere might mean a robbery or assault.
- Any removing of accessories, license plates or gasoline from a car should be reported.
- Persons entering or leaving a business place after hours.
- Anyone peering into parked cars may be looking for a car to steal, or for valuables left displayed in the car.
- The sound of breaking glass or loud explosive noises could mean an accident, burglary, or vandalism.

• Persons loitering around the neighborhood who do not live there could be burglars looking for a target.

While some, if not all of the suspicious situations described could have innocent explanations, your police department would rather investigate a crime-prone situation than be called when it is too late. **YOUR CALL COULD SAVE A LIFE, PREVENT AN INJURY OR STOP A CRIMINAL ACT.**

Be Alert! ★



Do you have a Generator for your home?

When fire fighters respond to a home or business on fire one of the first tasks we do is turn off the electricity to that building. We do this because water and electricity do not mix together well and we do not want our fire fighters getting electrocuted when battling the fire with water.

If you have installed a generator on your property, when we turn off the electricity most likely that generator will turn on and our efforts to reduce the risk of injury to our fire fighters was for nothing. Sometimes we see the generator on location and sometimes we don't. In an effort to be proactive and make sure our fire fighters realize a home has a generator we would like to install a generator sticker on your electrical panel box. This will give our fire fighters an extra sense of security knowing they need to shut the generator off in addition to the regular electricity when making an emergency at your home.

Please help us in identifying this hazard by calling Jersey Village Fire Department at 713-466-2130 and let us know you have a generator. ★

Do You Care for Someone at Your Home That Requires Medical Equipment Daily?

The Fire Department would like to know if you or a family member in your home (JV residence) has a medical condition that requires the use of medical equipment on a continuous basis. For instance, if you are on Oxygen every day and you can't be without it. We want to know. Do you have a special pump that you cannot lose power for it to continue functioning? We want to know. There has been many times in Jersey Village that the power has gone out and because of this we want to make sure your medical needs are met and you have a backup plan in motion. This also will help us during hurricane season. Many of you have used the system 211 to report this in past. Please disregard that way of notifying us and call 713-466-2130 to inform us of what medical equipment you have and any conditions we should be aware of. Your information will be safe and secure and only is intended to help city officials during your time of need. ★



Wanted: Volunteer Photographer for Jersey Village Fire Department

The Jersey Village Fire Department is in search for volunteer photographer(s). The ideal candidate will have a passion for photography with an eye for detail. This candidate should have an understanding that Jersey Village Fire Department is a 24 hour a day operation and is looking for someone who is willing to respond to emergency calls during the day and night; on weekends and during holidays. If you are the ideal candidate please call 713-466-2130 to schedule a meeting with Fire Chief Mark Bitz. ★

CITY TO ELECT FOUR COUNCIL MEMBERS IN MAY, 2014

In any given election year, City residents typically go to the polls to elect three Councilmembers to serve on City Council. According to the City's Charter, the Places up for election alternate with Places 1, 4, and 5 being up for election in even numbered years and the Mayor and Places 2 and 3 up for election in odd numbered years.

During 2013, Sandra Joachim, Councilmember Place 2, resigned from office. While City Council has filled the vacancy temporarily in accordance with Charter requirements, it is necessary that a Special Election be conducted in May 2014 for the purpose of electing a councilmember to Place 2 for the unexpired term which will end in May 2015.

Accordingly, on January 20, 2014, City Council

passed Ordinances calling a General Election and a Special Election, making 2014 a very important election year for the City. This article will provide some insight on what residents can expect.

First, the City's General Election will be held on May 10, 2014 to elect a Councilmember for Place 1, a Councilmember for Place 4, and a Councilmember for Place 5. The timeframe in which to file for a place on the ballot for anyone of these Places is January 29 through February 28, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. Interested candidates should contact the City Secretary for a Candidate Packet.

Second, the City will conduct a Special Election on May 10, 2014 for the purpose of electing a Councilmember to Place 2

for the unexpired term which ends in May 2015. The timeframe in which to file for a place on the ballot for anyone interest in this place is January 21 through March 10, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. Interested candidates should contact the City Secretary for a Candidate Packet.

While all Places on the ballot will be for a place on City Council, there will be two elections, a General Election for Places 1, 4, and 5 and a Special Election for Place 2. Because the election law is different for General Elections versus Special Elections, the filing deadlines are different. If you have any questions about these deadlines or any other election questions, please contact the City Secretary at 713-466-2102. ★

LA CIUDAD NECESITA ELEGIR CUATRO MIEMBROS DEL CONCEJO MUNICIPAL EN MAYO 2014

En cualquier año de elecciones, los residentes de la ciudad típicamente van a las urnas a elegir tres miembros para servir en el concejo municipal. De acuerdo a los estatutos de la ciudad, las posiciones a elegir se alternan de la siguiente forma. Posiciones 1, 4 y 5 se eligen en los años con números pares y las posiciones del alcalde, 2 y 3 en los años con números impares.

Durante el año 2013, Sandra Joachim, concejal en la posición número 2 renunció a su cargo. Aunque el concejo de la ciudad ha llenado la posición temporariamente de acuerdo a los requerimientos de los estatutos de la ciudad, será necesario conducir unas elecciones especiales en el mes de Mayo 2014 con el propósito de elegir un miembro del concejo para la posición 2 por el resto del término que terminara en Mayo 2015.

Como corresponde, el 20 de enero del 2014, el concejo municipal aprobó una ordenanza llamando a una elección general y a una elección especial, por consiguiente el año 2014 será un año de elecciones importante

para la ciudad. Este artículo proveerá una visión sobre que pueden esperar los residentes.

Primeramente, la elección general de la ciudad se llevara a cabo el 10 de mayo del 2014 para elegir un miembro del concejo municipal para la posición 1, un miembro del concejo municipal para la posición 4 y un miembro del concejo municipal para la posición 5. El margen de tiempo para aplicar para una posición en la boleta para cualquiera de estos lugares es desde el 29 de enero hasta el 28 de febrero del 2014 a las 5:00 P.M. Los candidatos interesados deben contactar a la secretaria de la ciudad para recoger sus paquetes para candidatos.

Segundo punto, la ciudad llevara a cabo una elección especial el 10 de mayo del 2014, con el propósito de elegir un miembro del concejo municipal para la posición 2 para completar el término de esta posición que termina en mayo del

2015. El margen de tiempo para aplicar para una posición en la boleta para cualquier persona interesada en esta posición es desde el 21 de enero hasta el 14 de marzo del 2014 a las 5:00 P.M. Los candidatos interesados deben contactar a la secretaria de la ciudad para recoger sus paquetes para candidatos.

Mientras que todos los lugares en la boleta de votación serán por un lugar en concejo municipal de la ciudad, se llevara a cabo dos elecciones, una elección general para las posiciones 1, 4 y 5, y además una elección especial para la posición 2. Debido que las leyes de elecciones son diferentes para unas elecciones generales cuando se compara con elecciones especiales, el tiempo para aplicar es diferente. Si usted tiene alguna pregunta acerca de estos plazos de tiempo o cualquier otra pregunta relacionada con las elecciones, por favor contacte a la secretaria de la ciudad en el 713-466-2102. ★



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The Annual China Luncheon and Style Show will be on Saturday, February 8th from 10:30-1:30 at Shirley Acres. Purchase your ticket at the next monthly meeting or at www.nwhcaggiemoms.org. Individual tickets are \$30.

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Spring Fling Event Coming Friday, March 28th

Watch for more details!



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Volunteers Needed!

Scout troops, Girl Scouts, NHS students, etc. Any Jersey Village based group/troup needing volunteer hours can help the Recreation and Events Committee to stuff Easter eggs for the 2014 Annual Easter Egg Hunt. The stuffing will take place Saturday, March 8, 2014, from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. in the Civic Center. If you are interested, please send an email expressing your interest to jvegg hunt@gmail.com.

Provide the name of your group, confirm that the group is based in Jersey Village or represents Jersey Village and approximately how many of your members would be participating. Your entire group does not have to participate. A Committee member will then contact you to confirm your participation. Thank you in advance for your interest. ★

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Art's Article

By: Art Pettitt

American Legion 3rd Annual 5K Fun Run

Last year the 2nd Annual Jersey Village American Legion 5K Fun Run was a huge success. This year the 3rd Annual 5K Fun Run will be held on Saturday, March 29, 2014 at 8:30am at Clark Henry Park. Information on this event can be found at: www.jerseyvillageamericanlegion5kfunrun.com

The 5K Fun Run will be the same course as last year: 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. There will be a runner's lane on all three streets. The four main intersections that will be closed will be at Jersey Drive and Equador Street, Shanghai Street and Equador Street, Congo Lane and Equador Street, and Congo Lane and Solomon Street. For runners interested in their individual times, timing chips will be provided. There will also be hydration stations set up so the runners will be able to hydrate. At the end of the race there will be fruit and drinks.

People who live in the vicinity will have to be patient as well as cognizant of the runners that morning. If you have nothing planned for the morning of the Fun Run come out and cheer the runner's on. If you have something planned for that morning and you live in the vicinity of the fun run, leave early enough so it will not interfere with your plans.

The 5K Fun Run helps support The American Legion programs recognizing and supporting youth leaders, academic accomplishments, and emergency first responders. ★

Remembering September 11, 2001

By Fire Chief Mark Bitz

Many people remember what they were doing on September 11, 2001 because it was a day of tragedy for our nation. I remember walking by the fire fighters in the dayroom in the station and seeing their eyes glued to the television. When I walked up to see what they were looking at I witnessed the second tower getting struck by the second airplane live on television. Like many others across the nation, I was in complete shock!

Last year, our fire department was fortunate to receive a small piece of the twin towers. Over the past year we have had this artifact in our station sitting on a small table for people to view. In recent days, we have received a gift from Sparkle Sign to display this artifact. Vice President John Blue of Sparkle Sign spent more than 200 hours of his time to create and build a remarkable work of art to display this treasured item. All of the material and labor were donated by Sparkle Sign because they wanted to do something for Jersey Village because Jersey Village is their home.

