



## **October Council Actions**

**NOVEMBER 2003**

October 20, 2003, City Council meeting summary:

- Two Joint Public Hearings were held with the Planning and Zoning Commission to receive public comments concerning a specific use permit for a mini storage facility located at 7302 Senate Avenue. The property owner requested this action to allow additional facilities to be built and upgrades to existing services located at that address. The second joint public hearing was related to the zoning reclassification of undeveloped land located at southeast corner of Jones Road and Jersey Meadow Drive.
- The Parks and Landscaping Committee presented a recommendation for the replacement of existing streetlights with ornamental streetlights along Lakeview from White Oak Bayou to Honolulu Street as well as a report on the Keep Texas Beautiful program.
- Council approval of the Minutes of the September 8, 15, and 22, 2003 sessions.
- A proposal from Center Point Energy for the installation of streetlights on Lakeview Drive from White Oak Bayou to Honolulu was approved.
- A resolution was passed, approving the Harris County Appraisal District's purchase of an office building at 13013 Northwest Freeway.
- Council awarded the bid for the Lakeview and Jersey Drive Paving, Storm Sewer and Water Line improvements to Ramos Industries for \$3,897,940.50.
- Council awarded the bid for the contract for landscaping services to Top Notch Lawn Services for \$11,680.

## **Tribute to Carol Fox Park**

On July 21, 1982 the City achieved an agreement with the County to provide park land on what was once scheduled to become part of Beltway 8 right-of-way. It is ironic that this lot, originally slated as a physical division in our community, is now a site of community spirit and unity. On March 3, 1992, City Council renamed Senate Avenue Park to Carol Fox Park in honor of Carol Fox, long time City Secretary for Jersey Village.

Prior to the City's renaming of the park, a group of enthusiastic and talented residents changed the lackluster corner at Jersey Drive and Senate into a pleasing playground for the children of Jersey Village.

The community collected money and materials and set out to work on a plan for a signature park. What resulted was a charming and enjoyable place for our kids to play together. Calvin's Cruiser was a big hit and of course, all the children loved the swings, sand pit and other features of the park. Sometime later additional playground equipment was provided by City Council making Carol Fox Park the playground that it is today.

Unfortunately, due to new state and federal safety guidelines, many features of the park no longer meet code. Because the safety of our children is paramount, City Council has again allocated funds for new equipment to be purchased for the park. (Please see Tribute, Back Cover)

### **Upcoming Events**

**November 17** - Council Meeting;  
Civic Center Auditorium

**December 1** - Monday with the  
Mayor; Civic Center Auditorium

# October Yards of the Month



*8506 Meadowview  
Gary and Shelley Bayer*



*15713 Honolulu  
Robert and Candy Morris*



*16006 Jersey Drive  
Larry and Shari Stone*



*16201 Tahoe  
Donnie and Linda Humphries*

## 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%	95%	Installing fire hydrants, etc.
Lakeview Paving- Honolulu to WOB	100%	90%	Working on clean up and restoration
Fire Station project	100%	99%	Basically complete, working on final paperwork
Repaint Elevated Storage #1	100%	30%	Extension as first coat of paint
Castlebridge Street Connection	100%	0%	Construction scheduled to start 11-14-03 (delayed)
30-inch Trunk Sewer Rehabilitation	100%	60%	Project is proceeding with no major problems
Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation	100%	40%	Majority of the line on Acapulco has been replaced
Philippine Lift Station	0%	0%	Change order recommended by City Engineer
Jersey Drive - Paving	100%	0%	Bid awarded on 10-20-03
Jersey Drive - Utility	100%	0%	Bid awarded on 10-20-03
Lakeview - Paving	100%	0%	Bid awarded on 10-20-03
Lakeview - Utility	100%	0%	Bid awarded on 10-20-03

## Christmas Spirit

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By: Officer S. Joachim

Christmas is a time of love, joy, and giving. On December 6 from 10am to 2pm the Jersey Village Police Department will host an open house. We are asking residents to come by the police department to share cookies, wassail, and conversation with us. While visiting the police department we will be accepting toy donations to be given to the children of The Mission of Yahweh. If you are unable to stop by for open house, but would like to donate a toy, the police department will gladly accept wrapped toys from December 1 through the 14. The police department will then deliver the toys to The Mission of Yahweh the week of December 15<sup>th</sup>. The volunteers at the Mission will distribute the toys on December 18 and 19. The toys should be wrapped, with a card stating the age and sex for which the gift is intended.

