

JERSEY VILLAGE STAR

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*** ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS *** CITY BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, & COMMITTEES

The City is currently accepting applications for the following Boards, Commissions, & Committees:

- Building Board of Adjustments & Appeals – 2 year term
- Planning & Zoning Commission – 2 year term
- Recreation & Events Committee – 2 year term

Applications are available at the City Administration Offices, 16327 Lakeview Drive, Jersey Village, TX 77040. You may also utilize the City's website: www.jerseyvillage.info. The application is available on the City Secretary's Office page located on the website. Applications should be mailed or delivered. If you have any questions regarding the Boards, Commissions, & Committees, please contact the City Secretary's Office at (713) 466-2102.



NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION TO THE REGISTERED VOTERS OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS:

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on May 12, 2007, for voting in a General Election for the purpose of electing a Mayor and two Councilmembers for Place Numbers 2 and 3.

LOCATION OF POLLING PLACES:

Civic Center
16327 Lakeview Drive
Jersey Village, Texas 77040

Early Voting by personal appearance will be conducted each week day beginning Monday, April 30, 2007, and ending Tuesday, May 8, 2007, at the Municipal Government Center, 16327 Lakeview Drive, Jersey Village, Texas 77040 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on April 30th through May 4th, 8:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Saturday, May 5th, and 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. May 7th and May 8th.

Applications for ballots by mail shall be mailed to the office of:

LaKeisha Cannon-Scott, City Secretary
16501 Jersey Drive
Jersey Village, Texas 77040

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than close of business on May 4, 2007.

*** Jersey Village Appoints New Fire Chief ***

In January 2007 Mark Bitz was named Fire Chief of Jersey Village Emergency Services. Chief Bitz comes to the department with 18 years fire service experience. He began his career in the Houston area as a volunteer fire fighter. Former career departments include Harker Heights, TX and Sugar Land, TX. He has held the ranks of Fire Fighter, Engineer Operator, Lieutenant, Fire Inspector, Arson Investigator and Assistant Fire Marshal.



Chief Bitz is certified by the Texas Commission on Fire Protection as an Intermediate Structural Fire Fighter, Intermediate Arson Investigator, Intermediate Instructor, Intermediate Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighter and Intermediate Fire Inspector. In addition he holds a basic Driver Operator and Fire Officer Certifications. Chief Bitz is also a Licensed Peace Officer through the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Education.

Chief Bitz is a member of the Texas Fire Chiefs Association, the International Association of Fire Chiefs, The State Fireman and Fire fighters Association and the Greater Houston Area Fire Marshals Council.

Chief Bitz grew up in the Houston area. He is married and has two children. He resides in the Cypress area. He is extremely active with his daughter's extracurricular activities and within the community. He is an instructor in Taekwondo and enjoys hiking.

*** Friendly Trash Reminders ***

Please have trash out at curb by 7:00 am on the day of pick up. All trash may be out no sooner than 5:00 pm the day prior to trash collection and out of public view by 7 am the morning following the pick up day.

On each regularly scheduled collection day, WCA will collect residential refuse located at the curbside; Curbside refuse must be either in containers or bags not exceeding 40 gallons or weighing over 40 pounds. PLEASE NOTE THAT CURBSIDE IS CONSIDERED TO BE IN BETWEEN THE SIDEWALK AND THE CURB. TRASH PLACED ON THE SIDEWALK WILL NOT BE COLLECTED.

Trees, shrubs, brush trimmings and fencing must be bundled in lengths no greater than 4 feet with no branch diameter exceeding 3 inches. The bundling is required to allow quick pickup and size limitations are required to avoid damaging the equipment in the crushing process.

Items such as appliances, furniture, carpet (up to 1 room, rolled up four feet wide and less than fifty pounds), cardboard boxes (flattened), will be picked up either day. By Federal Law, refrigerators and freezers or any other items containing Freon must be drained of Freon and have an accompanying bill to validate such service was performed.