I want to invite you to our fire station to see this incredible work of art! Pictures do not give this work of art the gratification it so deserves! Please stop by when you have the time. Even if you cannot get here during normal business hours, the view from the front doors with it all lit up at night is incredible too! ★



be difficult or small children. Instead, provide them with a tangible goal such as throwing out no more than three bags of trash each week. Keep track of each successful week and treat your family to pizza at the end of a good month. Your kids will work hard towards the goal and you'll make their at home recycling a pleasurable experience.

Work with them to conserve. Sometimes materials can be recycled without ever going into the recycling bin. Work to teach your kids not to be wasteful with the materials they already use. Teach them to draw on both sides of their paper or write on both sides in their notebook. Instead of providing them with a new cup each time they want a drink, encourage them to use the same cup throughout the day. You can also set a positive example by taking clothing or toys your children have outgrown and donate them to a local charity rather than simply throw them away. ★

Remember – Recycle Wednesdays!

The City of Jersey Village encourages everyone to participate in the city's recycling program! Here are some simple (but effective) ways you can move your family towards your green home goals.

Keep it simple. If you want your family and especially your children to start recycling, you'll have better success if you make it easy for them. Set your family recycling cans in a high-traffic area, preferably near the garbage can. If you need to separate your recyclables in your area, make sure each can is prominently marked to help your kids. Set clear goals. Understanding recycling and its impact on the environment can

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



JERSEY VILLAGE COMMUNITY NEWS

JERSEY VILLAGE WOMEN'S GROUP

Jersey Village Women's Group is sponsoring an Adopt-a-Highway clean up on Jones Road March 8, 2014, starting at 9 a.m. If interested in participating please contact Sheri Sheppard at sheri.sheppard@sbcglobal.net. Individuals and groups welcome. For more information go to JVWG.org.

The Jersey Village Women's Group presents the second annual Tour of Homes, April 27, 2014, 1:00-5:00. For more information about the tour and purchasing tickets, please visit our website at www.jvwg.org.

Local organizers of the April 5th Don't mess with Texas Trash-Off seek volunteers!

NW Houston/Cy-Fair/JV – Calling on Texans to Trash-off our parks and roadways. Participants receive promotional items to assist in cleanup efforts.

The Trash-Off is a Don't mess with Texas DOT initiative to keep trash off public spaces. Anna Harrison, Amanda Mims, and Judy Bodnar, Realtors on the Bodnar Team at Better Homes and Gardens/Gary Greene Real Estate are area organizers.

Since people are inclined to add to existing piles of litter, turn out to help bag it up and see what a difference a day can make! To volunteer please call Amanda at (832) 517-0988.

Northwest Harris County Aggie Mom's Club

Join the Northwest Harris County Aggie Mom's Club on March 11, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Houston Distributing Company, 7100 High Life Drive, located near Willowbrook Mall at the intersection of High Life Drive and Cutten Road. You will enjoy hearing from students who are members of the Traditions Council. Their mission is to preserve and promote the traditions of Texas A&M through education and awareness. Refreshments are available at 6:45!

For more information on monthly speakers or upcoming events visit our website at www.nwhcaggiemoms.org or contact Shannon Eberle, Club President at clubpres2012@gmail.com.

Important Voting Changes Photo ID's Required To Vote

A new law has gone into effect that will change how voters votes in Texas. In the past, a voter only needed to present his/her valid voter registration certificate to the voting clerk and eligibility to vote was confirmed. This will no longer be the practice as the new law requires that all voters must produce one of the following forms of photo identification in order to be eligible to vote in Texas elections:

- Driver's license, election identification certificate, personal identification card, or concealed handgun license issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety;
- United States Military identification card that contains the person's photograph;
- United States citizenship certificate that contains the person's photograph;
- United States passport.

All forms of identification listed, excepting US citizenship certificates, must be current or have been expired no more than 60 days before it is presented for voter qualification at the polling place.

The election identification certificate is a new form of photo identification created by this new law. These identification certificates are being issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety to registered voters or those eligible to register who do not have the required form of photo identification. There is no fee for the certificate.

For questions or additional information, contact the City Secretary's Office at 713-466-2102. ★



National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day

Saturday, April 26, 2014

To help the public properly dispose of unused or expired medication, the Jersey Village Police Department is partnering with the Drug Enforcement Administration to host its National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day on Saturday, April 26, from 10 am - 2 pm. This service is free, anonymous and open to all. All tablets, capsules and solid dosage forms will be collected at the Jersey Village Police Department lobby, located at 16401 Lakeview Drive, Jersey Village, Texas.

Tips on Taking Care of Your Home This Spring

The sun is shining and the birds are chirping... it's springtime! Here are a few spring home maintenance tips that will have you primed to keep your home at its best this spring:

1. Check Your Gutters – Winter storms and autumn leaves can clog up your gutters, preventing your home from draining properly. Visually inspect your gutters and clear away any leaves or debris so you're all ready for those "April Showers".
2. Air Filters – Now is a great time to change the air filters on your heating and cooling systems to clear away the winter dust and ensure you'll have fresh air throughout your home. Air filters should be changed approximately every three months (although some air filters require monthly changes – check the documentation on your air conditioning unit and heating system to find out what air filters to use and when to change them).
3. Prep Your Lawn for Spring – Clear away any leaves, debris and weeds you may have missed

over the winter – you'll give your lawn room to breathe and grow

4. Check Your Batteries —With the coming of each new season, make it a habit to test out the batteries on your smoke and CO2 detectors.
5. Cut Shrubs and Trees – To prevent your plants from impacting your home, trim overgrown trees and shrubs. Tree branches should be about 7 feet away from your home.
6. Oven and Stove Top – Run the cleaning cycle on your oven and thoroughly clean your stove top to prevent built-up grease from becoming a fire hazard.
7. Fire Extinguisher Check-Up – Check, test and replace your fire extinguishers as needed. Check the gauges on each unit to ensure they are charged and ready for use. Keep these tips in mind to keep your home beautiful and functioning at its best. ★

SPRING FLING!

SATURDAY, MARCH 29th • 6:30pm - 9:30 pm

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

Food: Hot dogs and hamburgers on the grill, chili dogs, nachos, Frito pie, sodas and cookies.

Fun: Dance with music by DJ, Billy Jack Ebersole, plus games/contests with prizes



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Jersey Meadow Golf Course Star Memberships

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\$80.00 per year

- ★ One complimentary round of golf- (valid anytime—up to \$50 value)
- ★ Up to \$7.00 off regular rate ★ One hour earlier twilight times (Varies Winter & Summer)
- ★ Up to \$7.00 off twilight rate ★ Up to \$4.00 off super twilight rate

Range

- ★ \$2.00 off a large bucket · \$1.00 off a small bucket

There's More!

- ★ 10% Merchandise Discount ★ Handicap Service for one (\$25 value)
- ★ Advanced Tee Bookings ★ Individual memberships only

Art's Article

By: Art Petitt

Drug Take Back and JVPD & JVFD Open House

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 26th, between the hours of 10am -2pm. A DEA agent will be here collecting the unused medicine on that Saturday. The containers that the medicine is dropped in will be sealed with tape, taken by the DEA agent, and burned in an incinerator. On the same day, we are having our Open House along with the Fire Department. This day is set aside for the residents of Jersey Village to come out

and see what your Fire Department and Police Department is all about. Last year, we as a police department had several Divisions of the Harris County Sheriff's Department come out plus several officers of this department meet the citizens of Jersey Village. We had the Harris County Bomb Squad, the Emergency Response Team, K-9, the Mounted Patrol, Crime Prevention officers, plus the motorcycle officers of this department. The Fire Department brought out the Life flight helicopter, plus had several scenarios that showed what it took to put out a fire. It was a fun day for all that participated and we thank all the families that came out.

If you have never been to the police station or the fire department this is a great day to visit. ★

What Number Should I Call? 911 or 713-466-5824

(Non-Emergency Phone Number for Jersey Village)

Calling 911 is the primary phone number to call when you have an emergency. Whether you are using your home phone or cellular phone this should be your primary method to ask for help and get an Ambulance, Fire Truck or Police Car. The city encourages residents to use the 911 system for emergencies especially from your home phone because the 911 system recognizes your address and phone number and maps the location through a sophisticated system. With the use of cellular devices, there has been a great deal of advances with the 911 system. The main downfall is the cell phone signal goes to the closest cell tower and uses that cell phone tower address as the location of the call. There will eventually be further advances to identify the cell phones exact location, but we are not quite there yet. Please understand that 911 is the way to go if you have an emergency. 911 is a guaranteed answer from a 911 operator whether the communications operator is in Jersey Village or at Harris County 911 Center.

The 713-466-5824 phone number is the cities non-emergency recorded phone line. It goes directly to the cities 911 Communications Operators dispatch office. The communications operators are ready to answer your call, but when using the 713-466-5824 there could be a delay if the 911 operator is taking another 911 phone call or is in the middle of radio traffic with either the police or fire personnel. If they are busy what might happen is the 911 operator answers the phone and request you to hold while they deal with what is considered a more emergent phone call or radio traffic. We are not saying a call to the non-emergency phone number is not important, but the priority in our communications dispatch center will be the 911 phone line and the Police and Fire personnel's radio traffic.

As you can see you have some choices when trying to get help or have a concern handled. If you're not quite sure you have an emergency situation call the 713-466-5824. Our Communications Operators are ready to answer your call. ★



Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR)

The Comprehensive Annual Financial Report of the City of Jersey Village for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2013 was submitted after an extensive and meticulous audit by our external auditors.

