

OCTOBER 2003

## Upcoming Events

October 14<sup>th</sup>  
 JV Garden Club  
 Civic Center Auditorium 9:30 am

October 25<sup>th</sup>  
 Recreation & Events Fall Frolic  
 Pavilion 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm

November 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 City Council Meeting  
 Civic Center Auditorium 7:00 pm

November 11<sup>th</sup>  
 JV Garden Club Fund-raiser  
 Civic Center Auditorium 11:00 am



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## Council Actions from September

Council met for its regular monthly session on Monday September 15, 2003, and approved the minutes from the budget sessions as well the August 18<sup>th</sup> regular session.

A joint public hearing between the City Council and Planning and Zoning Commission was called to receive public comment regarding issuance of a specific use permit for a proposed addition to the mini-storage facility at 7302 Senate Avenue. The joint public hearing will be held on October 20, 2003 at 7:00 p.m.

A landscaping ordinance was adopted by Council requiring protection of at least two trees in the front or side street yard. Residents need to receive a permit before removing trees from a front yard if a resident desires removal.

Council requests that staff seek interested citizens to serve on the next Charter Review Commission. For more information about the Charter review, please contact Debbie Loesch, the City Secretary at 713-466-2102 or [dloesch@ci.jersey-village.tx.us](mailto:dloesch@ci.jersey-village.tx.us).

Council approved an agreement for a traffic signal located at Jones Road and Jersey Meadow. The agreement also includes a left turn lane for southbound

traffic turning on to Jersey Meadow. The traffic signal is a joint project between the City and County.

Council considered appointments of various members to the Recreation and Events Committee, Planning and Zoning Commission, Board of Adjustment and Building Board of Adjustment. Council approved Dr. Marvin J. Abrams as the City's new Health Officer. The following is a list of committee appointed members:

Board of Adjustment

- Henry Hermis
- Doug Smith-Barry
- Joe Pennington

Building Board of Adjustment

- Michael O'Kelley
- Gary Voessler

Recreation and Events

- Russ Kavanaugh

Planning & Zoning

- Darcy Mingoia
- Joyce Berube
- Keith Ormston
- George Ohler

Golf Course Advisory

- Bill Schuster



City Council is looking for interested residents to serve on the Charter Review Commission for 2004. The Commission consists of 7 members and 3 alternates. The term will be for six months. If you are interested, an application is available from the City Secretary's office at 16327 Lakeview or by e-mail at [dloesch@ci.jersey-village.tx.us](mailto:dloesch@ci.jersey-village.tx.us). If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Loesch at 713-466-2102.

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# September Yards of the Month

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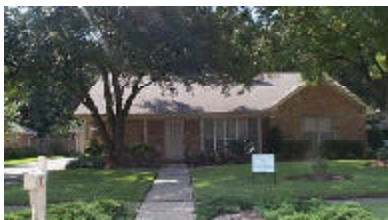
*16106 Wall  
Gladys Sparkman*



*15805 Jersey  
Barbara & Richard Woods*



*18526 Wyndham Village  
Nader & Emily Ganim*



*15305 Mauna Loa  
Betty & June Taliaferro*



*16406 Delozier  
Baldemar Cabrera*

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Sandy's Corner

## "Trick or Treat Anyone?"

By: Officer S. Joachim



Most people think of Halloween as a time for fun and treats. Although, many parents worry about hidden dangers in their child's candy, they should be more concerned about their child's safety as a pedestrian that evening. The major dangers are not from witches or spirits but rather from falls and car accidents. Roughly four times as many children aged 5-14 are killed while walking on Halloween evening compared with other evenings of the year, and falls are a leading cause of injuries among children on Halloween. Children and adults need to think about safety on this day of "make-believe".

**Motorist:** \*Watch for children darting out from between parked cars.  
\*Watch for children walking on roadways, medians and curbs.  
\*Enter and exit driveways carefully.

\*At twilight and later, watch for children in dark clothing.

\*Drive Slowly.

\*Have children get out of cars on the curbside, not on the traffic side.

**Parents:** \*Supervise the outing for children under age 12.

\*Establish a curfew for older children.

\*Plan and discuss the route trick-or-treaters intend to follow. Know the names

of older children's companions.

\*Pin a slip of paper with the child's name, address and phone number inside a pocket in case the youngster gets separated from the group.

\*Decorate costumes, bags and sacks with reflective tape and stickers.

\*Do not allow children to bicycle, roller-blade or skateboard.

\*Openly discuss appropriate and inappropriate behavior for Halloween night.

**When out:** \*Children should never dart out into a street or cross between parked cars.



\*Children should walk, not run, while trick-or-treating.

\*Teach children not to cut across yards.

