



## Art's Article

By: Art Pettit

### What you can do to help from becoming a victim of a Burglary of a Motor Vehicle (BMV):

**Take, Lock, Hide!** This is the basic crime fighting tool to preventing BMV.

**Lock your vehicle!** Yes, it takes seconds to break a window, but doing so makes noise and criminals hate making noise.

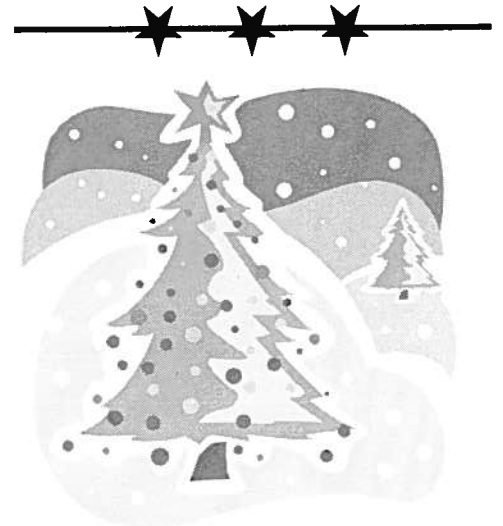
**Hide valuables from sight, or, even better, take items with you!** If a criminal doesn't see anything, they're less likely to break in, and will go to the next vehicle and window shop.

Remember to hide valuables BEFORE you park in the place you're leaving your vehicle. If a criminal sees you put a laptop in the trunk, they'll just break into the trunk when you leave. The same is true for putting property under a seat. If a criminal sees you reaching under a seat, they'll assume something is under there, and break in, looking for property.

**Park in areas that are not secluded!** Well lit parking lots, with good "sight lines", make it more likely for your vehicle to be visible to the general public. Remember, criminals don't like witnesses.

**Record serial numbers of property you may leave inside your vehicle!** If stolen, it is more likely the suspect, if

he tries to pawn it, will be identified. Remember, there is no 100% fool-proof way to prevent all crime. But, you can make yourself less likely to be a victim by following the above tips, and by using common sense. Simply locking your vehicle and removing property from inside is half the battle. ★



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### 43-Acre Detention Basin

Harris County Commissioners Court awarded an approximately \$3.6 million construction contract to Serco Construction Group, Ltd. on May 8 for a detention basin located on a 43-acre site, formerly part of the Jersey Meadows Golf Course. Seventy-five percent of this project is funded by Hurricane Ike Hazard Mitigation Grant Program and the remaining 25% is funded by Harris County Flood Control District(HCFCD).

The 30-month project includes removing approximately 432,000 cubic yards of soil, constructing a weir spillway structure and re-grading the detention basin's slopes. This project will also include a 1.6-mile hiking trail funded by the City of Jersey Village through an

interlocal local agreement between the City and HCFCD

The Jersey Meadows Storm water Detention Basin will hold about 114 million gallons of water when completed. This basin along with other previously constructed storm water detention basins and channel improvement work will lower water surface elevation of White Oak Bayou in the area during extreme rainfall events.

Construction of the 43-acre detention basin began June 13, 2012 and was approximately 15% complete as of September 2012. The anticipated completion is fall 2014. ★

### Vendors Wanted for HOLIDAY IN THE PARK 2012!

The City of Jersey Village Recreation & Events Committee announces its annual Holiday in the Park. If you have a business, product or service you would like to showcase, please consider participating in this year's event. It will take place on Sunday, December 2, from 1:00PM-4:00PM at Carol Fox Park, located at the corner of Senate and Jersey Drive.

The event will feature fields of freshly blown snow as well as approximately 50 vendor booths. There is no vendor booth fee for Jersey Village residents or scout troops. Non-JV residents pay a vendor booth fee of just \$10.00.

