



# Jersey Village Star



June 2011

## City of Jersey Village—Your City Council

Having no contested races for the City’s May 14, 2011 Election, the following unopposed candidates were declared elected by City Council as follows:

**Mayor**  
**Councilmember - Place 2**  
**Councilmember - Place 3**

**Russell Hamley**  
**Rod Erskine**  
**Harry Beckwith III**

election in accordance with state election laws. The current City of Jersey Village City Council is comprised of the following members:

Mayor, Russell Hamley; Councilmember, Place 1, Joyce Berube; Councilmember, Place 2, Rod Erskine, Councilmember, Place 3, Harry Beckwith III, PE; Councilmember, Place 4, Mark Maloy; and Councilmember, Place 5, Jill Klein.

The newly elected Councilmembers have taken their oath of office and were issued certificates of

### Statistics for April 2011 JV Police Department

Calls for Service	1034
Vehicle Theft	2
Aggravated Assault	3
Burglary, Business	2
Burglary, Residence	4
Burglary, Vehicle	4
Disturbance	51
Narcotics, felony	1
Minor accidents	121
Major accidents	27
Alarms	125
Suspicious person	156
Traffic control	2
Traffic hazard	24

### JV Fire Department

Building Fires	2
Auto Fires	3
Other Fires	1
Rescue/EMS incidents	48
Hazardous Conditions	0
Service Calls	3
Smoke or odor calls	2
False alarms/cancelled enroute	10
Total Ambulance Transports	26

### 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

### Car Break-Ins

By: Sgt. S. Joachim

*A One of the most common crimes is having your car broken into. This type of crime often happens in places that have a large number of parked cars such as shopping centers or apartment complex parking lots. The good news is that there are a number of common sense steps that you can take to reduce the chance that you will be a victim.*

*Preventing a car break-in:*

- **Lock your car doors.** This is as simple as it sounds, but you would be surprised at how much is stolen from cars with unlocked doors.
- **Don't leave anything of value in the car.** The purse or golf clubs that are visible through the window make an inviting target. If you have to leave items

*in the car, at least put them out of sight in the trunk. The duffel bag with dirty gym clothes might not be of significant value to you. But a thief who doesn't know what is inside might target your car hoping to find cell phones, credit cards, lap tops or other items. Always take these personal items into your home when you park for the evening. Whenever possible, use mountings that allow you to take the equipment with you. Be sure to remove automatic garage door openers from the car, as this could give thieves easy access to your house.*

- **Use safety features if you have them.** Examples of these features include activating your car alarm, removing stereo faceplates and putting steering wheel locking devices in place.
- **Park in well-lit areas, visible to others.** If your car is in a driveway or parked near your house, leave your exterior lights on (front and back) throughout

*the night. Consider replacing the light fixture closest to your car with a motion detector unit. The light will be off routinely, but will come on if the car is approached. Motion detectors are good psychological deterrents since the normal assumption of a person seeing a light come on is that someone has seen them.*

- **Other measures.** If you are a victim, notify the police and make a report. Inform your neighbors, or the business or apartment management. Report suspicious or criminal behavior.

**If your car is broken into, report the incident to the police, even if you decide not to report it to your insurance company. We need your assistance to determine what areas are experiencing car break-in activities.**

**Help us keep you safe.**

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## What can you expect from city staff during a major emergency?

For certain, city staff will not be just sitting around. You can expect that city staff will be extremely busy responding to emergency calls, trying to get water running to every home, trying to clear the roadways of debris, making many attempts to get Centerpoint Energy to expedite repairing electrical service and the list can go on and on. When Hurricane Ike formed and began to move towards Texas, city staff started preparations to get the city ready. Public works crews checked all stormwater drains in the city and made sure storm water would flow properly. All pump lift stations and generators at water plants were run to make sure they will work if we lost electricity. Police and Fire services checked equipment to make sure all units were ready to respond in an emergency. Staff made contact with private organizations and county agencies in preparation for cleanup and needed equipment. The most important concern of city staff is that city services function and citizen's lives get back to normal.

This year we have already started preparing as we recently held a tabletop exercise to test staff on scenarios that could arise if a hurricane does come to our area again. We have identified many items that we are now working on and are getting staff acquainted with new procedures. In addition, new policies are being created to help staff meet standards required by the federal government. These mandated changes will help staff submit for re-imbursement should we have to spend tax payer dollars. So, what can you expect from city staff? You can expect that staff is prepared to answer the call for service or respond to the emergency situation with the goal of getting every citizen's life back to normal as soon as possible. It is our hope that you understand that when you do not see us on your street, it does not mean we are not working hard for you.

## Tips for Lawn Watering

- Avoid watering during midday hours when it is hot and sunny to prevent scalding the turf.
- Adjust sprinklers to water only grass areas and not impervious surfaces such as streets, driveways and walkways.
- Mow grass to a height of 2 ½ to 3 inches. Taller grass shades the roots and soil surface, which helps reduce the amount of water that is lost to evaporation.
- Use sprinklers that spray low large drops vs. high fine ones.
- Avoid watering during rainy or windy weather conditions.
- Don't use a fixed schedule for lawn watering. Apply water only when it is needed. Over watering can promote diseases and affect the health of the lawn.
- A simple test for determining if grass needs water is to walk on the lawn and if you leave foot prints, it may be time to water the lawn.
- A good soaking once or twice a week is better than watering every day. Allowing the soil to dry between watering will allow the roots to grow to greater depths and help make turf more drought tolerant.
- Early morning watering may cause water pressure problems within the city, please consider water during evenings.

