



Mayor's Monthly Newsletter

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2018 in Review: A Year of Far Reaching Decisions in Jersey Village

Hello Neighbors, Residents and Friends

2018 was an amazing year in Jersey Village. Decisions were made and plans were put in action that will have a long standing and far reaching impact on our community. I have never seen our City government tackle so many big ticket issues in one year. I commend my colleagues on Council and our hard working staff for taking on these important and exciting endeavors.

Right off the bat, Jersey Village City government pushed ahead with improving City amenities for the community. This summer was the first year of the new splash pad at the Jersey Village pool – an amenity routinely provided by new neighborhoods that residents with children requested for years. One of our greatest amenities, the Jersey Meadows Golf Course, finally received the renovation support it needed. City leaders agreed to fund a new convention center and clubhouse that will greatly enhance the perception and revenue at the golf course. With the new facility, City government developed an aggressive business plan to grow the City's investment in the course. This venue will also serve as a new gathering place for residents and neighbors with improved bar and grill options.

On the flood mitigation front, I was encouraged by the County's successfully bond election that will fund needed White Oak Bayou improvements. As I have written about before, Jersey Village will undertake its own projects of the golf course berm, Wall Street drainage improvements and home elevations to work in tandem with the bayou improvements during a major rain event. This year, our City Manager and staff utilized the Long Term Flood Recovery Plan to successfully compete for Federal grant money to cover significant portions of the work. This was a fiercely competitive process and the diligent and professional efforts by our City Staff will have a positive fiscal impact on the City's Capital Improvements Plan.

2018 also marked the beginning of some of the City's more ambitious Comprehensive Plan elements. Wayfinding and sign entrances are key components of the Plan and were in want of serious attention. City Council approved new street signage and entrance markers to accurately reflect the pride we have in our community. The new street signs have been installed with the entrances slated for next year. The 2018 Gateway and Master Plan is available on the City's website. One of the largest undertakings this year was City Council's decision to lock down and purchase the valuable property on Jones Road. The Jersey Crossing development will have a long standing impact on the neighborhood and quality of life for the residents. I commend City Council again for taking the bold step to preserve this property in order to develop the kind of mixed use development our community needs and deserves.

2018 was a great year filled with major decisions that will greatly benefit our community for years to come. Thank-you to all the staff and residents are who worked together to build for a great future. We're just getting started!

All the Best,

Justin Ray
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