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residents of
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(Karen Duhrkopf)

President's Report

By Bob Shortle

Thanks to all for your support. As I complete my year of service as your DVCA Board President, I want to thank everyone who have made this past year at Deerfield successful. I'll try to recognize everyone but I'm sure I'll miss someone. My apologies in advance to those I miss.

Thanks to Nora Fearing for running the office and making my job go smoothly. Thanks to Flo Horton to back up Nora. Thanks to all the Board Members. Thanks to each of the Committee Chairs where all of the real work gets done. To Dan Karsten who completed 4 years as chair of Community Services, and Bill Grosse who completed multiple years as chair of Deeds, the most unpopular position, and Bob Henry who shepherded us into another year without a dues increase, to George Hintz of uncountable years to keep our security under control and to Melinda Hughes and Steve Ward for maintaining our pool and tennis facilities. Thanks to past Board members, who after their board terms, continue to serve Deerfield: Tim McGhee, who is now the Chair of Community Services; and to Craig Coleman, who serves on the Financial Services committee. And special thanks to Mike Nunez who stepped forward to guide the Deeds Committee.

I plan to step down from the Board and simply continue in one role as community Service committee person responsible for electronic communications, namely the WebMaster@deerfieldvillage.net.

Deerfield is undertaking several major renovation projects again this year. Despite rising costs and the funding of several significant renovation projects last year, Deerfield continued to have more than \$525,000 in the bank savings to fund projects. Through diligent spending, we under spent our \$450,000 budget by \$50,000. Through serious planning, the Landscape committee reduced the \$75,000 mowing contract by \$20,000. Thanks! The finance committee held the budget without an increase. Thanks again!

We are tired of constant harangues from past presidents about a lack of participation. We all make the same pleas for help. So this year, I've waited to write only one message. We need your help before we run out of volunteers.

This year we tried an alternative approach. In one instance, we started the process to examine the opportunities to outsource the duties for deeds violation tracking and reporting. We quickly heard from a small band of vocal protestors who believe the status quo is fine and don't want to see any addi-

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tional costs incurred. Fortunately among the protestors we found two volunteers to come help take a turn at the management of Deerfield.

Our Village (a tribute of lexicon favored by Bill Rogan) has been instilled by active volunteerism since our inception. Now I know many of you also serve at school ,scouts, church, hospitals and other volunteer opportunities. Many have served Deerfield in various capacities for dozens of years with little recognition.

So here's my final message and plea for you to take your turn at guiding our Village. With slightly less than 100 members needed to fill all boards and committee positions, that works out to an obligation of 1 person from each of the 1058 households to serve 1 year out of every 10.58 years. So if you are new resident to Deerfield, I call upon you to schedule your 1 year (and hopefully more) of service before the 10 years go by. There's a job for everyone willing to help.

Thanks to you all who have helped in the past, and welcome to those who will step forward to serve our Deerfield Village in the future. – Bob Shortle

B ridge winner: George Nowosiejki.
Congratulations George!

Saturday Morning Ladies' Coffee Gathering And Guest Speaker

Would you like to get to know more of the ladies of Deerfield? Would you like to develop your relationship with God, but don't know where to start? Come visit with the ladies of Deerfield who have been participating in various Bible studies throughout our neighborhood. On **Saturday, April 16th from 9:30-11:00 a.m.**, all ladies of Deerfield are invited to come visit with one another at the Deerfield Rec Center for a morning of food, fun and information. After a time of getting acquainted, we'll have a number of ladies share Bible study opportunities in Deerfield, then be encouraged by guest speaker Robin Ullrich, who along with her husband, Scott, serve as missionaries in Bulgaria.

If you currently have a Bible study in your home and would like to share information about it with us, please call Debi Hugelge at 281-856-2284. Any questions call Debi, Collette Fahrig (281-855-1981), Carrie Forcade (281-550-0600) or Kelly Lowry (281-866-9455).

Coffee and refreshments will be provided. Feel free to inform and invite friends who do not live in Deerfield.

Deerfield Playgroup – Come and Join the Fun!

If you are looking to meet other moms in Deerfield with young children, this is the perfect opportunity for you. Dates and time may vary depending on the weather. Contact Angela Burris for a calendar of meeting places. 281-463-8065 or aburris@houston.rr.com.

