

JACINTO CITY NEWS

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CODE ENFORCEMENT

In an effort to maintain a high quality of life in our city and to protect owner's property values, our city has stepped up our comprehensive code enforcement program. Our primary efforts are aimed at correcting unhealthy and unsightly conditions within the city. This includes abandoned vehicles, appliances, debris and other materials left in yards within the city. If you would like to report unhealthy or unsightly conditions please email or call City Hall.

INDEPENDENCE DAY FIREWORKS

Our annual fireworks display is on "the high road" between the cities, and will begin at dark on Saturday, July 4. Free parking is available at the GPISD Agriculture building.

HERITAGE HALL SENIOR CENTER

Heritage Hall Senior Center, located in Jacinto City Town Center, 1025 Oates Rd., is available for our citizens who are 60+. We are open Mon. – Fri. from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., each day at noon a balanced lunch is served. These meals are funded in part by the City of Jacinto City and The City of Houston acting as the Harris County Area Agency on Aging. A \$1.00 donation for meals is suggested but not required. Classes in exercise and ceramics are offered each week. There's Nutrition Bingo each Friday and many other activities. During the summer, Water Aerobics and Senior Swim are also offered. For more information, call 713-675-4487 or feel free to just come by for a free cup of coffee.

SENIOR OLYMPICS – APRIL 27 – MAY 1

A portion of the North Channel Senior Olympics will be hosted by Jacinto City. Call Heritage Hall at 713-675-4487 for more information.

PETS MUST BE LICENSED

All pets must be vaccinated for rabies and licensed by the City. License and rabies tags must be worn at all times and renewed annually. All dogs must be secured and not allowed to run loose. Failure to comply will result in a citation and fine for the owner.

PET VACCINATION CLINIC – APRIL 18th

The annual Pet Vaccination Clinic for Jacinto City Residents will be held on Saturday, April 18, from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at the Public Works Facility, 12202 Market St. A veterinarian will be on site and vaccinations will be available at reduced prices. City pet licenses will also be available for purchase. Call 713-453-7411.

OWNERS RESPONSIBLE FOR PET WASTE

A city ordinance requires pet owners to pick up waste left by their pets on any public property or private property not owned by the pet owner and to have a bag or other means to pick up waste in their possession anytime they are walking their pets outside their own property. Failure to comply will result in a fine between \$100 and \$500.

DOG ADOPTIONS

Our animal shelter offers free adoptions. Call us at 713-453-7411 for details.

DON'T FEED STRAY ANIMALS

Please do not leave food out for stray animals. Doing so allows stray cats and dogs to breed and become feral. It also draws raccoons and possums into the city. If you observe stray dogs or wild animals please contact us at 713-453-7411.

BE CAREFUL WHERE YOU PARK

As a reminder it is illegal to park on sidewalks.

TIRE ROUND-UP – MAY 16

On Saturday, May 16, from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., City crews will pick up tires from residences. **There is a limit of 4 tires per address, no large truck tires, and no tires may be on wheels or rims of any sort.** To insure pick-up, tires must be curbside by 8:00 a.m.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT – OCT 6

The Jacinto City Police Department is once again sponsoring the annual National Night Out. There will be block parties throughout the city. Meet your neighbors and watch out for each other. For more information, call the Police Department at 713-672-2455.

KEEP GRASS & WEEDS MOWED

The spring growing season is here. City ordinances require residents to keep grass & weeds mowed on their property, including utility easements.

GET PERMITS *BEFORE* ALL CONSTRUCTION

City ordinances require that building permits be obtained before starting any building project. This includes roofs, driveways, fences, remodeling and new construction, electrical and plumbing work. Building Permits are issued at City Hall. Building without a permit posted and visible from the street could result in fines.

JCPD OFFERS VACATION WATCH

If you are going to be out of town for two days or more, call the Police Department at 713-672-2455 to have a vacation watch placed on your home. A police officer will check your home daily while you are away. This is a free service for citizens of Jacinto City.

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

The City Council meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall Annex (old City Hall), 10301 Market Street. Agendas for the meetings are posted at both City Hall and City Hall Annex and online on the Monday preceding the meeting. All citizens are invited to attend.

