



# Jersey Village Star



July 2011

A message from Jersey Village Emergency Management Office...

## Hurricane Season is in Session!

On the first day of Hurricane season (June 1) we have already seen an active Caribbean and a storm come over Florida. This year it is expected to be very busy with storm activity. 12 major storms are predicted to develop and 4 of them are expected to hit the United States. How many and where they would hit is still up in the air. Last year was a very busy and active season for hurricanes. We were fortunate to not see one come to Texas. We ask

citizens every year "are you ready?" Do you have the correct essentials necessary to sustain living for many days? You are the only person that has the answer to these questions. You know if you're ready or not. You know what assistance you need. On the World Wide Web, you can find a variety of websites to assist you. Websites such as [www.ready.org](http://www.ready.org) will help in preparation of hurricane season and give you the necessary essential lists to prepare.

### Statistics for MAY 2011 JV Police Department

|                     |      |
|---------------------|------|
| Calls for Service   | 1192 |
| Vehicle Theft       | 2    |
| Aggravated Assault  | 1    |
| Burglary, Business  | 0    |
| Burglary, Residence | 1    |
| Burglary, Vehicle   | 4    |
| Disturbance         | 69   |
| Narcotics, felony   | 0    |
| Minor accidents     | 89   |
| Major accidents     | 37   |
| Alarms              | 140  |
| Suspicious person   | 186  |
| Traffic control     | 5    |
| Traffic hazard      | 34   |

### JV Fire Department

|                                |    |
|--------------------------------|----|
| Building Fires                 | 6  |
| Auto Fires                     | 0  |
| Other Fires                    | 3  |
| Rescue/EMS incidents           | 60 |
| Hazardous Conditions           | 4  |
| Service Calls                  | 5  |
| Smoke or odor calls            | 2  |
| False alarms/cancelled enroute | 9  |
| Total Ambulance Transports     | 51 |

### 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.                         | 713-466-2123 |
| Permits                              | 713-466-2110 |
| Public Works                         | 713-466-2133 |
| Code Enforcement<br>& Animal Control | 713-466-2129 |
| Water Billing                        | 713-466-2111 |
| Municipal Court                      | 713-466-2124 |
| Golf Course                          | 713-896-0900 |
| City Pool                            | 832-467-1032 |
| JV STAR                              | 713-466-2108 |

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## Sgt. Sandy's Corner Craig's List

By: Sgt. S. Joachim

Bargain hunters love craigslist. With a little bit of searching you can find a good deal on just about anything, and while the majority of craigslist users are well intentioned sellers, it's still a good idea to use these safety tips to protect yourself while making a deal online.

1. Don't give out any of your personal information. Be wary of anyone requiring you to share your address, phone number, or bank account details in order to complete a transaction. Legitimate jobs and apartment rentals will sometimes require a background or credit check, but do not agree to them until after you have met the employer or landlord in person.

2. Deal locally. According to craigslist, 99% of all scams can be avoided by dealing locally with someone you have to meet in person. When you ship in good faith, it is easy for a scammer to take your item and never pay you for it, or cash your check and never mail you what you purchased.

3. Meet in public areas and take a friend. If you are buying/selling a large item, make sure that it is outside on the porch. This prevents you from entering an unfamiliar home, or from having to allow strangers into yours. Bringing a friend for backup, this will help keep you safe and reduce your chances of getting scammed.

4. Never wire money to a seller and watch out for fake payments. Watch out for fake cashier's checks and money orders. Banks will cash them

and hold you responsible, even when the fake is discovered weeks later. Scammers often claim that an MTCN or confirmation code is needed before he can withdraw your money - this is FALSE, once you've wired money, it is GONE.

5. Trust your instincts. If a deal seems too good to be true, then it probably is. Scams can happen with housing and job postings as well. If a seller or landlord doesn't want to meet with you, stop the deal. The item or apartment probably doesn't exist and you just saved yourself from making an expensive mistake.

