

JERSEY VILLAGE STAR

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Upcoming Events

- Dec. 8** 5:00pm Civic Center, American Legion Post 324
- Dec. 13** 8-5pm Police Station, Police Dept.
- Dec. 14** 10-2pm Open House
- Dec. 15** 1-4pm Carol Fox Park, Holiday in the Park
- Dec. 16** 7:00pm Civic Center, City Council Mtg.
- Dec. 17-18** Christmas Decoration Contest (See below for details!)

City Council Actions in November

Many of the Council's actions at the most recent session related to another bout of flood damage that occurred in Jersey Village during the October 28th storm. Council approved Ordinance 01-31 that temporarily eliminates permit fees for flood damage repairs, and provides a waiver of deposits relating to the October flood. A contract with A&T Environmental Cleaning was also approved for flood debris cleanup.

In another area that has received a great deal of resident and community interest, Council adopted Resolution 02-03 in support of rezoning of the school attendance zone for the Lakes of Jersey Village and Wyndham Lake Subdivisions.

City Council also dealt with a number of Harris County Tax Roll amendments; approved the declaration of certain city property as surplus and authorized its disposal and/or sale; appropriated funds for the purchase of a golf cart fleet for Jersey Meadow Golf Course; and approved change orders to expand paving on Lakeview Drive, sewer extension at the Police Station building, and some minor modifications (alarm installation and painting) at the Tahoe Lift Station.

Jersey Village Christmas Decoration Contest

The 2002 Christmas Decoration Contest will take place on December 17th & 18th. Awards will be given to the most outstanding display in each of the five judging sections in the Village. 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 7 through 9:30 p.m. on both of those evenings to qualify. Children's Choice judging will take place during the week prior to the main competition, so remember to light up for them too! There is a

two year interim before a winner becomes eligible again for an award.

Children between the ages of 5-12 who are residents of Jersey Village serve as our Junior Judges for the contest. This is a reminder to them to be sure and return their official voting forms to the ballot box outside 15434 Chichester by 10:00 pm on Sunday, December 15th.

Winners will be posted on the City notice boards and at our www.jerseyvillage.info web site Friday, December 20th. An additional copy of this notice and contest rules will also appear on the



web site in December.

This event is sponsored by the **Jersey Village Garden Club**. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy our Christmas Spirit.

Happy Holidays to all!

Capital Improvements

Each year, the City of Jersey Village allocates hundreds of thousands of dollars for maintaining and improving the infrastructure that sustains our community. Our Public Works Department reports on the progress of these efforts at the monthly Council Meetings, and the STAR will include this update as a regular feature.



TASK/PROJECT	% COMPLETE	COMMENTS
Philippine St. Reconstruction	98%	Majority of street work completed. Cleanup underway. City Engineer checking out storm sewer drainage at Hamilton Circle.
Lakeview/Rio Grande Recon.	98%	Cleanup proceeding. Change order to extend the street an additional section to correct drainage problem.
Chichester Drainage Improvement	100% Design	Scheduled for Fiscal year 2002-2003.
Tahoe Lift Station/Gravity Line	100%	Project complete; final inspection to be scheduled.
SCADA system for water plant	100%	System operating on automatic.
Fire Station	35%	Structural steel completed and CMU block walls are under construction. Portion of 2nd floor has also been installed.
Senate Avenue/Landscaping/Lights	30%	Delayed by rain. Drilling of foundation piers scheduled and water meters for irrigation have been installed.
Water line over W.O.B.	100%	Design completed.
Repaint Elevated Storage Tank #1	0%	Request authorization to bid -- Sept. Council meeting.
Castlebridge bridge construction	0%	Prelim. design underway; to bid November 2002

Holiday Safety

By: Officer S. Joachim

As the holiday season approaches we should take a minute to think about safety during the holidays. ***"It can happen to you,"*** so be careful and have a safe and carefree holiday season. Here are some tips on how to celebrate safely this holiday season:

Traveling

- Get an automatic timer for your lights.
- Ask a neighbor to watch your home, pick up your mail and newspapers, and park in the driveway from time to time.

Out For the Evening

- Turn on the lights, a radio, or TV so it looks like someone's home.

- Be extra cautious about locking doors and windows when you leave.

- Don't display gifts where they can be seen from outside.

- If your Christmas tree is visible from any doors or windows keep blinds or curtains closed when you are not home. Try to keep gifts locked in a closet or attic until Christmas Eve.

