



DEERFIELD VILLAGE NEWS

MAY, 2014

The Voice Of The Community • Dedicated To The Residents Of Deerfield Village

SUMMER DAYS ARE HERE AGAIN!

The Pool is open on the weekends in May as follows:

May 3rd, 4th, 10th, 11th, 17th, 18th, 24th, 25th, 26th and 31st

Day(s)

Saturday, Sunday and

Memorial Day

Adult Only Swim

Saturdays 10th and 24th :

(Swim Team Meets 10th and 24th)

Pool Times

10:00am – 8:00pm

10:00am – 11:00am

2:00pm – 8:00pm

See complete 2014 Pool Season schedule on pages 4 and 5 of this issue.

If you do not already have a Pool Pass on file, please contact the DVCA office at 281-463-2624 during the office hours between 9:30am and 1:30pm for information regarding the process of obtaining valid DVCA Pool ID passes.

All swim pool parties and swim lesson requests now need to be initially requested through the DVCA office.



IN REMEMBRANCE OF FLO HORTON

Flo's contribution to the Deerfield Village Community did not go unnoticed and she will sincerely be missed by all that knew her. Flo served long term on various DVCA Committees and served many years as the DVCA Office Assistant. She will be remembered with great pride!

IMPORTANT NUMBERS:

ANY Police, Fire or Ambulance Emergency 911
S.E.A.L Neighborhood Patrol 832-408-0200
Trash Pick-up 281-888-3688
Curb Damage (No Patio Home Curbs) . . . 281-463-6300
Power Outage 713-207-2222

Flooding 713-684-4000
Gas Leaks 713-659-2111
Water & Sewer Sewer Information. 281-347-8686
County Pets 713-999-3191
Illegal Dumping 713-920-2831

Important Information...

Welcome to Deerfield Village

If you are a new resident in Deerfield Village, please feel free to stop by the DVCA Office, Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:30am and 1:30pm, to obtain additional information about the community and the DVCA facilities. You may also wish to pick up a key to the Tennis Courts. The keys are \$25.00 each and the deposit is refundable when the keys are returned to the office. If you would like to get involved in your new community, a list of committees and their meeting schedules are available. More help in keeping the community vibrant is always welcome! For inquiries, you may contact the DVCA office at 281-463-2624, or email us at deerfield4@sbcglobal.net Visit our website at www.deerfieldvillage.net to learn more.

Receive emergency and informational e-mails...

If you would like to be put on an e-mail list to receive emergency or last minute informational e-mails, please e-mail the office with a request and your e-mail address. deerfield4@sbcglobal.net



Keep Deerfield Bright at Night...

Please report Street Lights and Greenbelt Lights that are out to the DVCA Office. **It is necessary to provide the pole number and the location address of the pole that is being reported.** Street Lights that are not on the Greenbelt and not in the Patio Home Section may be reported directly to CenterPoint Energy at the following website: <http://www.centerpointenergy.com/services/electricity/residential/repo>



rtastreetlightoutage Under "Residential" section, choose "Report a Streetlight Outage" and fill in required information.

Recycling is Always on Friday



Residential Trash Reminders...

Please know that there is a 15 bag limit in regards to yard debris per service day. Anything over this limit must be negotiated between the home owner and Texas Trash Service 281-888-3688 Hours of Operation 7am-7pm Office hours 7am-4pm

Pick-up days are Tuesday and Friday. **Please** do not put your trash out until Monday evening or Thursday evening. Recycling will NOT be picked up on days with bad weather.

Nothing but water should go down our storm drains.

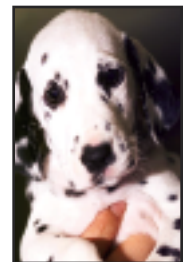
Please make certain that the grass/yard clippings along curbs are bagged. In case of a heavy rain, these clippings will be swept into the sewer system and block the runoff water; which in turn will flood our streets.



Pet Hotline...

