



JULY 2003

Upcoming Events

July 7th

City Council Special Meeting
Civic Center Auditorium 7:00 pm

July 21st

City Council Meeting
Civic Center Auditorium 7:00 pm

August 24th

Ice Cream Social
JV Pavillioin 6:00 pm

Mondays with the Mayor



“Mondays with the Mayor” will be on vacation over the summer. The Mayor will resume his monthly meet-

ings in October, 2003. Until then, if you have any issues to discuss, please feel free to contact Mayor Ed Heathcott at home at 713-466-1130 or by e-mail at ehcathcott@ci.jersey-village.tx.us or Edh@ev1.net

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Dedication and Pride

Saturday, June 14, we dedicated our new Jersey Village Fire Station. For me, it was a fine and proud moment. I am proud of the facility. I hope you as citizens have seen it both inside and out. Beautiful and functional, it is an impressive addition to our city.

I am proud of our fire fighting force here in the Village. Chief Kathy Hutchens leads a team of volunteers whose capabilities and dedication match those of any large city. In recent days, these men and women have not only given of their time for emergency services, they have given countless hours to both assist in the move and put many finishing touches on the building itself.

Chief Hutchens mentioned a long list of donations as part of our ceremony. We are indebted to many individuals and businesses for each of these but I want to give special recognition to Chief Hutchens and her husband, Mike, for their donation. In front of the station, you will see a beautiful statue of a firefighter. It is life-sized and depicts in the best possible way the courage and determination of the men and women who serve our force. Thank you, Kathy and Mike, for the generous gift of this statue from your heart. It shows your personal dedication to and love for our city as well as your profession. The Village will cherish it now and for years to come.



Ed Heathcott,
Mayor

June Yards of the Month



16318 Crawford
Ray & Shirley Kennedy



16305 Delozier
Thomas Murphy



15410 Leeds
David & Diane Banks



16429 Smith
Robert Kramer



15706 Juneau
Jose & Hilda Garcia

Sandy's Corner

Air Gun Fun? Not in the City of Jersey Village!

By: Officer S. Joachim

The present air guns are not the toys of the old days. The power they can gather can go right through bone. Children under the age of 16 years old are not allowed (by most store policies) to purchase air or BB guns. Common sense should tell parents to never let a child under this age shoot one of these potent weapons without proper adult supervision. None of us want to live with the guilt connected with an accidental injury caused by an air or BB gun.

Air guns usually fire a small lead pellet or copper BB at about 700 feet per second. Sometimes even faster if the air gun uses Carbon Dioxide (CO₂) to fire the pellet. These are dangerous because they can ricochet. The pellet could bounce off of something and hit the shooter or a friend. Kids who are shooting air guns, without adults, around tend to “show

off” and do things that they would not normally do if there were an adult around.

Do you think it is easy to tell a real gun from a toy gun? Don't answer so quickly...

The orange or red plastic stopper in the end of the barrel means it is probably a toy. This is why it is NOT a good idea to remove the end cap or stopper. Toy guns for older kids can be dangerous. Even if used in a game they can be difficult to distinguish from the real thing. As a result older kids playing with toy guns may have an increased risk of being shot by someone with a real gun firing in self-defense.

For our safety the City of Jersey Village has a city ordinance that prohibits the use of air guns or BB guns within the city limits. The ordinance is as follows:

Sec. 42-31. Discharge of firearms and air rifles.

Firearm means any device designed, made or adapted to expel a projectile through a barrel by using the energy

generated by an explosion or burning substance or any device readily convertible to that use.

Prohibited acts means it shall be unlawful for any person to discharge:

- (1) Any gun, pistol or firearm of any kind;
- (2) Any air rifle or air pistol of any description; or
- (3) Any device by whatever name known that by means of compressed air, compressed gas, springs or any other means is capable of discharging shots, pellets or any solid object;

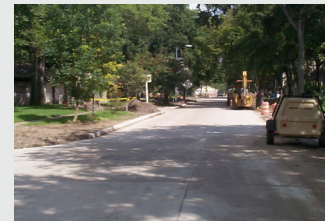
Within the city limits.

Application of section. This section shall not apply to law enforcement officers in the lawful discharge of their duties, nor to persons lawfully protecting any person or property.

Let's enjoy the summer and stay safe while doing so. For any questions regarding the above, please contact Officer S. Joachim at 713-466-2125.

Capital Improvements

Each year, the City of Jersey Village allocates funds for upgrading the infrastructure that sustains our community. Our Public Works Department reports on the progress of these efforts at the monthly Council Meeting, and the STAR will include this update as a regular feature.



