

JERSEY VILLAGE STAR

PUBLISHED MONTHLY FOR THE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE

NOVEMBER 2002

Upcoming Events

- Nov. 18** City Council Meeting
7:00 pm Civic Center
Auditorium
- Dec. 8** Holiday in the Park
1- 5 pm Carol Fox Park
- Dec. 17** Christmas
Dec. 18 Decoration Contest
7 - 9 pm



**Give the Gift of LIFE!
City of Jersey Village
BLOOD DRIVE
November 18, 2002
3:00 pm – 7:00 pm
16327 Lakeview
(Fire Station)
Call 713-466-2130
for an appointment.**

Message From The Mayor

On Monday, October 28, Jersey Village experienced another devastating flood. This is the most serious quality of life issue facing the City, and I want you to know what actions we are taking.

I contacted Precinct 4 County Commissioner Jerry Eversole and invited him to tour our city to observe first hand the magnitude of the flooding damage. He immediately agreed to meet with me. By Friday afternoon most of the 100 plus residents had their ruined carpet, furniture, etc in front of their homes and it was very descriptive. City Manager Dale Brown and Council Member A. J. Widacki accompanied us as we drove around Jersey Village.

Commissioner Eversole has been following Jersey Village's flooding situation and shares our concerns. He is committed to funding an accelerated project schedule on White Oak Bayou (WOB). Commissioner Eversole phoned Michael Talbott, Director, Harris County Flood Control (HCFCD), to learn the current status of the Jersey Village Bypass Channel project.

The engineering contract has been awarded to R.G. Miller Engineering. Re-grading of the channel outside of Beltway 8 will start in the spring 2003. The construction of the continuation of the Bypass Channel to WOB inside Beltway 8 will start the summer 2004. When this project is complete, it will reduce JV's possibility of flood by at least 12". By diverting WOB floodwater around JV, it will allow JV's storm sewers to carry water off our streets faster.

It appears some of the homes received water damage from rising water in the street rather than over flow from WOB. JV's City Council will continue to monitor and urge HCFCD to meet or improve the construction schedule on all of the WOB drainage improvement projects.

Ed Heathcott, Mayor

Sandy's Corner Christmas Spirit

By Officer S. Joachim

Christmas is a time of love, joy, and giving. On December 13 from 8am to 5pm and December 14 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** on December

16. The volunteers at the Mission will distribute the toys on December 19 and 20. 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.



Officer S. Joachim

The Jersey Village Police Department is excited about this event and we are asking everyone to look into their hearts in order to bring a little joy and hope to someone less fortunate than we are.

For more information please contact Officer S. Joachim or Officer C. J. Harper at 713-466-5824.

To learn more about The Mission of Yahweh, visit online: www.missionofyahweh.org.

Council Actions for October

At its meeting on October 21, 2002 City Council approved the following items:

- Minutes of the September 16 and 23, 2002 sessions;
- Harris County Appraisal District's 2001 Supplemental Roll #10 as an amendment to the Tax Roll with an increase in appraised value of \$94,550.00 resulting in a tax increase of \$638.21 based on a tax rate of \$.675/100.
- Harris County Appraisal District's 2000 Supplemental Roll #15 as an amendment to the Tax Roll with an increase in appraised value of \$32,540.00 resulting in a tax increase of \$219.65 based on a tax rate of \$.675/100.
- Harris County Appraisal District's 2001 Correction Roll #25 as an amendment to the Tax Roll with a decrease in appraised value of \$127,270.00 resulting in a tax decrease of \$859.07 based on a tax rate of \$.675/100.
- Harris County Appraisal District's 2000 Correction Roll #31 as an amendment to the Tax Roll with a decrease in appraised value of \$71,350.00 resulting in a tax decrease of \$481.61 based on a tax rate of \$.675/100.
- Ambulance internship agreement with Cy-Fair College and the City of Jersey Village EMS to provide for an internship program for EMS students.
- Preliminary Plat for Wyndham Lakes Subdivision.
- Contract with Specialized Billing for the collection of ambulance service fees.
- Change Order No. 1 with TJ&T for the 12" water line across White Oak Bayou and the sidewalk paving at Philippine/ Equador Park for \$76,805.98;
- Waiver of penalties and interest in the amount of \$3,963.22 for property taxes per a request from Logitech, Inc.
- Authorized City Manager to execute a purchase agreement for the purchase of a UHF Channel and associated hardware for Public Works Department.
- Ordinance No. 02-30 amending the 2002-2003 budget for the purchase of a UHF Channel and associated hardware for the Public Works Department and \$6,400.00 for the payment due for a mower for the golf course.

