



Jacinto City Newsletter

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FREE GARAGE SALE DAY

On October 20th any resident may have a garage sale for FREE! Up to 3 signs may be placed to advertise your sale and each resident is responsible for removing their signs after the sale. Please register your garage sale with City Hall to get your sale on the list that shoppers can download from our website. There will also be a central garage sale event on that same day at Wilkie Park. Registration forms can be found under "UPCOMING EVENTS" on our website.

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 City Hall, City Hall Annex, and on the City website.

BUILDING PERMITS ARE THE LAW

Jacinto City requires building permits **before you begin** a building or remodel project. This includes roofs, driveways, carports, fences, electrical and all plumbing work. Permit applications can be found under the "Forms" tab on our website and City Hall's friendly bilingual staff can answer your permit-related questions. Each week the city posts a complete list of current building permits on its website under "Public Notices".

ANIMAL CONTROL

All pets must be vaccinated for rabies and licensed with the city. DOGS MUST BE SECURED AND WEAR CITY LICENSE TAGS AT ALL TIMES.

SPAY & NEUTER CATS

In an effort to reduce stray and feral cats, the city conducts two programs. The first offers vouchers that allow residents to have their cats altered at no charge. These vouchers can be picked up at City Hall. We also catch feral cats, have them altered, then return them to the catch site. Contact City Hall for details.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

The city accepts debit & credit cards at city hall & court. There is a small convenience fee for this service. Jacinto City also accepts online court payments and water bill payments. We can even email your water bill each month. Just visit the city website for a link to make your payment or access other services. Of course, you can always use our drive thru or night drop at City Hall.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

We continue to strive to improve our code enforcement efforts. With the Zika virus being found in Harris County, we must enforce city codes dealing with high grass and other unhealthy conditions. It has also been noticed that there are many unused cars, boats and RVs within the city. Our city ordinances require all vehicles, including boats and trailers of all types to maintain current state registration with TXDOT and/or the Texas State Parks & Wildlife Department for boat registration tags. Covering a vehicle with a tarp does not eliminate the need to comply with this city ordinance. If you have any questions about these requirements, please contact the police department. As we step up these efforts, our Police Department's code enforcement officer will be issuing citations for code violations. This includes abandoned or junked vehicles, high grass, tires, appliances, debris and other materials left in yards within the city. If you would like to report unhealthy or unsightly conditions, please email us at codes@jacintocity-tx.gov or contact the Police Department.

GARBAGE & 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 tied in bundles weighing 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 of pick-up. No building materials, tires, or hazardous waste will be picked-up. Each year the garbage contractor makes small adjustments to their charges due to inflation. We anticipate this year's adjustment to be approximately 3.45% which equals 42 cents per month increase.

NO TAX INCREASE !

Within a few weeks, property owners will receive combined tax statements from Harris County. Your Jacinto City taxes are listed on that statement and must be paid to Harris County. The Mayor and City Council are very proud to once again announce that this year's property tax rate is identical to last year's rate.

OPEN SANITARY SEWER LINES

During heavy rains, the city's sanitary sewer lines become overwhelmed with rainwater. Due to this, the

TCEQ has mandated that the city take action to reduce the amount of “inflow” into the sanitary sewer system. In order to correct the problem, we are using a camera system to inspect residential sewer lines that have may have leaks or other openings allowing rainwater to enter the line. Please be sure that all sewer cleanouts are closed and that rain gutters do not drain into your home’s sanitary sewer.

POLICE OFFER VACATION WATCH

If you are going to be away from home for more than three days, contact the Police Department to arrange for a vacation watch for your home. This free service consists of police patrols paying special attention to your home while you are gone, including a daily check of the premises by a police officer to be sure all doors and windows are secured. If there are any problems, you will be notified.

CHRISTMAS PARADE – DEC. 1st

This year’s Christmas Parade will take place on Saturday, Dec. 1st, starting at 3:00 p.m. The parade ends at Town Center, where there will be caroling and refreshments, and the ceremonial lighting of the City Christmas Tree.

SANTA ON THE FIRE TRUCK – DEC. 8TH

Santa Claus, riding atop a fire truck, will circulate throughout Jacinto City on Saturday, Dec. 8th, beginning at 8:00 a.m. Santa and his helpers will be distributing bags of candy to children.

PUMPKINFEST

The Parks & Recreation Department is hosting its annual Pumpkinfest Celebration at the ballpark located on Mercury Dr. at Challenger 7, Saturday, Oct. 27th. The Celebration begins at 5:00 p.m. There will be several events including a kid-friendly movie that will be shown on the ball field at dark. Please bring chairs or blankets to sit on. The movie & many other activities are free. For more information, call 713-673-4624 or go to “UPCOMING EVENTS” on our website.

USE YOUR CITY PARKS

Fall is here, and there is no better time to utilize our park facilities. The gazebo in Wilke Park and the pavilions in both Wilke Park and Smith Park may be rented for parties, etc. Wilke Park has grills, tennis courts, an exercise area, a sand volleyball court, and picnic tables.

RENT TOWN CENTER FOR YOUR EVENTS

The large community building at Town Center is available for rent by our residents and businesses. We are finishing upgrades to the building’s acoustics and air conditioning system which will make it an even greater place for all sorts of events. Details about

renting Town Center can be found on the city website under the “Forms” tab. Like all city facilities, the Community Building can be rented 6 months in advance.

HERITAGE HALL SENIOR CENTER

Heritage Hall Senior Center, located at the Jacinto City Town Center, 1025 Oates Rd., is dedicated to the service of Jacinto City’s senior citizens. In addition to a free lunch program, there are several activities and outings enjoyed by those attending. Our senior staff is bi-lingual and takes great pride in caring for seniors. For more information please call 713-675-4487 or email Elizabeth Flores at elizaeth.flores@jacintocity-tx.gov.

TOYS FOR TOTS & FAMILY FOOD BASKETS

The annual Toys for Tots and Food Basket program information is on our website under “UPCOMING EVENTS” or simply contact City Hall.

BE CAREFUL WHERE YOU PARK

As a reminder, it is illegal to park on sidewalks. This blocks passage by pedestrians and causes damage to the sidewalk. Parking on city easements is also illegal. Many residents have parked vehicles on the Akron easement or the flood control easement west of Switzer Street. Driving or parking private vehicles is prohibited in these areas.

ZIKA PREVENTION

We have all heard of the ZIKA virus and its ability to cause devastating birth defects. Jacinto City takes this threat to public health very seriously and is taking strong actions to protect our residents. You can help in three ways. 1. Be sure to remove all standing water in your yard. 2. Avoid exposure to mosquitoes by wearing long sleeve shirts and long pants or by staying indoors from dusk to dawn. 3. Use DEET if you must be outside when and where mosquitoes are found. Your city officials are doing their part by spraying for mosquitoes and clearing areas that hold mosquitoes.

CITY TELEPHONE CONTACTS

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