

# JERSEY VILLAGE STAR

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## Upcoming Events

### October 6<sup>th</sup>

Monday with the Mayor  
Civic Center Auditorium 7:00 pm

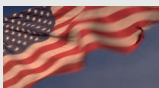
### October 11<sup>th</sup>

Fire Department Open House  
Fire Station 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

### October 25<sup>th</sup>

Fall Frolic  
Pavilion 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm

**The City would like to recognize  
our local Hometown Heroes  
returning from war.**



If you would like to include a loved one in our next issue, please call 713-466-2108 or [kfaircloth@ci.jersey-village.tx.us](mailto:kfaircloth@ci.jersey-village.tx.us).

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## Council Actions from August

At its meeting of August 18, 2003, City Council approved the following:

- Russell Hamley, Frances Wubbenhorst, and Greg Holden to the Board of Directors of the Jersey Village Crime Control and Prevention District
- Authorization to solicit for bids for Jersey Drive and Lakeview Drive
- Authorization to solicit for bids for contracting landscape services
- Salary for the city manager and city secretary.

After a joint public hearing to receive comments, the following ordinances were approved:

- Ordinance No. 03-32 amending regulations relating to charges for wastewater services
- Ordinance No. 03-33 rezoning a 7.4 acre tract of land in district F to district A and changing the classification of a 5.7630 acre tract in district F to district G.

City Council also agreed to call for another joint public hearing on September 15, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. to receive public comments on (1) proposed fiscal year budget for the City; (2) the Jersey Village Crime

Control and Prevention District proposed fiscal year 2003-2004 budget.

Staff submitted the proposed budget for fiscal year 2003-2004 in a series of budget workshops in August. The General Fund expenditures are conservative due to economic uncertainties, but Council and staff are continuing to focus on improving city services. The city is proposing to hold general fund expenditures under \$6.5 million, which is close to last year's expenditures while increasing homestead exemptions to 8 percent. The greater part of additional budget requests include software purchase and upgrades. Additional software will accomplish several operation objectives and meet government requirements without a large increase in personnel. Also, the budget is to cover expenses associated with lowering the Fire ISO rating, which will give homeowners an improved rating on their home/fire insurance. The proposed budget includes two additional part-time positions to facilitate Parks and Recreation operations and to upgrade a part-time accounting clerk position to full-time status. Council is set to approve the budget at the September 22nd Council Meeting.

# August Yards of the Month



15705 Sierra  
Richard & Shirley Kaucher



15901 Singapore  
Michael & Louise Descant



16326 Lakeview  
James Wisener



16001 Wall Street  
Charles & Laurel Calkins



8718 Wyndham Village  
Ann Buren

## 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	COMPLETION		COMMENTS
	DESIGN	CONST.	
Lakeview Water-Honolulu to WOB	100%	90%	Installing valves, etc.
Lakeview Paving- Honolulu to WOB	100%	45%	Philippine to White Oak Bayou complete
Fire Station project	100%	99%	Basically complete, working on final paperwork
Repaint Elevated Storage #1	100%	0%	Working on inside
Castlebridge Street Connection	100%	0%	Preconstruction meeting scheduled for 9-16-03
30-inch Trunk Sewer Rehabilitation	100%	0%	Start date October 1, 2003
Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation	100%	0%	Start date October 1, 2003
Philippine Lift Station	0%	0%	Change order recommended by City Engineer
Jersey Drive - Paving	80%	0%	Pre-bid meeting set for September 23, 2003
Jersey Drive - Utility	80%	0%	Pre-bid meeting set for September 23, 2003
Lakeview - Paving	80%	0%	Pre-bid meeting set for September 23, 2003
Lakeview - Utility	80%	0%	Pre-bid meeting set for September 23, 2003

## New Laws For Texas

By: Officer S. Joachim

All of the following new laws become effective September 1, 2003.

### Health & Safety Code:

146.012(b) – Parental consent for tattoos includes:

\*Parent or guardian being physically present at the studio;

\*Affidavit and ID that the person is the parent or guardian;

\*Evidence of the person's status as parent or guardian.

146.012(c) – Class B Misdemeanor for the minor under 18 to misrepresent his or her age to a person operating a tattoo studio.

### Penal Code:

1.07(26) – "Individual" means a human being who is alive, including an unborn child at every stage of gestation from fertilization until birth.

1.07(49) – "Death" includes, for an individual who is an unborn child, the failure to be born alive.

19.06(new) – Applicability to certain conduct

Death of an unborn child not homicide if conduct is:

\*Committed by the mother of the unborn child;

\*Lawful medical procedure with requisite consent and death was the intended result of the procedure; or  
\*Dispensation of drug in accordance with law or prescription.