TOWN CENTER AVAILABLE FOR RENT

The community building at Town Center may be rented by Jacinto City residents and businesses. It is a perfect setting for any occasion. Reservations can be made six months prior to the event date. For Town Center rental, call City Hall at 713-674-8424 or see the "Forms" section of the city website.

RECREATION FACILITY RENTAL

City pavilions in Smith and Wilke Parks, the gazebo, the gym, a meeting room in the gym, and the swimming pool may be rented by calling the Recreation Dept. at 713-673-4624.

GARAGE SALES

Permits are required for all garage or yard sales. A sale may be held at any one residence no more than once each ninety days. Permits may be obtained at City Hall for a \$20.00 fee for up to three consecutive days. A permit includes ten sign stickers to be affixed to all signs placed around the city. The person who obtains the permit is responsible for picking up all signs within 24 hours after the sale is over. Holding a garage sale without a permit or failing to pick up all signs will result in a citation being issued and a fine levied.

RECYCLE PAPER AT FIRE STATION

A receptacle to recycle paper is located at the Fire Station, 1126 Mercury. Please remember: paper only; no cardboard, plastic, metal, or glass.

TRASH SERVICE

Trash pick-up days are Wednesdays and Saturdays of each week, with Saturdays being the heavy trash pick-up day. Limbs and trimmings must be cut into lengths of no more than three feet and bound in bundles that weigh no more than thirty-five pounds. Trash may not be placed street-side more than 24 hours before pick-up and all emptied receptacles must be removed from street-side within 24 hours after pick-up. No building materials, tires, or hazardous waste will be picked-up.

WATER & SEWER BILL PAYMENT

Water & Sewer bills are mailed out at the end of each month, and are due by the 10th. If not paid on or before the 10th, a 10% penalty will be charged. If the

bill is not paid by the 17th, service will be cut off without further notice and a reconnect fee of \$30.00 will be charged. Bills may be paid at City Hall, either by mail or in person inside the lobby or at the drive-up window. Debit & Credit cards are accepted for a small convenience fee.

USE YOUR CITY PARKS

All City parks are in excellent condition and free to use for our citizens. Both Smith Park and Wilke Park have pavilions, picnic facilities, ball fields, and playground equipment for children. In addition, Smith Park has a basketball pavilion and Wilke Park has an outdoor sand volleyball court, tennis courts and an outdoor exercise area. Akron Park which is located just across from the library has soccer goals and playground equipment. The Gym, located adjacent to Wilke Park at 1022 Mercury, offers basketball, volleyball, an exercise room, aerobics, and other activities. Call 713-673-4624 for information.

SWIMMING POOL OPENS MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

SWIM LESSONS & SWIM TEAM

Swim lessons and swim team begin in June. Pre-registration is necessary. Every child should learn to swim. It could save their life! Call 713-673-4624.

TAKE PRIDE IN YOUR CITY!

Living in a small town like Jacinto City affords us the opportunity to truly be part of our community. We enjoy all the benefits of the "Big City" while maintaining the feel of a small town where people still know their neighbors and can depend on quick response times from our emergency responders. You are always welcome to call, email or drop by city hall with any questions or concerns that you may have.

CITY HOLIDAYS

City Offices are closed for holidays as follows:

New Year's Day	Jan. 1
M. L. King Day	Jan. 19
Good Friday	April 3
Memorial Day	May 25
Independence Day	July 3
Labor Day	Sept. 7
Thanksgiving	Nov. 26 & 27
Christmas	Dec. 24 & 25

City Hall will be closed on Columbus Day (October 12th, 2015 for a staff training day.

CITY TELEPHONE CONTACTS

CITY HALL	713-674-8424
POLICE DEPT.	713-672-2455
FIRE DEPT.	713-674-1841
PUBLIC WORKS	713-453-7411
PARKS & RECREATION	713-673-4624
HERITAGE HALL	713-675-4487
ANIMAL CONTROL	713-453-7411
LIBRARY	713-673-3237