Security Stats - January 2005

Contract #87; Harris County
Precinct #5

ACTIVITIES	Total
Accidents	2
Alarms	12
Assaults	1
Burglaries	0
Burglary of Motor Vehicle	1
Citizens Assistance	11
Citizens Contact	22
Criminal Arrests	0
Criminal Mischief	2
Disturbance Calls	9
Suspicious Vehicles	4
Suspicious Persons	8
Thefts	2
Traffic Citations	5
Traffic Warnings	13
Vacation Watch	35

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

Constable Dispatch: 281-463-6666

CY SPRINGS SCHOLARSHIPS FUNDRAISING EVENT

The OPTIMIST CLUB is hosting a bus to HARRAH'S CASINO in Lake Charles, LA SATURDAY APRIL 9TH, 2005. The cost is \$20 for the round trip bus ride. For more information or to purchase a ticket you can stop by our meeting Thursday March 17th 7:30pm at the up-stairs rec room in Deerfield OR call Susan Duncan 832-452-3268.

Quarterly
Patio Home Dinner
Sunday, March 6
Deerfield Rec Center
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Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Thank you, Boy Scouts, for a wonderful mulch drive and delivery. It will sure enhance the yards in Deerfield! Neighbors—remember to move your bags from view of the street as soon as possible if you are not able to scatter the mulch in your flowerbeds within the next week or so.

CONTACT INFORMATION

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Board Trustee</u>	<u>Committee Chair</u>	<u>Phone(281)</u>
Community Svcs.	Larry Burger	Tim McGhee	550-8194
Deed Restrictions	Don Driggs	Mike Nunez	861-8080
DVCA Board	Bob Shortle		463-4589
Financial Svcs.	Lee Stranathan	Bob Henry	861-9730
Landscape	Mike Polk	Jay Singleton	
MUD #136		Steve Dornak	463-3723
Rec Center	Ernie Powell		
Security	Dennis Hughes	George Hintz	463-1244
Swim Pool	Amber Basinger	Melinda Hughes	859-8024
Tennis	Marie Nugent	Steve Ward	859-1043

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Be a part of the *Deerfield Dolphins Swim Team!* For more information, contact the Rec Center office, or register on March 3 from 7 to 9 or March 20 from 2-4 at the Rec Center! It's a wonderful opportunity for children and youth and a great way to get to know neighbors.

For more information email deerfielddolphin@yahoo.com and check the swim team website.

Pool ID pictures taken on the same dates and times.

Following is a partial summarization of many restrictions. (Not inclusive; see Protective Covenants for all restrictions).

~No building or improvements or changes in design on any lot until plans and specifications have been submitted and approved. (This includes but is not limited to new roofs, pool installations, house additions, new siding, exterior painting, patio additions, etc.) ~Maintain all structures, including fences, in safe and attractive condition. ~No structure may be placed on utility easements. ~No business activity, for profit or not, shall be permitted. ~No noxious or offensive activity of any sort, nor shall anything be done on any lot which may be or become an annoyance or nuisance to the neighborhood.

Classified Ads

I would love to live in a one story patio home in Deerfield Village. If you are interested in selling, please call Celia Walla at 281 497-6049. I am not a realtor.

Dog Walking/Pet Sitting. Will walk your dog for a day or a week. Once or twice a day. Will pet sit your dog, cat, fish, or rodent. Very inexpensive! Deerfield Resident. Seth 281-550-0676.

Ramp Master 90" Arched Motorcycle Ramps. Center ramp and two side ramps for ATVs, riding lawnmowers or motorcycles. \$150 To see these ramps and for more information visit best-motorcycle.com/ramps 281-463-4928

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DEERFIELD VILLAGE RESIDENT



DEERFIELD VILLAGE GARAGE SALE – APRIL 2, 2005

RULES AND REGULATIONS

The DFV Garage Sale will be held on Saturday, April 2 from 7:00 AM – 1:00 PM (rain date – April 9) at each resident's house. We will have the same traffic pattern as last year and a total of 5 constables on duty to help alleviate congestion.

*The Garage Sale will **begin** at 7:00 AM and **end** at 1:00 PM. Please abide by these times. **THERE WILL BE NO TRUCK FROM BCAM THIS YEAR. PLEASE MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO DISPOSE OF ANY UNSOLD MERCHANDISE.**

*Garage Sale must be **confined to participant's property**. Do not use the street or the cul-de-sac as cars need to have access to them.

*The official Deerfield **Garage Sale Sign** must be at the **end of the driveway in plain view**. Signs should be brought to the Community Association immediately following the sale. Please store signs in appropriate containers provided.