Our auditors, Belt Harris Pechacek, LLP has issued an unqualified ("clean") opinion on the City's financial statements for the year ended September 30, 2013. The independent auditor's report is located at the front of the financial section of this report. Management's discussion and analysis (MD&A) immediately follows the independent auditors' report and provides a narrative introduction, overview and analysis of the basic financial statements.

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) awarded a "Certificate of Achievement for

Excellence in Financial Reporting" to the City of Jersey Village for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2012. This was the fifteenth consecutive year that the City has achieved this prestigious award. In order to be awarded a Certificate of Achievement, a government must publish an easily readable and efficiently organized CAFR. This report must satisfy both generally accepted accounting principles and applicable legal requirements. We believe that our current CAFR continues to meet the Certificate of Achievement Program's requirements and we submitted it to the GFOA in order to determine its eligibility for another certificate.

If you wish to view our Comprehensive Annual Financial Reports visit www.jerseyvillage.info and click the tab "Budget and Financial Reports" ★

City of Jersey Village – General and Special Election Set for May 10, 2014

The City Council at its January 20, 2014 Council Meeting ordered that a General Election be called for Saturday, May 10, 2014, for the purpose of electing the following officials of the City:

Councilmember, Place 1
Councilmember, Place 4
Councilmember, Place 5

Council also ordered that a Special Election be had on May 10, 2014 in order to elect a councilmember to place 2 for the unexpired term which ends in May 2015.

Important election dates for the May 10, 2014 elections are:

Last Day to Register to Vote	April 10, 2014
First Day of Early Voting	April 28, 2014
Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail	May 1, 2014
Last Day of Early Voting	May 6, 2014
Election Day	May 10, 2014

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/voteregapp/acquirevoteregapp.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 – Elección General y Especial Programada para el 10 de Mayo del 2014

El consejo municipal en su reunión del 20 de enero del 2014 decretó que una elección general se llevara a efecto el sábado 10 de mayo del 2014, con el propósito de elegir los siguientes oficiales de la ciudad:

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

El consejo también decretó que una elección especial se llevara a efecto el 10 de mayo del 2014, con el propósito de elegir un miembro del consejo para el lugar 2 por el término que expirará en mayo del 2015.

Las fechas importantes para las elecciones del 10 de Mayo del 2014 son:

Ultimo día para registrarse para votar	Abril 10, 2014
Primer día para votación adelantada	Abril 28, 2014
Ultimo día de aplicar para recibir boleta por correo	Mayo 1, 2014
Ultimo día de votación adelantada	Mayo 6, 2014
Día de elección	Mayo 10, 2014

Los ciudadanos que necesitan información en el proceso de registración para votar deben contactar el Condado Harris oficina del Asesor y Colector de Impuestos que a su vez sirve como Registrador de los Votantes al 713-368-8683. Además, la información para registración de los votantes también puede encontrarse en el internet en la página web del Condado Harris al: <http://www.hcvoter.com/voter/voteregapp/acquirevoteregapp.asp>

La ciudad de Jersey Village incluirá toda la información en relación con la elección en su página de elección que se encuentra en el internet en el sitio web de la Ciudad: <http://www.jerseyvillage.info/election/index.html>

Jersey Village Fire Department's Annual Member Appreciation and Awards Banquet

This year's banquet was held on March 1, 2014. This banquet acknowledges the accomplishments of 2013. The following staff received recognition from their peers.



Fire Fighter of the Year: Bill Sheppard

Bill Sheppard joined the department as a volunteer in June of 2011. Bill joined the department after attending the Citizens Fire Academy. This is Bill's second consecutive year to receive this award. Bill was also voted in by the department as a Suppression Lieutenant for 2014.



EMS Member of the Year: Captain Ron Moore

Ron Moore has been in the department since March 2004. Ron joined the department after attending the Citizen's Fire Academy. He has held the Rank of Firefighter and for the past 7 years has been our EMS Captain. Ron was also a recipient of this award in 2008.



Junior Member of the Year: Jordan Maher

Jordan joined the department in May of 2012. Jordan entered the department in our Junior Firefighter program and has completed the firefighter cadet class. Jordan is a third generation Maher to be active in the department and this is Jordan's second consecutive year to win this award.



Dispatcher of the Year: Kim Flenour

Kim Flenour is our Communication Supervisor. Kim came to us in 2006 as a fulltime dispatcher and was moved to Communications Supervisor in 2013. This is Kim's first award as dispatcher of the year.



Duty Crew Member of the Year: Captain James Arnett

James Arnett is one of our full time Captain/ Paramedics. He joined the department in March of 2013. He came to us with more than 18 years as part of our leadership team. His main position as Captain supports the daily operations of the department.

Jersey Village Community News

JERSEY VILLAGE WOMEN'S GROUP

The Jersey Village Women's Group presents the second annual Tour of Homes, April 27, 2014, 1:00-5:00, showcasing 5 beautiful homes in Jersey Village. For more information about the tour and how to purchase tickets, please visit our website www.jvwg.org.

JVHS PROJECT PROM – GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Jersey Village High School Project Prom Committee is hosting a Golf Tournament at the Jersey Meadow Golf Course on Saturday, April 12th, with registration starting at 6:30 am. It is a four person scramble with special events during the tournament. There will be an awards luncheon and auction at 1:00 pm. We need players and sponsors! For more information, please contact Wayne Beaumier at 281-923-4085 or wbeaumier@att.net.

JVHS BUNCO NIGHT

The Jersey Village 2014 Project Prom Committee will be hosting a fun night of Bunco on Friday April 11th at 7:00 pm at the Windfern Forest Utility Building located on the corner of Mauna Loa Lane and Gessner. The cost is \$25, which includes dinner and desserts as well as Bunco prizes and door prizes. Hope to see you there!

DON'T MESS WITH TEXAS ART CONTEST RUNNING THROUGH APRIL 18TH!

Kindergarten through 5th grade students are invited to submit art on litter prevention. The top 12 winning designs will feature on the 2015 Calendar and websites.

Winners receive an ASUS MeMO Pad HD 7 tablet. One design, chosen from the top 12, will feature on the calendar cover. Teachers representing students creating the top 12 designs win a \$100 H-E-B gift card! Go to dontmesswithtexas.org art contest for details.

Cy-Fair organizers of this year's Trash-Off event are Anna, Amanda, and Judy, on the Bodnar Team at Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate/Gary Greene. To register in this community clean-up go to BodnarTeamRealtors.com/trash-off.



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Fire & Police Stations Open House

16501 Jersey Drive

Saturday, April 26th, 2014

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Join us for this annual community event.

Both departments will provide: Station Tours Special Demonstrations Refreshments

Fire Truck rides for children of all ages

See you there!



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City Offices Closed for the Memorial Day Holiday

City offices will be closed on Monday, May 26, 2014 in observance of the Memorial Day Holiday. City offices will re-open for business at the regular time on Tuesday, May 27, 2014.

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. ★

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**Statistics for March 2014
JV Police Department**

Calls for Service	1290
Vehicle Theft	3
Aggravated Assault	0
Burglary, Business	4
Burglary, Residence	0
Burglary, Vehicle	2
Disturbance	33
Narcotics, Felony	7
Minor Accidents	110
Major Accidents	0
Alarms	76
Suspicious Person	210
Traffic Control	6
Traffic Hazard	40

JV Fire Department

Building Fires	0
Auto Fires	1
Other Fires	4
Rescue/EMS Incidents	54
Hazardous Conditions	4
Service Calls	12
Smoke or Odor Calls	0
False Alarms/Cancelled Enroute	8
Total Ambulance Transports	35



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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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**For more information visit
www.jerseyvillage.info**

Art's Article

By: Art Pettit

April is National 9-1-1 Education Month Help 9-1-1 help you! Remain calm, be prepared!

- When calling 9-1-1, one of the first things you'll be asked to provide is the location of the emergency you're reporting.
- Tell the call taker the location of the emergency. Provide landmarks such as cross streets.
- Always be aware of your surroundings.
- It is appropriate to call 9-1-1 when you need to save a life, stop a crime or report a fire.
- Try to stay calm, listen carefully, give information and follow all instructions.

- In an emergency, seconds matter, so being knowledgeable and prepared can make all the difference.
- Knowing when to call and what to expect when you phone 9-1-1 can help reduce fear and feelings of helplessness in an emergency.
- The more you know what to expect when you call 9-1-1, the faster 9-1-1 can get you the help you need.
- If you dial 9-1-1 for a non-emergency matter, you are tying up resources that could be needed in a real emergency.
- You can save a life! Follow all instructions the 9-1-1 call taker gives you, and don't hang up until the call taker does.



GHC 9-1-1 Emergency Notification

System is now in place.

Free Emergency Alerts on your cell phone! Residents who sign up may be contacted by local authorities about emergencies like:

- Missing Persons
- Dangerous persons
- Hazmat Incidents
- Evacuations
- Dangerous weather conditions
- Shelter-In-Place

This service is provided by Greater Harris County 9-1-1 Emergency Network

Go to 911.org and click on this button! ★

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 are beginning to prepare. 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 has the answer to 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 will help in preparation of hurricane season.

DOES SOMEONE IN YOUR HOME REQUIRE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT DAILY?

The Fire Department would like to know if you or a family member in

your home (JV residence) has a medical condition that requires the use of medical equipment on a continuous basis. For instance, if you are on Oxygen every day and you can't be without it. We want to know. Do you have a special pump that you cannot lose power for it to continue functioning? We want to know.

There have been many times in Jersey Village that the power has gone out and because of this we want to make sure your medical needs are met and you have a backup plan in place. This also will help us during hurricane season. Many of you have used the system 211 to report this in past. Please disregard that way of notifying us and call 713-466-2130 to inform us of what medical equipment you have and any conditions we should be aware of. Your information will be safe and secure and only is intended to help city officials during your time of need. ★

Comprehensive Planing

The City of Jersey Village will embark on a comprehensive plan that will seek to develop and establish community vision and goals for the city. The City will seek input from residents and businesses via committees and town hall meetings. The process to develop the plan will take 12 to 14 months and will require the efforts of City Council, City Staff, and our residents.