42.13 – Class C Misdemeanor to knowingly direct a light from a laser pointer at a uniformed safety officer, including a peace officer, security guard, fire-fighter, EMS worker, or other uniformed municipal, state, or federal officer.

"Laser Pointer" means a device that emits a visible light amplified by the stimulated emission of radiation.

22.01(c) – Class B Misdemeanor to assault by threat or contact a "sports participant" either while performing duties or in retaliation. Covers athlete,

referee, umpire, linesman, coach, instructor or staff.

38.02(c) – Class B Misdemeanor to give a false or fictitious name, residence address, or DOB to police.

38.02(d) – Class A Misdemeanor to do so if actor was a fugitive from justice at the time of the offense.

38.171- New Class A Misdemeanor. A person commits as offense if he or she:

\*Observes the commission of a felony in which serious bodily injury or death may have resulted; and

\*Fails to immediately report it under circumstances where:

-A reasonable person would believe the offense had not been reported; and

-The person could immediately report the offense without placing him or herself in danger of suffering serious bodily injury or death.

49.045 – State Jail Felony to be intoxicated while operating a motor vehicle in a public place and to have a passenger who is younger than 15.

### Transportation Code:

502.409(a) – License plates may not display:

\*"Reflective matter" or

\*"An attached illuminated device or emblem" that interferes with the

readability of the letters or numbers on the plate "or the name of the state in which the vehicle is registered".

502.409(a)(7)(B) – License plates may not have coating, covering or protective material that "alters or obscures the letters or numbers on the plate, the color of the plate, or another original design feature of the plate."

### Penalties for Racing on a Public Highway & Spectating:

545.420(a)(5) – Class B for a person to participate in any manner "in connection with a drag race".

(g) – Third Degree Felony if bodily injury results.

(h) – Second Degree Felony if serious bodily injury or death results.

### Drivers License Suspension for Racing on Public Highway or Street

521.350(a),(b) – A conviction under 545.420(a) results in an automatic one-year drivers license suspension.

For more information on the new laws contact Officer S. Joachim or visit [www.capitol.state.tx](http://www.capitol.state.tx)

## National Night Out A Success

The police department would like to thank the thirty-four (34) block captains and all of the residents that participated in National Night Out. The city had 30 registered block parties; this is truly a neighborhood event. This appreciation is also extended to Mr. John Hart for sponsoring the 1<sup>st</sup> annual essay/logo contest at Post Elementary.

National Night Out is about getting people out of their houses to meet and communicate with their neighbors and form a partnership with law enforcement to combat crime.

Everyone at the police department appreciates the support you have shown, not only during National Night Out, but also on a daily basis. Working together we can make a difference and improve the quality of life in our community.

# *Consumer Confidence Report 2002*

(Drinking Water Quality Report)

**CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE**

*Phone No:* 713-466-2107

**Special Notice for the ELDERLY,  
INFANTS, CANCER  
PATIENTS, people with  
HIV/AIDS or other immune  
problems:**

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

**Our Drinking Water  
Meets or Exceeds All Federal (EPA)  
Drinking Water Requirements**

This report is a summary of the quality of the water we provide our customers. The analysis was made by using the data from the most recent U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) required tests and is presented in the attached pages. We hope this information helps you become more knowledgeable about what's in your drinking water.

**En Espanol**

Este reporte incluye informacion importante sobre el agua para tomar. Si tiene preguntas o discusiones sobre este reporte en espanol, favor de llamar al tel. 713-466-2107 par hablar con una persona bilingue en espanol.

Where do we get our drinking water?  
Our drinking water is obtained from Ground water sources. It comes from the following Lake/River/Reservoir/Aquifer: GULF COAST. TCEQ will be reviewing all of Texas' drinking water sources. The source water assessment has been completed and the report will be available this year. It allows us to focus on our source water protection activities.

## **ALL drinking water may contain contaminants.**

When drinking water meets federal standards there may not be any health based benefits to purchasing bottled water or point of use devices.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants.

The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

### **About The Following Pages**

The pages that follow list all of the federally regulated or monitored constituents which have been found in your drinking water. U.S. EPA requires water systems to test up to 97 constituents

### **Secondary Constituents**

Many constituents (such as calcium, sodium, or iron) which are often found in drinking water, can cause taste, color, and odor problems. The taste and odor constituents are called secondary constituents and are regulated by the State of Texas, not EPA. These constituents are not causes for health concerns. Therefore, secondaries are not required to be reported in this document but they may greatly affect the appearance and taste of your water.

