



*Jersey Village Star*

**Did you know that Fireworks are not permitted within the City Limits of Jersey Village?**

**The ordinance reads:**

The possession, manufacture, storage, sale, handling and use of fireworks are prohibited within the city limits of Jersey Village, Texas. It shall be unlawful and constitute a nuisance for any person to manufacture or sell fireworks within the City of Jersey Village or within the area extending five thousand (5,000) feet outside the city limits and not located within the corporate limits or extraterritorial jurisdiction of another municipality. The city attorney shall take all actions necessary to enforce this ordinance in the area located

outside the city limits. Except as herein provided, it shall be unlawful for any person to assemble, possess, store, transport, receive, keep, sell, offer or have in his or her possession with the intent to sell, use, discharge, ignite, detonate, fire or otherwise put in action any fireworks of any description.

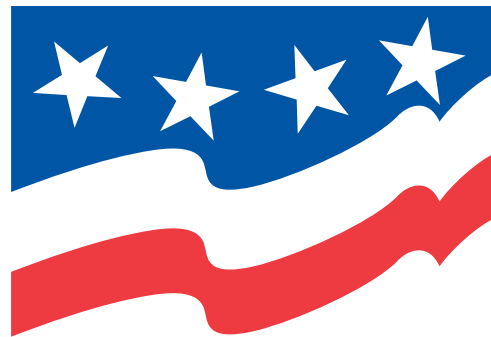
Violating this ordinance can result in fines and the confiscation of fireworks. Keep Jersey Village Safe and Silent this 4th of July season. ★

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**Statistics for April 2015  
JV Police Department**

Calls for Service	1245
Vehicle Theft	2
Aggravated Assault	0
Burglary, Business	0
Burglary, Residence	1
Burglary, Vehicle	3
Disturbance	70
Narcotics, Felony	4
Minor Accidents	143
Major Accidents	0
Alarms	117
Suspicious Person	179
Traffic Control	8
Traffic Hazard	25

**JV Fire Department**

Building Fires	1
Auto Fires	0
Other Fires	2
Rescue/EMS Incidents	51
Hazardous Conditions	7
Service Calls	9
Smoke or Odor Calls	1
False Alarms/Cancelled Enroute	5
Total Ambulance Transports	29



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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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## How to Choose a Portable Generator

Many of you have not forgotten the impact Hurricane Ike had on Jersey Village. We won't forget the trees down and the power outages we encountered for many days. Portable generators have the ability to light up a room during a power outage and so much more. Portable generators won't supply your home air conditioning, but it could supply power to a small portable or window A/C unit. No matter what you will use a portable generator for, choosing the best portable generator for you and your needs is easy if you follow these steps.

### Wattage:

Portable generators are available in a large range of wattage ranges and calculating the minimum wattage you need your portable generator to handle is easy if you access the free online wattage calculator at <http://www.poweredgenerators.com/wattage-calculator.html> Take a minute to add the wattage requirements for your appliances and lights and jot it down to ensure that you don't consider one that will not meet your requirements.

### Fuel Usage and Run Time:

When you are choosing the perfect portable generator for you, you will also need to determine if the stated run time and fuel usage works for you. Every manufacturer will state the approximate run time for each model it offers but be sure to check the load size that they used to calculate it and compare that wattage with the wattage you requirements you calculated in step 1. You also need to choose between using approximately 12-18 gallons of gasoline per day and perhaps choosing a portable generator than runs on propane.

### Price:

Now that you know what you need from a portable generator you can compare prices for your specific wattage and fuel needs. Stop by the local hardware store for a comparison on what is available locally. There are hundreds of makes and models available so go out and get the best one at the best price for you. ★

## Summer Crime Prevention Tips

As summer quickly approaches, here are a few crime prevention tips to keep in mind for the summer months.

- ★ June 4th LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
- ★ Be sure to utilize the House Watch Program if traveling out of town
- ★ Be sure to lock doors and windows when you leave, even for a short time
- ★ Don't leave valuables in plain sight in your vehicles (cell phones, GPS, change)
- ★ Trim the bushes on the front and sides of your home for better crime deterrence
- ★ Leave porch light on at night
- ★ Use motion activated lights on the rear of the home
- ★ Use a home alarm system if possible
- ★ Photograph serial numbers on expensive items such as televisions, mowers, computers.
- ★ Report suspicious persons/vehicles to the police department (713-466-5824) ★

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## City of Jersey Village—Your City Council

The following candidates were elected to the City Council at the May 09, 2015 General Municipal Election:

**Mayor**  
**Justin Ray**  
**Councilmember - Place 2**  
**Greg Holden**  
**Councilmember - Place 3**  
**C. J. Harper**

With the taking of his Oath of Office on May 18, 2015 as Mayor, Justin Ray automatically resigned his position as

Council Member Place 1, leaving this position vacant. In accordance with the terms and condition of our City Charter, City Council has appointed Andrew Mitcham as Council Member, Place 1 for the unexpired term ending in May 2016.

