



*Jersey Village Star*

**Recreation and Events Committee Seeking Applicants**

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.

The Recreation and Events Committee is seeking interested applicants. If you are interested, please contact Council Liaison Jill Klein by email at [jklein@ci.jersey-village.tx.us](mailto:jklein@ci.jersey-village.tx.us) for more information. ★

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**Statistics for December 2012  
JV Police Department**

Calls for Service	1356
Vehicle Theft	17
Aggravated Assault	0
Burglary, Business	1
Burglary, Residence	3
Burglary, Vehicle	10
Disturbance	64
Narcotics, Felony	4
Minor Accidents	114
Major Accidents	17
Alarms	151
Suspicious Person	252
Traffic Control	6
Traffic Hazard	29

**JV Fire Department**

Building Fires	2
Auto Fires	0
Other Fires	4
Rescue/EMS Incidents	66
Hazardous Conditions	5
Service Calls	13
Smoke or Odor Calls	1
False Alarms/Cancelled Enroute	3
Total Ambulance Transports	42



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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## Art's Article

By: Art Petitt

### What To Do If You Are in an Auto Accident?

- **Stop your car.** Be sure to not leave the accident scene.
- If you are able to move the vehicle, go to a safe place and wait for the police.
- Get police and medical help right away. Use your cell phone or get someone else to make the call. In most cities you can call 911.
- When police get at the scene be sure to:
  - o Tell them what exactly occurred.
  - o Follow their instructions.
  - o If you are able, write down the officer's name.
  - o Get a copy of the police accident report at a later date. If the accident occurred in Jersey Village a report will be available after 10 working days at the City of Jersey Village Police Station, located at 16401 Lakeview Dr., Jersey Village, Texas 77040 in the records division. Please call (713) 466-2120

- prior to attempting to pick up a report to assure it is ready.
- Get this info from the other driver:
  - o Name:
  - o Address:
  - o Telephone number:
  - o Their insurance company:
  - o Names and addresses of all passengers
- Get the names, addresses, and phone numbers of all witnesses.
- Write down all the accident facts as soon as you can.
- Call your insurance company at once to inform them of the car accident. ★

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### Remember...

#### Only Rain Down the Drain!

As stormwater flows over driveways, lawns, and sidewalks, it picks up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants. Anything that enters a storm sewer system is discharged untreated into the water bodies we use for swimming, fishing, and drinking water. Polluted runoff is the nation's

greatest threat to clean water. By practicing the following healthy household habits, you can keep common pollutants from getting into the water system.

- Check your vehicle for leaks and spills. Make repairs as soon as possible and clean up spilled fluids with an absorbent material such as cat litter, and sweep up the residue.
  - Use pesticides and fertilizers on your lawn sparingly, and don't overwater
  - Sweep up yard debris, rather than washing down areas with a hose
  - When working on an outdoor project at your home, use paints, solvents and chemicals sparingly, and buy non-toxic products whenever possible
- Adopting these few tips can help to keep our water clean. If you see illegal dumping into storm sewers please report it at 713-466-5824. ★

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### Solicitation By Mail

The City has been contacted by several residents who have recently received letters regarding the repair of exterior water lines. These are independent companies trying to solicit business through the mail. The appearance and formality of these letters may lead some to believe that the letter is from the City of Jersey Village, or that the company is working on behalf of the City. The City of Jersey Village does not endorse these companies. This letter is similar to letters you may have received in the past regarding home warranties for your property.

If City workers happen to spot a problem during daily maintenance of City lines or while reading meters for the monthly water bill we will contact you. Please keep in mind that all lines running from the meter to your home are the responsibility of the home owner. The City of Jersey Village is only responsible for making repairs to water service lines that run from the main line to your meter. As always, please be sure to research all companies prior to signing any contracts or making any payment. ★

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### Update on U.S. 290 Actions

The Texas Department of Transportation conducted two Public Hearings regarding the U.S. 290 focused reevaluation on December 11th and December 13th. Thank you to those residents who came to the hearings, especially those who testified on either evening. TxDOT was required to conduct the public hearings because they modified the original plans for the highway expansion. The modified plans incorporate a "managed lane" element in place of the originally planned Hempstead Tollway. At the public hearings, TxDOT presented an overview of the new configuration and received comments from citizens and officials alike. Comments from the public hearings will be sent to officials with the Federal Highway Administration. FHA officials will determine the level of environmental review TxDOT will be required to undertake as a

result of changes to the configuration of the expanded US 290 roadway. The FHA may decide that no further environmental review is necessary. Alternately, FHA officials may require TxDOT to complete a full environmental review. It is the position of city council that TxDOT should conduct a full environmental review, particularly with regard to excessive noise levels resultant from the plan change. To support its opinion, the city forwarded a technical review conducted by a licensed noise engineer. The city also forwarded to TxDOT hundreds of letters and petition signatures from Jersey Village residents expressing concern over the highway expansion. The city will continue to inform residents of all opportunities for public input into this very important process. ★