

JERSEY VILLAGE STAR

ON THE HORIZON...

■ **City Council election** to be held May 4, 2002 for Council members for place 1, 4, and 5. The polls will be open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at City Hall, 16501 Jersey Drive. Early voting: weekdays, April 17-30, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., with special extended hours on Saturday, April 27th, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

■ Get out your poodle skirts, saddle shoes, leather jackets and letter sweaters for **The Bunny Hop**, to be held in the JV Civic Center on March 23, 7-10 p.m. For more information, contact Jill Klein, 713-937-8850.

■ **Water Supply Town Hall Meeting** -- North Harris County Regional Water Authority has made an offer to purchase the City's interconnect with Houston. To be held in early April; watch website for more information...

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Spring is
just around
the corner!



March 2002

Council Authorizes Fire Department Construction to Proceed as Designed...

In a three-two vote, City Council authorized the City Manager to proceed with construction of the new Fire Station as originally drawn and to complete the necessary preparatory work for the sale of Bonds in the amount of \$2.3 million.

The decision was reached after considerable discussion about other options for expanding the emergency services facility, public comments during the session, and remarks by Fire Chief, Kathy Hutchens. All agreed that a long-term scenario was desirable to avoid additional remodeling and construction in the years ahead.

Prior to the vote, concern was expressed about considering other sites or construction alternatives. The consensus was that there is no such thing as a perfect "plan" and that a wide variety of options had been considered for more than three years in development of the plan presented in the election. Council members voted 5-0 to put the actions in motion necessary to sell the bonds. City Hall offices will be relocated to the old Church of Christ building as work on the fire station progresses.

During the public comment period of the Council meeting, firefighters thanked the residents for their support for their "morale building" support for the new Fire Station. ■





A Fab Fifties Bunny Hop...

It's time to rummage around in the attic and dig out those old poodle skirts, crinolines, leather jackets, and saddle shoes to get ready for a Fab Fifties party at the Jersey Village Civic Center. **The Bunny Hop** will be held on Saturday, March 23rd from 7 - 10 p.m. *Be there or be square!*

Get ready to Jitterbug, do the Stroll, the Monkey, the Bop, or Twist the night away to a Hit Parade of Goldie Oldies played by a hip Disc Jockey,! There will be cookies and lemonade and plenty of games and contests with prizes!

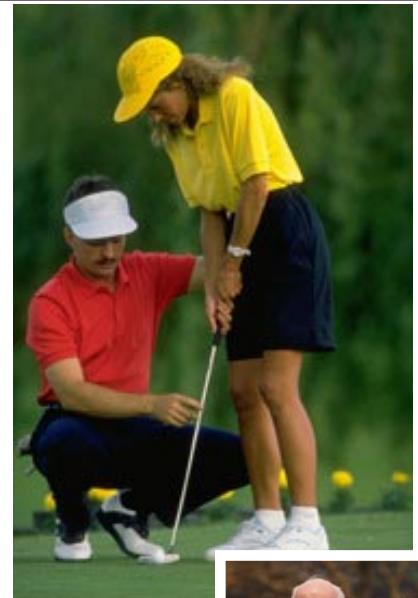
So Daddy-O! Slick back your hair, get your steady gal, bone up on your 50's trivia...and don't be late! Join your friends and neighbors for a night to remember...take a trip down memory lane relive those great 50's moments when the Fonz was cool and music was actually played on a record player! **See 'ya there.**

Group Golf Clinics Scheduled

Group golf clinics will be offered this Spring at Jersey Meadow Golf Course. Classes will be conducted by former LPGA Tour Professional Lynn Parker. Scheduling is relatively flexible, with four one-hour group sessions given on four consecutive dates.

Each clinic can be tailored to the skill levels of the group and are also available for beginner to intermediate or advanced players. Three possible time frames will be offered: Saturday morning, Saturday afternoon, and Sunday afternoon. After Daylight Savings Time is again in effect, classes may also be scheduled on weekday evenings.

The cost for all four one-hour sessions is \$50, golf balls included. If you are interested in participating in the group lessons, please contact Lynn at 281-463-8953.



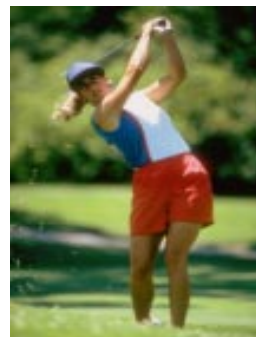
Golf Rounds Up Over 2001...

