



# Jacinto City Newsletter

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## CODE ENFORCEMENT

The Code Enforcement Department strives to improve the quality of life in the city. If you would like to report unhealthy or unsightly conditions, please email or call City Hall. This includes abandoned vehicles, trailers, appliances, debris, and other materials left in yards within the city.

## INDEPENDENCE DAY FIREWORKS

Our annual fireworks display is on the “high road” between the cities, and will begin at dark on Tuesday, July 4th. Free parking is available at the GPISD Agriculture building on Holland Ave.

## HERITAGE HALL SENIOR CENTER

Heritage Hall Senior Center, located in the 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. An exercise program is offered each week. There’s also Nutrition Bingo each Thursday and many other activities. For more information, call 713-675-4487 or feel free to just come by for a free cup of coffee and meet our bi-lingual staff. Call Heritage Hall 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 22nd

The annual Pet Vaccination Clinic for Jacinto City Residents will be held on Saturday, April 22nd, 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 for details.

## DOG ADOPTIONS

We strive to operate as a “No Kill” animal shelter. For that reason, we offer dogs for adoption. Call us at 713-453-7411 for details.

## FERAL CATS

Over the past several years a problem with stray or feral cats has developed. Since this is both a health and quality-of-life issue, the city has developed two methods of dealing with it. First, the city is offering

vouchers to Jacinto City residents wishing to have non – feral cats neutered or spayed. Residents can contact City Hall or any city official for vouchers. For feral or wild cats please contact either City Hall or public works and give us a location and description of the cat. The city will trap the cat then have it spayed or neutered. During this procedure the cat’s ear will be tipped, letting us identify it as being “fixed”. This prevents us from catching it again.

## ZIKA VIRUS PREVENTION

Mosquitoes carry disease! As we enter the wet season we all need to eliminate breeding areas for mosquitoes. Anything that holds even a small amount of water can become a source of mosquitoes. Please remove any “Mosquito Motels” such as tires, buckets, and other items that can hold water. Since it is impossible to totally eliminate mosquitoes, the CDC recommends using insect repellents containing DEET when outdoors if mosquitoes are present. Much more information on the ZIKA virus can be found on the city website. Just click “ZIKA Info” at the top of the home page.

## EMEGENCY NOTIFICATIONS

On rare occasions the city may need to notify you and your family about potentially dangerous situations. This could be a chemical release from a nearby petrochemical plant or other natural or manmade threat. Jacinto City uses the Harris County 911 system to accomplish this. To be sure that your family is notified you need to register all cell phones and VOIP phones with the 911 system. Just follow these links or go to 911.org and sign up. You can even tell 911 about any medications that you take or anything else that would help police, fire or EMS to assist you when you call 911.



## ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 8th, 10:30 AM at Wilkie Park ball fields . Boys & Girls - toddlers thru 12 years old.

### TIRE ROUND-UP – MAY 13

On Saturday, May 13, from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., city crews will pick up tires from residences. **We cannot accept 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 3

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

City ordinances require residents to keep grass & weeds mowed, including utility easements.

### GET PERMITS *BEFORE* ALL CONSTRUCTION

City ordinances require that building permits be obtained before starting any building-related project. This includes, but is not limited to, roofs, driveways, fences, HVAC, electrical and plumbing work. Permits are required for remodeling and new construction. 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 residents.

### 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. For Town Center rentals, call City Hall at 713-674-8424 or see the "Forms" section of the city website.

### GARAGE SALES

Permits are required for all garage 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.

### 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 put out more than 24 hours before pick-up and all emptied cans must be removed within 24 hours after pick-up.** No building materials, tires, or hazardous waste will be picked-up.

### ONLINE WATER BILL PAYMENT

Jacinto City offers online payment for water bills. On the city's website just follow the blue link "Pay Water Bill". This service also allows you to sign up to receive your water bill by email. It will even remind you to pay on time to avoid late fees. Bills are sent at the end of each month, and are due by the 10<sup>th</sup>. If not paid on or before the 10<sup>th</sup>, a 10% penalty will be charged. If the bill is not paid by the 17<sup>th</sup>, service will be cut off without further notice and a reconnect fee of \$30.00 will be charged. Of course, bills can still be paid by mail or in person. We also have a drive-up window for your convenience as well as a night drop. No cash should ever be placed in the night drop. Debit & credit cards are also accepted for a small convenience fee.

### USE YOUR CITY PARKS

All City parks are free to use for our citizens. Both Smith & Wilke Parks 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.

### ABOVE GROUND SWIMMING POOLS

Residents accept a great deal of responsibility and liability when they install a swimming pool. The city offers several free services that can reduce the chances of injuries related to pools. These include safety reviews, CPR classes and pool maintenance classes. Contact City Hall to get more information.

### CITY HOLIDAYS

Over the spring & summer, city offices are closed for holidays as follows:

Memorial Day	May 29
Independence Day	July 4
Labor Day	Sept. 4

### CITY TELEPHONE CONTACTS

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

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