The comprehensive plan seeks to address issues the city will face in the next coming years such as the US290 expansion, community development, as well as economic development. The City will create a web site link on its page (www.jerseyvillage.info) that will seek to encourage residential participation and input. We encourage you to take an active role and provide input into the development of the comprehensive plan. If you have any questions related to the plan please call 713-466-2107. ★

City of Jersey Village – General and Special Elections – May 10, 2014

A General Municipal Election will be held on Saturday, May 10, 2014, for the purpose of electing at large a Councilmember for Place 1, a Councilmember for Place 4, and a Councilmember for Place 5. The slate of candidates for this election is as follows:

Councilmember, Place 1 – Justin Ray

Councilmember, Place 4 – Sheri Sheppard

Councilmember, Place 5 – Christie Exner-Crawford, Joyce Berube, and Tom Eustace

The City will also be conducting a Special Election on May 10, 2014 in order to elect a Councilmember to Place 2 for the unexpired term which ends in May 2015. The slate of candidates for this election is as follows:

Councilmember, Place 2 – Greg Holden

The Elections 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 10, 2014.

City of Jersey Village – Elección General y Especial – 10 de mayo 2014

Una elección general se llevara a cabo el sábado, 14 de mayo del 2014, con el propósito de elegir un miembro del consejo municipal para el lugar 1, un miembro del consejo municipal para el lugar 4, y un miembro del consejo municipal para el lugar 5. La lista de candidatos para esta elección es la siguiente:

Miembro del consejo municipal, lugar 1 – Justin Ray

Miembro del consejo municipal, lugar 4 – Sheri Sheppard

Miembro del consejo municipal lugar 5 – Christie Exner-Crawford, Joyce Berube, and Tom Eustace

La ciudad también conducirá una elección especial el 10 de mayo del 2014 con el propósito de elegir un miembro del consejo municipal para el lugar 2 por el término que expira en el mes de mayo del 2015. La lista de candidatos para esta elección es la siguiente:

Miembro del consejo municipal, lugar 2 – Greg Holden

Las elecciones se llevaran a cabo en el Civic Center (Centro Municipal), 16327 Lakeview Drive, Jersey Village, Texas 77040 desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m., el 10 de mayo del 2014.



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 weekends beginning Saturday, May 3rd, then go to summer hours beginning Friday, June 6th.

Weekend Hours

- Saturdays, open 11 a.m. (or after home swim meet-approx. 3 p.m.) to 9 p.m.
- Sundays, open 1 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- Open Memorial Day, Monday, May 26th 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- Open Labor Day, Monday September 1st 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Jersey Village Pool Hours Starting June 6th

Opening Day June 6th – Pool open 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Monday Closed

Tuesday-Saturday 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

(Home Swim Meet days, Pool will open after meet*)

Sunday 1 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Monday, Sept 1st 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

(Labor Day - last day of the season)

Pool Closed for the season starting on September 2, 2014

*Home Swim Meets - May 17th, May 24th, June 7th & June 21st

Swim Lessons

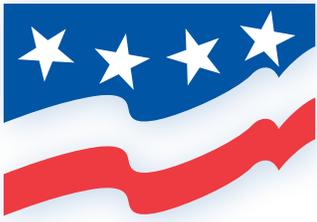
We have several Lifeguards offering swim lessons for young children. Individual lessons vary, but in general, lessons last 30 minutes and are \$10-15 per lesson. Each Lifeguard keeps their own calendar for scheduling lessons. For more information on scheduling lessons call or visit the pool.

Our new pool manager is Ginger Smith (JVPool14@aol.com)

The pool phone number is 832-467-1032.

Don't forget: Season Passes can be purchased at City Hall Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. A resident Family of Four Season Pass is \$50.00, each additional family member over is \$25.00 each. 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. ★





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JERSEY VILLAGE COMMUNITY NEWS

FLAGS OVER JERSEY VILLAGE

Jersey Village Baptist Church **Troop 747** offers a flag program for JV -- an American Flag in your yard on patriotic holidays 5 times a year. For information contact Larry Stone, Troop 747 treasurer, at (713) 849-5392, or check our website JVTroop747.org. Thanks in advance for showing the flag and supporting our local scouts and the VFW.

NW HARRIS COUNTY AGGIE MOMS TO RECOGNIZE GRADUATING SENIORS

Join us for the Northwest Harris County Aggie Mom's Club monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 13, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Houston Distributing Company, 7100 High Life Drive, located near Willowbrook Mall at the intersection of High Life Drive and Cutten Road. We will be recognizing our graduating Seniors, and installing our 2014-2015 Board Officers. Please help us congratulate these students on this significant achievement and the beginning of an amazing journey! All meetings are open to the public and prospective students, current students and Aggie families are always welcome!

Art's Article

By: Art Pettitt

Before traveling or going out of town, contact our dispatcher and ask to have your home placed on our "house watch." (713-466-5824). Officers will be made aware that you are not home and will drive by the area more frequently.

Ask a friend or neighbor to pick-up your mail and newspaper.

Leave a spare key and emergency telephone number with a trusted neighbor or friend.

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

Remove garage door openers from cars parked in the driveway.

Make sure smoke and burglar alarms function properly.

Make sure you lock all doors.

While you are 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.

Looking to save money?

A home security inspection is a FREE service for residents in Jersey Village that is provided by the Jersey Village Police Department through the Texas Department of Insurance.

All inspections are conducted by State Certified Crime Prevention Specialists. The criteria for the inspections are set forth by the Texas Insurance Code, Article 5.33A, and Section 6 (A) (1&2).

Upon completion of a home inspection, homeowners may qualify for an insurance premium discount. (Check with your Insurance Company for this discount).

If interested call me, Officer Art Pettitt, and leave a message: I will discuss what is required. (713-466-2125). ★

City of Jersey Village – May 10, 2014 Election Results

The following candidates were elected to the City Council at the May 10, 2014 General Municipal **Election and Special Election:**

Councilmember - Place 1 Justin Ray

Councilmember - Place 2 Greg Holden

Councilmember - Place 4 Sheri Sheppard

Councilmember – Place 5 [No candidate received a majority of the votes]

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

Since no candidate received a majority of the votes cast in the May 10, 2014 Election for Councilmember Place 5, a runoff election has been called for June 28, 2014 for the purpose of electing a Councilmember for Place 5. The candidates for the runoff election shall be Tom Eustace who received 314 votes in the May 10, 2014 Election and Christie Exner-Crawford who received 169 votes, as these were the candidates receiving the highest and the second highest number of votes for Councilmember, Place 5.

Early voting by personal appearance for the runoff election will be conducted at the Municipal Government Center during the following dates and times:

Monday June 16, 2014 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday June 17, 2014 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday June 18, 2014 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Thursday June 19, 2014 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Friday June 20, 2014 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Monday June 23, 2014 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Election Day voting for the runoff election will be conducted at the Civic Center on June 28, 2014 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. ★

Citizen's Police Academy



The Jersey Village Citizen's Police Academy is a 10 to 12 week program designed to give members of the public a working knowledge of the Jersey Village Police Department and the criminal justice system it serves. It consists of a series of classes, discussions and hands on activities held every Thursday,

starting in August, 2014 from 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm. The class will be limited to 25 students at no cost.

The classes are geared to provide an in-depth view into various areas of law enforcement. It is an educational and informative program that allows citizens the opportunity to learn about the issues facing law enforcement, how we train to handle them and how to develop a partnership between the police and the community.

For more information, or to sign up for the Citizen's Police Academy, contact Lola Hazel at 713-466-2119 or Art Pettitt at 713-466-2125. ★

City Offices Closed for July 4th Holiday

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Ciudad de Jersey Village – Resultados de las elecciones del 10 de mayo 2014

Los siguientes candidatos fueron elegidos para el concejo municipal en la elección municipal general y la elección especial el 10 de mayo del 2014:

Miembro del concejo - Lugar 1 Justin Ray

Miembro del concejo - Lugar 2 Greg Holden

Miembro del concejo - Lugar 4 Sheri Sheppard

Miembro del concejo - Lugar 5 [Ningún candidato recibió la mayoría de los votos]

Los nuevos miembros elegidos para el concejo han juramentado en su puesto oficial y le fueron otorgados sus certificados de elección de acuerdo con las leyes estatales de elección. El actual concejo municipal de la ciudad de Jersey Village está compuesto por los siguientes miembros: Alcalde, Rod Erskine; Miembro del concejo – Lugar 1, Justin Ray; Miembro del concejo – Lugar 2, Greg Holden, Miembro del concejo – Lugar 3, Harry Beckwith III, PE; Miembro del concejo – Lugar 4, Sheri Sheppard; y Miembro del concejo Lugar 5, Jill Klein.

Como ningún candidato recibió la mayoría de los votos en la elección del 10 de mayo del 2014 para miembro del concejo Lugar 5, una elección de segunda vuelta ha sido propuesta para el 28 de junio del 2014, con el propósito de elegir un miembro del concejo para el Lugar 5.

Los candidatos para la elección de segunda vuelta deben ser Tom Eustace quien recibió 314 votos en la elección del 10 de mayo del 2014 y Christie Exner-Crawford quien recibió 169 votos, estos candidatos fueron los que recibieron la mayor cantidad de votos en primer y segundo lugar respectivamente para miembro del concejo, Lugar 5. La votación adelantada en persona para la elección de segunda vuelta se llevará a cabo en el Centro Gubernamental Municipal o Ayuntamiento durante los siguientes días y con el horario:

Lunes Junio 16, 2014 8:00 a.m. a 5:00 p.m.

Martes Junio 17, 2014 8:00 a.m. a 5:00 p.m.