For those not familiar with the mission: The Mission of Yahweh began with a vision given to Mrs. Helen Gay—everyone calls her Sister Gay. This vision led her to devote her life to helping the poor, beginning in 1961 when she opened her home to women in crisis. Sister Gay and her husband, Fisher, personally adopted 24 unwanted children whom they nurture in their home. The 10-building facility currently accommodates up to 100 women and children in several donated residential buildings. At The Mission of Yahweh they shelter, clothe, and feed over 1,000 women and children per year.

The Jersey Village Police Department in corporation with the Jersey Meadow Ladies' Golf Association is excited about this event and we are asking everyone to look into their heart in order to bring a little joy and hope to someone less fortunate than ourselves. For more information please contact Officer S. Joachim or Mrs. Sherry Jackson at 713-466-5824.

## Officer Joachim Honored by Rotary Club

On October 24, 2003, Willowbrook Rotary, International presented a Special Recognition for Outstanding Service Award to Jersey Village Police Officer Sandy Joachim. Officer Joachim was honored for her work with the area youth and adults through the Crime Prevention Section and the D.A.R.E. Program. During the Presentation, the Rotary Club cited several specific testimonials as examples of the direct impact that Officer Joachim's dedication to duty has had on the young people in our area schools.

The City of Jersey Village and the Police Department wish to congratulate Officer Joachim on this well deserved award and thank her for the many contributions she has made in her dedicated service to the community.

### Jersey Village Garden Club Fundraiser

Fundraiser for Jersey Village Garden Club Auction— Come dig around in our backyard! We'll have some fine plants and crafts as well as baked goodies. Place: Jersey Village Civic Center 16327 Lakeview Dr. Date and Time: November 11, 2003, 11:00 a.m. with free admission. Need more information? Please give us a call at 832-237-1536 or 832-243-0909.

### Fire and EMS Service



Recently you may have received a flier from the Cy-Fair Volunteer Fire Department that described the department and the services provided. Jersey Village does work closely with Cy-Fair and frequently their vehicles and personnel may be seen in Jersey Village as part of our automatic aid agreement but you do not pay taxes to their department nor are they your primary source of protection. The information inadvertently was sent to all addresses in our zip code. If you have questions regarding response capability, services available, or further information on the Jersey Village Emergency Services, please call Chief Kathy Hutchens at (713) 466-2130.

### Smoke Detectors Save Lives

When you changed your clock from Daylight Savings Time did you change your battery in your smoke detector? Working smoke alarms double a family's chances of surviving a home fire. Each fall when you change your clocks back to Standard Time, you should also change the batteries in your alarm. If you are unable to change your batteries, please contact the Fire Department. We will provide the batteries and the manpower to accomplish the task. Contact us at (713) 466-2130 to make an appointment.

## 2003-2004 City of Jersey Village Budget

The City of Jersey Village's budget establishes levels of service and determines the allocation of municipal resources required by the City Charter. The Budget serves as an operational tool and planning guide, where the City's current policies and future plans. In addition, the budget indicates those items that the City Council feels are important. It serves as a guide to departments in spending, establishing priorities, focusing attention or direction, and establishing goals. It is a document for citizens to utilize to better understand the operations of their city. It serves as a tool for continuous dialogue throughout the year between Council and city staff so that the needs, expectations, operations and direction of the city are understood and accomplished.