To request an application please send an email stating what you would like to sell/promote to Barbara or Doris at [JVHolidayinthePark@gmail.com](mailto:JVHolidayinthePark@gmail.com) ★

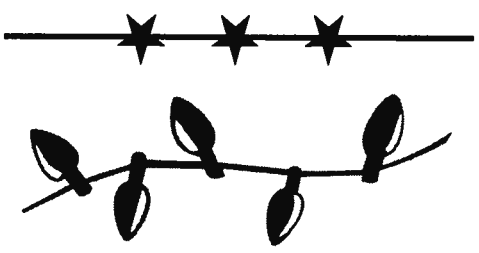
# October is Fire Prevention Month



Fire Prevention Month is in October every year. Our staff at Jersey Village Fire Department will be working hard this year to reach hundreds of children at schools and daycares to teach them about fire safety.

Are you safe in your home? Do you have working smoke detectors? Do you know how to change the batteries on the smoke detector and when to change them? How about a working fire extinguisher? Our elementary age children will be learning about these items and much more.

Have you ever heard of EDITH? **EDITH stands for Exit Drills in the Home.** Do you have an exit plan in for your family if your home catches fire? Does everyone know how to get out? Do you have a meeting place outside? And once you are out of the house, never go back in! These are the items we will be talking about with your kids in the month of October. If they are elementary school age, ask them about what they learned in school about fire prevention. ★



## Jersey Village December Light Decorating Contest 2012

Early heads-up: The City of Jersey Village's **December Light Decorating Contest 2012** will take place on **Monday, December 7 AND Tuesday December 18.** Please watch for the November Jersey Village Star newsletter for more details. ★

## Phase III Construction Update

Construction is moving right along, the City's Contractor SER has completed the paving of Carlsbad Street and the majority of residential driveways between Seattle and St. Helier. New curbing and new sod is also being placed down in these same areas and along Acapulco (east of Senate). SER has begun installing water lines along Congo and Singapore and residents should see construction related to the street start soon. While continued progress can be seen along the Delozier Street area, we can report that this area is being paved and near completion. Also, recently drainage inlets and piping have been installed on Juneau Ln. As always we thank everyone for their patience and please let us know if you have any concerns! ★



## October City Council Meeting Date Change

The 2012-2013 tax schedule requires that the City Council meet on October 22, 2012 to conduct business associated with the 2012-2013 budget. Therefore, Council approved Resolution No. 2012-44, canceling the Regular Council Meeting to be held on October 15, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. and called a Special Council Meeting to be held on October 22, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. ★

## Openings on Boards and Commissions

City government depends on residents who volunteer their time and expertise to participate in public service as members of boards and commissions. Boards and commissions fulfill an important role by evaluating issues which affect our community and making recommendations to the Council for needed action. The value of these bodies is a direct reflection of the interest and dedication of our citizens in making Jersey Village a better place to live. City Council encourages you to apply for appointment to any board or commission in which you may be interested.

**The following boards/commissions currently have openings for which the Council will consider appointments on October 22, 2012:**

- Building Board of Adjustment and Appeals Positions 1 and 3**
- Recreation and Events Committee Positions 2 and 7**
- 2012 Charter Review Commission One Position**

If you are interested, please complete an application. If you recently submitted an application and have not been appointed to board, please contact the City Secretary to confirm your interest in serving with the City. To view an online application, visit the City of Jersey Village's website at [http://www.jerseyvillage.info/city\\_council/secretarys\\_office/index.html](http://www.jerseyvillage.info/city_council/secretarys_office/index.html) or contact Lorri Coody, the City Secretary at 713-466-2102. ★



## Fall Frolic - October 26th 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Join us for the City of Jersey Village Annual Fall Frolic sponsored by the Jersey Village Recreation and Events Committee. The fun will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Clark Henry Pavilion located next to the pool. Join us for hamburgers, hotdogs, dancing and prizes. **Be sure to come dressed in your best Halloween costume!!!** ★



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## Fire & Police Stations Open House 16501 Jersey Drive

**Saturday, October 20, 2012  
10:00 am - 2:00 pm**

*Join us for this annual community event.*

Both departments will provide:  
Station Tours ★ Special Demonstrations ★ Refreshments  
Fire Truck rides for children of all ages

*See you there!*

