



*Jersey Village Star*

**Tree Planting a Success**

On Saturday, December 10, about 50 Jersey Village residents, along with volunteers from Trees for Houston, combined their efforts to make Jersey Village a little greener. Approximately 25 trees and 50 bushes were planted in an area along White Oak Bayou, south of Village Drive. The event was conceived and organized by Jerry and Nancy Roberts. When mature, in several years, the trees will block the view of U.S. 290 from Village Drive. Several youth groups participated in the

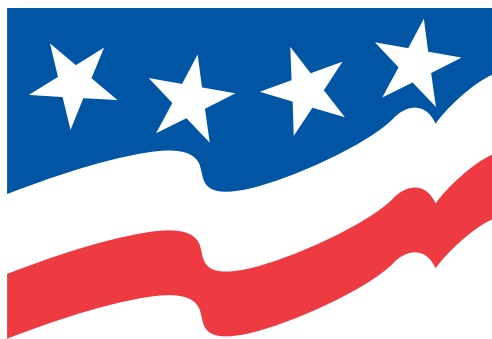
event. The event would not have been possible without the participation of the staff and volunteers from Trees for Houston. Representatives from this organization have participated in other tree plantings in and around Jersey Village. The web site for Trees for Houston is [www.treesforhouston.org](http://www.treesforhouston.org) Special thanks again to Jerry and Nancy Roberts for their work in mobilizing volunteers and having a concern for their city.

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**Statistics for November 2011  
JV Police Department**

Calls for Service	1189
Vehicle Theft	1
Aggravated Assault	1
Burglary, Business	0
Burglary, Residence	6
Burglary, Vehicle	6
Disturbance	47
Narcotics, Felony	1
Minor Accidents	151
Major Accidents	15
Alarms	99
Suspicious Person	247
Traffic Control	5
Traffic Hazard	25

**JV Fire Department**

Building Fires	2
Auto Fires	1
Other Fires	2
Rescue/EMS Incidents	52
Hazardous Conditions	3
Service Calls	3
Smoke or Odor Calls	2
False Alarms/Cancelled Enroute	20
Total Ambulance Transports	35



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

### Bills — Bills

By: Sgt. S. Joachim

When the Christmas bills come around make sure you put them in the big blue box. The holiday season is over and the prime time for Identity Theft to take place. If you don't use the US Postal Box for all your outgoing mail, your personal mailbox will become what fraud investigators call the, 'point of compromise.' From the novice to the professional, the mail box in front of your home presents a target of opportunity.

Identity theft is a global problem. It affects both Americans and citizens of other countries. Identity theft cost American consumers over \$15 billion in 2006, according to the Identity Theft Resource Center. The average victim will spend over 175 hours of personal time and an additional loss of over \$1,000.00 just to clear their name. What is even more alarming is that some victims may never totally clear away the issues surrounding the criminal episode.

If you think your identity has been stolen, you need to contact law enforcement.

#### **Preventative measures against identity theft:**

★ Use the "big blue mail box" instead of the one at your home.

★ Place passwords on credit cards, bank and phone accounts. Avoid using easily available information like a mother's maiden name, birth date, the last four digits of the social security number or phone number, or a series of consecutive numbers. When opening new accounts, people may find that many businesses still have a line on their applications for their mother's maiden name. Use a password instead.

★ Secure personal information in the home, especially for those who have roommates, employ outside help, or are having service work done in the home.

**For more information on identity theft, visit the Federal Trade Commission Web site at [www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov).**

## **Don't Forget to Register Your Dog or Cat**

This is a reminder that the City of Jersey Village requires all dogs or cats to have the animal vaccination against rabies by the time the animal is four months of age and at regular intervals thereafter as prescribed by board rule. Every person owning, keeping or having in possession any dog or cat shall pay an annual license fee and receive a pet tag which shall be effective for a period of one year from the date of issuance.

Pet tags can be purchased at City Hall, located at 16327 Lakeview Drive, for \$5.00 Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

**If you have any questions please contact code enforcement/animal control at 713-466-2129.**



## **Jersey Village — 2011 Year in Review**

The year 2011 was a busy one for the City of Jersey Village. The year began with city staff moving into a newly expanded Police Department facility. The 2,200 square foot addition provides for additional training space, as well as a greatly expanded squad room. In February, the city received notice that its official Census population stood at 7,620. The residential section of Jersey Village recorded the highest participation levels of any census block in Harris County. In March, council approved a slab elevation ordinance that will enhance flood protection for residents of newly built homes in Jersey Village. The ordinance also ensures that new construction does not make flooding worse for existing residents of Jersey Village. In April, council approved the creation of Zoning District D for property

within the city limits, south of U.S. 290. District D provides a blueprint for the city's implementation of Transit Oriented Development and establishes standards that provide for the highest and best use of this area of Jersey Village. In May, the city welcomed Harry Beckwith to his position on city council. In addition, Mayor Russell Hamley and Councilmember Rod Erskine were unopposed and subsequently reelected to their positions for a two-year term. On August 5th, the city conducted a ribbon-cutting on the Jones Road extension. The Jones Road extension was first conceived in the late 1990s as a joint project between the city and Harris County Precinct 4. Also in August, city council approved the list of streets to be considered as a part of the third phase of the street rehabilitation projects. City council will

make a determination of the final list of streets once the project bids have been received. It is important to know that Phase 3 of the street rehabilitation program will not require the issuance of debt, but will be funded with cash on-hand. In October, the Fire Department hired three full-time paramedics to aid in the Department's continuing efforts to provide superior service. In December, the Fire Department took delivery of a new ambulance. Many enhancements over previous ambulance designs ensure Jersey Village has the very latest equipment. As you can tell, it has been a busy year for staff and council alike. We look forward to the challenges and opportunities that 2012 promises and encourage all residents to get involved in the governance of their city.