The newly elected Councilmembers have taken their oath of office and were issued certificates of election in accordance with state election laws. The current City of Jersey Village City Council is comprised of the following members:

**Mayor, Justin Ray; Councilmember Place 1, Andrew Mitcham; Councilmember Place 2, Greg Holden, Councilmember Place 3, C. J. Harper; Councilmember Place 4, Sheri Sheppard; and Councilmember Place 5, Tom Eustace.**

Appreciation is extended to out-going Mayor Rod Erskine with 6 years of service and Harry Beckwith with 4 years of service. Both have worked very hard for the City. ★

## Common Code Violations

The following are a few of the items commonly reported to, or noted by, Code Enforcement:

1. Construction and / or repairs without required permits. Examples; Building, Electrical, Plumbing, Mechanical Permits for Sheds, Fences, Additions, Driveways, Irrigation, Re-roofing and Interior renovations etc.

2. Vehicles, Boats and Utility trailers not properly parked or stored on property and on streets.

3. Trash, grass clippings, and tree limbs etc. being placed for collection at the curb before 5pm on Mondays and Thursdays.

4. Garage sale signs, realtor, and contractor signs placed in the city right of way (between the curb & sidewalk).

5. Lost cat or dog signs being placed on light poles or stop signs.

6. Yard maintenance (high grass).

7. Dogs being allowed to run at large.

If you have any questions regarding code violations, or would like to report a violation, please call 713-466-2129 between the hours of 8 am and 5 pm Monday - Friday. If a code enforcement issue arises after hours, residents should contact the dispatcher

on duty at 713-466-5824. If the issue is deemed to be an emergency, dispatch will send a police officer to address the problem. If it is not considered to be an emergency, the Code Enforcement Officer will be notified of the call and will address upon returning to the office.

**By following the proper procedure city personnel will be able to address Code Enforcement Violations in a timely manner so that abatement proceedings, if necessary, may begin judiciously. ★**

## ARTICLE ON THE CALENDAR FOR APPROVING THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016

The City of Jersey Village fiscal year begins on October 1 and ends on September 30th of the following year. Although the city adopts its budget in the fall, the budget process starts in April with a Staff Budget Retreat. For several evenings in May, City Council and staff conducted a series of meetings, during which goals and objectives for fiscal year 2015-2016 were identified. Summer and early fall represent a busy time for staff, as preparation and adoption of the City Operating and Capital Budgets require significant resources. Below are the remaining key dates in which

**City Council and staff will conduct meetings related to next year's budget:**

**July 20th – July 22nd at 6:00 P.M.**

Budgets review by City Council and Crime Control Board.

**August 17th at 7:00 P.M.**

Crime Control Board conducts public hearing on proposed Budget and adopts Budget.

**September 21st at 7:00 P.M.**

City Council conducts public hearing on proposed City budget and adopts Budget.

**October 19th at 7:00 P.M.**

Adoption of Tax Rate, Utility Rates, and other rates.

All budget meetings are open meetings and the public is welcomed / encouraged to attend. If you need additional information on the budget schedule or any related matter, please contact the City of Jersey Village, Finance Department at (713) 466-2104. ★



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## **JERSEY VILLAGE COMMUNITY NEWS**

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### **ATTENTION AGGIE MOMS**

Are you sending off your first to Aggieland this fall? Find out how we help your student succeed that first year at one of our informal Summer Mixers in area neighborhoods. Dates and locations are listed on our website at [www.nwhcaggiemoms.org](http://www.nwhcaggiemoms.org). Please RSVP to [pechacek8722@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pechacek8722@sbcglobal.net) or 713-907-2277.

The Northwest Harris County Aggie Mom's Club meets August thru May on the second Tuesday of each month with the social beginning at 6:30 pm, with meeting at 7:15 PM at the Houston Distributing Company located at 7100 High Life.

### **PROJECT PROM THANKS YOU**

The Jersey Village High School Project Prom 2015 board would like to thank all of you who supported this year's event. Many of you put in countless hours planning and executing fund raising events. Many others participated in and even brought friends and neighbors to the fund raisers themselves. And nearly 100 parents volunteered to make the night of Project Prom a success.

Keeping our students safe is a community effort; it takes a village! We want to sincerely thank you for helping to provide a safe and memorable Prom for the Seniors of 2015.