Along with a Rabies tag for ID, the most important is a tag with owner's phone #...since vets are closed on Sat. afternoon and all day Sundays. A tag with a cell # is the best because the cell phone is usually with the owner when he is not home..

Marie Nugent Pet Hotline 281-859-1104



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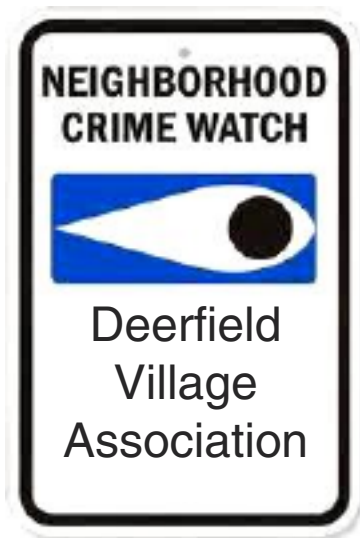
e-mail: deerfield4@sbcglobal.net www.deerfieldvillage.net

The Office Hours Are: Monday thru Friday • 9:30 - 1:30

Deadline for Newsletter: 18th of the month prior to publication.

Submit articles, photos and ads to the Recreation Center Office,
or e-mail to: deerfield4@sbcglobal.net

Security Committee...



Security Stats for

March, 2014

ACTIVITIES

Assistance	4	Information	9
Alarm	2	Disturbance	2
Animal	6	Solicitors	4
Burglary of a Habitation	1	Susp. Activity	9
Burglary Motor Vehicle	0	Susp. Person(s)	2
EMS	1	Susp Vehicles	6
DWI	0	Resident Interactions	96
House Watch	9	Call Center Calls	86
Vehicle Theft	0		

Emergency telephone stickers are available at the DV Rec. Center office
281-463-2624



We are asking for your help in identifying Deerfield Village garbage thieves! Please report anyone that you see going through, or taking items from residents property and going through garbage to SEAL at 832-408-0200 as quickly as possible? These thieves are taking things and items that are placed outside a resident's home, or on a driveway, that may not be intended to be thrown away? Also they are looking for items thrown in your trash, such as pre-approved applications with your personal ID on them, so that they can steal your identity! We would like to

catch, or at least drive out, this or these individuals!

Thanks to everyone for your cooperation!

Tennis Committee...

Great way to meet Deerfield Village
Tennis Players!

If interested, please email: deerfieldvillagetennis@yahoo.com along with your name, telephone number and skill level (USTA Rating or Beg/Inter/Adv).

We are committed to keeping our tennis amenities some of the best in the area, while getting the most "bang for our buck" on maintaining them. We are a fun group that enjoys our part in the Community Association. Anyone interested in joining our Committee is always welcome to come to our meetings on the first Wednesday night of every month @ 8:00pm. We look forward to meeting new friends!!! Contact: Deerfieldvillagetennis@yahoo.com

Ladies Tennis Anyone?

If interested, please contact:
Leslie Rupard at sunshine463lr@gmail.com

2014 POOL SWIM SEASON SCHEDULE

MAY 2014: 3rd , 4th, 10th, 11th, 17th, 18th, 24th, 25th, 26th and 31st

Day(s)

Saturday, Sunday and
Memorial Day
Adult Only Swim

Saturday
(Swim Team Meets 10th and 24th)

Pool Times

10:00a.m. - 8:00p.m.
10:00a.m. – 11:00a.m.
2:00p.m. - 8:00pm.

JUNE 2014: 1st then Full Time beginning JUNE 3rd

Day(s)

Saturday (Swim Team Meet: 14th)

Monday (2nd, 9th, 16th)

Tuesday – Thursday (3rd - 5th)

Friday (6th Last day of School)

Tuesday – Friday (6th – 19th)

Adults Only Swim

Tuesday – Friday (beginning 20th)

Adults Only Swim

Monday (23rd and 30th)

Saturday and Sunday

Pool Times

2:00p.m. – 9:00p.m.
CLOSED
11:00a.m. – 4:00p.m.
11:00a.m. – 9:00p.m.
11:00a.m. – 9:00p.m.
11:00a.m. – 12:00 Noon
10:00a.m. – 9:00p.m.
10:00a.m. – 11:00a.m.
5:00p.m. – 9:00p.m.
10:00a.m. – 9:00p.m.