In January 2002, 2800 rounds of golf were played at Jersey Meadow Golf Course as compared to 1526 played in 2001. This represents almost a 200% increase in utilization in just one year.

Senior play has also enjoyed a dramatic increase; from about 26% in October 2001 to roughly 34% in January 2002. The course offers a special Super Senior Rate for non-member golfers over 70, and the greatly reduced greens fee of \$18 for these older golfers from 6:30 a.m. - 8 a.m., Monday through Friday.

Since the Star Member program went into effect January 1st this year, 38 resident and 20 non-resident memberships have been sold -- that's 58 new members!

For more information about what's new on the links, golfing specials, pro shop sales, and some great money saving coupons, visit online -- www.jerseymeadow.homestead.com.



'It takes Public Works to maintain a Village...'

Anyone who regularly attends City Council meetings knows that a great deal of the Council members' time is spent deliberating projects that maintain or improve our neighborhoods. While our City is relatively small, JV's Director of Public Works, **Rod Hainey**, points out that because of our proximity to Houston, "we are a small city with big city issues."

The responsibilities of this twenty three person department include the operation and administration of engineering, public utilities (including water and wastewater operations), streets/drainage, parks and recreation, inspections and code enforcement, sanitation, fleet services and administration of the City's capital improvement program.

"Our residents are probably not aware that we commit, on average, between \$1 to \$2 million each year to our capital improvement projects," Hainey explained. "Some of these expenditures are quite obvious...like the Phillippine Street reconstruction or the painting of the ground storage tank. Some of the funding covers design and engineering costs," he continued, "or for ongoing maintenance and renovations."

"We are fortunate to have Harris County as our improvement partner, as well," Hainey said. "The recently completed Senate Avenue project was done in cooperation with Harris County Pct. 4, and we will now move forward with the landscaping and antique lighting provided for in our 2002 budget. At the same time, we'll be doing the design work to be ready to start on the street projects that have been identified for reconstruction in the next several years. It never really stops."

The gentle burr of his native Glasgow, Scotland is still barely discernible in his speech, even though Rod and his family emigrated to Canada in 1970. After going to college in Ontario for a few years, he came south to Texas in search of opportunity.

"I can tell you without reservation that if I had stayed in Glasgow, I would never have enjoyed the career choices I have had in America. I'd probably be one of those 'soccer hooligans' -- married before I was 20 and ending up with lots of kids," he laughs. "Instead, I've had the chance to gain 20 years of valuable municipal and utility construction experience and have been in this position for 6 years."

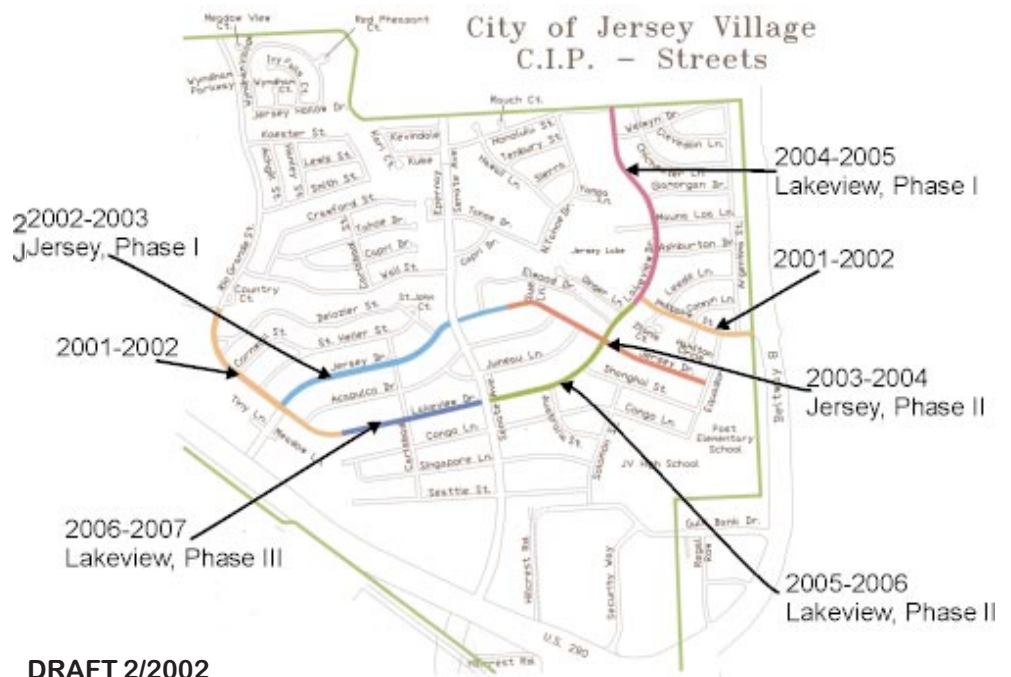
Rod isn't kidding about the soccer involvement. He said he started kicking the ball around as soon as he was able to stand up, and still follows the UK's "football" as often as possible. He's very