Shopping

- Stay alert and be aware of what is going on around you.

- Park in a well-lighted space, and be sure to lock the car, close the windows, and hide shopping bags and gifts in the trunk.

- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash; pay with a check or credit card whenever possible.

- Keep all credit card receipts and copies when you use your card.

- Carry a purse close to your body, not dangling by the straps.

- Put wallets in an inside coat or front pants pocket.

- Shopping with kids? Teach them to go to a store clerk or security guard if you get separated.

- Have your keys ready when leaving a store. Always make sure you know where you parked your vehicle and have those keys in your hand. They can be used as a weapon.

- When you intend on shopping at night, be sure you have a friend come along. If you do find yourself alone, ask the security guard to walk you to your car.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!



■ **Reminder...**

Mayor Ed Heathcott will be at City Hall at 7 pm the **first Monday of each month** ready to talk with residents about their concerns, interests, ideas and priorities for making Jersey Village a better place to live. Make it a point to stop by and visit with him.

■ **New rules and regulations for public use of City Hall and Civic Center facilities...**

The facilities may be reserved on a first come, first served basis by submitting a written request to the City Secretary's office. The facilities will be available for rental Tuesday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Friday through Sunday, from 8 a.m. to midnight.

The organizations that may use the facilities include: Service and Civic; Non-Social (classes and meetings - non-profit groups only); Social (Weddings, etc.); and Profit functions (classes and business meetings).

Those who use the facilities must provide their own equipment or supplies (e.g., extension cords, sound systems, etc.) and do their own setup and cleanup, as well -- within the time frame reserved. There are about 280 chairs and 20 8 ft. tables that may be available at no charge, provided they are not otherwise needed by the City. Air conditioning is controlled by timers on the thermostats, and specific instructions are posted by the thermostats.

Applicants must be at least 21 years of age to reserve the facilities.

For more information and a comprehensive fee schedule, please contact the City Secretary's office, 713-466-2102.



Each year during the winter holidays, an alarming number of residential fires are ignited by decorative candles left unattended, faulty or overloaded wiring, and unwatched pots on the stove. Fire can spread through your home quite rapidly and it is critical that all family members know how to respond immediately when the smoke alarm sounds.

- Locate two escape routes from each room -- first the door, second a window. If you have a second story consider buying fire escape ladders.
- As you exit, close all doors be-

hind you to slow the spread of fire and smoke.

■ If the exit is blocked by smoke or fire, use your second exit to escape. If you must escape through smoke, stay low and crawl under the smoke to safety. Crawl on your hands and knees, not belly, because heavier poisons will settle in a thin layer on the floor.

■ Choose a meeting place a safe distance from your home and make sure every family knows this.

■ Make sure the street number/address of your home is visible to firefighters.

■ Once outside, call 9-1-1 immediately from the nearest phone, or use a portable or cellular phone you can grab quickly on the way out.

■ Practice your escape drill at least twice a year.

■ NEVER go back inside a burning building! Once you are out and safe, stay out! ■

Get in the Holiday Spirit...

Holiday in the Park



Sunday, December 15th
1 - 4 pm at Carol Fox Park

The park will be covered in snow for the day and SANTA will visit at 2 pm!

For booth information please call Jill Klein at 713-937-8850.

Admission: a non-perishable food item for the food drive.



Happy Holidays!





Plan to stop by the **Jersey Village Police Station** 8am-5 pm on December 13th or 10am -2pm on December 14th for a **Holiday Open House**. Meet some of the men and women who serve and protect our community and take a tour of the station.



Lights, Sirens, Santa is coming! Santa will arrive **December 24 by Fire Engine** to visit all children in Jersey Village.

Listen for the sirens between 2:00 - 4:30 pm. Santa and his helpers will come by your street with candy canes so don't miss him!



■ **Child Safety Seat Inspections** ~Weekday Appointments Only, Jersey Village Emergency Services, 16327 Lakeview. Call 713-466-2130.

■ **Santa will also be available again this year to deliver toys to your home.** Here's how...Contact the Fire Department for information at 713-466-2130. Schedule a date for delivery -- December 13,14,15,20 or 21. Hours for delivery will be 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm. Time slots will be assigned on a first come, first serve basis.

Bring your child's wrapped present to the Fire Station the Thursday prior to your scheduled delivery date. The station address is 16327 Lakeview. A minimum donation of \$25.00 for delivery. Make checks payable to: *City of Jersey Village/Fire Dept. Donation Account.*



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