## **Public Participation Opportunities**

**Date:** Monday - Friday

**Time:** 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**Location:** City Hall, 16327 Lakeview

**Phone No:** 713-466-2107

### **DEFINITIONS**

#### **Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL)**

The highest permissible level of a contaminant in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

#### **Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG)**

The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected health risk. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

#### **Treatment Technique (TT)**

A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

#### **Action Level (AL)**

The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

**NTU** - Nephelometric Turbidity Units

**MFL** - million fibers per liter (a measure of asbestos)

**pCi/l** - picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity)

**ppm** - parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/l)

**ppb** - parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (µg/l)

**ppt** - parts per trillion, or nanograms per liter

**ppq** - parts per quadrillion, or picograms per liter

**Inorganics**

Year	Constituent	Highest Level at Any Sampling Point	Range of Detected Levels	MCL	MCLG	Unit of Measure	Source of Constituent
2002	Arsenic	4.7	2.2000-4.7000	50	0	ppb	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronics production wastes.
2002	Barium	0.215	0.1920-0.2150	2	2	ppm	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.
2002	Fluoride	0.4	0.3000-0.4000	4	4	ppm	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
2002	Nitrate	0.13	0.0400-0.1300	10	10	ppm	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
2002	Selenium	4.9	3.4000-4.9000	50	50	ppb	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from mines.
2000	Gross alpha adjusted	7.6	2.5000-7.6000	15	0	pci/l	Erosion of natural deposits.
2000	Combined Radium 226 & 228	4.4	0.4000-4.4000	5	0	pci/l	Erosion of natural deposits.
2002	Gross beta emitters	13.5	9.6000-13.5000	50	0	pci/l	Decay of natural and man-made deposits.

**Organics**

Year	Constituent	Highest Average of Any Sampling Point	Range of Detected Levels	MCL	MCLG	Unit of Measure	Source of Constituent
2002-2002	Xylenes	0.0098	0.0000-0.0098	10	10	ppm	Discharge from petroleum factories; Discharge from chemical factories.
2002-2002	Ethylbenzene	2.2	0.0000-2.2000	700	700	ppb	Discharge from petroleum refineries.

**Disinfection Byproducts** NOT TESTED FOR OR NOT DETECTED

**Unregulated Contaminants**

Year	Constituent	Average of All Sampling Points	Range of Detected Levels	Unit of Measure	Reason for Monitoring

2002-2002	Bromoform	1.2667	0.8000-2.2000	ppb	Unregulated contaminant monitoring helps EPA to determine where certain contaminants occur and whether it needs to regulate those contaminants
2002-2002	Bromodichloromethane	0.5667	0.5000-0.6000	ppb	Unregulated contaminant monitoring helps EPA to determine where certain contaminants occur and whether it needs to regulate those contaminants
2002-2002	Dibromochloromethane	1.4667	1.2000-1.8000	ppb	Unregulated contaminant monitoring helps EPA to determine where certain contaminants occur and whether it needs to regulate those contaminants

**Lead and Copper**

Year	Constituent	The 90th Percentile	Number of Sites Exceeding Action Level	Action Level	Unit of Measure	Source of Constituent
2001	Copper	0.1750	0	1.3	ppm	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives.
2001	Lead	9.5000	2	15	ppb	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.

**Total Coliform** NOT DETECTED

**Fecal Coliform** NOT DETECTED

**Required Additional Health Information for Lead**

Because this system collected more than 20 tap samples and detected lead above the action level in greater than 5.0% of homes sampled, this information is required by EPA:

*"Infants and young children are typically more vulnerable to lead in drinking water than the general population. It is possible that the lead levels at your home may be higher than at other homes in the community as a result of materials use in your home's plumbing. If you are concerned about elevated lead levels in your home's water, you may wish to have your water tested and flush your kitchen tap for 30 seconds before using the tap water. Additional information is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791)."*

## A Message from Councilman Preece



Now that we are nearing the conclusion of the annual budgeting process, we thought it would be a good

time to provide an overview of the City's finances. Because the City is a complex organization providing a wide variety of services, such as police, utilities, golf course operations, volunteer fire department, parks and landscaping management and many others, we keep track of spending in a variety of individual funds. That way, the cost of, say, garbage service, is tracked completely separately from street maintenance.

Major themes from the upcoming budget year, which commences October 1, include: a significant expansion in infrastructure improvement; initiatives for enhancement in beautification and "curb appeal" of the City; and, a control on taxes.

As you may recall, voters approved a \$5 million street and drainage improvement bond. Next fiscal year will mark the beginning of those major projects, including: the complete rebuilding of Jersey Drive together with underground utilities; and rebuilding Lakeview Drive from Philippine to Senate. Additionally, we will undertake over \$2.0 million in water and wastewater projects.

We have tentatively approved several beautification initiatives. These include the creation of several additional "end cap" planting beds at major intersections, the complete replacement of worn park equipment at Carol Fox park, and together with the State, landscaping portions of US

290 near the intersection of Jones Road. Additionally, we anticipate the continued outsourcing of a portion of our landscape efforts to allow the Parks and Landscape Department additional time to concentrate on keeping up the appearance of our green space.

