



Jersey Village Star

Vendors Wanted for HOLIDAY IN THE PARK 2014!!

The City of Jersey Village Recreation & Events Committee announces there is still time to request and return an application to obtain booth space to be a vendor at this popular event. Please have applications in by December 1st to ensure your spot.

Holiday in the Park will take place on Sunday, December 7, 2014, from 1:00PM-4:00PM, at Carol Fox Park, on the corner of Senate and Jersey.

There is no booth space fee for residents of the City of Jersey Village, and non-residents pay a booth space fee of just \$10.00.

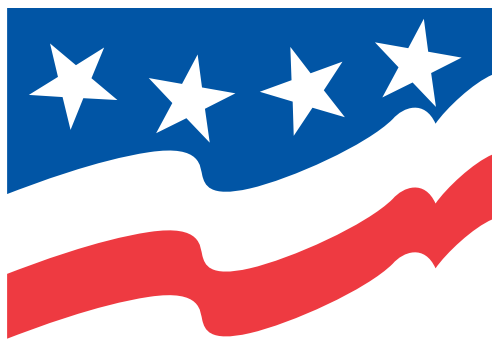
If you have a craft, product, business or service that you would like to showcase and promote please request an application by email from Rebecca: JVevents.holiday@gmail.com ★

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**Statistics for September 2014
 JV Police Department**

Calls for Service	1340
Vehicle Theft	1
Aggravated Assault	0
Burglary, Business	1
Burglary, Residence	2
Burglary, Vehicle	0
Disturbance	36
Narcotics, Felony	1
Minor Accidents	128
Major Accidents	4
Alarms	2149
Suspicious Person	214
Traffic Control	13
Traffic Hazard	51

JV Fire Department

Building Fires	2
Auto Fires	1
Other Fires	1
Rescue/EMS Incidents	68
Hazardous Conditions	7
Service Calls	12
Smoke or Odor Calls	1
False Alarms/Cancelled Enroute	20
Total Ambulance Transports	44



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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 Pettit



The holiday season is one of the most anticipated times of the year. Unfortunately, criminals also look forward to the season as more people are out shopping and leaving their homes unattended during holiday travel. Combine this season of opportunity with yet another holiday in a bad economy, and crime rates for things such as burglary, burglary of a motor vehicle, etc. are particularly high.

Holiday Safety Tips for Home and Away

• **Safety Tips Around the Huse**
Before traveling contact Jersey Village Dispatch and ask to have your home placed on our "house watch." (713-466-5824)

- Try to make your house look lived in while you are away - Consider picking up some inexpensive timers for lights and radios, and have them come on at times when you are normally home.
- Ask a friend or neighbor to pick up your mail.
- Leave a spare key and emergency telephone number with a trusted neighbor or friend.
- Remove garage door openers from cars parked in the driveway.
- Lock garage entry doors.

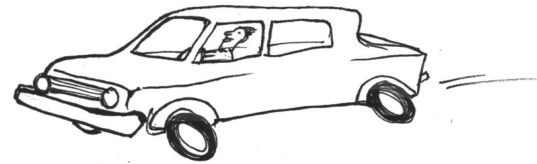
- Do not leave remnants of Christmas morning by the curb.

Holiday Shopping Safety Tips

- Use the buddy system. It is always a good idea to shop in pairs as thieves are less likely to target two or more individuals.
- Lock your gifts in the trunk.
- Consider moving your car when you drop off presents.
- Don't flash your cash.
- Ask for a security guard escort.
- Keep credit and debit cards close.
- Have keys ready, and don't take your time getting in your car.
- Park in well-lit areas ★



SPEEDING...A Neighborhood Problem



Citizen's Fire Academy or What Would I Ever Learn Here?

Your family is at the beach and your child (or grandchild) trips and falls against a piece of metal. They scream and hold up their arm. Bright red blood spurts out. You know this is serious. You hope cell phone reception is OK to dial 911 AND you hope the ambulance doesn't take 20 minutes to get there. What do you do now?



A strong wind blows a large tree into your neighbor's house. They knock on your door and say they smell a strong odor of gas inside. They are afraid it will catch fire, or explode. Can you do anything before the fire truck arrives?

Wouldn't it be great to know what to do in these situations? The Citizens' Fire Academy will equip you to handle most every-day emergencies that confront you,



your family, and your neighbors. Plus, you get to try all that gear our fire fighters use! The Fire Academy is open to anyone over 18. Participation in any session is always voluntary and no one will be asked to do anything that makes them feel uncomfortable. All sessions are taught by the members of our JV Fire Department. There is no cost to attend and all materials are provided. Plus, there is no homework or tests!

The classes start in January 2015 and the academy is about 12 weeks in length. We meet at 7:00 PM on Thursdays for 2½ - 3 hours at the Fire Station with an occasional Saturday. Please Call the Fire Department Administrative Offices at 713-466-2130 for more info, or to register. ★

The police department has recently responded to several areas in regards to speeding complaints. During these responses a heavy police presence was needed to serve as a traffic calming tool.

As good stewards of the community there are a few things that citizens can do to assist the police department in our efforts to slow traffic. The first is to be mindful of our own driving habits. A significant portion of the speeders that are being stopped are Jersey Village residents. Another excellent tool is to actually report to the police department the times and specific locations where these events occur. This will help us direct our staff to a specific location at the appropriate time. Lastly, try to obtain the license plate number on the offending vehicle.

We have shown a measured improvement in several areas throughout the city by working together with the citizens. Continued vigilance will only improve this over time. ★