cagey about revealing which team he supports, though, and will say only that he favors the "old firm teams."

Rod, his wife, D.J., and their three sons (age 16, 14, and 12) all play soccer. Rod volunteers as a Texans coach, he is a certified referee, and he plays on both a mixed and men's soccer team.

"This is what I dedicate virtually all my spare time to. You can usually find me playing in or watching one soccer game or another. It's good exercise and is quite social, too. I'm not going to rust out," he concludes, "I'm just going to wear out!" ■



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Congratulations...

Paige M. Wheat, daughter of JV residents Lee and Susan Wheat, was recently chosen to perform with the Texas All-State Choir in San Antonio as part of the 2002 Texas Music Educators Association Clinic/Convention. She was chosen for the honor in competitive auditions held across the state earlier this year. She is a member of the Jersey Village High School Acapella Choir, under the direction of Michael Lysinger and Neena Taylor.

Paige is also President of the JVHS Junior class and a member of the National Honor Society, and is active at Jersey Village Baptist Church. ■



Council Welcomes New Police Officers...At the February Council meeting, Police Chief Charles Wedemeyer introduced new Jersey Village police officers to the Council members and attendees. They are (left to right) Eusevio DelToro, Stephan Baird, Monroe Anderson, Jr., and John Jackson.

In the Garden...



The Jersey Village Garden Club is offering **scholarships** for full-time students of horticulture who live in the Northwest Houston area. Applicants should send their name, address, phone number, college major, number of hours acquired, grade point average, and goals to the Jersey Village Garden Club, 15602 Congo, Jersey Village, TX 77040-2114. Deadline for applications is March 15, 2002. Recipients will be announced in the Spring of 2002.



The City of Jersey Village **Parks and Landscaping Committee** would like to thank the following for their generous



donations to the tree planting along Rio Grande earlier this year: Betty Bailey; James & Paula Barry; Dan & Joyce Berube; David & Barbara Birkes; Thomas & Gail Brodie; Leonard & Sylvia Claus; Robert & Pamela Cunningham; Chau Duc Phan & Jang Nguyen; Ernest & LaJean English; Helen Gilbert; Michael & Jenny Gonzalez; Jerry & Linda Gragg; Grimmer Electric Co., Inc.; Jerry & Denise Jungels; Robert & Darcy Mingoia; Robert & Marcy Mitcham; Stephen & Ruth Mueller; Robert Patin & Rosemarie Waiand; Thomas Pounds; Barth & Shirley Rodes; Reva Rohe; Ronald & Judith Selz; William & Carol Tomko; Donald & Inger Turbyfill; Robert & Pat Weirich; Marvin & Lynn Wurzer; and the Wyndham Village Home Owners Association. Donations raised \$2300 -- which was \$1100 over budget -- and allowed the purchase of additional trees. **THANK YOU!**



The Jersey Village Garden Club will meet Tuesday, March 12th at the Jersey Village City Hall. Refreshments at 9:30 a.m., meeting at 10 a.m. **"Perennials in the Garden"** will be presented by Suzanne Chapman, Greenhouse Manager at Mercer Arboretum. The Club is also having a **plant and garage sale** on Saturday, March 16th....

Time: 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Where: 8505 Hawaii Lane

Rain Date: Sat., March 23



Actions By City Council

- 1. Capital Improvement Projects bids** -- with only 6 bids on paving, storm sewer, and water line improvements, Council decided to put the projects back for bid and to provide more information to clarify traffic control issues that increased the earlier bids. The objective is to reduce costs for these projects and to expedite a contract for consideration at the next Council meeting.
- 2. Painting the elevated water storage tank on Jersey Drive** -- The low bid was accepted from D&W Contractors, Inc. and Council authorized the finalization of the contract and work to begin.
- 3. Accepted offer for a Town Hall public meeting** -- In addressing City Council, Ed Shackelford, General Manager, North Harris County Regional Water Authority, offered to hold an open public meeting for the citizens of Jersey Village to express their concerns, to ask questions, and to enter into a dialogue about future water supplies and purchase by the Authority of the Interconnect with Houston. *Date and time to be announced soon.*

LEARN HOW TO SAVE A LIFE...