On September 22, 2003, the City Council adopted the fiscal year 2003-2004 Budget. An effective tax rate of \$0.675 per \$100.00 of valuation was approved along with the budget. As an additional benefit to the citizens of Jersey Village, the Council increased the homestead exemption from four percent to eight percent.

Currently Jersey Village allocates its monies between ten (10) fund. Each fund is described below:

The General Fund is used to account for all financial transactions, which are not accounted for in other funds. The principal sources of revenue of the General Fund are property taxes, sales taxes, franchise taxes, municipal court fines and the cost reimbursement from the Utility Fund. Expenditures are for administrative operations, emergency services, public safety, public works and other community services. Within the General Fund are several divisions, such as Administration, Finance, Police, Communications, Emergency Services, and Public Works that are core to the city's operations. The Administration Division is responsible for the overall operation of the city, and it is the purpose of this division to provide leadership and management in all levels of the organization. The primary duties of the Accounting Division involve recording, controlling, and reporting the financial transactions and the financial and physical assets of the City of Jersey Village. The Department is also directly responsible for Customer Service and Municipal Court. The purpose of the Jersey Village Police Department is to provide the citizens an atmosphere in which safety is prevalent and promoted through increased visibility, community oriented service, and programs designed specifically to combat crime. The responsibility of the communication division is shared between the Emergency Service Division and the Police Department. The duties of the Emergency Services division include fire suppression, EMS, technical rescue, fire prevention and investigation. The Public Works Department provides administrative support for public works functions to include code enforcement, animal control, municipal inspections, street maintenance, solid waste collection, parks and recreation, and utilities. The department is also responsible for plat review planning, new development and vehicle maintenance.

The City has budgeted for several software systems and additional software equipment as one-time purchases for this budget year. This is to replace outdated equipment and add or upgrade software. Another major budget purchase is the Interoperability radio system, allowing all city departments to communicate freely and efficiently between departments by linking different types of communication systems together. Two additional part-time positions in the parks department and a full time accounting clerk was added to the general fund this year.

The Utility Fund accounts for the maintenance and general operation of three water plants, a wastewater treatment plant, twenty-five miles of water lines and twenty miles of sanitary sewer lines. The Utility Fund contains its own debt service and capital improvement program.

The Debt Service Fund accounts for resources and the payment of principal and interest on all general obligation debts of the City. The primary source of revenue for debt service is property taxes.

The Impact Fee Fund consists of monies obtained through assessments to developers and builders through the City's Impact Fee ordinance. Funds contained in this fund may only be used for capital outlay related to expansion of the water wells or sanitary sewage treatment facilities.

The Motel Tax Fund consists of funds obtained through the levying of a 4% tax on motel/hotel occupants. These funds must be spent as designated by state law. Seventy-five percent of these funds may be used for the promotion of tourism and 25% for artistic or historic preservation purposes. The City Council has set a goal of using the motel funds to promote tourism to the City.

The Capital Replacement Fund provides funding for acquisition of replacement vehicles and major equipment. The fund will also "own" all items acquired through its funds. Three work trucks, two patrol cars and various grounds equipment was purchased through the capital replacement fund. An additional \$50,000 was transferred to the capital replacement fund for future purchase of fire and/or EMS apparatus.

The Capital Improvements Fund outlines the scope of planned capital projects for the fiscal year that are funded through the general obligation debts or funds of the city. The City also has several capital improvement projects that are ongoing or will begin in this fiscal year. The following is a summary of capital improvement projects:

- A highway beautification project grant with the Texas Department of Transportation is also integrated into this budget year. The City, under a two-year, two-phase landscaping project along US290 corridor, will fund half of this project.
- Water line replacement on Jersey Drive will be done in conjunction with the repaving of Jersey Drive. The overall distribution system requires that the Jersey Village line be upgraded to a 12-inch main.
- Televising the sanitary sewer system will establish a systematic review and assessment program of the City's sanitary sewer system. Areas of deterioration, breakage, etc. will be identified and repair programs initiated.
- Council approved new playground equipment following the Parks and Landscape Committee's recommendation that it be replaced after lengthy review.
- Remove steeple from the roof of the civic center and remodel the municipal complex to ADA compliance.