***Whether you are a seller of products, provider of services, or a buyer, caution and discretion is advised when participating in any Craigslist transaction.***

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## Consumer Confidence Report (CCR)

On an annual basis, the State of Texas requires municipalities to issue a formal report on the quality of their water supply. This report is titled the Consumer Confidence Report. The annual consumer confidence report for the City of Jersey Village was distributed last month along with the JV Star. Although Jersey Village relies on the City of Houston for its water supply, last month's report did not include the CCR from the City of Houston. On a daily basis, ninety-nine percent of the water the City of Jersey Village provides for residents originates from the City of Houston. The CCR for the City of Houston water system is available at the following link: [http://documents.publicworks.houstontx.gov/documents/divisions/utilities/water\\_quality\\_report\\_2010.pdf](http://documents.publicworks.houstontx.gov/documents/divisions/utilities/water_quality_report_2010.pdf)

The City of Jersey Village has three water distribution plants. The city's main water plant is located on Seattle St. The Seattle St. plant also serves as the point where City of Houston water enters Jersey Village. The city's secondary and

emergency stand-by plant is the West Rd. water plant. This plant is capable of providing well-water to the city in the event that we are unable to receive City of Houston water. If water usage in Jersey Village exceeds three million gallons per day, the West Rd. plant may be utilized to help fill water requirements within the city.

The City's third plant is the Village Dr. water plant. This plant is only used in an emergency where both the Seattle St. and West Rd. plants have failed. The report in last month's star was based on test results from the Village Dr. water plant. Because the Village Dr. plant is physically located in Jersey Village, the State of Texas requires the city to use results from that specific plant for the purposes of reporting consumer confidence information to residents. For residents concerned about their water quality, the City of Houston's CCR provides the most pertinent information. Should the state persist in their requirement for the city to publish

water quality information from the Village Dr. plant, we will also include the City of Houston CCR, along with an explanation of water production in Jersey Village.

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## Jones Road Extension Project Update

The project is near completion. All of the concrete roadway has been completed along with storm drainage systems. The new water main has been installed with adjacent fire hydrants. Efforts are underway to complete the sanitary sewer lift station and supply the facility with needed electrical service. The new roadway has been striped and vehicular signs have also been installed. Traffic signalization should be completed by the second to third week of July. Also, sometime in July cobra style streets lights will be installed. Tentatively the roadway is set to open for public use on August 5, 2011.

## Water Restriction Measures for Jersey Village

**PLEASE NOTE: To meet publication deadlines, the article that follows was written well in advance of the July 1st distribution date for the JV Star. Jersey Village may already be operating under its drought contingency plan by the time this month's newsletter comes out.**

As you may have read or seen in the news, many cities in the greater Houston area have issued water restrictions notices to their residents. The City of Jersey Village has been fortunate in this regard, as we receive our water from the City of Houston and no water restrictions have been imposed yet. The following is information related to the possible implementation of water restrictions.

### **What would cause Jersey Village to initiate water restrictions?**

Jersey Village would receive notice from the city of Houston that the Mayor of Houston has declared a Stage One water shortage and requests wholesale water customers to initiate their own drought contingency plans. At this time Jersey Village will enact Phase One of its drought contingency plan. Notification will be made to residents via door hangers. Specifically, residents will be advised as to the days and times that they may water. Additional restrictions may be found at Chapter 70, Article V of the city's Code of Ordinances.

### **What events trigger the City of Houston to implement their water shortage program?**

Once the City of Houston averages 673 million gallons per day for three straight days, the City of Houston will declare a stage one water shortage. The Mayor of Houston may initiate

Stage One if other circumstances warrant water conservation. Once Houston initiates stage one of their water shortage plan and requests its wholesale customers to do likewise, Jersey Village is obligated to follow suit as soon as practicable. You may keep an eye on the City of Houston daily water usage at <http://dwsn.publicworks.houstontx.gov/watergauges/>

### **What Happens when Jersey Village enters into phase one of its plan?**

The primary impact of the initiation of phase one is to limit lawn irrigation to specific days of the week, and specific times on those days. The day of the week that you may water is based upon your residential street address. Those dates and times are outlined in the city's Drought Contingency Plan (Ch. 70, Art. V). As the city progresses from phase one to phase four of its drought contingency plan, additional measures are utilized to conserve water.