JULY 2014: Full Time

Day(s)

Monday

Tuesday – Sunday

Adults Only Swim

Pool Times

5:00p.m. – 9:00p.m.
10:00a.m. – 9:00p.m.
10:00a.m. – 11:00a.m.

AUGUST 2014: Full Time

Day(s)

Monday (4th, 11th, and 18th)

Tuesday – Friday (1st – 22nd)

Adults Only Swim

Monday – Friday (25th – 29th)

Saturday and Sunday

Adults Only Swim 1

Pool Times

5:00p.m. – 9:00p.m.
10:00a.m. – 9:00p.m.
10:00a.m. – 11:00a.m.
5:00p.m. – 8:00p.m.
10:00a.m. – 9:00p.m.
0:00a.m. – 11:00a.m.

SEPTEMBER 2014: 1st-14th; 20th, 21st, 27th, and 28th

Day(s)

Monday – Friday
Saturday and Sunday
Adults Only Swim
Labor Day (2nd)

Pool Times

5:00p.m. – 8:00p.m.
10:00a.m. – 8:00p.m.
10:00a.m. – 11:00a.m.
10:00a.m. – 8:00p.m.

Community Services...

Remodeling of the kitchen facilities in the Recreation Center and the Recreation Center Annex has been completed. The old facilities had become outdated and outmoded, creating inconveniences for residents who rented them for various occasions. We hope you will come by and look at what has been done.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to Laurie Johnson for her extended efforts on the research, organization and supervision of the installation of the draperies that are now in place inside the Rec Center Clubhouse windows. The DVCA office has received a number of compliments on them! They are beautiful!

The Community Services Committee meets
the 1st Monday of each Month.
We encourage new members to join us.



Deerfield Events

Upcoming Events...

Texas Hold 'em Poker!

2nd Thursday of the month, 7:30 PM, at the Recreation Center...

Bunco!

3rd Thursday of the month, 7:00 to 9:00 at the Recreation Center

Ladies Social

4:00 PM to 6:00PM, 4th Thursday of the month. See you May 22nd, 2014. It's at the Rec Center, and is an opportunity for the ladies to get out and relax... It is bring your own beverage, and sorry guys, but it's meant for the ladies...

Coffee and Donuts!

Friday Morning – Coffee and Donuts @ 8:30AM – Every week, and the last one of the month is paperback/dvd/jigsaw puzzle exchange. Bring one, take one. Bring a friend, make new friends, come have a cup of coffee or tea and visit with your neighbors.

Music on the Green!

May 17th – 6:00PM – Relax on an early summer evening with an evening concert! It's free, it's fun, and it's a blast!

July 4th Party -

Come join the fun - first with our July 4th Bicycle/wagon/car parade, starting at the Rec Center, a pool party and pool slide, and more. And there will be food available, all in keeping with the July 4th festivities. More information in next month's newsletter.

Adults Only Night at the Rec Center

Saturday, August 9th from 7-10PM BYOB and Snacks.
60's and 70's music by DJ Chip Conner

Come to our **POT LUCK SUPPER** on Sunday September 7th, 2014 at 5:30pm
at the Rec Center Clubhouse.



Join us at 5:30pm to meet and visit. Dinner is at 6:00pm. Bring a dish to share with your neighbors...a Family Specialty Dish is always a delightful treat! This event is open to ALL Deerfield Village residents. (Note: there is a small \$1.00 fee per person to cover paper goods.) We are looking forward to seeing you there!!!

Recreation Committee...

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt was bigger and better than ever – we counted over 200, mainly kids, but a lot of parents and grandparents. The Easter Bunny was there for pictures, and there were additional games after the egg hunt. If you weren't there, you missed a great event.