The Golf Course Fund is designed to provide funding for the operation of Jersey Meadow Golf Course. Golf Operations is responsible for the efficient and effective administration of Jersey

Meadow Golf Course including golf course budget, golf course maintenance and golf personnel. Forty thousand dollars has been added to the golf course capital improvement for this budget year.

The Court Restricted Fee Fund is designed to segregate for accounting purposes the revenues from municipal court dedicated by state law to specific expenditures.

The 2003 Street Bond Fund segregates funds derived from the sale of a \$5 million bond issue for street improvements and defines the expenditures of this street bond series.

Street Bond 2003 is a general obligation bond for the paving and drainage reconstruction along Lakeview and Jersey Drive. This Fund contains Construction Manager positions that will supervise street and drainage operations defined within this bond fund and will report to the Public Works Director and City Manager.

A copy of the 2002-2003 budget and the most recent comprehensive annual financial report can be obtained at [www.ci.jersey-village.tx.us](http://www.ci.jersey-village.tx.us) or at the City's municipal complex during regular business hours.

	<b>ACTUAL 2001-02</b>	<b>ESTIMATED 2002-03</b>	<b>BUDGET 2003-04</b>
<b>AVAILABLE FOR ALLOCATION 10/01/XX:</b>			
General Fund	\$ 3,120,529	\$ 2,403,872	\$2,149,478
Utility Fund	1,977,282	2,951,714	2,846,505
Debt Service	1,066,580	1,281,908	1,366,793
Impact Fee	229,030	316,348	350,383
Motel Tax	315,801	373,536	419,861
Capital Replacement	505,071	1,060,424	969,174
Capital Improvements	2,649,387	3,594,472	1,140,018
Golf Course	64,207	104,365	22,968
Court Restricted Fee	0	0	0
2003 Street Bond Fund	0	0	4,872,268
<b>TOTAL CARRY FORWARD:</b>	<b>\$9,738,617</b>	<b>\$11,399,751</b>	<b>\$13,588,135</b>
<b>REVENUES (ESTIMATED)</b>			
General Fund	\$ 6,673,350	\$6,184,535	\$6,109,883
Utility Fund	2,634,437	2,358,436	2,473,200
Debt Service	2,115,800	2,041,657	2,041,765
Impact Fee	87,318	34,035	58,000
Motel Tax	87,595	79,200	92,000
Capital Replacement	715,866	344,805	497,161
Capital Improvements	4,158,302	681,653	30,000
Golf Course	1,890,356	1,695,059	1,785,908
Court Restricted Fee	0	0	22,500
2003 Street Bond Fund	0	5,012,868	35,000
<b>TOTAL PROJECTED REVENUE:</b>	<b>\$18,363,024</b>	<b>\$18,432,248</b>	<b>\$13,145,417</b>
<b>DEPARTMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>			
Administrative Services	\$294,554	\$397,704	\$408,400
Legal and Other Services	2,141,751	818,589	190,300
Information Technology	0	16,689	285,136
Purchasing	55,603	106,442	31,400
Finance Services	148,017	174,127	208,822
Customer Service	150,818	164,442	144,520
Municipal Court	219,063	200,698	226,900
Police	1,280,198	1,704,173	1,785,472
Police Grants	8,704	0	0
Communications	342,300	408,985	439,950
Fire	848,724	561,571	671,200
Public Works	157,243	153,235	196,940
Community Development	206,671	235,618	257,249
Streets	284,638	380,754	384,842
Building Maintenance	153,213	169,085	208,300
Sanitation	374,682	388,368	398,766
Fleet Services	410,770	253,428	252,000
Parks and Recreation	313,056	305,022	483,345
Water & Sewer	1,660,003	2,463,645	4,055,360
Debt Service	1,900,472	1,956,772	2,310,269
Motel Tax	29,861	32,874	35,000
Capital Replacement	160,513	436,055	239,889
Capital Improvements	3,213,217	3,136,107	1,136,501
Golf Course	1,849,503	1,776,457	1,807,723
Court Restricted Fee	0	0	19,600
2003 Street Bond Fund	0	140,600	4,854,250
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS:</b>	<b>\$16,203,574</b>	<b>\$16,381,440</b>	<b>\$21,032,134</b>