## Food and Water in an Emergency

June 1st is the first day of Hurricane Season and it is time to begin your emergency preparedness plans. Even though it is unlikely that during a hurricane residents will be completely isolated from food, water, and supplies for more than two weeks, it is important to plan with that possibility in mind. The following guidelines are given to assist residents in preparing a food and water emergency kit, in order to be ready when a storm hits.

The first thing to consider when compiling a food and water emergency kit is your family's special needs and unique taste. For example is someone diabetic, are there any allergies to consider, or is baby food/formula required. Second, your kit should consist of foods that your family enjoys and eats regularly. While not a necessity, it is not uncommon to add comfort foods that will provide your family with a sense of normalcy and security. Last, but not least, it is important to purchase your supplies with enough time in order to avoid shortages and price hikes.

Below is a list of helpful hints to better prepare you for the next storm, hurricane or evacuation. Remember that a regular food and water emergency kit has enough rations for each member of your family for a two-week period.

### BEVERAGES:

•**Water:** Having an ample supply of clean water is top priority and you should plan to have a gallon of water for each member of your family per day. Consider adding more if you are dealing with hot weather, children, illnesses or nursing mothers.

•**Milk:** Powdered milk or shelf- stable milk is the best option, but remember to add more water if you choose to buy the powdered milk option.

•**Fruit Juices:** Individually wrapped juice boxes are the best, in order to keep unused portion from spoiling.

•**Sodas:** Carbonated drinks are not recommended as a substitute for water.

•**Alcoholic Beverages:** It is not recommended to drink alcoholic beverages during an emergency as it could cause more dehydration and/or other problems.

### MEALS:

• **Canned Foods:** This includes regular and condensed soups, beans, and vegetables that can be eaten cold or heated.

• **Grains and Cereals:** Granola and all types of cereal can be eaten dry or with powdered or shelf stable milk.

• **Preserved Meats:** Dried meats, such as beef jerky, canned tuna, and canned chicken.

**SNACKS:** Dried fruits, nuts, and granola are some healthy options to consider. Also, crackers, peanut butter, jellies, bread, chips, and bean dip are good options that do not spoil easily. In case of cravings, consider having some comfort foods that are individually wrapped, such as cupcakes, cookies, doughnuts or a chocolate bar.

**MISC.:** Plastic spoons, knives, forks, plates, cups, napkins and garbage bags are always helpful. If you want to be able to heat the foods, bring small portable grill, charcoal, propane gas, matches and fire extinguisher. Also, a manual can opener, plastic containers to store food, and disinfectant cleaning wipes will assist in the food preparation and cleanup.

**For more information regarding emergency preparedness visit the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) website at [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov).**

## Harris County Hazardous Waste Disposal for Residents

The City receives calls on a regular basis from residents looking for a location to dispose of hazardous waste. We were recently made aware of location operated by Harris County very close to Jersey Village.

The Harris County Multiuse Facility, which houses the Residential Environmental Services Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility located in Houston, Texas, opened on March 10, 2010 and is the first permanent household hazardous waste (HHW) facility to open for the County.

This service is provided as part of their Harris County Storm Water Permit and is provided for unincorporated Harris County residents who reside outside the incorporated city limits of Houston. As of now they are accepting hazardous waste from the residents of the City of Jersey Village, but that is subject to change.

This is a FREE service to residents of unincorporated Harris County and it is anticipated that approximately 70% of all items collected can be sent for recycling or energy recovery.

Acceptable items include, but are not limited to household cleaners, yard/ automobile products, paint and paint related products, batteries, tires, items containing mercury (e.g. mercury thermometers, Compact Fluorescent Lights (CFLs), and fluorescent tubes), aerosols, and propane cylinders.

Unaccepted items include electronics, any waste used for business purposes, medical and biological waste, PCBs or Dioxins, ammunition, explosives, compressed gas cylinders, radioactive waste (including smoke detectors), and household appliances such as washers, dryers, freezers, air conditioners, or household trash.

The Hazardous Waste Collection Facility is located at 6900 Hahl Rd, located at US 290 and N Gessner. For more information please call 281-560-6200 or visit their website at [http://www.eng.hctx.net/watershed/hhw\\_facility.html](http://www.eng.hctx.net/watershed/hhw_facility.html).



## Couples Golf League

Jersey Meadow Golf Course has started a Couples League on Sunday afternoons twice a month. The cost is \$50.00 per couple for an afternoon of fun & fresh air.

**Call 713) 896-0900 for more information & sign up information**

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## City Offices Closed for July 4th Holiday

City offices will be closed on Monday, July 4, 2011 and in observance of the July 4th Holiday. Police Department, Fire Department and Emergency Medical Service personnel will be on duty for emergencies and other City personnel in other departments will be on-call, if required. City offices will re-open for business at the regular time on Tuesday, July 5th.

## Five Day Golf Camp for Kids

Session 1:  
June 13 - 17

Session 2:  
July 11—15

**\$150**

10 Hours of  
Instruction

8:30—10:30 am  
Monday—Friday  
Ages 7—17

See pro shop  
for registration forms.