Miércoles Junio 18, 2014 8:00 a.m. a 5:00 p.m.

Jueves Junio 19, 2014 8:00 a.m. a 5:00 p.m.

Viernes Junio 20, 2014 8:00 a.m. a 5:00 p.m.

Lunes Junio 23, 2014 7:00 a.m. a 7:00 p.m.

La votación el día de la elección de segunda vuelta se llevará a efecto en el Centro Cívico el 28 de junio del 2014 desde 7:00 a.m. a 7:00 p.m. ★



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 weekends beginning Saturday, May 3rd, then go to summer hours beginning Friday, June 6th.

Weekend Hours

- Saturdays, open 11 a.m.
(or after home swim meet-approx. 3 p.m.) to 9 p.m.
- Sundays, open 1 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- Open Memorial Day, Monday, May 26th 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- Open Labor Day, Monday September 1st 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Jersey Village Pool Hours Starting June 6th

Opening Day June 6th - Pool open 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Monday Closed

Tuesday-Saturday 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

(Home Swim Meet days, Pool will open after meet*)

Sunday 1 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Monday, Sept 1st 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

(Labor Day - last day of the season)

Pool Closed for the season starting on September 2, 2014

*Home Swim Meets - May 17th, May 24th, June 7th & June 21st

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 Ginger Smith (JVPool14@aol.com)

The pool phone number is 832-467-1032.

Don't forget: Season Passes can be purchased at City Hall Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. A resident Family of Four Season Pass is \$50.00, each additional family member over is \$25.00 each. 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. ★





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JERSEY VILLAGE WATER AEROBICS

Are you looking for a Cool Exercise Program for this Summer? Enjoy yourself and get fit while exercising with other Jersey Village residents doing Water Fitness/Aerobics. We meet Monday through Friday during the warm months at the City of Jersey Village Pool. For more details, call Susan Edwards at 713-466-4383

Northwest Harris County Aggie Moms Club

Are you sending off your first to Aggieland this fall? Find out how we help your student succeed that first year at one of our informal Summer Mixers in area neighborhoods. Dates and locations are listed on our website at www.nwhcaggiemoms.org. Please RSVP to pechacek8722@sbcglobal.net or 713-907-2277 so our hostesses will know how many guests to expect. We look forward to meeting you!

The Northwest Harris County Aggie Mom's Club meets August thru May on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Houston Distributing Company located at 7100 High Life Drive.



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A Message from Jersey Village Emergency Mangement Office...

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 was not an active season for our area. That is a good thing and we hope this coming season will be the same. But if it is active and we do see a variety of storms 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 will help in preparation of hurricane season and give you the necessary essential lists to prepare. In addition, you can view Harris County's Office of Emergency Management page at 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. ★

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Art's Article

By: Art Pettitt



How to Avoid Becoming a Victim of Road Rage:

1. Obey posted speed limits and traffic laws.
2. Keep to the right if you are a slower driver.
3. If you see an individual driving recklessly and have a cell phone, call 911 with a description of the car and the license plate number.
4. Be cautious of other drivers and expect the unexpected.
5. Do not make eye contact with an irate driver.
6. Do not confront an upset motorist.
7. If you are cut off, do not make any hand gestures to the other motorist.
8. If you are being chased by another motorist who appears to be in a rage, do not weave in and out of traffic.
9. If you are being chased, drive with the flow of traffic. If you have a cell phone, call 911.
10. If you have to pull over, try to go to a well-lighted location where there are other people. ★

Road Rage!

Characteristics of Aggressive Driving

- Following too closely
- Driving at excessive speed
- Weaving through traffic
- Running stop lights and signs

Traffic Congestion:

Traffic congestion is one of the most frequently mentioned contributing factors to aggressive driving. Drivers with low tolerances for traffic delays might respond by following too closely, changing lanes frequently, or becoming angry at anyone who impedes their progress.

Running Late:

Some people drive aggressively because they have too much to do and are running late for work, school, their next meeting, lesson, soccer game, or other appointment.



Comprehensive Planning—Community Round Table Meeting

On July 10, 2014 The City of Jersey Village will hold a community round table meeting regarding its comprehensive plan. The meeting will be held at the city's Civic Center located at 16327 Lakeview Drive and will begin promptly at 7:00 PM. Citizens of Jersey Village are encouraged to attend the meeting, as feedback from residents is vital to the success of the planning effort. The meeting will be hosted by the city's planning consultant, Freeze & Nichols Inc. The meeting will provide residents an opportunity to provide their input regarding future directions for the city.

The goal of the comprehensive plan is to establish the framework that will allow the city to plan for upcoming opportunities and challenges. The plan will directly address issues the city will face in the near term, such as the U.S. 290 expansion, key infrastructure replacement, as well as economic development. Please visit the city web site and take the comprehensive plan survey. A web site link is on our web page at (www.jerseyvillage.info). We encourage you to take an active role and provide input into the development of the comprehensive plan. ★

June 2014: City of Jersey Village's Building Code Amendments:

The City of Jersey Village City Council approved the adoption of recent editions of the model building codes: the 2012 International Codes and the 2011 National Electrical Code -- both with local amendments. The City had been regulating construction under the 2006 International Codes and the 2005 National Electrical Code. City Council formally adopted the 2012 International Building Code (IBC), 2012 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC), 2012 International Fire Code (IFC), 2012 International Fuel Gas Code (IFGC), 2012 International Mechanical Code (IMC), 2012 International Plumbing Code (IPC), 2012 International Swimming Pool and Spa Code (ISPSA), 2012 International Residential Code (IRC) and 2011 National Electrical Code (NEC) with the minimal local amendments as established and recommended by staff and the Building Board of Adjustment and Appeals.

The City also adopted important modifications to existing local amendments specific to Jersey Village, but also related to our participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). One change that will benefit all local residents is a modification to what's referred to as "the 50-percent rule." The new amendments no longer require that projects exceeding 50 percent of a structure's valuation necessitate the balance of the structure being brought into building code compliance. Only those structures which are in the regulatory floodplain, with proposed repairs and/or renovations exceeding 50 percent of the then physical value of the building, need comply with all requirements in regards to slab height and associated new Mechanical, Electrical, Fuel Gas & Plumbing Equipment & Fixtures. All additions, whether in the floodplain or outside, must comply with regards to slab height (and associated equipment & fixtures where located within the regulatory floodplain). If you have any questions regarding the new code adoption, please contact the Community Development Department. ★



City Announces Openings on Board of Adjustment

The Jersey Village City Council is accepting applications to fill openings on the Board of Adjustment. Qualified applicants must be residents of the City of Jersey Village. Responsibilities for Board of Adjustment members are as follows:

(1) The board is authorized to hear and decide appeals where it is alleged that there is an error in an order or decision by the municipal enforcement officials in applying the standards of articles IV, V, X, XI and XII of Chapter 14 of the Jersey Village Code of Ordinances (see Section 14-10), the same being those articles adopted under V.T.C.A., Local Government Code ch. 211.

(2) The board is authorized to hear and decide special exceptions to the terms of this chapter where such special exceptions are allowed by this chapter and authorize in specific cases a variance from the terms of Chapter 14 as established in Section 14-10. (See also V.T.C.A., Local Government Code § 211.009).

The City Council invites interested Jersey Village citizens who wish to serve on the Board of Adjustment to complete an application. The Council will review all applications during its July 21st 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.

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Calendar for Approving the City of Jersey Village Operating and Capital Budget Fiscal Year 2014-2015

The City of Jersey Village fiscal year begins on October 1 and ends on September 30th of the following year. Although the city adopts its budget in the fall, the budget process starts in April with a Staff Budget Retreat. For several evenings in May, City Council and staff conducted a series of meetings, during which goals and objectives for fiscal year 2014-2015 were identified. Summer and early fall represent a busy time for staff, as preparation and adoption of the City Operating and Capital Budgets require significant resources. Below are the remaining key dates in which City Council and staff will conduct meetings related to next year's budget:

July 21st – July 23rd at 6:00 P.M.

Budgets reviewed by City Council and Crime Control District Board.

August 18th at 7:00 P.M.

Crime Control District Board conducts a public hearing on proposed budget and adopts budget.

September 15th at 7:00 P.M.

City Council conducts a public hearing on proposed City budget and adopts budget.

October 20th at 7:00 P.M.

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

All budget meetings are open meetings and the public is welcomed / encouraged to attend. If you need additional information on the budget schedule or any related matter, please contact the City of Jersey Village, Finance Department at (713) 466-2104. ★



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BACKYARD KIDS CLUB

Houston's First Baptist Church Cypress Campus is hosting a Backyard Kids Club at Carol Fox Park in Jersey Village on July 14, 15 & 16 (Mon., Tues., Wed.) from 6-8 pm each evening. Any child between 4 years old - 5th grade is welcome to attend. We will have music, recreation games, Bible stories, snacks, crafts and LOTS of FUN! For more details, contact Katy Sproule at (281) 989-1468 or katysproule@gmail.com.



City of Jersey Village—June 28, 2014 Municipal Runoff Election Results

Tom Eustace was elected to the City Council, Place 5, at the June 28, 2014 Municipal Runoff Election.

Councilmember Eustace has taken the oath of office and was issued his certificate of election in accordance with state election laws.

The current City of Jersey Village City Council is comprised of the following members:

Mayor, Rod Erskine; Councilmember – Place 1, Justin Ray;

Councilmember—Place 2, Greg Holden, Councilmember – Place 3, Harry Beckwith III, PE; Councilmember – Place 4, Sheri Sheppard; and Councilmember Place 5, Tom Eustace.

Appreciation is extended to out-going Councilmember, Jill Klein for all of her hard work and many years of dedication to the City. ★

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Art's Article

By: Art Pettitt



- Know your neighbors. Exchange phone numbers with a close neighbor, to use in case of emergency.
- Leave a set of spare keys with a trusted neighbor, not under a doormat or planter, on a ledge, or in the mailbox.
- Keep windows, doors and patio doors locked. Always use the peephole to see who is at the door before you open it. Doors feature wide-angle peepholes at heights everyone can use.
- Walk with your keys in your hand; they can be used as a weapon in case of an emergency.