***No food or beverages** may be sold at the Garage Sale. Someone could get ill due to food and beverages stored at improper temperatures.

Registration: REC. OFFICE:	Now through March 18	\$15.00
	March 18 (after 2:30 PM) – April 1	\$25.00


Forms may be dropped off at the office during regular office hours. You may also put completed forms in the drop box next to the office door. If you have any questions, you may call Susan Taranto (281) 550-9255 or the Community Association Office at (281) 463-2624.

-----TURN IN BOTTOM ONLY-----

I, _____ have read, understood and will abide by the above rules and regulations for the April 2 (rain date – April 9, 2005) Deerfield Village Garage Sale.

Signature of Garage Sale Participant	Address	Phone
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(Rec Center Office) - Garage Sale Number: _____ Amount Paid: _____ cash/check

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Office Hours: MTRF 8:30-2:30 Wed 8:30-11:30 Please call to confirm		1 Security – 7:30 Spanish Class	2 Bible Study Qijong 7:00 Tennis -8:00	3 Spanish Class Ladies Bridge 1-4	4	5
6 Cy-Fair Spring Break	7 Community Services-7:30	8 Spanish Class Annual Meeting of Members-7:00 NEW: Men's Game Night 7:30-9:30	9 Bible Study Qijong 7:00 Optimist Board 7:30 PM MUD #136 7:00	10 Spanish Class Office Closed	11 NEW: Men's Bridge 1:30-3:30 Couples Bridge 7:00PM Office Closed	12
13	14 Deeds-7:00 Landscape-7:30 Office Closed	15 Spanish Class Office Closed	16 Bible Study Qijong 7:00	17 Spanish Class (C) Bunco-7:30 Optimist Club 7:30 PM	18	19 Easter Egg Hunt 10 AM 
20	21 Swim Committee-7:30	22 Financial Services-7:30 Spanish Class	23 Bible Study Qijong 7:00	24 Spanish Class	25	26
27	28 Board of Trustees – 7:30	29 Spanish Class	30 Bible Study Qijong 7:00	31 Spanish Class		
	Spanish Class? Mandy Donovan 281-858-7769	Optimist Club? Leslie Kajileh 281-859-7752	Qijong????? Diane Jepson 281-550-6919	Bunco????? Joyce Johnson 281-859-5209	Bridge????? JoAnn Maruca 281-550-8162	Men's Bridge/ Game Night? Bob Fahrig 281-855-1981

Scout
Troops:

Walker 1/3 Mondays
Wall 2/4 Mondays
Burton 1/2 Thursdays

Kidder 1/3 Tuesdays
Schunk 2/4 Tuesdays

Thompson 3rd Monday/Tuesday
Burger 3rd/4th Wednesday

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Manager's Report: Nora Whittaker Fearing

- Just a reminder: Assessments for 2005 were due January 1. Interest has been added to all past due accounts. Deerfield depends on your prompt payments to pay its bills. If you need to make payment arrangements, please call the office.
- Mark your calendars for March 8 at 7:00 PM. This is the Annual Meeting of Members. Come and hear what is happening in your community.
- I have received a new shipment of recycle bins. Come on down to get yours.

Volunteer Opportunities

We still need willing volunteers to fill our committees. We have a spot for you on: Security, Swim or Committee Services. Please check the calendar at the back of the newsletter for meeting times.

Garage Sale: *Thank you to the Tarantos.* They have volunteered to coordinate our Annual Garage Sale on Saturday, April 2. Look for an application in this newsletter. They will also be available at the Association Office.

Children's Easter Party: *Thank you to Girl Scout Troop #16328.* They have volunteered to coordinate the Children's Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 19.

If you need more information, call me at the office (281) 463-2624.

Election Update

Voting for the (3) open Board of Trustee positions begins Monday, February 28. Voting will be held during office hours with one(1) vote per household. The office will be open on Saturday, March 5 from 8:30-Noon for your voting convenience. If you have any questions, please call the office.

Accolades and hats off to you!

Janice Kalbacher was instrumental in getting the Cy-Fair board to consider another option in keeping our bordering neighbors in Cy-Springs High School and not split to 3 different schools. Lee Bertoli helped pull it all together—Celeste Heath presented to the Board. The board voted on her proposal that night and we won the case to keep our children's friends and our neighbors together. Thanks also to Harry Price and Marta Bott.