Items excluded from normal collection are dirt, rocks, bricks, concrete, tires, batteries, motor oil, cooking oil, waste generated by a private contractor or any materials or items deemed hazardous materials. WCA will leave a tag explaining the reason for non-collected item(s).

A resident may call Waste Corporation of Texas at 281-368-8397 to meet with the resident to determine a price for the pick up of items excluded for normal trash collection.



HWY 290 Expansion Update

As the reconstruction and widening of Interstate 10 comes to a close, resources will start being directed towards the next major freeway project in the Houston area, Highway 290. Plans are still preliminary for the proposed target corridor that includes Hempstead Highway. The corridor is approximately 38 miles long, extending from the interchange area of IH 10/IH 610/US 290 northwest to FM 2920, which is the Harris County line.

TxDOT has developed a preliminary schematic plan as part of an environmental study process, which is governed by federal law to determine the recommended approach for improvements and required right-of-way (ROW) acquisition. A draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is anticipated to be published this spring upon approval of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Public hearings will follow in late spring/early summer 2007. Proposed improvements and final determination of ROW will be subject to comments, so your involvement is encouraged.

The FHWA's final Record of Decision is anticipated for spring 2008 and then ROW acquisition will be initiated. Construction activities are tentatively slated to begin at the IH-610 Interchange and on the proposed Hempstead toll road lanes by 2010 or 2011.

90 reconstruction information, please bookmark and visit www.my290.com regularly.

public, a US 290 Program Office was opened in October at the Brookhollow III Building; the address is 2950 North Loop West, Suite 1150, Houston, TX 77092.

The public is welcomed Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. However, in order to make the most of your time and effort, you are encouraged to contact Melissa Deaver, 290 Project Information Officer for TxDOT. Melissa can schedule an appointment with you at your convenience to view the preliminary schematics. In doing so, she will ensure that an engineer is available to personally answer any questions you may have. You can call her directly at (713) 357-2034 to set up an appointment.

*** SANDY'S CORNER ***

BY: Officer S. Joachim

Parking Problems

Sec. 545.302 Stopping, Standing, Or Parking Prohibited in Certain Places.

An operator may not stop, stand, or park a vehicle:

- (1) on the roadway side of a vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curb of a street;
- (2) on a sidewalk;
- (3) in an intersection;
- (4) on a crosswalk;
- (5) between a safety zone and the adjacent curb or within 30 feet of a place on the curb immediately opposite the ends of a safety zone, unless the governing body of a municipality designates a different length by signs or markings;
- (6) alongside or opposite a street excavation or obstruction if stopping, standing, or parking the vehicle would obstruct traffic;
- (7) on a bridge or other elevated structure on a highway or in a highway tunnel;
- (8) on a railroad track; or
- (9) where an official stop sign prohibits stopping.

Complaints have originated from people that are walking or jogging and can not do so without having to go around cars that are parked on or across the sidewalks. As a result these pedestrians are forced to walk or jog in the street which places them at risk. Thanking you in advance for your cooperation.

*** HELP US CELEBRATE THE NEXT 50 YEARS! ***

Mark your calendars! On **Saturday, April 28** the Recreation & Events Committee with the help of the Parks & Recreation Dept. of the City of Jersey Village will sponsor a celebration of the next 50 years of Jersey Village life. Join us for a day of family events featuring the Unified Frisbee Dogs Operation in competition, vendors, food and fun. Proceeds from this event will benefit the improvements being planned for the golf course detention pond jogging trail. If you are interested in sponsoring a booth or activity, if you can supply an item for silent auction, or if you are a vendor interested in booth space please email dostarkey@sbcglobal.net for further information or an application.

Jersey Village Swim Team

The Jersey Village Swim Team (JVST) would like to invite you to join us for the 2006 Summer League Season. Registration is open to anyone between the ages of 4 and 18 years of age who knows how to swim. Swimmers 15-18 years of age can join at no charge.

