



Mayor's Newsletter

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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

The city has recently received exciting news regarding our flood mitigation efforts. This month, Jersey Village achieved a Class 5 designation in FEMA's Community Rating System (CRS). As a result, homeowners in the Special Flood Hazard Area (commonly known as the "100-year floodplain") will see their community discount on their flood insurance bill increase from 15% to 25%, translating to an average savings of \$400 annually. I want to extend my thanks to our city staff for their dedication and hard work, which made this accomplishment possible.

Additionally, we've been informed that two of the city's FEMA grant applications have been identified for further review, meaning they are likely to be awarded. The first grant, totaling \$657,375, will fund a comprehensive flood mitigation study. You may remember that a similar study was completed in 2017. This updated study will help us explore new flood mitigation opportunities while taking advantage of the latest hydrological data and models.

The second grant, for \$495,446, is earmarked to elevate two homes within the city. While this may seem like a small number, it represents some much-needed relief for these families who have lived in fear of when the next storm might turn their lives upside down. As long as we have families who qualify for home elevation and are willing to go through that process, we will keep pursuing grant funding until they're all out of harm's way.

These new grants bring the total external funding secured for flood mitigation to over \$31.8 million in the past seven years. This is an outstanding achievement, and I'd like to congratulate City Manager Austin Bless for his leadership in another successful round of grant applications.

Finally, a reminder that Election Day is coming up on Tuesday, November 5th. Early voting will take place from October 21st through November 1st, and the Jersey Village Civic Center will serve as a polling location for both early voting and Election Day. In addition to the public offices on the ballot, the City of Jersey Village will also have a \$10.1 million bond proposal to fund the construction of a new city pool. For more information about the bond proposal, please visit our city website at jerseyvillagetx.com, or feel free to reach out to me or any member of the city council. We're always happy to answer your questions about the bond proposal or any other city matters.

Your neighbor,

Bobby Warren
Mayor