Lawn ornaments are "hidden hazards" in the dark. Tell children to stay on the sidewalk at all times.

\*Children should not enter homes or apartments without adult supervision.

\*Use a flashlight, they can see and be seen by others.

\*Stay in a group, walk slowly and communicate where you are going.

\*Don't assume the right of way. Motorists may have trouble-seeing Trick-or-

Treaters. Just because one car stops, doesn't mean others will.

**Treats:** \*Give children an early meal before going out.

\*Insist that treats be brought home for inspection before anything is eaten.

\*Wash fruit and slice into small pieces.

\*When in doubt, throw it out.

**We wish you a safe and  
Happy Halloween.**



# Safety Tips: When Adverse Situations Strike

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A wide range of natural disasters occur every year in the United States. Natural disasters can have a devastating effect on you, your home, and your community.

In the event of a disaster, to improve your preparedness level, have your home and family prepared about what to do before, during, and after the disaster. Here are a few safety tips to identify potential risks and hazards in case a disaster, such as a flood, tornado, hurricane, or terrorist attack strikes close to your community. In addition to the tips listed here, more resources can be found on each topic at the related websites.

## Flood Safety Tips:



Do not walk through flooded areas.

Do not drive through a flooded area. If you come upon a flooded road, turn around and go another way. More people drown in their cars than anywhere else.

Electrocution is a major source of death in floods. Look out for wild animals-especially snakes. Animals lose their homes in floods and may seek shelter in your home.

For more information on flood safety, visit [www.fema.gov/hazards/floods/](http://www.fema.gov/hazards/floods/)

## Tornado and Hurricane Safety tips:

During a tornado, find shelter and do not panic. After a hurricane or tornado, pools of water and even appliances can be electrically charged.



After the threat has passed, look for combustible liquids such as gasoline, lighter fluid, and paint thinner that may have spilled. Thoroughly clean in a well-ventilated area.

Smell and listen for leaky gas connections.

Never try to out-drive a tornado in a car or truck. Get out of the car immediately and take shelter.

Stay out of damaged buildings and enter only when authorities have inspected the building and have assured you that it is safe.

For more information on tornado and hurricane safety, visit [www.fema.gov/hazards/tornadoes/](http://www.fema.gov/hazards/tornadoes/). A Tornado and Hurricane Factsheet is available at [www.usa.fema.gov/public/tornado.cfm](http://www.usa.fema.gov/public/tornado.cfm)

## Terrorism Safety Tips

If a disaster strikes in your vicinity, it may be easier to make a long distance phone call than to call across town. Create an out-of-state contact who may be in a better position



to communicate between separated family members. Be sure that every family member knows the phone number and has coins or a prepaid phone card to call the emergency contact.

Inquire about emergency plans at work, daycare, and school. If no plans exist, consider volunteering to create one.

Make a plan for what you will do in an emergency. Be sure to discuss this with your family members, and be sure to consider any pets in this plan.

Create a kit of emergency supplies, including water and food, flashlights, tools, sanitation items, etc.

For more information on preparing to react to terrorism, visit [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov)

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## CODE CORNER; Know the City Codes!

The city's Code Enforcement division enforces the city code enacted by City Council to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Jersey Village. Code Enforcement works to prevent and abate nuisances on private property such as illegal dumping, weeded lots, graffiti, signs, trash and litter, and others.

Help us keep Jersey Village beautiful and safe by becoming familiar with the city code requirements and by reporting violations. To report violations, call the Public Works Department at (713) 466-2110. Several of the city's code requirements are described below.

### **Litter and Weeds**

The homeowner or tenant is responsible for the regular maintenance of all yard areas between their curb and property lines. The yard is to be kept free from disease, pests, weeds and litter. Weeds and grass in landscaped areas exceeding twelve (12) inches in height are in violation of the code. Edging and trimming is required on all sidewalks, paved walkways, driveways, and curbs to prevent the invasion of grass and vegetation in excess of four (4) inches.

### **Sidewalk Obstructions**

The occupant is responsible for keeping the street and sidewalk clear from obstructions. Anything that inhibits or hinders movement on a sidewalk is prohibited. Parking of any vehicle over a sidewalk is not allowed. In addition, all trees, shrubbery and vines must be kept pruned to allow a clearance of eight ( 8 ) feet above the sidewalk and thirteen (13 ) feet above the street.

### **Garage Sale Signs**

Garage sale or personal property sales may be advertised by one nonilluminated, temporary ground sign not exceeding four square feet in size and five feet in height. The sign advertising the sale can be placed only on the property where the sale is occurring. Signs that are affixed to trees, utility poles, posts, fences, etc., are prohibited, and will be removed immediately by the Code Enforcement division.

