



## January Council Actions

**FEBRUARY 2004**

January 19, 2004, City Council meeting summary:

- Approved the Minutes of the December 15, 2003 meeting.
- Approved the acceptance of the Quarterly Investment Report ending December 31, 2003.
- Approved Ordinance No. 04-01 amending the budget for fiscal year 2003-2004 increase revenue and expenditures in Utility Fund for the sewer extension to the property at 24 Hour Storage.
- Approved an agreement between the City of Jersey Village, Harris County Emergency Service District #9, and the Cy-Fair Volunteer Fire Department for the sharing of resources of the Positron Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) System.
- Authorized the City Manager to enter into an agreement to establish a community rating system (CRS) as it relates to flood insurance rates.
- Approved Change Order #1 with Construction LTD for the fire station and final acceptance of the project.

## White Oak Bayou Flood Reduction Improvements

In 1998, the Flood Control District began the feasibility study for the White Oak Bayou Federal Flood Damage Reduction Project. This evolved into an extensive study of the entire White Oak Bayou watershed. At present a majority of the construction activity is occurring in the upper portion of the White Oak Bayou, which includes the Jersey Village area. The Flood Control District has started construction on the first 1.2 miles of the Jersey Village bypass channel and significant channel modifications between Beltway 8 and North Houston Rosslyn. This includes a major detention basin just east of Jersey Village between the Sam Houston Parkway and Gessner Road. Flood Control is also planning other detention basins in the near future. The current project is part of the five year flood mitigation program submitted to the City by the Flood Control District and discussed in previous editions of the Star. The next project, after the completion of this one, will be the full construction and opening of the Jersey Village by-pass.

Storm water detention basins, such as the one under construction, store potentially damaging floodwaters temporarily until the channels can safely carry the water away. This detention is specifically designed to receive and temporarily hold large amounts of storm water during a potential flood. The detention is designed with a weir structure and the weir serves as the designated location where rising water in the channel can spill into the new detention basin. The basin will only drain as fast as the channel will let allow since the system drains by gravity. This will occur after the channel recedes close to its normal level.



If you would like more information on the White Oak Bayou Flood Damage Reduction Project, please contact the District at 713-684-4040, or contact the District via e-mail at [hcfcd@hcfcd.co.harris.tx.us](mailto:hcfcd@hcfcd.co.harris.tx.us).

## *Upcoming Events*

**February 11** - Charter Review Commission Meeting

**February 16** - City Council Meeting, Civic Center Auditorium

**February 25** - Charter Review Commission Meeting

**March 1** - Monday with the Mayor, Civic Center Auditorium

# 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%	Working on clean up and yard restoration
Lakeview Paving- Honolulu to WOB	100%	95%	Installing conduit and street lights in the coming weeks
Fire Station project	100%	99%	Final inspection held 01-08-04
Repaint Elevated Storage #1	100%	95%	Logos to be painted soon.
Castlebridge Street Connection	100%	40%	Placed culverts and is forming retaining walls
30-inch Trunk Sewer Rehabilitation	100%	85%	Contractor has one section remaining
Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation	100%	85%	Contractor has four sections left to complete
Philippine Lift Station	0%	0%	Change order recommended by City Engineer.
Jersey Drive - Paving	100%	40%	Boring of waterline completed along Jersey from Equador to Acapulco
Jersey Drive - Utility	100%	5%	Completed paving on the south side of Lakeview; working on installation of 66" storm sewer line
Lakeview - Paving	100%	5%	Pillars across White Oak Bayou for proposed 12" waterline are complete
Lakeview - Utility	100%	0%	Meeting with Harris County Precinct 4 regarding alignment of hike and bike trails



Preventing litter does more than improve the aesthetics of area roadways. It also improves the cleanliness of area creeks, bayous, rivers, lakes, bays, and eventually the Gulf of Mexico. Uncollected litter along roadways flows into area storm sewer systems and eventually is discharged into these receiving waters.

Littering is prohibited in the City of Jersey Village under Sec. 54-4 of the Code of Ordinances. The fine and court costs exceed \$100. Much of the litter on our streets and roadways is recyclable material. Please place recyclables in a recycle bin on Wednesdays for pickup and keep it off our streets and waterways. Texas takes littering seriously and in some areas the fines range up to \$250 and higher. "Don't Mess With Texas!"

The City of Jersey Village is in the midst of a major beautification and revitalization program. Approximately 6,000 oleanders will be planted along HWY 290 through Jersey Village in conjunction with TXDOT. Landscape roses are being planted in the end cap esplanades of Senate, Jones, and West as well as throughout the City to enhance its beauty. These plantings do more than enhance the aesthetics and give a better impression of our city, they also help clean the air and cool the atmosphere.

What can you do to help? Show pride in our city by recycling and preventing litter. Participate in the Clean Up America event this spring in Jersey Village. Who keeps Texas beautiful – You Do!

## **Looking for a Babysitter?**



By: Officer S. Joachim

Are you going out for the evening or want some time to yourself? You want the best possible care for your children while you are away from them. You want someone who is mature, experienced, and a capable individual who truly cares about the welfare of the children.