TASK/PROJECT	%COMPLETE	COMMENTS
Lakeview Water-Honolulu to WOB	100% Design	Main trunk line has been installed
Lakeview Paving- Honolulu to WOB	100% Design	Outfall into WOB has been installed
Fire Station project	100%	Completing Punch List, Building is now occupied
Senate Avenue / Landscaping and Lights	100%	Lights are being primed and painted
Repaint Elevated Storage #1	100% Design	Bid awarded to Trojan Industrial Coatings, Inc.
Castlebridge connection	100% Design	Harris County Project scheduled to bid June 15, 2003
30-inch trunk sewer	100% Design	Award to bid July, 2003
Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation	100% Design	Award to bid July, 2003
Philippine Lift Station		Project will bid August 2003
Jersey Drive - Paving		Project will bid August 2003
Jersey Drive - Utility		Project will bid August 2003
Lakeview - Paving		Project will bid August 2003
Lakeview - Utility		Project will bid August 2003

Around the Village...

JV Rangers win 2003 CFSA Championship



The Jersey Village Rangers are pictured above with Coaches, Sonny Sarabia, Al Sarabia and Kurt Schoelman. With 17 wins under their belt, they won the 2003 CFSA 12 U Championship. League players are from Post Elementary and Cook Junior High School. Congratulations to these boys for an outstanding season!

Tennis Anyone?

Resident, Jim Sun, USPTA Certified Teaching Professional is available to teach tennis lessons. Please call Jim for rate information: 713-896-1738 or JSSPORTSNET@NETSCAPE.NET

National Night Out Contest Winners

Post Elementary recently held a contest for the best National Night Out Essay and National Night Out Logo. Congratulations to the proud winners pictured below:



(Left to Right) Officer A. Woolery and Logo Winners: Third Place, Devon Jones, Second Place, Andrea Prather, First Place, Taelor LaVenia, and Officer Sandy Joachim



(Left to Right) Officer A. Woolery and Essay Winners: First Place, Cameron Sweet, Second Place, Charlie Moore, Third Place, Meagan Davlin and Officer Sandy Joachim

The City currently has open seats on several of their Committees: Planning & Zoning, Board of Adjustment, Parks & Landscaping, & Recreation & Events. This is a wonderful way to volunteer your time while becoming involved in the decision making process towards improving the city! If you are interested in joining one of these committees, please stop by the city office for an application.

Council Actions from June

May 2003 Statistics

JV Police Department

Calls for Service	453
Vehicle Theft	7
Aggravated Assault	0
Burglary, business	2
Burglary, residence	6
Burglary, vehicle	5
Disturbance	47
Narcotics, felony	3
Minor accidents	63
Major accidents	16
Alarms	51
Suspicious person	37
Traffic control	3
Traffic hazard	21

JV Emergency Services

Building Fires	8
Auto Fires	1
Other Fires	1
Rescue/EMS incidents	57
Hazardous Conditions	4
Service Calls	5
Smoke or odor calls	5
False alarms/cancelled enroute	17
Total Ambulance Transports	40

On Monday, June 16th, the City Council held a joint public hearing with the Planning and Zoning Commission. The joint meeting was held to receive comments regarding the mini-storage facilities in district "K" as a specific use and to allow local churches to establish schools in district "A". The Council will vote on the Planning and Zoning Commission's recommendation for amending the zoning ordinance at the next regular council meeting.

Council accepted an annual agreement with Harris County for housing city prisoners. Also approved was the appointment of Benny Grimmer to the Building Board of Adjustment. Several budget items were amended to accommodate a maintenance agreement for Cartegraph software, reallocation of employee insurance, creation of a new Information Technology Division within the City Administration Department and additional funding for the rehabilitation of the Solomon elevated storage tank. The bid for the rehabilitation of the elevated storage tank was awarded to Trojan Industrial Coatings, Inc.

Council amended the City's Code of Ordinances adopting the 2002 Edition of the National Electrical Code and the 2000 Edition of the International Energy Conservation Code. The Council also adopted an ordinance amending the sign regulations relating to the electronic signs, banners, balloons, etc., reader panel signs, and ground signs. Council also appointed Jerry Adam, Tody Dupont, and Martin Halick to continue to serve as municipal court judges.

The Federal Flood Insurance Rate Maps covering Jersey Village are in the process of being updated.

It is likely that the base flood elevation line (the area where flood insurance is required) will be greatly expanded. Property owners in Jersey Village are encouraged to buy flood insurance now - if your property is later relocated into the flood plain, your rates under the old maps should be grandfathered. The City encourages all owners of buildings in the city to maintain flood insurance.



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