A garage sale sign can be in place for two days prior to the sale. The sign shall be removed within 24 hours following the end of the sale. No permit shall be required for such a sign.

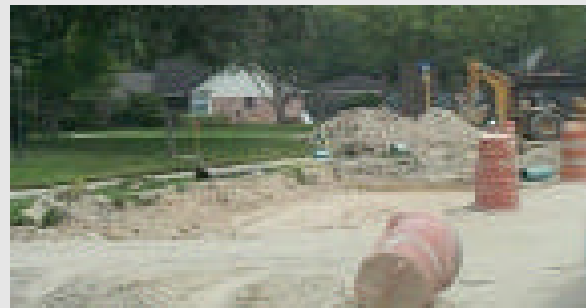
## Jersey Village Annual Fall Frolic



Food & Drinks all served for 25 cents!

# 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%	Ready for testing
Lakeview Paving- Honolulu to WOB	100%	45%	Drainage 95% complete, paving progressing
Fire Station project	100%	99%	Basically complete, working on final paperwork
Repaint Elevated Storage #1	100%	30%	Inside of tank is complete
Castlebridge Street Connection	100%	0%	Will start October 15, 2003
30-inch Trunk Sewer Rehabilitation	100%	0%	Work began September 1, 2003
Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation	100%	0%	Work began September 1, 2003
Philippine Lift Station	0%	0%	Change order recommended by City Engineer
Jersey Drive - Paving	80%	0%	Project will bid October 2003
Jersey Drive - Utility	80%	0%	Project will bid October 2003
Lakeview - Paving	80%	0%	Project will bid October 2003
Lakeview - Utility	80%	0%	Project will bid October 2003

## Around the Village...

### Aggie Moms

The Northwest Harris County Aggie Moms' Club will hold their monthly general meeting on Tuesday, October 14, 2003, at 7:00 p.m., at Foundry United Methodist Church located at 8350 Jones Road, Houston, Texas.

The guest speaker will be Ron Klinger of Texas A&M, speaking on "How to Support your Aggie Academically". This meeting is open to all Aggie Moms. For information please call: Jane Brothers, publicity chairman, 281-251-9826 or Linda Maginness, 713-849-0901.

### JV Garden Club

The Jersey Village Garden Club will be hosting their fund-raiser auction on November 11, 2003 at 11:00 a.m. in the Jersey Village Civic Center.

### Household Hazardous Waste

Jacob Corona from troop 1177 is presenting his eagle project on "Household Hazardous Waste. He is visiting Civic Meetings in the area to inform its residents on proper disposal of household waste, and the problems improper disposal cause to the environment.

Jacob is working with the City of Houston Solid Waste Recycle Program, and the Harris County Storm Water Quality Household Hazardous Waste Program. Please do not pollute! Bring your household hazardous waste to the following:

**Saturday, October 18, 2003**

from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Harris County Annex 13  
& Sport Complex

17423 Katy Freeway

(enter via Barker-Clodine)



**Saturday, October 25, 2003**

from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Barbara Bush Library

6817 Cypresswood Drive  
(enter via York Minster)



For more information please call Harris County Storm Water Quality at 713-316-3580.

### Jersey Village FFA Craft Fair

Saturday, 11/1 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, 11/2 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Cy-Fair Exhibition Center  
11206 Telge Road

Over 150 craft & gift vendors.

Start your Christmas shopping early.

For booth information contact  
Katy Gaeke at 713-937-3022

## August 2003 Statistics

### **JV Police Department**

Calls for Service	438
Vehicle Theft	17
Aggravated Assault	0
Burglary, business	4
Burglary, residence	3
Burglary, vehicle	7
Disturbance	32
Narcotics, felony	1
Minor accidents	55
Major accidents	9
Alarms	60
Suspicious person	41
Traffic control	3
Traffic hazard	20

### **JV Emergency Services**

Building Fires	2
Auto Fires	2
Other Fires	3
Rescue/EMS incidents	38
Hazardous Conditions	8
Service Calls	2
Smoke or odor calls	0
False alarms/cancelled enroute	12
Total Ambulance Transports	30

## **Lights! Siren! Santa!**

Mr. & Mrs. Santa will be available again this year to deliver that special gift to your home.

Here's how ...

Contact the Jersey Village  
Emergency Services for  
information at 713-466-2130

Schedule a date for delivery:  
December 12, 13, 14, 18, 19, 20, or 21  
Delivery hours between 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm



Bring your child's wrapped gift to the Fire Station  
the Wednesday prior to your scheduled delivery  
date. Fire Station is located at 16501 Jersey Dr. A  
minimum donation of \$25.00 for a ten minute  
visit/delivery. Make checks payable to: City of JV/  
Fire Dept. Donation Account



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