Fiscal Year 2002-2003 Budget Highlights

On September 23, 2002 the Jersey Village City Council adopted the fiscal year 2002-2003 Budget. As required by State law and the city charter, the budget must be balanced. The budget and expenditure accounts of the city are organized on the basis of funds and account groups, each of which is considered a separate operating entity. Each fund has its own revenue source and expenditures and can be thought of as a small business. For instance, money derived from the water and sewer bills goes to the Utility Fund. The operations and capital improvements of the water and sewer lines, water wells, sewer treatment plant, etc. are paid from these monies. Any money not spent by the water and sewer operations is retained in the Utility Fund for the next year.



Currently Jersey Village operates with eight (8) separate funds: the General Fund, Utility Fund, Debt Service Fund, Impact Fee Fund, Motel Tax Fund, Capital Replacement Fund, Capital Improvements Fund and Golf Course Fund.

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 wide services.

The Utility Fund accounts for the maintenance and general operation of three water plants, two wastewater treatment plants, 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 (General Fund) debts of the City. The 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 and to provide meeting rooms and facilities in 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. The revenue sources for this fund are the General Fund, the Utility Fund and the Criminal Justice Sales Tax.

The Capital Improvements Fund contains the planned capital projects for the fiscal year that are funded through the general obligation debts or funds of the city.

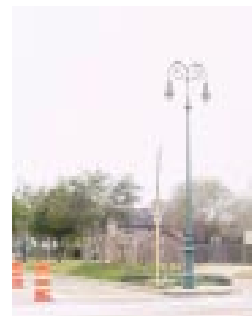
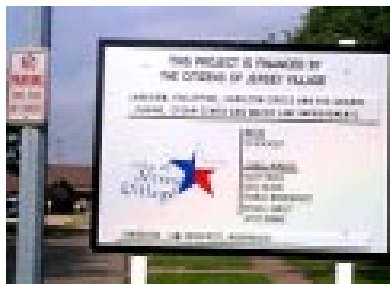
The Golf Course Fund is designed to provide funding for the operation of Jersey Meadow Golf Course. Primary funding is through user fees of the golf course; however, the debt related to purchasing the course is also backed up by funds from the Debt Service Fund.

The Fiscal Year 2002-03 budget allocates funds for two new positions, an assistant to the city manager and a capital improvements construction manager. One time expenditures include laptops city council meetings, a rotary filing system for permanent records, three (3) computerized citation devices for the police department, a patrol detective car, two (2) pickup trucks (one for street operations and one for utility), two (2) police cars and mowing equipment for the golf course.

Additionally, the following capital improvements were funded:

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Lakeview Drive Reconstruction- north of White Oak Bayou	\$1,500,000
Ornamental Street Lights on Senate Avenue	100,000
Chichester Street Drainage Improvements	397,973
Civic Center/City Hall Remodeling	100,000
Televising Sewer Lines	25,000
Paint/Rehabilitation of Elevated Storage Tank off Solomon	160,000
Upgrade Philippine Lift Station	120,000
Replace Water Line on Lakeview north of White Oak Bayou	220,000
Sewer Rehabilitation	500,000
30" Trunk Line Ginger Lane/White Oak Bayou Rehabilitation	500,000
Water Line across big White Oak Bayou	<u>\$ 210,000</u>
Total Budgeted for General Capital Improvements	\$ 2,277,973
Total Budgeted for Utility Capital Improvements	<u>1,735,000</u>
Total Capital Improvements	\$ 4,012,973



CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE ~ SUMMARY OF BUDGET BY FUND

OCTOBER 1, 2002 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2003

<u>FUND</u>	<i>ACTUAL</i>	<i>ESTIMATED</i>	<i>BUDGET</i>
	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
AVAILABLE FOR ALLOCATION 10/01/XX:	\$ 2,644,976	\$3,120,529	\$2,329,464
Revenues:			
Property Taxes	\$ 2,402,028	\$ 3,175,025	\$ 2,183,200
Sales Tax	1,409,790	1,139,600	1,200,000
Sales Tx-Reduction Property Tx	704,894	624,383	600,000
Other Taxes (Franchise, etc.)	539,322	589,258	554,900
Licenses & Permits	110,333	115,685	113,200
Fines & Warrants	468,848	404,579	445,223
Fees	156,252	104,111	95,800
Administrative Transfers	301,363	300,000	400,000
Interest	202,114	79,573	50,000
Crime Control District	11,000	392,292	650,159
All Other	\$ 144,901	\$ 341,604	\$ 41,300
 Total Revenues	 \$ 6,450,845	 \$ 7,266,610	 \$ 6,333,782
 Total Available Funds	 \$ 8,461,217	 \$ 10,386,639	 \$ 8,663,246
Departmental Appropriations			
Administrative Services	\$ 281,662	\$ 292,280	\$ 404,094
Legal/Other Services	1,447,313	2,151,113	837,225
Central Store	62,980	66,900	106,259
Finance Services	143,618	148,281	174,570
Customer Service	106,868	165,194	164,020
Municipal Court	222,378	221,561	217,973
Police	1,061,879	1,724,067	1,722,710
Police Grants	63,128	31,003	0
Dispatch	340,193	371,398	438,974
Fire	325,139	864,456	539,735
Fire Marshal	84,172	0	0
Public Works	144,991	164,526	172,122
Community Development	202,641	214,941	278,628
Streets	350,986	365,710	407,565
Building Maintenance	148,979	159,577	173,388
Sanitation	431,710	387,057	398,766
Fleet Services	297,911	407,309	224,654
Parks and Recreation	\$ 258,744	\$ 325,796	\$ 364,154
 Total Appropriations	 \$ 5,975,291	 \$ 8,057,175	 \$ 6,624,837
 AVAILABLE FOR ALLOCATION 09/30/XX:	 \$ 2,485,925	 \$ 2,329,464	 \$ 2,038,409