• Keep doors and windows locked; this is the first step in staying safe. Check exterior door frames for dry rot, and add deadbolts to all exterior doors. Make sure the doors are made of solid wood or metal, not hollow core doors. Check the window locks, to make sure they are in good working order. Place a wood or metal bar in the lower track of sliding glass doors, for added protection.

• Install a security system or a life alert program. The life alert program is not just for sick or elderly people; it's a great program for those who live alone. It is a monthly program that monitors your well-being.

• Install a motion detector outdoors, to light the walkways and sides of the house. Make sure the porch lights are working.

Trim bushes and plants in front of doors and windows; they can offer a good hiding place for a burglar. ★

9-1-1 Emergency Network



The City of Jersey Village has a new link on the city website which will allow all residents to sign up to receive emergency alerts on their cell phones. In years past, the city could not send emergency information to cell phones. The technology to do this is now available and the City of Jersey Village has partnered with Harris County 911 to allow are citizens to register their cell phones for such alerts when they are sent. On the main city website

located at www.jerseyvillage.info, the bottom left corner has a button as shown below. Please click on this button and it will take you to an explanation page. Once you agree to the statements on this page it will take you to a registration page. There you can input information and register for this service. Some examples of alerts would be to "shelter in place" because of a hazmat scene or maybe the city is experiencing the potential for "flooding" and you want to know this is about to occur. These are just two examples of what we might send out to all phones in our city. Today, many families do not have a home phone and the only phone they have is a cell phone. Please take advantage of this opportunity and register your cell phones today. ★

How to Properly Display the American Flag



There can be confusion and questions about how to properly wear and display the American flag, especially around the summer holidays of Memorial Day and July 4th when many people want to display a flag.

Here is what the law says about using the American flag properly:

- It is the universal custom to display the flag only from sunrise to sunset on building and on stationary flagstuffs in the open. However, when a patriotic effect is desired, the flag may be displayed 24 hours a day if properly illuminated during the hours of darkness.
- The flag should never touch anything beneath it, such as the ground, the floor, water or merchandise.
- The flag should never be used as wearing apparel, bedding or drapery. It should never be festooned, drawn back, nor up, in folds, but always allowed to fall free.
- No part of the flag should ever be used as a costume or athletic uniform.
- The flag should never be used as a receptacle for receiving, holding, carrying or delivering anything.
- The flag should never be carried flat or horizontally, but always aloft and free.
- The flag should not be draped over the hood, top, sides or back of a vehicle or of a railroad train or a boat.

For more rules and regulations that govern flag display please visit: <http://www.senate.gov/reference/resources/pdf/RL30243.pdf>. ★

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City Announces Opening On Planning and Zoning Commission

The Jersey Village City Council is accepting applications to fill the unexpired term for Position Four on the Planning and Zoning Commission. Qualified applicants must be residents of the City of Jersey Village. The term for Position Four began on October 1, 2013 and will expire September 30, 2015.

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 August 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 2014 will be considered.

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NORTHWEST HARRIS COUNTY AGGIE MOM'S CLUB

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Citizen Involvement Welcome!

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. Although most boards and commissions are advisory in nature, a few are decision-making entities. 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. City Council encourages you to apply for 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. Only new or confirmed applications will be considered.

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Art's Article

By: Art Pettitt

Top Ten Internet Safety Tips for Children/Parents

1. Create and enforce family digital safety rules.
2. Charge all digital devices (e.g., smartphones, tablets, gaming devices, etc.) in an adult's bedroom at bedtime.
3. Never share personal information online with anyone.
4. Discuss with your child the importance of telling a trusted adult if anything makes him or her scared or uncomfortable.
5. Evaluate blocking, filtering, and monitoring software and use it to monitor activities online.
6. REPORT suspicious persons of websites to www.cybertipline.com or 1-800-843-5678.

7. Know what other access your child may have to the internet at school, libraries, or friend's homes.
8. Be informed about social media and follow/friend/like your child's profiles.
9. Use privacy settings on social media sites to limit contact with unknown users.
10. Remember that DIGITAL is FOREVER and think before you post, especially inappropriate photos or comments.

Tips for Parents

11. To guard against identity theft, never give out your Social Security number.
12. Commit all passwords to memory.
13. When using an ATM machine, make sure no one is hovering over you.
14. When participating in an online auction, try to pay the seller directly with a credit card so you can dispute the charges later.

15. Adopt an attitude of healthy skepticism toward websites that offer prizes or giveaways.
16. Choose a commercial online service that offers parental control features.
17. Tell your children never to give out their address, telephone number, password, school name, or any other personal information. ★



Comprehensive Planning CPAC Meeting Update

On August 14, 2014 Freese and Nichols Inc. and the Comprehensive Planning Advisory Committee (CPAC) held a meeting regarding the City of Jersey Village's comprehensive plan. A financial presentation was given to the CPAC committee by the City's finance director Isabel Kato. The presentation provided the committee members with an overview of the city's finances.

Shad Comeaux of Freese and Nichols Inc. provided the committee with a comprehensive plan process update. The meeting centered on information from the online surveys and the recent roundtable session that were held last month at the City's Civic Center. Mr. Comeaux navigated the committee towards goal development. All the ideas and suggestions from the surveys and roundtable session were reviewed and the committee gave Freese and Nichols its feedback and direction for obtainable goals for the plan. The CPAC will meet again on August 28, 2014 to finalize their draft goals and strategies. ★

Why is Recycling Important to us as a Community?

Keeping Garbage Out of Landfills

Recycling helps keep garbage out of landfills. Much of the waste in landfill sites is not biodegradable, meaning that it will stay in its existing form in the landfill site for many years. This means that the landfill sites become full and new sites need to be found. In addition, gases and chemicals are released as materials in landfills decompose, which causes air pollution. Reducing the amount of waste will help control gases generated, which will mean better air quality.

Save Energy

Another key reason why recycling is important is that it often saves energy. For most items, it takes less energy to process the recycled materials than it does to use new materials. For instance, it takes significantly less energy to recycle paper than it does to create paper

from new woodland. Energy from non-renewable resources is protected and saved for future generations.

Save Money

One important feature of recycling that affects us all is the fact it can save money. Processing costs incurred by waste management companies are reduced, and manufacturing costs are reduced, resulting in cost savings being passed on to the consumer.

Recycling is one of the few processes that we can all participate in as a community, that requires minimum effort, yet it has far reaching and long lasting benefits. Tascon Industries Inc. will continue to provide recycling collection for the City of Jersey Village. Recyclable materials will be collected every Wednesday, and include paper, aluminum cans and plastics. We would like to encourage all of our residents to participate in the program! ★

Jersey Village Celebrates National Night Out



Nearly 32 block parties are teaming up with the Jersey Village Police and Fire Departments on Tuesday, October 7, 2014 for the Annual National Night Out celebration. National Night Out is designed to heighten crime and fire prevention awareness, generate support for and participation in local crime prevention programs, strengthen neighborhood esprit-de-corp and police and fire-community partnerships. This community partnership sends a firm message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods within Jersey Village are unified and will not hesitate to report suspicious activity when they see it.

Residents of Jersey Village are asked to spend the evening outside from 6:00 p.m.

to 9:00 p.m., with their neighbors and police officers and firefighters whom will be making rounds. The National Night Out party is a simple way for people to meet one another, have fun and explore how they might work together to improve the safety and quality of their neighborhoods. Setting up a block party is easy.

- Get together and decide on a place! One or two families can plan a party.
- Send out a flyer/email/poster to your neighbors.
- Register your party with the Jersey Village Police Department so police, city officials and other emergency personnel can visit your party.
- Everyone bring some snacks, drinks, hot dogs or just yourselves.
- Gather on National Night Out at the designated spot.
- AND Get to know your neighbors and have a BLAST!

For additional information about National Night Out, please contact Crime Prevention Specialist Art Pettit at (713) 466-5824. ★

National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day

Saturday, September 27, 2014

To help the public properly dispose of unused or expired medication, the Jersey Village Police Department is partnering with the Drug Enforcement Administration to host its National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day on Saturday, September 27, 2014 from 10am to 2pm. This service is free, anonymous and open to all. All tablets, capsules and solid dosage forms (intravenous solutions, injectables and syringes will NOT be accepted) will be collected at the Jersey Village Police Department lobby, located at 16401 Lakeview Drive, Jersey Village, Texas. ★

Household Hazardous Waste

The Harris County Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Facility is located at 6900 Hahl Road in the northwest area of Harris County at the Harris County Multiuse Facility. Residents of Harris County who reside outside of the incorporated City of Houston limits may use the facility to properly dispose of hazardous items in their homes they no longer want. HHW collection services are free to residents of Harris County. For more information please visit www.eng.hctx.net/watershed/hhw_home.html

Open to Public for Collections:

Every Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Every 2nd Saturday of the month:

9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Location:

6900 Hahl Road (290 & N. Gessner)
Houston 77040

HHW Information Line: 281.560.6200

City of Jersey Village Budget Update

After several months of preparation, the budget process for the City of Jersey Village is in its final stages. City council will conduct a public hearing and formally adopt next year's budget at its Regular meeting on Monday, September 15, 2014. Prior to adoption, city council will conduct a public hearing to receive citizen comments and preview next year's budget. The budget will be effective for the next fiscal year, which begins October 1, 2014 and ends September 30, 2015.

Property tax rates are projected to remain at \$0.7425 per \$100 of valuation. The current Property Tax Rate has been in effect since 2006. The Jersey Village City Council remains committed to providing the highest level of service to city residents, consistent with available resources. The budget not only funds specific services and programs, but also establishes priorities for the coming year.