The best sources are the recommendations of family, friends, and neighbors. After making a list of possible Babysitters, check their references carefully. Contact the sitter's past employers, and ask them about the sitter's ability to care for children. The Babysitter should listen and respond well to your children and appear relaxed and happy with them.

Outline the Babysitter's duties and responsibilities and discuss an imagined emergency situation and how he or she might react. When you decide on a babysitter discuss the hours and fees. Also write down his or her name, home address and telephone number.

Ask the Babysitter to arrive at least 15 minutes before you depart. The babysitter should know exactly where you will be and how you can be reached. Write down the address and telephone number of where you will be. Also make a list of emergency telephone numbers: a friend or relative, the children's doctor, the police department, the fire department, and the poison control center.

Go over family rules and daily routines, paying special attention to eating or sleeping arrangements. Take the Babysitter on a tour of the house, showing him or her any first-aid equipment and exits. Discuss the family rules regarding television, internet, snacks, and bedtime with both the Babysitter and the children.

The Babysitter should:

- 1) Lock all doors when the parents leave.
- 2) The children should be watched carefully while they are awake.
- 3) The sitter should not be permitted visitors or guests. The children should never be alone in the house.
- 4) When the children go to sleep, they should be checked on regularly. The sitter should stay awake during his or her stay in the house.
- 5) If the telephone rings, do not tell the caller you are the sitter. Ask the caller to leave a message for the parents.
- 6) Do not open the door to anyone unless the parents have given prior permission. Ask to take a message.
- 7) If the children are taken outside, they must be watched carefully. It is the parents' responsibility to let the Babysitter know with whom the children may play or visit.

Upon your return home, ask the Babysitter for a report of what happened, any telephone calls, visits, and so on. Make sure the Babysitter is escorted home, and wait until he or she is safely inside before you leave. Most importantly, talk to your children about what happened while you were gone. Ask them what games they played and about any other activities. Ask your children if anything happened that made them uncomfortable or afraid. Babysitters are entrusted with a child's life. Their primary responsibility is to care for the children's needs and, most of all, keep them safe.

## **Tips to be Fit**

Take pleasure in a south of the border treat with less guilt. You don't have to always pass up guacamole at your favorite Mexican restaurant just because it's high in fat. The fat is monounsaturated, which is considered 'good' fat and helps lower your cholesterol.



Remember that cooling down after a workout is just as important as warming up. You should cool down for 5-10 minutes by doing an easy aerobic exercise. This brings your heart rate back to normal and flush out lactic acid or other toxins that can accumulate as you workout. A Cool down can also increase flexibility.

## **Jersey Village Stars Swim Team**

Come join us for lots of fun! There will be competitions for #1. There is always a good social atmosphere. For kids of all ages to share with their peers. So come sign up and don't be left out, because swimming is fun without a doubt!

### **Registration**

Jersey Village City Hall Civic Center  
Tuesday, March 23, 2004,  
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
Sunday, March 28, 2004,  
2:00p.m. - 5:00p.m.

**December 2003**  
**Statistics**

**JV Police Department**

Calls for Service	434
Vehicle Theft	2
Aggravated Assault	0
Burglary, business	3
Burglary, residence	1
Burglary, vehicle	11
Disturbance	53
Narcotics, felony	0
Minor accidents	35
Major accidents	12
Alarms	63
Suspicious person	59
Traffic control	5
Traffic hazard	13

**JV Emergency Services**

Building Fires	8
Auto Fires	0
Other Fires	3
Rescue/EMS incidents	45
Hazardous Conditions	3
Service Calls	5
Smoke or odor calls	1
False alarms/cancelled enroute	15
Total Ambulance Transports	31

**Texas A&M Scholarships**

The Northwest Harris County Texas A&M University Mothers' Club will award five \$800 scholarships and a \$1,250 Endowed Scholarship for the 2004-2005 academic year. Applicants for the \$800 scholarships must be current, full-time, undergraduate students carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours. The Endowed Scholarship is available to graduate students, as well as, undergraduate students. All applicants must have a permanent address in the area covered by the school districts of Aldine, Cypress-Fairbanks, Klein, Magnolia, Spring, Tomball, or any applicant whose mother is a current member of our Club.

Applications must be postmarked by March 1, 2004. For more information or to obtain an application, please contact Ann Anderson at 281 430-4290.

**Ladies Golf at Jersey Meadow**

The Jersey Meadow Ladies Golf Association would like to invite interested women golfers looking for a competitive league to join us on Monday mornings at 9:00 A.M. at Jersey Meadow Golf Course. Our members range from low to high handicappers. The object and purpose of JMLGA is to promote sportsmanship, friendship and active participation. Anyone interested in receiving additional information or wanting to join us for a play date should contact Paulette Powell, President, at 281-296-2160.

**Project Prom Garage Sale**

We are in need of any DONATIONS for the Project Prom Garage Sale. Clothes, toys, and large items will all be accepted; anything will help! The sale will be held on March 27, 2004 in the Sears Hardware parking lot on Jones Road. Please contact Rachel Bily at 713-466-8023 for additional information.

**Jersey Village Garden Club**

All are welcome to attend the next free meeting, Daylilies Under "\$20" by Diane Ballentine. Tuesday, February 10, 2004 at 9:30a.m. in the Jersey Village Civic Center.



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