Significantly, the construction projects and initiatives discussed above will be accomplished with no change in the tax rate. As you may recall, the \$5 million in bond projects were expected to necessitate an increase in the tax rate of up to 10%. However, none of that increase has been determined to be necessary. Additionally, we recently approved doubling your homestead exemption from 4% to 8% - you will see the effect of this increased exemption in the property tax bill you receive this fall.

Anticipated spending, at the time of this writing, is estimated at \$19.3 million for the City in the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2003. The major components of these expenditures will be as follows:

Use	\$ Million
Street reconstruction	\$4.8
Utility expenses	3.7
Debt service	2.3
Golf course	1.8
General government	6.5

Major revenue sources include the following:

Source	\$ Million
Property taxes	\$4.0
Sales taxes	2.4
Water/sewer fees	2.4
Golf course fees	1.2
Bond proceeds	4.7
Other taxes/fees	2.2

Additionally, we currently anticipate utilizing \$2.4 million in available fund balances carried over from preceding years. While this amount is high, we believe remaining reserves will represent at least 25% of our normal expenditures (three months operating reserves).

The budget process is the primary time during the year when city management and elected officials focus on the extent and quality services we deliver to the City. You are encouraged to attend meetings of the City Council to express your views on the City budget and other items of significance

### Learn How to Save a Life...

Jersey Village Emergency Services is offering American Red Cross CPR and First Aid classes on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m.

The course fee is \$40 and participants will be provided with all materials needed and will receive an American Red Cross Card upon successful completion of the class.



For more information or to register, call 713-466-2130.



# JERSEY MEADOW GOLF COURSE IS COMMITTED TO FAMILIES

We Provide a variety of programs to strengthen the bonds between you and your family.

## YOUR PLACE FOR FAMILY FUN

The end of summer doesn't mean the end of summer activities. Make memories all year long with a variety of golfing programs designed for the whole family.



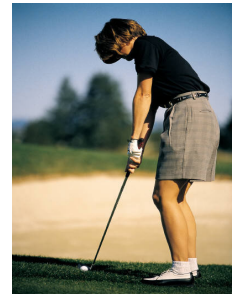
## YOUTH



Jersey Meadow supports your efforts to ensure your child's healthy development. Golf is the ultimate way to stimulate your child's imagination while building strength and coordination. Through golf children learn a sense of fair play and determination that builds strong character. Come join the after school FRONT RUNNERS program. It's sure to be great fun.

## MOM & DAD

Are you a new golfer or need a refresher course to sharpen your skills again? Call or go online and ask about our NEW GOLFER PROGRAM. It's the perfect way to start playing golf and a great way to spend more quality time with your child.



**It's Fun**  
**It's Friendly**

**It's Fresh Air  
and Sunshine**

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## July 2003 Statistics

### JV Police Department

Calls for Service	483
Vehicle Theft	5
Aggravated Assault	0
Burglary, business	4
Burglary, residence	2
Burglary, vehicle	6
Disturbance	47
Narcotics, felony	2
Minor accidents	44
Major accidents	5
Alarms	48
Suspicious person	48
Traffic control	2
Traffic hazard	26

### JV Emergency Services

Building Fires	0
Auto Fires	1
Other Fires	0
Rescue/EMS incidents	46
Hazardous Conditions	4
Service Calls	1
Smoke or odor calls	2
False alarms/cancelled enroute	10
Total Ambulance Transports	26

# Around the Village...

## Welcome Home to a Local Hero

**LCpl. Neil A. Erskine** is with the 1st Marine Division, 1st Battalion, 7th Marines, based out of Twentynine Palms Mine Corps base, California. His current tour of duty is Najaf, Iraq, but the 1/7 is expected back to Twentynine Palms in September. LCpl. Erskine, 20, joined the U.S. Marines in October 2002 after his Freshman year at Texas A&M University. On January 3, 2003, he graduated from the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego from 3rd Battalion, Mike Company as Platoon Honorman. As outstanding graduate, he received the Commanding General's Certificate of Commenda-



tion and the Leatherneck Award from the Marine Corps Association. LCpl. Erskine's Marine Corps training continued at Camp Pendleton, California until deployment to Iraq in April, 2003.

LCpl Erskine is the son of Rod and Barbara Erskine of Tahoe Drive in Jersey Village. The Marine Corps flag is proudly on display at the Erskine home, as is the Blue Star Flag in the window and the yellow ribbon around the tree. The Marine Corps flag will remain flying, but the Blue Star flag will be removed upon LCpl. Erskine's return to U.S. soil and the yellow ribbon will be removed by LCpl. Erskine himself as soon as he returns to Houston for a joyous homecoming and brief leave.



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