# Jersey Village Christmas Decoration Contest

The Jersey Village Christmas 2003 Decoration Contest will take place on Tuesday the 16<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday the 17<sup>th</sup> of December. Awards will be given to the most outstanding display in each of the five area judging sections. Innovative themes will receive special attention and may qualify for the Judges' Special Award! There will also be a Children's Choice Award.

Remember to leave your lights on from 7 p.m. through 9:30 p.m. on both those evenings to qualify. Children's Choice judging will take place at their individual convenience during the week prior to the main competition – so remember to light up early for the children. We appreciate those residents who provide a fantastic display every year, many of which become a staple of our community holiday. In order to give households a chance for an award, we must share the love by providing a two-year interim before the winner becomes eligible again for an award.

If you are a Jersey Village resident and have children between the ages of 5-12 years of age who would like to participate in the Children's Choice award, please contact Sue before November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 713-937-1595. She will register your Junior Judges and ensure that they receive official ballot papers. When your children are registered to be a Children's Choice Judge, be sure to return their completed voting forms to the ballot box outside 15901 Elwood by 10 p.m. on Sunday December 14<sup>th</sup>.

Winners will be posted on the City notice boards and on the City web site on Friday December 19<sup>th</sup>. A copy of this notice and the rules for the competition will also appear on the web site in December. The Jersey Village Garden Club sponsors this event and everyone is invited to come and enjoy our Christmas Spirit.

## JV Dancers in Nutcracker



It's almost Nutcracker season! Did you know that there's an alternative to the Houston Ballet production downtown? Three Jersey Village residents will be performing in Houston Repertoire Ballet's production of *The Nutcracker*

at Tomball High School. Eileen Blute, a 4<sup>th</sup> grader at Post Elementary, will be dancing the role of a Polichinelle (the clowns under Mother Ginger's skirt). Tommy Blute, also a 4<sup>th</sup> grader at Post, will be a boy in the party scene. Peter Blute, a freshman at JVHS, will be dancing the part of one of the 3 Arabian Princes, a party father, and the Nutcracker himself. Peter is a member of HRB's Senior Company.

For tickets to the December 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup> productions, information, or group reservations at the arts and educational performance, contact Houston Repertoire Ballet at 281-257-3400 or log on to [www.getquicktics.com](http://www.getquicktics.com).

## 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Country Christmas Craft Show

December 6<sup>th</sup>, 9:00-6:00 & December 7<sup>th</sup>, 10:00-4:00

Free admission, snack bar, 160 booths,  
World Famous Chicken Bingo and  
Pictures with Santa on Saturday and Sunday  
at 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Cy-Fair Exhibit Center  
11206 Telge Road  
¼ mile north of Highway 290 behind the Rodeo  
Arena

Funds from this craft show are to be used to help the Cy-Fair FFA Chapter. This is the booster clubs only fundraiser and primary source of funds. Proceeds are to be used for the purpose of scholarship funds and activities for the FFA students at Cy-Fair High School and to buy projects that are to be sold at the Cy-Fair ISD Livestock Show that is to be held the first weekend in February. The FFA students work long, hard hours for several months of the year on their animal projects and we want to be able to recognize their hard work.

# Texas Recycles Every Day

Texas Recycles Day is held annually on November 15 and is a statewide public awareness campaign encouraging Texans to start recycling. The theme this year, Texas Recycles Every Day, encourages Texans to recycle in any way they can and make it a part of their daily lives. November 15 is about building awareness, but the long-term program goal is for all Texans to recycle daily.