Registration:

Jersey Village Civic Center Auditorium
16327 Lakeview, Jersey Village, TX, 77040

Tuesday - March 20, 6-9 pm

Sunday - March 25, 2-5 pm

For more info see our website at www.jvstars.com

or contact David or Susan at 832-467-1747 or david.bolado@jvstars.com



By: Chief C.N. Wedemeyer, Jr
Internet and Email Fraud

A FTC official recently stated in an interview that email is the new pathway to your wallet. We believe it, and that is why in our Citizens Police Academy we impart to our citizens how these scams create victims. In example: does somebody want to transfer millions of dollars into your account, pay you with casher cheques and send them the money, or has someone met a new friend/penpal on a friendship/dating site who's asking them for money? The simple reality is Phishing is a scam where Internet fraudsters send spam mail or pop-up messages to reel in personal and financial information from unsuspecting victims or use them to cash counterfeit instruments. However, most often seen are messages that direct you to a website that appears just like a legitimate organization's site – in fact, most of these appear as a clone of the organization. Want to learn more – join our next Citizens Police Academy or call us and we will bring the show to your Church or social group. Making the City of Jersey Village a safe and wonderful place to work and raise a family is our mission and our values. The JVPD is here to help protect you and your wallet.

Statistics for Dec 2006 - Jan 2007

JV Police Department

Calls for Service	878
Vehicle Theft	16
Aggravated Assault	1
Burglary, business	3
Burglary, residence	3
Burglary, vehicle	16
Disturbance	86
Narcotics, felony	8
Minor/Major accidents	158
Alarms	101
Suspicious person	122
Traffic control	4
Traffic hazard	25
JV Emergency Services	
Building Fires	9
Auto Fires	4
Other Fires	4
Rescue/EMS incidents	88
Hazardous Conditions	8
Service Calls	4
Smoke or odor calls	2
False alarms/cancelled enroute	29
Total Ambulance Transports	61

City of Jersey Village

★ Volunteer-We need you... ★

★ The City of Jersey Village is seeking volunteers to assist in the City Secretary's Office with a records scanning project. Please call for additional details (713) 466-2102.

St. Patrick's Day Celebration at Jersey Meadow Golf Course
 Jersey Meadow Men's Golf Association and Backyard Grill are hosting a celebration!
 The day will offer lots of crawfish with all the fixin's, sodas, beer and a live band!
 Come join the fun on Saturday, March 17th from 2:00 p.m. 'til 7:00 p.m.
 Eat, drink, dance (or maybe just a little toe tapping).

New Golfer Program at Jersey Meadow Golf Course
 Adults - Singles - Couples
 Four 1 hour sessions covers all aspects of the game.
 Choose from 2 sessions:
 Wednesdays; March 14, 21, 28 and April 4, 2007 - 6:00 p.m.
 Saturdays; March 17, 24, 31 and April 7, 2007 - 3:00 p.m.

Cost per any four session package is \$75.00 per person.
 No additional charges and no equipment necessary.

Sign up at the golf course or register by phone; 713 896 0900.



**Harris County Household Hazardous Waste
 ONE Day Collection Event**
Saturday, April 14th 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM ONLY
 Sam Houston Pace Park
 7575 N Sam Houston Parkway W (Enter via Fallbrook)



What should you bring?

Hazardous: Paint, pesticides, motor oil, fuel, antifreeze, household cleaners, solvents, car batteries, & pool chemicals

Recyclables: Cardboard, newspaper, white paper, magazines, phone books, ink cartridges, tires

Electronics: TV, computer monitors, laptops, CPUs, printers, scanners, fax machines, phones, stereos, DVD/VCR players

For more information call 713-290-3000 or visit www.cleanwaterclearchoice.org/hhw/collection.html

**Important City
 Phone Numbers**

Emergency Call	911
Main Number	713-466-2100
City Manager	713-466-2108
City Secretary	713-466-2102
Fire Dept	713-466-2130
Police Dept	713-466-5824
Permits	713-466-2110
Public Works	713-466-2133
Code Enforcement & Animal Control	713-466-2129
Water Billing & Taxes	713-466-2111
Municipal Court	713-466-2124
Golf Course	713-896-0900
City Pool	832-467-1032
JV STAR	713-466-2108

For more information visit
www.jerseyvillage.info



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