FUND	ACTUAL	ESTIMATED	BUDGET
	2000-2001	2001-02	2002-03
<u>UTILITY FUND</u>			
AVAILABLE FOR ALLOCATION 10/01/XX:	\$ 2,436,331	\$ 1,977,282	\$ 1,837,678
Total Revenues	<u>2,020,400</u>	<u>2,669,125</u>	<u>2,269,400</u>
Total Available Funds	4,456,731	4,646,407	4,107,078
Total Appropriations	<u>2,479,449</u>	<u>2,808,728</u>	<u>3,664,295</u>
AVAILABLE FOR ALLOCATION 09/30/XX:	\$ 1,977,282	\$ 1,837,679	\$ 442,783
<u>DEBT SERVICE FUND</u>			
AVAILABLE FOR ALLOCATION 10/01/XX:	\$ 1,039,866	\$ 1,066,580	\$ 1,242,764
Total Revenues	1,597,119	2,000,000	2,048,138
Total Available Funds	2,680,353	3,139,511	3,290,685
Total Appropriations	1,570,406	1,896,747	2,005,500
AVAILABLE FOR ALLOCATION 09/30/XX:	\$ 1,109,947	\$ 1,242,547	\$ 1,285,185
<u>IMPACT FEE FUND</u>			
AVAILABLE FOR ALLOCATION 10/01/XX:	\$ 167,574	\$ 229,030	\$ 300,090
Total Revenues	<u>61,456</u>	<u>71,060</u>	<u>85,500</u>
Total Available Funds	172,823	300,090	385,590
Total Appropriations	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
AVAILABLE FOR ALLOCATION 09/30/XX:	\$ 172,823	\$ 300,090	\$ 385,590
<u>MOTEL TAX FUND</u>			
AVAILABLE FOR ALLOCATION 10/01/XX:	\$ 232,998	\$ 315,801	\$ 368,697
Total Revenues	<u>88,896</u>	<u>83,957</u>	<u>97,000</u>
Total Available Funds	246,234	399,758	465,697
Appropriations	<u>6,093</u>	<u>31,061</u>	<u>35,000</u>
AVAILABLE FOR ALLOCATION 09/30/XX:	\$ 315,801	\$ 368,697	\$ 430,697
<u>CAPITAL REPLACEMENT FUND</u>			
AVAILABLE FOR ALLOCATION 10/01/XX:	\$ 364,102	\$ 505,071	\$ 762,061
Total Revenues	<u>244,762</u>	<u>733,502</u>	<u>350,974</u>
Total Available Funds	335,404	1,238,573	1,113,305
Total Appropriations	<u>103,792</u>	<u>476,512</u>	<u>331,490</u>
AVAILABLE FOR ALLOCATION 09/30/XX:	\$ 231,612	\$ 762,061	\$ 781,545
<u>CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND</u>			
AVAILABLE FOR ALLOCATION 10/01/XX:	\$ 2,111,055	\$ 2,649,387	\$ 1,646,973
Total Revenues	<u>1,522,858</u>	<u>4,152,613</u>	<u>703,025</u>
Total Funds Available	3,287,887	6,802,000	2,349,998
Total Appropriations	<u>984,526</u>	<u>5,155,027</u>	<u>2,349,931</u>
AVAILABLE FOR ALLOCATION 09/30/XX:	\$ 2,303,361	\$ 1,646,973	\$ 67
<u>GOLF COURSE FUND</u>			
AVAILABLE FOR ALLOCATION 10/01/XX:	\$ 344,005	\$ 62,346	\$ 100,203
Total Revenues	<u>1,764,098</u>	<u>1,792,943</u>	<u>2,010,300</u>
Total Funds Available	1,764,098	1,855,290	2,110,503
Total Appropriations	<u>2,045,757</u>	<u>1,755,087</u>	<u>1,959,401</u>
AVAILABLE FOR ALLOCATION 09/30/XX:	\$ (281,659)	\$ 100,203	\$ 151,102



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.

If you are a Jersey Village resident and have children between the ages of 5-12 years who would like to vote in the Children's Choice, contact Sandy, before November 22nd at 832-243-0909. She will register your Junior Judges and ensure that they receive the official ballot papers. Be sure to return their voting forms to the ballot box outside 15434 Chichester by 10 p.m. on Sunday, December 15th.

Winners will be posted on City notice boards and on our www.jerseyvillage.info web site on Friday, December 20th. A copy of this notice and the rules for the competition 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.

Yards of the Month

Congratulations to...



■ 16201 St. Helier
Mike And Vilma Buchala



■ 15702 Congo
A E Buck



■ 15818 Tahoe
Kevin and Sallie Kindrick



■ 15101 Lakeview
Betty Long



■ 8525 Ivy Falls
J R Twachtman



Happy Thanksgiving!

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.



MONTHLY STATISTICS,

September 2002

JV Police Department:

Calls for Service	357
Vehicle Theft	5
Theft	16
Aggravated Assault	0
Burglary, business	2
Burglary, vehicle	3
Disturbance	10
Narcotics, felony	0
Minor accidents	65
Major accidents	7
Alarms	54
Suspicious person	55
Traffic control	3
Traffic hazard	18

October 2002

JV Emergency Services Dept.:

Rescue & EMS calls	63
Structure Fires	1
Vehicle Fires	1
Hazardous Condition (No fire)	6
Service calls	3
False Alarm	3
Cancelled enroute	11
Total calls	88
Ambulance transports	35



■ Child Safety Seat Inspections

~Weekday Appointments Only, Jersey

Village Emergency Services, 16327 Lakeview. Call 713-466-2130.

■ Lights! Siren! Santa!

Santa will 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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