Many are not aware that recycling is more than collecting aluminum cans or newspapers. Recycling can be any of the classified four R's: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Re-Buy. There are countless benefits to practicing one of the four Rs. One aspect that many people don't know about is re-buying. It is important because "it closes the loop" by forcing the cultural change in how we utilize and dispose of our daily products.

Demand for recycled-content products encourages manufacturers to use, and vendors to sell these items. Texans can reduce, reuse and save valuable landfill space by composting their landscape waste or leaving it on the lawn as natural mulch. Recycling and reusing can also save money by saving on disposal costs. Finally, recycling saves our resources such as fossil fuels and water used to make the product from scratch.

## Recycling Facts:

- At least 20 percent of solid waste generated by Texans comes from grass clippings, leaves and other landscape wastes.
- Texans spend over 1 Billion annually to dispose of nearly 28 tons of garbage.
- Recycling one ton of paper saves 7,000 gallons of water.

## Special Thanks!

Jersey Village Parks & Landscaping Committee wants to extend a "Special Thank You" to Houston Plants & Garden World, Inc. for their kind donation of plants and nursery items to the City.

Recycling reduces waste, saves energy, conserves natural resources, and uses less landfill space. Here are a few ways you can recycle every day:

### REDUCE

- Buy products with less packaging.
- Leave grass clippings on your lawn as mulch.
- Buy and use durable items instead of throwaways.

### REUSE

- Donate used items to charity
- Choose rechargeable batteries
- Check out books from the library or buy used books

### RECYCLE

- Start a compost pile at your home, school, or office
- Participate in a recycling program in your community

Call 1-800-CLEAN-UP to find a collection center near you that accepts used motor oil.

### REBUY

- Help close the loop, buy recycled
- Buy products made from recycled materials
- Ask local stores to stock items from recycled materials

## Beautification Project

The City of Jersey Village has been approved for a highway beautification cost share program with the Texas Department of Transportation. This program is a \$260,000 project that traverses the length of US 290 from Beltway 8 to the West end of the City's limits near Eldridge. Council has set aside money to complete half of this project in this budget year and is projecting to finish the project in the following budget year.

If approved by Council, the project will include planting of Oleanders on both sides of US290 between the feeder and the freeway. A greeting signs within the US290 right-of-way are an option to the City under this program. The project includes a one-year plant replacement guarantee with TxDOT. The Transportation Department also will provide the Materials, such as plants, soil improvements, fertilizer, and compost.

Interestingly, The City of Houston was one of the applicants for this money because of the Super Bowl in January thus, making this a very competitive grant. The City's success of being awarded with this grant is a well-deserved accomplishment goes out to the Parks and Landscaping Committee.

**September 2003**  
**Statistics**

**JV Police Department**

Calls for Service	381
Vehicle Theft	5
Aggravated Assault	0
Burglary, business	3
Burglary, residence	0
Burglary, vehicle	8
Disturbance	37
Narcotics, felony	1
Minor accidents	50
Major accidents	10
Alarms	43
Suspicious person	44
Traffic control	3
Traffic hazard	24

**JV Emergency Services**

Building Fires	5
Auto Fires	0
Other Fires	0
Rescue/EMS incidents	47
Hazardous Conditions	2
Service Calls	0
Smoke or odor calls	0
False alarms/cancelled enroute	14
Total Ambulance Transports	32

**(Tribute Page 1)** This equipment will be bright and entertaining, and most of all, safe. We are in the process of meeting with the best companies that manufacture and sell park equipment, thus assuring the best park equipment for our children that will inspire and remind us of our community spirit.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the residents that willingly provided the time, talent and donations that makes Carol Fox Park a wonderful place. The City plans to preserve the sidewalk with the names, hand prints etc., as a tribute to the community spirit and community effort that made Carol Fox happen. And though it may be sad to see the park change, it is the community pride that remains the same. The City will forever be in debt to the original participants.

We hope to have the new equipment installed within a few months although we do not have an installation date. We will provide additional updates as we move forward with this endeavor.



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