The Budget is composed of two parts, the Operating Budget and the Capital Improvement Program. The Operating Budget funds the daily operation of the city and is the larger of the two budgets. The Capital Improvement Program Budget incorporates projects undertaken to insure the long-term viability of the city. Next year's proposed budget incorporates programs to repair and upgrade water and sewer plants, continue park improvements, and initiate bridge repairs

Notices of the upcoming public hearings will be posted to the city's web site. Additionally, should you desire more information regarding the budget, please contact Isabel Kato, Finance Director, at (713) 466-2104. ★



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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 7, 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 or promote to Rebecca at JVeEvents.holiday@gmail.com ★



Statistics for July 2014 JV Police Department

Calls for Service	1377
Vehicle Theft	0
Aggravated Assault	1
Burglary, Business	4
Burglary, Residence	2
Burglary, Vehicle	0
Disturbance	65
Narcotics, Felony	3
Minor Accidents	126
Major Accidents	4
Alarms	136
Suspicious Person	229
Traffic Control	10
Traffic Hazard	42

JV Fire Department

Building Fires	3
Auto Fires	0
Other Fires	1
Rescue/EMS Incidents	65
Hazardous Conditions	4
Service Calls	25
Smoke or Odor Calls	0
False Alarms/Cancelled Enroute	10
Total Ambulance Transports	41




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
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Art's Article

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Vehicle Burglary Prevention Tips



- **Always lock your doors!**

Many burglars are after an easy opportunity and will only target vehicles with unlocked doors, skipping locked cars. Locking your car doors does not guarantee you won't be

a victim, but it is the first and easiest deterrent.

- **Record serial and model numbers**

Frequently stolen items such as car stereos, GPS devices, amplifiers, etc. are often never recovered because the serial and model numbers were not written down and recorded.

- **Secure any valuables**

Remember that your car's locked doors or windows will not deter a criminal if they spot valuables inside. Remove anything valuable from your vehicle or hide them in the trunk so a burglar cannot see them. Make sure that you remove or hide high-value items such as GPS systems, mobile devices and tablets, laptops, purses and so on. A burglar will often look into a

car first to see if there is anything worth stealing and will skip cars that appear to be empty.

- **Hide the remote for your garage door opener**

You know that garage door remote you keep handy on your sun visor? It's an excellent way for a burglar to get into your house without being detected — especially if you don't lock the interior door between your house and garage. Make sure you hide the remote in your car (e.g., the glove box) or take it inside with you. ★



Civic Center for Rent

Did you know that the City rents out the Civic Center for meetings, weddings, anniversaries, birthdays, graduations, reunions, scouts, little league, Garden Club, AARP, American Legion, and many more events?

The Civic Center is a large room located between City Hall and the Police Department with a stage and tables and chairs to accommodate approximately 200 people. Rates are highly competitive, averaging 1/3 to 1/2 the cost of similar facilities. Residents who use the Civic Center will receive a discount. For a social gathering/party for residents the deposit is \$250 and the rental fee is \$350. There are additional fees for bringing food or drinks in the building as well as for alcohol.

For more information on fees or if you are interested in renting the Civic Center for your next big event please contact Courtney Rutherford at 713-466-2108 or cmr@ci.jersey-village.tx.us. ★

Halloween Safety

Kids love Halloween! They get to dress up and get lots of free candy. There are many ways to keep your child safe at Halloween, when they are more prone to accidents and injuries. The excitement of children and adults at this time of year makes them forget to be careful. Simple common sense can do a lot to stop any tragedies from happening.

COSTUMES:

- Costumes should be fire proof with their name and address attached
- Keep costumes short to prevent falling
- Use make-up instead of a mask
- Light in color or add reflective tape on their costumes

TRICK OR TREATING

- Go in groups and always parents in the group
- Tell children to only stop at familiar homes where the outside lights are on
- Take a flashlight and pick well-lighted streets
- Make sure your kids know to NEVER enter houses or a stranger's car



TREATS

- Do not eat any treats until you get home
- Check out all treats at home in a well-lighted place
- Only eat unopened candies and other treats that are in original wrappers
- Don't forget to inspect fruit and homemade goodies for anything suspicious

PARENTS AND ADULTS SHOULD:

- Establish a curfew for older children
- Clear porches and placing jack-o-lanterns away from doorways
- Drive slowly
- Exit driveways carefully

Make Halloween a fun, safe and cheerful time for your kids and they will carry on the tradition that you taught them to their own families some day! ★

MOSQUITOS— Fight the Bite!

While there are a variety of repellents that give you effective protection against mosquitoes, there are other measures you can take to help protect you and your family.

Peak Mosquito Hours

Be mindful that the hours from dusk to dawn are peak biting times for many species of mosquitoes. Remember to use insect repellents and protective clothing during evening and early morning. (See diagram above)

Appropriate Clothing

Clothing can help reduce mosquito bites. When weather permits, wear long sleeves, long pants, and socks when outdoors. Mosquitoes may bite through thin clothing, so spraying clothes with a personal insect repellent will provide extra

protection. Remember to only use a repellent product that is labeled for use on clothing and consult the label for full use directions. Also consider wearing loose, light-colored clothing as mosquitoes are more attracted to darker colors.

Standing Water

Mosquitoes breed in standing water, so removing it from your property reduces your risk. Areas like rain gutters, old buckets or tires with stagnant water are all possible breeding sites.

- **Drainage Systems** Remove leaves and any debris that may have collected in your gutters and other drainage systems so water flows out freely.

- **Decorative Elements** Change or flush out water from birdbaths,

fountains, etc. at least once a week to prevent mosquitoes from breeding.

- **Open Cavities** Recycle or store tires (or other items with open cavities) so they won't collect rainwater.

Active Sports

Believe it or not, just breathing can attract mosquitoes. They are drawn to carbon dioxide, which you release when you exhale. Additionally, people give off two mosquito attractants – body heat and lactic acid (a substance your body emits when you perspire). Stay protected when you're participating in sports or other outdoor activities that may make you breathe harder.

Source: <http://www.off.com/en-US/Pages/mosquito-tips.aspx> ★

Fall Frolic

Friday, October 24th

What: Fall Frolic

When: Friday, October 24th 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

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

Food: Pizza, Sodas, Water and cookies.

Fun: Dance with music by DJ, Billy Jack Ebersole, plus games/contests with prizes

COSTUMES DESIRED BUT NOT REQUIRED!!





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JVBC Car and Cycle Show

Jersey Village Baptist Church Car and Cycle Show to be held Saturday, October 18 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm in the Rio Grande parking lot. For more information contact Paul Wallick at 713-466-8945 or John Plummer at 713-956-7300. Bring your car or cycle and join us for a time of fun, food and fellowship. There is a \$20 registration fee.”!

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ATTENTION AGGIE MOMS

The Northwest Harris Aggie Moms Club will host Lt. Colonel Jay Brewer, Sr. Associate Director of Aggie Band, Texas A&M University on Tuesday, October 14, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Houston Distributing Company, 7100 High Life Drive, located near Willowbrook Mall at the intersection of High Life Drive and Cutten Road. Enjoy light refreshments while you shop our Boutique for that one-of-a-kind hand-crafted Aggie treasure or our new Tradition Beads! For more information on monthly speakers or upcoming events visit our website at www.nwhcaggiemoms.org.



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The City of Jersey Village Recreation & Events Committee announces there is still time to request and return an application to obtain booth space to be a vendor at this popular event. Please have applications in by December 1st to ensure your spot.

Holiday in the Park will take place on Sunday, December 7, 2014, from 1:00PM-4:00PM, at Carol Fox Park, on the corner of Senate and Jersey.

There is no booth space fee for residents of the City of Jersey Village, and non-residents pay a booth space fee of just \$10.00.

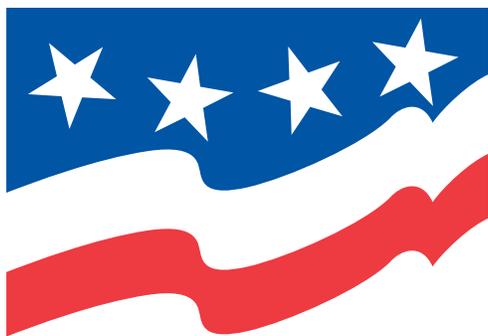
If you have a craft, product, business or service that you would like to showcase and promote please request an application by email from Rebecca: JVevents.holiday@gmail.com ★

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Narcotics, Felony	1
Minor Accidents	128
Major Accidents	4
Alarms	2149
Suspicious Person	214
Traffic Control	13
Traffic Hazard	51

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Auto Fires	1
Other Fires	1
Rescue/EMS Incidents	68
Hazardous Conditions	7
Service Calls	12
Smoke or Odor Calls	1
False Alarms/Cancelled Enroute	20
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Art's Article

By: Art Pettit



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.

Holiday Safety Tips for Home and Away

• **Safety Tips Around the Huse**
Before traveling contact Jersey Village Dispatch and ask to have your home placed on our "house watch." (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 ★



SPEEDING...A Neighborhood Problem



Citizen's 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 2015 and the academy is about 12 weeks in length. We meet at 7:00 PM on Thursdays for 2½ - 3 hours 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. ★

The police department has recently responded to several areas in regards to speeding complaints. During these responses a heavy police presence was needed to serve as a traffic calming tool.

As good stewards of the community there are a few things that citizens can do to assist the police department in our efforts to slow traffic. The first is to be mindful of our own driving habits. A significant portion of the speeders that are being stopped are Jersey Village residents. Another excellent tool is to actually report to the police department the times and specific locations where these events occur. This will help us direct our staff to a specific location at the appropriate time. Lastly, try to obtain the license plate number on the offending vehicle.