Our next event is the May 17th Music on the Green. Come join your neighbors for a music concert from 6:00PM to 9:00PM. It won't be too hot yet, and kids can go swimming while the adults enjoy the music. Memorial Day - due to lack of volunteers we have nothing planned for that holiday.

July 4th – we have had two volunteers step forward to take charge, so now we are looking at having a children's parade, a pool party with a slide, pool games, some con-

cessions and more. The leaders would appreciate any help they can get, both adults or teenagers who might need service hours. Call the Deerfield office and leave your name and number if you can help out. More specific information will be in next month's newsletter.

We are looking at an adult social in early August. It will be somewhat like our Mardi Gras event, which means bring an appetizer and your own beverage – we will provide the music. It will be a nice social event here in the neighborhood.

It's been said before and here it is again – our only limitation is volunteers to suggest and lead an event. We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, 7:00PM, upstairs at the Rec. Center. Deerfield is only as social-able and vibrant as you make it.



**CAN YOU STILL
PARTY AND DANCE
TIL YOU DROP?**

**COME JOIN US FOR ADULTS ONLY NIGHT
AT THE REC CENTER CLUBHOUSE ON**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 9TH
FROM: 7:00PM TO 10:00PM**

60's and 70's Music brought to you by popular DJ Chip Conner!

BYOB AND SNACKS!

Celebrate the best music in decades! No admission fee!

Texas Hold'em Poker

Second Thursday
of the month,



At 7:30 pm, we start our regular cash game. Everyone is welcome to watch or participate.

Contact Bob Shortle, at 281-463-4589,
for more information.

Deerfield Village Bunko Group



Meets the 3rd Thursday of the month, 7:00 - 9:00 pm at the Deerfield Clubhouse.

Bring a Potluck dish and \$5.25.

Contact: JoAnne Maruca at 281-550-8162.
Joann.rich@yahoo.com or Pat Rothman at 281-345-9355. RR1texas@earthlink.net

Pet Hot Line News...

FOR ALL NEW RESIDENTS WITH PETS:

Please call me for a Pet Hotline tag for your pet. If your pet gets lost and has the tag the finder can call me and I will call you and arrange to return your pet. Tags from another city or state make it hard to get your pet back as quickly asap. The Pet Hotline tag has my home and cell #. I keep a log with a photo, breed, pet's name, your name, address and phone contact numbers. A rabies tag is great for ID, but, many Vets are not contactable 24/7 and, the finder may not be able to keep

your pet several days.

“ATTENTION!!! ALL PET OWNERS

Keep your dog safe by making sure the gates are locked during garbage day pick-up. Pets will bark and jump at the gate, and if it is not latched properly, they will get out. Tuesdays and Fridays are the days I get the most calls for missing pets!”

Marie Nugent: 281-859-1104

Date and Time of Committee and Board Meetings...

Committee	Meeting Dates*	Time	Board Trustee	Committee Chair	Phone
Community Services	1st Monday	7:30 PM	Bruce Boff	Rick Johnson	281-550-8895
Deed Restrictions	1st Monday	7:00 PM	Brent Burris		
DVCA Board	4th Monday	7:00 PM	Eric Tourelles		281-855-0312
Financial Services	3rd Tuesday of the month	7:00 PM	Stuart Cory	Mike Feeney	281-859-4504
Landscape	2nd Monday	7:00 PM	Arthur McDanel	Lynetta Morrell	
MUD #136	2nd Thursday	6:00 PM	Eric Tourelles		281-855-0312
Recreation Center	2nd Tuesday	7:00 PM	Louis Carpenter	Peter Howell	281-463-1360
Security	2nd Tuesday	7:00 PM	Larry Burkham	Ben Sommers	281-855-9235
Swimming Pool	2nd Monday	7:00 PM	Sigmund Potocki	Glenn Sommers	281-855-7716
Tennis	1st Wednesday	8:00 PM	Marie Nugent	Ray Sarmiento	281-954-5133

* Please read the Committee Reports for Monthly changes in the schedule.

Mud 136 Report...