Wonderful neighbors, a wonderful service. Thank you, all, for stepping forward to make a difference in the community.

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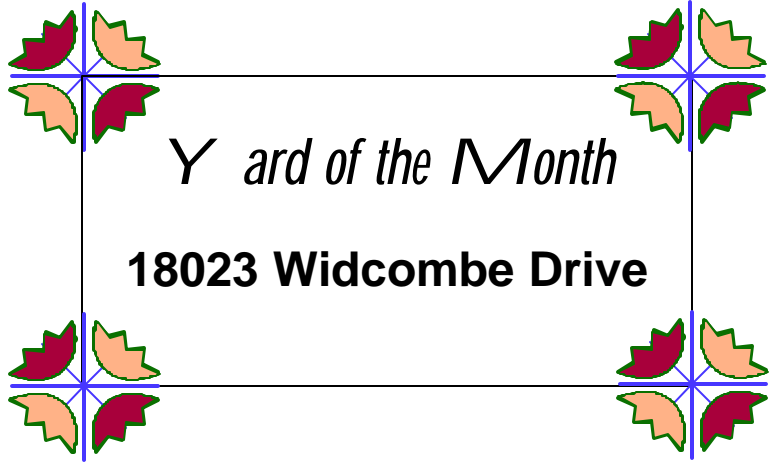
Other service: mosquito control system/irrigation installation/repair /DRAINAGE

Landscape lighting installation/repair - LAWN MAINTENANCE W/CONTRACT

New Opportunities for men in Deerfield!

Men's Intermediate Bridge. 2nd Friday of each month from 1:30-3:30 at the Clubhouse. Bring your own supplies and refreshments. For more information call: Bob Fahrig (281) 855-1981.

Mens' Game Night. Intermediate Bridge, Hearts, Euchre, Pinochle. 2nd Tuesday of each month from 7:30-9:30 in the Annex upstairs. Bring your own supplies, cards and refreshments. For more information call Bob Fahrig: (281) 855-1981.



FEBRUARY 2004 HCMUD 136 NEWS

www.hcmud136.org

By Steve B. Dornak

There were more discussions concerning the events of December 7th with representatives of ECO Resources. They have assured us that procedures have been implemented to prevent a similar situation from occurring again. Specifically they are:

- ❖ Non-emergency repairs will not be started after 12:00 pm if the repair has the potential to cause a water outage.
- ❖ ECO's IT department will add a "pop up" screen to the District's service order initiation process. This step would require an action response from the initiator concerning whether or not this Service Order will create a water outage.
- ❖ **Door Tags** will be distributed at least 48 hours prior to a scheduled water outage, such as a non-emergency tap line repair or the installation of a new main line valve.
- ❖ **Signage** will be strategically placed in the area of the repair as a "**visual notice**" to customers. Signage will include ECO's informational phone numbers.
- ❖ No work will be performed on a water distribution line without first checking that the line has been isolated.

Additionally ECO made some management changes to better improve communications within its own organization as well as with the HCMUD 136 board.

ECO also presented the board with a new payment plan that will allow for customers to pay their water and sewer bills in a number of new ways. Currently customers can only mail their checks, use automatic draft payments or go to the ECO offices in Sugarland.

ECO has asked the board to sign off on the new plan to allow customers to pay bills by credit card, grocery store payment, on-line check payment and check by phone payments. There will be an additional expense (\$2000.) to the district to set this new form of payment into place but it will allow "you our customers" a new and more flexible way to make your payments. There will also be an additional convenience charge of \$1.00 added to each payment at the time of the transaction.

The board would like to have your opinion since it is your money that is involved in this new plan. **Would you or would you not be in favor of this new form of payment?**

You can voice your opinion by calling one of the board members: Steve Dornak, 281-463-3723, Neil Polansky, 281-550-2862, Jay Singleton, 281-463-7346, Barry Greer, 281-550-6347 or Jim Nordin, 281-550-2585.

Please call and leave your name and a "YES" in favor or "NO" if you are not in favor. You can also email me at sdornak@swbell.net

The board also considered the new 2005 budget but deferred adoption until next month, discussed but did not take action on a new electrical provider and authorized the Engineer to proceed with the calculations required for the District's Drought Contingency Plan. The board also adopted an order Authorizing Exemptions from Taxation for our over 65 citizens.

The next HCMUD 136 meeting is Wednesday, March 9, 2005 at 7:00 pm in the Deerfield Village Recreation center. Meetings are open to the public.