



Jersey Village Star



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Have You Checked Your Breezeway Today?

Already this year the Fire Department made a garage fire which extended into the breezeway and to the house. Last year I wrote an article very similar to this one letting you all know about fire proofing your breezeway to your home. Although our Fire Department put out the fire and kept the fire from destroying the home, there was considerable damage to the home. The occupants now are looking at being

displaced from their home for many months. It is an experience no one wants to go through. Take a moment to look at your breezeway. You may be able to prevent unnecessary damage in the event this happens to you. If you need assistance with identifying a fire stop within your breezeway, please call the Fire Department at 713-466-2130. We would be happy to come to your home and identify if you have a stop or not.

Statistics for December 2010

JV Police Department

Calls for Service	676
Vehicle Theft	4
Aggravated Assault	7
Burglary, Business	1
Burglary, Residence	7
Burglary, Vehicle	14
Disturbance	16
Narcotics, felony	3
Minor accidents	60
Major accidents	13
Alarms	55
Suspicious person	84
Traffic control	3
Traffic hazard	27

JV Fire Department

Building Fires	2
Auto Fires	2
Other Fires	2
Rescue/EMS incidents	65
Hazardous Conditions	4
Service Calls	7
Smoke or odor calls	0
False alarms/cancelled enroute	14
Total Ambulance Transports	43

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 & 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 Phone Scams

By: Sgt. S. Joachim

An old scam appears to be reemerging and the recovery is difficult and time consuming for the victim. Consumers usually receive a message telling them to call a phone number with an 809, 284, 268, 649, or 876 area code in order to collect a prize, find out information about a sick relative, get someone out of jail, etc. The caller assumes the number is a typical three-digit U.S. area code; however, the caller is actually connected to a phone number outside the United States, often in Canada or the Caribbean, and charged international call rates. Unfortunately, consumers don't find out that they have been charged higher international call rates until they receive their bill.

"809" calls can be "pay-per-call" numbers (such as 900 numbers in the US) - and there are no legal requirements that callers be informed that they are being charged extra. When you return a "pay-per-call" 809 call, they try to keep you on the

phone as long as possible, and you are charged very high rates for the call, reportedly up to \$10, \$25, to \$100 per minute. Wireless consumers are also receiving similar calls from phone numbers with three-digit area codes. While wireless companies are working to block suspicious numbers on their networks, some consumers may become victims of this scam.

Be cautious returning phone numbers to area codes you don't recognize, especially when you receive calls or emails with urgent messages that you call these numbers. Call your long distance phone company to find out where the area code is located (or look it up on the net), and only call numbers that make sense to you.

If you feel that you are a victim of an international phone scam, you can file a complaint with the FTC online at <https://www.ftccomplaintassistant.gov>. You can also submit a complaint by calling the FTC toll-free at 1-877-382-4357 (voice) or 1-866-653-4261 (TTY), or writing to:

**Federal Trade Commission
CRC - 240
600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20580**

The Top Ten Most Common Types of Violations

The following is a brief description of the most frequently violated sections of the Jersey Village Codes.

1. Construction without building permits (Sheds, Fences, Additions, Driveways, Re-roofing, Interior renovations, Etc.).
2. Storing, parking or keeping commercial vehicles in residential areas.
3. Illegal signs (Portable "bandit" signs, signs placed on street poles, Banners, Flags, Pennants, Etc.).
4. Weeds or undergrowth exceeding 12 inches in height.
5. Inoperable vehicles on private or public property.
6. Address not posted or visible from the street.
7. Operating a business from the residence.
8. Trash cans visible from a public street, or placed on the curb too early.
9. Unlicensed Pets.
10. Trash and debris.

For more information or to report a complaint, please call the Code Enforcement Office at 713-466-2129.

Radiation In The Water

There has been considerable discussion regarding recent news reports of City of Houston water that exceeds federal levels for radiation. Many of these reports cite "Jersey Village Wells" as being the most severely contaminated wells in the region. The Jersey Village wells referenced in the reporting are not wells that are utilized by the City of Jersey Village. These are wells that are owned and operated by the City of Houston. They are named the "Jersey Village Wells" because our fair city is the closest geographical point of significance to the well field. The Jersey Village Well Field is a series of City of Houston wells that are geo-

graphically concentrated along FM 529 from the Beltway to State Highway 6. More importantly, these wells are not used to supply any of the water used by Jersey Village residents. This statement has been confirmed multiple times in the past month with City of Houston Public Works officials. The water that Jersey Village receives from Houston is surface water that comes from Lake Houston. Radiation is not an issue with surface water. The placement of the Jersey Village Well field relative to the city of Jersey Village prohibits the usage of water from the well field to supply the city of Jersey Village. If the City of Houston water system were to experience a complete failure, only then is it possible that some of this water may enter the

village. During Hurricane Ike, Jersey Village staff closed the connection with our Houston supply and shifted to back-up wells operated within Jersey Village proper. We regularly test the City of Jersey Village wells for radiation. Our wells are within federal standards. Nonetheless, the city has sent samples of the water it receives from the City of Houston to be tested for radiation. The nearest lab that can test water for radiation is located in Florida, so it will be several weeks before results are available. When the results are received, we will post this information on the city's web site. Additional information regarding this issues is posted on the city's home page.