Neil Polansky, President

At the April 2014 meeting of the Harris County MUD 136 Board of Directors we discussed many long term and new issues, heard reports from our consultants including engineering, operations, bookkeeping, tax assessor, and legal.

Due to the influx of new homeowners and neighbors in Deerfield Village (Harris County MUD 136) I thought it time to reacquaint many of you with what a MUD is and how we operate. The following general information provides an overview of Municipal Utility Districts. For a more exhaustive guidebook on MUDs, go to: <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/publications/gi/gi-043.html>

What is a MUD?

A Municipal Utility District (MUD) is a political subdivision of the State of Texas authorized by the Texas Commission of Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to provide water, sewage, drainage and other services within the MUD boundaries. MUD Board members are elected officials that serve 4 year terms. The publicly elected Board of Directors manages and controls all of the affairs of the MUD subject to the supervision of the TCEQ. The Board establishes policies in the interest of its residents, utility customers, and ratepayers. A MUD may adopt and enforce all necessary charges, fees and taxes in order to provide district facilities and service.

How are MUDs created?

Property owners in a proposed district petition the TCEQ to create a MUD. The TCEQ evaluates the petition, holds a public hearing, and grants or denies the petition. After approval, the TCEQ appoints five temporary members to the MUD's Board of Directors, until an election is called to elect permanent Board members, to confirm the MUD's creation, and to authorize bonds and taxing authority for bond repayment. HCMUD 136 currently has no outstanding bond authority and has retired all district debt.

Will my taxes be higher or lower in a MUD?

MUD tax rates, like all property tax rates, vary according to property values and debt requirements. MUD tax

rates generally decline over time as the MUD is built out and operating and debt service costs are shared by more homeowners, or in the case of HCMUD 136, debt is retired and taxes pay for maintenance and operations of district facilities.

Can MUDs provide for parks and recreation facilities?

In addition to common functions of water and wastewater service, some MUDs are legally empowered to engage in conservation, irrigation, electrical generation, firefighting, solid waste collection and disposal, and recreational activities. A MUD can provide for itself the recreational amenities that are approved by the Board of Directors and funded by the District.

This is the season where climate conditions change almost daily, but Texas remains in a precarious position regarding the availability of fresh water. The Houston area is no different, and we ask all District customers to use water wisely, and calibrate their lawn watering and sprinkler systems to maximize this limited resource and save money in the process. Please, no more watering the sidewalks and driveways.

Also, we ask that you not place solid waste at curbside for collection prior to the night before pickup. It is the resident's responsibility to tell landscapers and lawn people to place garden refuse bags behind enclosures or up driveways prior to the night before collection. I constantly see bags at curbside on Saturdays and Tuesdays, and they sit there for 2-3 days. Please make sure to bundle and tie all tree and plant cuttings, and to keep the bundles no more than 5'-6' in length.

In the coming months we will begin offering hazardous waste collection (hazmat) via a contract with Waste Management. This program will be free of charge to residents of HCMUD 136 during the first year of operation, at which time we'll evaluate the program and make any necessary changes. Watch this newsletter and your monthly water/sewer bill for details on how to participate.

Our next Board meeting is Thursday, May 8, 2014 at 6:00pm at the DVCA Recreation Center. Meetings are free and open to the public. See you there!

Financial Services Committee...

Meetings: Because of Memorial Day May meeting will be the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm to review the financial status of our community. The next meeting will be May 13, 2014.

Financial status as of March 31, 2014

YTD expenses	\$ 114,153	2014 Operating/Reserve Budget	\$676,882
YTD budget	116,213		
Under/(Over) budget	\$ 2,060	Designated reserve	\$766,909

Expenditures: Actual expenses are in line with the budget.

Assessments: Through March 2014 we have collected 93.79% of the 2014 assessments. The YTD collection rate is .41% ahead of the 2013 rate.

Feral/Stray Cats Information:

If you have feral or stray cats around your house, Deerfield Village resident Barbara Griffith can trap them and get them neutered or spayed. Contact her at (281) 463-6915 or griffdc@comcast.net.