We have shown a measured improvement in several areas throughout the city by working together with the citizens. Continued vigilance will only improve this over time. ★

Tips to Help Ensure That Trash Gets Picked Up

Please have trash out at curb by 7:00 AM on the day of pick up. All trash may be out no sooner than 5:00 pm the day prior to trash collection and out of public view by 7:00 am the morning following the pick up day.

On each regularly scheduled collection day, WCA will collect residential refuse located curbside. Curbside refuse must be either in **containers or bags not exceeding 40 GALLONS or weighing over 40 POUNDS.**

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.

Items such as appliances, furniture, carpet (up to 1 room ONLY, rolled up

four feet wide and less than fifty pounds), cardboard boxes (flattened), will be picked up either day. By Federal Law, refrigerators and freezers or any other items containing Freon must be drained of Freon and have an accompanying bill to validate such service was performed.

ITEMS EXCLUDED FROM COLLECTION ARE DIRT, ROCKS, BRICKS, CONCRETE, TIRES, BATTERIES, MOTOR OIL, COOKING OIL, WASTE GENERATED BY A PRIVATE CONTRACTOR OR ANY MATERIALS OR ITEMS DEEMED HAZARDOUS MATERIAL. WCA will leave a tag explaining the reason for non-collected item(s).

WCA will meet with the resident to determine a price for the pick up of items excluded for normal trash collection.

Waste Corporation of Texas-Phone: (281) 368-8397 ★



Jersey Village Holiday Decorating Contest 2014

On Wednesday and Thursday, December 17th & 18th, from 7:00-10:00pm, judges will be out looking for the best decorated homes in Jersey Village.

Now is the time to talk to your neighbors about a decorating theme for your street. It does not matter if the 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 show our holiday spirit and promote our city pride! Happy decorating!



Holiday Shopping and Safety

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 consider your own 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!

Be safe this coming season!

City Offices Closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday

City offices will be closed on Thursday, November 27, 2014 and Friday, November 28, 2014 in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday. 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. City offices will re-open for business at the regular time on Monday, December 1, 2014

There will be regular residential garbage collection on Friday, November 28th.



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ISLAMIC ART FESTIVAL

November 15th, 2014. 10.30 am till 5.30 pm
6700 Old Louetta Road, Houston, TX 77070

Please come and enjoy the rich tradition of Arts in Islam. View Islamic calligraphy, woodwork, ceramic tiles and paintings from local artists! Experience the art of henna tattoo and calligraphy. View slideshow and videos on Islamic art. Enjoy ethnic food and take part in silent auction. Welcome all! Admissions Free! For more info contact: IslamicArtFestival@gmail.com

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NORTHWEST HARRIS COUNTY AGGIE MOM'S CLUB

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Jersey Village Holiday Decorating Contest 2014



The judging will take place on Wednesday and Thursday, December 17th & 18th from 7:00-10:00 pm. If you wish for your home to be

considered for the contest, please have your holiday lights on from 7:00 to 10:00 pm on BOTH days.

Remember it's not too late to come up with a theme for your street. Talk to your neighbors and be creative!

The list of winners will be posted on the City of Jersey Village Website. ★

Happy decorating!

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**Statistics for October 2014
JV Police Department**

Calls for Service	1429
Vehicle Theft	1
Aggravated Assault	0
Burglary, Business	0
Burglary, Residence	0
Burglary, Vehicle	0
Disturbance	55
Narcotics, Felony	7
Minor Accidents	142
Major Accidents	0
Alarms	93
Suspicious Person	256
Traffic Control	4
Traffic Hazard	47

JV Fire Department

Building Fires	3
Auto Fires	2
Other Fires	1
Rescue/EMS Incidents	57
Hazardous Conditions	4
Service Calls	13
Smoke or Odor Calls	1
False Alarms/Cancelled Enroute	231
Total Ambulance Transports	43



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 Pettit

Crime Prevention Tips when at Home

- Never open your door automatically. Install a peep hole.
- Lock your doors and windows.
- Vary your daily routine.
- Use "Neighborhood Watch" to keep an eye out on your neighborhood.
- Don't leave notes on the door when going out.
- Leave lights on when you are away for an extended period.
- When you are away, cancel all deliveries and arrange for your yard to be mowed.
- Arrange for your mail to be held by the Post Office, or ask a neighbor to collect it for you.

- Be wary of unsolicited offers to make repairs to your home.
- Deal only with reputable businesses.
- Keep an inventory with serial numbers and photographs of resalable appliances, antiques and furniture. Leave copies in a safe place.
- Don't hesitate to report crime or suspicious activities.
- Install deadbolt locks on all your doors.
- Keep your home well lit at night, inside and out; keep curtains closed.
- Ask for proper identification from delivery people.
- If a stranger asks to use your telephone, offer to place the call for him or her yourself.
- Never let a stranger into your home.
- Do not hide your keys under a mat or in other conspicuous places.

- Never give out information over the phone indicating you are alone or that you won't be home at a certain time.
- If you arrive at home and suspect a stranger inside, DON'T GO IN! Leave quietly and call 911 to report the crime as soon as possible. ★



City Announces Openings on Building Board of Adjustment and Appeals

The Jersey Village City Council is accepting applications for an opening on the Building Board of Adjustment and Appeals. Qualified applicants must be residents of the City of Jersey Village and possess knowledge of construction practices.

Members of this Board serve for a two year term and are responsible for making recommendations to the City Council concerning any proposed changes to the adopted Model Codes and amendments governing commercial building, residential building, electrical, energy conservation, fuel gas, mechanical, plumbing and the fire codes. The Board also hears appeals filed by aggrieved persons in connection with these codes.

The City Council invites interested Jersey Village citizens who wish to serve on the Building Board of Adjustment and Appeals to complete an application. The Council will review all applications and appoint applicants in compliance with the terms of the Charter. Citizens are encouraged to complete their 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 or contact Lorri Coody, the City Secretary at 713-466-2102. ★

Citizen's 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?



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 2015 and the academy is about 12 weeks in length. We meet at 7:00 PM on Thursdays for 2½ - 3 hours 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. ★



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,

Fire Safety for the Holiday's

The Holiday's season is upon us and we need to be thinking safety. Here are safety rules you can follow:

Preventing Christmas Tree Fires

• **Selecting a Tree for the Holiday**

Needles on fresh trees should be green and hard to pull back from the branches, and the needle should not break if the tree has been freshly cut. The trunk should be sticky to the touch. Old trees can be identified by bouncing the tree trunk on the ground. If many needles fall off, the tree has been cut too long, has probably dried out, and is a fire hazard.

• **Caring for Your Tree**

Do not place your tree close to a fireplace or heat vent. The heat will dry out the tree, causing it to be more easily ignited by flame or sparks. Keep the tree stand filled with water at all times.

Holiday Lights

• **Maintain Your Holiday Lights**

Inspect holiday lights each year for frayed wires, bare spots, gaps in the insulation, broken or cracked sockets, and excessive kinking or wear before putting them up. Do Not Overload

Electrical Outlets

Do not link more than three light strands, unless the directions indicate it is safe

• **Do Not Leave Holiday Lights on Unattended**

Holiday Decorations

• **Use Only Nonflammable Decorations**

All decorations should be nonflammable or flame-retardant and placed away from heat vents.

• **Never Put Wrapping Paper in a Fireplace**

It can result in a very large fire, throwing off dangerous sparks and embers and may result in a chimney fire.

• **Artificial Christmas Trees**

If you are using an artificial tree, make sure it is flame retardant.

Candle Care

• **Avoid Using Lit Candles**

Make sure they are in stable holders and place them where they cannot be easily knocked down. Never leave the house with candles burning.

• **Never Put Lit Candles on a Tree**

Do not go near a Christmas tree with an open flame - candles, lighters or matches. Finally, as in every season, have working smoke alarms installed on every level of your home, test them monthly and keep them clean and equipped with fresh batteries at all times. Know when and how to call for help. And remember to practice your home escape plan. ★

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! ★

Jersey Village 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, 2014 through January 5th, 2015

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. ★

City Offices Closed for the Christmas and New Year Holiday

City offices will be closed on Wednesday, December 24th and Thursday, December 25th in observance of the Christmas Holiday. City offices will re-open for business at the regular time on Friday, December 26, 2014.

City offices will also be closed on Thursday, January 1, 2015 in observance of the New Year Holiday and will re-open on Friday, January 2, 2015.

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 residential garbage collection during the holidays. ★



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JERSEY VILLAGE COMMUNITY NEWS

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MERLOT TO MASTERPIECE RIGHT IN OUR AREA

Join us for a fun night of wine and artistic creativity! The JVHS Project Prom *Merlot to Masterpiece* will be held **Friday, January 23rd at 7:00pm** at the Windfern Forest Utility Building, 14410 Mauna Loa Lane, Houston 77040.

You'll be walked step by step to the completion of a masterpiece that you'll take home that evening. No experience necessary. All materials provided (16x20 canvas!) BYOB & snacks will be served. \$45 for the event. For more info, post to www.facebook.com/jvhsprojectprom.

NORTHWEST HARRIS COUNTY AGGIE MOM'S CLUB

Please join us on Tuesday, December 9, 2014 at 7 pm. at the Houston Distributing Center, 7100 High Life Drive, Houston, Texas 77066. Bring an Aggie-themed ornament and join us for the Northwest Harris County Aggie Mom's Club Annual Aggie Ornament Exchange. This a great way to meet other Aggie Moms, find out about upcoming events, and buy care packages. Enjoy light refreshments while you shop our Boutique for handcrafted one-of-a-kind Aggie treasures. For more information visit our website at www.nwhcaggie moms.org. We are looking forward to meeting all Moms of Aggies.



SHOPPING, SNOW & SANTA

Jersey Village HOLIDAY IN THE PARK

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7TH
1:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.
Carol Fox Park

Pictures with SANTA!

Multiple areas of SNOW for all ages

Vendors with many goods/treasures for your Holiday Shopping!!