



# Jersey Village Star

## Reminder...National Night Out—October 4th

On October 4th, residents in neighborhoods throughout Jersey Village, Houston and across the nation are asked to lock their doors, turn on outside lights and spend the evening outside with neighbors and police. Many streets throughout Jersey Village will be hosting a variety of special events such as block parties, cookouts, visits from police and fire departments, flashlight walks, contests, youth activities and anticrime rallies.

National Night Out is designed to: (1) Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; (2) Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime efforts; (3) Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and (4) Send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

**For more information, or to sign up as a block captain, please contact the coordinator, Officer A. Pettit at 713-466-2125.**



### Statistics for July 2011 JV Police Department

Calls for Service	1110
Vehicle Theft	0
Aggravated Assault	2
Burglary, Business	5
Burglary, Residence	6
Burglary, Vehicle	5
Disturbance	51
Narcotics, Felony	3
Minor Accidents	132
Major Accidents	21
Alarms	91
Suspicious Person	152
Traffic Control	1
Traffic Hazard	22

### JV Fire Department

Building Fires	2
Auto Fires	1
Other Fires	2
Rescue/EMS Incidents	77
Hazardous Conditions	5
Service Calls	10
Smoke or Odor Calls	1
False Alarms/Cancelled Enroute	12
Total Ambulance Transports	54




Emergency Call	911
Main Number	713.466.2100
City Manager	713.466.2108
City Secretary	713.466.2102
Fire Department	713.466.2130
Police Department	713.466.2123
Permits	713.466.2110
Public Works	713.466.2133
Code Enforcement & 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

### All Aboard

By: Sgt. S. Joachim

School has started and that means the roadways are populated by the big yellow school buses. The police department's objective is to keep America's most precious cargo safe while traveling to and from school.

When you drive in neighborhoods and school zones, take extra precaution to watch for children and youth walking or biking to school. Remember, young people are busy thinking about getting to school and are not always thinking about getting there safely. Here's how you can help make sure they do.

Be watchful for children and youth walking to school as you back out of your driveway. Slow down. Watch for children and youth walking in the street, especially if there are no sidewalks. Watch for children and youth on

bicycles, particularly at intersections and driveways. Young bicyclists have a tendency to dart out of driveways without looking for traffic.

Near school bus stops slow down and watch for children and youth playing and congregating near bus stops. Be aware that children and youth that arrive late for the bus have only one thing in mind—getting on the bus. They may run out into the street without looking for traffic.

STOP your car when you see red lights flashing on a school bus. Yellow flashing lights indicate that the bus is preparing to stop. Red flashing lights indicate that the bus is stopped and young people are getting on or off. Don't start driving until the red lights stop flashing.

**We want your children to be safe when they travel to and from school.**

**More tips:**

- Parents should make sure they remove loose drawstrings or ties on their child's

jacket and sweatshirt because they can snag on bus handrails.

- The child should look before stepping into the street to make sure there are no cars passing the bus.

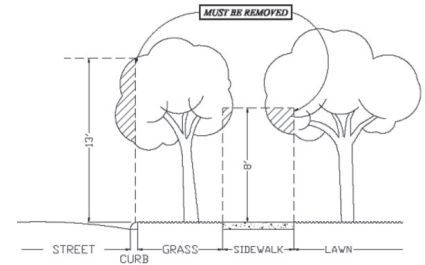
- The child should cross the street at least 10 feet (or 5 giant steps) in front of the bus.

- The child should ask the bus driver for help if anything is dropped while entering or exiting the bus.

**We hope you will see that school bus safety starts at home.**



**This is a reminder that trees need to be trimmed!**



Please make it a point to take a look at your trees and trim any low hanging limbs. Remember once you trim your trees they must be placed at the curb in bundles no greater than 4-foot lengths and 40 pounds.

#### **Sidewalk Obstructions**

Pursuant to the City of Jersey Village, Texas, Code of Ordinances: SEC.14-310

(6) Landowner responsibilities.

The landowner shall be responsible for:

(e) The owner of a tree overhanging a street or right-of-way within the city shall prune the branches so that the branches will not severely obstruct the light from any street lamp or obstruct the view of any street intersection and so that there shall be a clear space of 13 feet above street surface of [or] eight feet above the sidewalk surface. The owner shall be responsible for removing all dead, diseased, or dangerous trees, or broken or decayed limbs, including tree stumps, which constitute a menace to the safety of the public. Tree pruning shall be done in accordance with accepted arboricultural standards.

## City of Jersey Village Tax Rate Adoption

After a series of public budget workshops, meetings between City staff and Council, the City of Jersey Village Council will adopt the budget for fiscal year 2011-2012 after a public hearing on September 19th 2011. The budget will be effective for the next fiscal year, which is October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012.

The City of Jersey Village Council decided that keeping the property tax rate at \$0.7425 per \$100 of valuation will fund the City's General Fund budget based on projected current year's values and allow the timely payments for its Debt Service Fund. The City must follow the State of Texas legislative guidelines for proposing and adopting a tax rate. If the tax rate proposed by the City of Jersey Village governing body (City Council) exceeds the effective tax rate

(a calculated rate that would provide the taxing unit with about the same amount of revenue it received in the year before on properties taxed in both years), or rollback rate (calculated maximum rate allowed by law without voter approval), whichever is lower, they must publish a new public hearing notice and conduct a series of public hearings. If they do not exceed these rates, then they may adopt the tax rate on just one public meeting. The Tax Rate is split in two parts, the M&O (Maintenance and Operation) tax rate and I&S (Debt Service) tax rate.

The Finance Department will be happy to assist any constituents if any questions or clarifications arise after reading this article.