Please keep in mind that the City of Houston will advertise impending drought restrictions using all media outlets available. When you hear on TV that the City of Houston is considering drought restrictions, the City of Jersey Village is not far behind.

To view the city's Drought Contingency Plan, please go to the following web site: [www.municode.com](http://www.municode.com). Once you get to the Municode site, select "Municode Library" from the ribbon at the top of the page. Then select the State of Texas. Select the Jersey Village link, and then select the Jersey Village Code of Ordinances link. In the table of contents find chapter 70 Utilities and click on that link you will then see Article V. Drought Contingency Plan.

## A Message From The Fire Marshal!

**Did you know- Fireworks are Illegal! It is illegal to use or possess Fireworks in Jersey Village? The fireworks season is about to get started again. Each year Jersey Village Fire Marshal and Police Department's receive fireworks calls and we want to remind everyone of the city ordinance:**

### **(I) Section 3301.1.3 of the International Fire Code is amended to provide as follows:**

Section 3301.1.3. Fireworks. The possession, manufacture, storage, sale, handling and use of fireworks are prohibited within the city limits of Jersey Village, Texas. It shall be unlawful and constitute a nuisance for any person to manufacture or sell fireworks within the City of Jersey Village or within the area extending five thousand (5,000) feet outside the city limits and not located within the corporate limits or extraterritorial jurisdiction of another municipality. The city attorney shall take all actions necessary to enforce this ordinance in the area located outside the city limits. Except as herein provided, it shall be unlawful for any person to assemble, possess, store, transport, receive, keep, sell, offer or have in his or her possession with the intent to sell, use, discharge, ignite, detonate, fire or otherwise put in action any fireworks of any description.



### **Fines for this offense are as follows:**

- \$214.00 Discharging of fireworks**
- \$239.50 Manufacturing or possession of fireworks**
- \$165.00 Parent or guardian giving permission**

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## Fundraiser Items Needed to Support One of Our Own

The City of Jersey Village will be holding a fundraiser on Saturday, September 3rd for Communications Supervisor Kimberly Maldonado who is undergoing chemotherapy treatment for cancer. Kimberly is a dedicated and loyal employee of the City, a loving wife, mother and grandmother and a cherished friend. Kimberly has committed herself to serving citizens not only for this City, but for other agencies for the past 15 years. We are looking for donations of silent and live auction

items. If any resident or business would like to contribute items for Kimberly's benefit, please drop them off at the Jersey Village Fire Department at 16501 Jersey Drive Monday thru Friday between the hours of 8am and 5pm. If it is after hours or on weekend, items will be accepted at the Jersey Village Police Department at 16401 Lakeview Drive in the Dispatch Office. Any questions please email [rherzog@ci.jersey-village.tx.us](mailto:rherzog@ci.jersey-village.tx.us). Thank you in advance for your support.

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## Don't Forget Your Family Pool Pass

This is a reminder that City of Jersey Village pool is now open full time Tuesday through Sunday and closed every Monday for cleaning.

A resident family pass can be purchased at City Hall for \$50.00.

This allows the members of your household unlimited access to the pool during the summer season. Residents can also purchase daily pool passes at the gate for a fee of \$3.00 per adult and \$2.00 per child.

### **Pools Hours June 5 – August 21**

Tuesday – Saturday 11AM to 9PM

Sunday 1PM to 1PM

### **August 23 – September 5**

Tuesday – Friday 4PM to 9PM

Saturday 11AM – 9PM

Sunday 1PM – 9PM

**Monday September 5 – LAST day that the pool will be open**

11AM to 8PM