PLEASE do not discard or leave food out for animals on the Greenbelt. It has come to our attention that residents of homes along the Greenbelt are intentionally and increasingly placing leftover food items outside near or on the Greenbelt. Whether they are intended for the birds, squirrels, loose cats, or stray dogs, it is not healthy for the animals, could cause choking, and is considered littering. This food is also creating havoc for the owners of leashed dogs as the dogs are enticed toward the food and it is not known whether the food has been poisoned.

DEERFIELD RESIDENTS AND PET OWNERS!

Folks, we have a PET POOP problem

OUR Community needs your help! If you are able to take your dog for a walk on the Greenbelt, you are also able to take a plastic bag that weighs less than an ounce in order to pick up the poop.

For those of you that let your pet run along with you, do so, AFTER your pet has pooped and you have scooped. Letting your pet walk behind you does not let you see when the pet poops.

Let's be more mindful of others. Please be a responsible pet owner and CLEAN UP THE POOP when walking

your pet outdoors! When your pet poops on the Deerfield Village Common Areas/Greenbelt, it stinks, it's easy to step on, but somehow you just can't make yourself pick it up! Poop also pollutes your environment and contains bacteria that pose a health risk to people. When it rains or storms, the poop get washed into the streets and flows down the storm drain into area bayous and waterways where people may come into contact with it. Consider buying a handy pooper scooper, bring along a grocery bag or newspaper bag, tie it off to seal it and throw it in the trash. This will make the task easier!

BONJOUR DEERFIELD!

If you would like to learn to speak French, NOW is a perfect time!

Meet with Christine, who is a retired French teacher with 30+ years experience! You will enjoy the weekly fun sessions!

Tuesdays from 6:00pm to 7:00pm

Wednesdays from 11:00am to 12:00noon

For venue, questions and information, please call 281-859-1883 or 281-841-7554, email: ctourelles@live.com



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Deerfield Village Playgroup

If you are looking to meet other moms in Deerfield with young children, this is the perfect opportunity to.

Please contact: Amy Zimmerman at 512-762-9262 for more information on dates, times and meeting places.



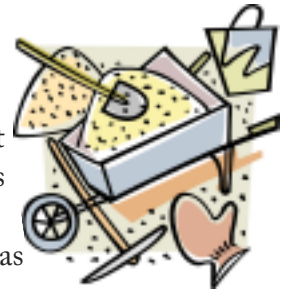
Coffee & Donuts

Every Friday in May from 8:30 AM to 10:00 AM at the Rec Center. We have a book/dvd/vhs tape/jigsaw puzzle exchange the last Friday of the Month. Coffee and Donuts is open to all human residents - come visit, sip coffee, and share what's happening.



Landscaping Committee...

Hopefully the weather is going to be a lot nicer than we've experienced and we can all start doing our spring chores in our gardens. Our committee is busy getting a number of chores completed. A survey of neighborhood sidewalks that need repair is being completed and work will be done as soon as possible to repair as needed. We will be treating common areas for ants, flowers will be planted, and all the other things needed in the Spring. We are also requesting our residents not to pile mulch around the base of trees on the greenbelt trees. As it composts, it rots the bark and creates ideal conditions for termites, pine borer beetles, and fire ants to invade the tree, shortening its life. We Would again invite all of you to come to our committee meetings on the second Monday of the month at 7:00pm at the recreation center.



LADIES! COME JOIN US! LADIES HAPPY HOUR!

Where: DVCA Recreation Center Clubhouse

When: May 22nd, 2014 Time: 4:00pm to 6:00pm

Please bring your own beverage!



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Most of you have received the bad news that your property tax valuation has gone up. It seems that most are being compared the highest selling home prices. These are homes with lots of updates like Granite in the kitchen and baths, wood floors and pools with outdoor kitchens. If your house is not like that, then follow the instructions for protesting. Once more info from HCAD comes to you, call me and we can see if there is a way to show your value is less than they say. You can also hire a protest company, but Protest!

Equal Housing Opportunity, Information is deemed reliable, however, we can not guarantee accuracy.