2010 Christmas Decorating Contest Results

WOW, so many really wonderful Christmas light displays! Thanks to all who put so much time into getting their homes into the Christmas spirit. Your efforts brighten the entire Village and you can be sure that YOUR house is someone's favorite!

And the winners this year are.....

Grand Prize Winner-

16413 Delozier

Section Winners-

16304 Lewis

15721 Elwood

16121 St. Helier

15601 Congo

16025 Seattle

15345 Clevedon

Many thanks to the City of Jersey Village Recreation & Events Committee volunteer members Doris Michalak, Barbara Erskine, Frances Wubbenhorst, Karen Listi, City Council Member Jill Klein who serves as Council Liaison to the committee, Parks & Recreation Director Michael Brown and his staff plus Courtney Rutherford.

Thanks to our Children's Choice Judges and to their parents for sharing their time to judge Christmas light displays this past Christmas season! They spent 2 nights viewing all the lights and selecting this year's winners during a very busy holiday season. Great job, Judges (and drivers)!

Hannah Krieger
Jack Krieger
Ty Krieger
Casey Krieger
Jordan Maher
Kyle Rutherford
Kynsie Rutherford
Cameron Clark
Meghan Walker
Allison Darrow
Ashleigh Becker
Nathan Becker
Elizabeth Berger
Paul Berger
Robby Berger

Tim Irwin
Kourtlyn Irwin
Anna Irwin
Emma Anderson
Caylin Oliver
Kameryn Kelly
Brooklyn Martinez
Abigail Krus

Time to Spring Forward and Change Batteries



On March 13, 2011 at 2:00 am we will once again change our clocks. Daylight Savings Time comes twice a year for us. It is something we plan for and must do to stay on time for that day and all days to follow. The Fire Department would like to remind everyone that on March 13, 2011 it is also a good day to remove your batteries from you smoke detectors and replace them with fresh batteries. Smoke Detectors are our first line of notification when a fire occurs in your home. This is especially true when we are sleeping. The one sense that continues to

really work in the human body is our hearing when we are asleep. Batteries are relatively an inexpensive investment for peace of mind that you and your family escape the dangers of a fire. If your smoke detectors require replacement, most hardware stores or large retail chains carry them for less than \$10.00 each. For more information on smoke detectors or other fire related questions you can go to the United States Fire Administration at

<http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/downloads/pyfff/index.html>.



2011 City Elections



The City's general election will be held May 14, 2011. City Council positions to be elected this year are Mayor, currently held by Russell Hamley, Councilmember for Place 2, currently held by Rod Erskine; and Councilmember for Place 3, currently held by Curtis Haverty. The term for each elected Councilmember is two years.

Any person qualified to serve under the provisions of the Charter may be a candidate for election to a position on council. The dates for filing an application for a place on the ballot are from February 12, 2011 through March 14, 2011 at 5:00 PM. Application packets may be picked up from the City Secretary's office. Contact Lorri Coody, City Secretary, at 713-466-2102 or by e-mail at lcoody@ci.jersey-village.tx.us if you are interested or have any questions.

2011 JERSEY VILLAGE PHONE DIRECTORY


Each residence should be receiving a notification card shortly for the Jersey Village Phone Directory. All new residents are welcome. Current residents, please verify the information on the card. Any corrections, additions of names/phone numbers should be sent to Judy Bruner at judy@brunerteam.com. The phone number is (713) 937-1000 or the fax number is (713) 466-4146.

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Council Action Report – Regular Session Meeting – January 17, 2011

ORDINANCE, RESOLUTION, OR ACTION ITEM	PASS/FAIL
1. Consider Resolution No. 2011-01, canceling the Monday, May 16, 2011 Regular City Council Meeting, and calling a Special City Council Meeting on Monday, May 23, 2011 in order to canvass the May 14, 2011 General Election results.	PASS
2. Consider Resolution 2011-02, authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with CenterPoint Energy for the installation of street lighting in the vicinity of the Promenade Apartment.	PASS
3. Consider Ordinance No. 2011-01, amending the fiscal year budget beginning October 1, 2010 and ending September 30, 2011, to cover cost associated with the installation of street lights along Ruffian Drive.	PASS
4. Consider Ordinance No. 2011-02, amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Jersey Village, Texas, by adding to Chapter 14, Building and Development, Article XX, Miscellaneous Regulations: Penalty, a new Section 14-665 to limit the use of, and require a permit for, certain dumpsters and temporary portable storage units; providing a severability clause; providing for repeal; providing a penalty as provided by Section 1-8 of the code; and providing an effective date.	PASS

*New Golfer Program At Jersey Meadow Adults *** Singles *** Couples*

*Four 1 hour sessions
 Cost for any four session package is \$80 per person. cover all aspects of the game.*

Great for the novice to intermediate level golfer.

*Wednesdays at 6:00 pm:
 March 23, 30, April 6 & 13
 OR*

*Saturdays at 2:00 pm:
 March 26, April 2, 9 & 16*

Call us at 713-896-0900 to enroll or stop by the Pro Shop!