Jersey Village Emergency Service is offering American Red Cross CPR and First Aid classes on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. special arrangements are available for daytime classes.

The course fee is \$40 and participants will be provided with all materials needed and will receive an American Red Cross Card upon successful completion of the class.

For more information or to register, call 713-466-2130. ■



Pool to Open Early This Year!

The swimming pool will open early for family enjoyment this year the last two weekends of May (May 18, 19, 25, 26). When school is out, the pool opens full time on Friday, May 31. The pool will not be open on Mondays except for holidays.

Swim lesson sign up will be held at the pool on May 18 and May 25. The regular pool hours (in effect for early weekend dates and May 31-July 7th) are Tuesday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and Sunday hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. From July 8th until the pool closes for the season on September 2nd, the pool hours will be Tuesday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., and weekends 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., as well.

Swim team practice starts Tuesday, April 23 and continues through July 7th. Swim meets will be held at Jersey Village Pool on May 25th (open at 1 or 2 p.m.); June 8th (open at 1 or 2 p.m.), and a Divisional Meet on June 22nd (open at 4 or 5 p.m.).

For additional information about pool operations, rules, or about obtaining family or guest passes, please contact Jennifer, 713-466-2100. ■

Visit the new official Jersey Village website for the latest community information... www.jerseyvillage.info

Resolution Establishing Goals for the Reduction of Flooding in Jersey Village

RESOLUTION NO. 02-1

WHEREAS, on June 9, 2001, property owners and residents of Jersey Village suffered severe flood damage; and

WHEREAS, such flood was the second major flood in Jersey Village in less than three years; and

WHEREAS, approximately 25% of the homes in Jersey Village suffered flood damage resulting in a substantial loss in property values; and

WHEREAS, the City of Jersey Village believes that White Oak Bayou should be improved to the point of lowering the 100 year flood flow to remain within its banks through at least the Jersey Village city limits; and

WHEREAS, the Harris County Flood Control District ("HCFCD") has developed a series of improvements to be implemented to reduce flood damage along White Oak Bayou, projects that will significantly move toward achieving a goal of reducing the 100 year flood levels to remain within the bayou banks, should begin immediately a process that will culminate by 2007; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Jersey Village believes that the following actions be immediately undertaken by HCFCD:

1. By the end of the county fiscal year 2003-04 completely open the Jersey Village by-pass.
2. By the end of the county fiscal year 2003-04 complete channel improvements from Beltway 8 to North Houston Rosslyn which will result in widening the bottom of the channel of White Oak Bayou to at least thirty (30) feet wide, with appropriate side slopes.
3. By the end of county fiscal year 2003-04, design, construct and place in operation the 43-acre detention facility in Jersey Village.
4. Beginning in county fiscal year 2002-03 and culminating in fiscal year 2004-05, HCFCD should define specific tracts upstream and downstream of Jersey Village in addition to those already identified for purchase as storm water detention sites sufficient to further widen White Oak Bayou to the maximum width possible, (about sixty (60) feet) and complete acquisition of the properties.
5. Beginning in county fiscal year 2004-05 and culminating in fiscal year 2006-07, undertake additional detention pond construction and channel improvements from Beltway 8 to North Houston Rosslyn which will result in widening the bottom of the channel of White Oak Bayou to its maximum capacity or at least sixty (60) feet, with appropriate side slopes.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Jersey Village believes that such plans will work towards alleviating future flooding in Jersey Village and in areas downstream of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Jersey Village requests HCFCD to include these projects in all future Capital Improvement plans until such time as all projects are completed; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE:

Section 1. That the commissioners' court of Harris County is requested and urged to cause HCFCD to obtain funding and to set its priorities so that implementation of Capital Improvement plans to return the 100 year flood levels on White Oak Bayou through Jersey Village to bank full levels by 2007.

Section 2. That the mayor and other appropriate officers of the City are directed to provide a copy of this resolution to commissioners' court.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 18th day of February, 2002.