

# DEERFIELD VILLAGE NEWS

the voice of the community

## Neighborhood Watch Program

The Security Committee has installed important information related to the Neighborhood Watch Program on the [Deerfield Village Website](http://www.deerfieldvillage.net), ([www.deerfieldvillage.net](http://www.deerfieldvillage.net)). The Neighborhood Watch program contains information that can help keep your home and family safe and secure. There is a section that lists all the block captains and section leaders and maps showing where each block is located. A Crime Watch information-reporting sheet is included. This sheet can be used when reporting or receiving information on suspicious or criminal activity. It is very important that correct information be recorded and passed on regarding any incident that has occurred.

The Security Committee is asking everyone to go to this website and look up your street. Please check the maps and list to see if your street has a block captain. If your street does not have a block captain, please consider becoming one. If your name is listed as a block captain or section leader and you no longer want to serve in that capacity, please contact the Security Committee. The responsibilities are:

**Block Captains**—Goal is to have at least one block captain per street block.

### Responsibilities

1. To contact each neighbor on his or her assigned street and complete a "Neighborhood Watch" form, including names, phone numbers, vehicle descriptions, license plates, children, etc.
2. To inform block neighbors of any security activities that has been passed down from the section leader.
3. To receive reports of security-related activities from block neighbors and relate that information to their section leader.

All Section Leaders and Block Captains are members of and are encouraged to attend the Deerfield Village Security Committee meetings that are held on the second Tuesday of each month at the Deerfield Village Recreation Center at 7:30PM; however, attendance is not mandatory.

George R Hintz  
Security Committee Chairman  
Home Phone: 281-463-1244  
Office Phone: 281-398-0533

February 2006

**Dedicated to the  
residents of  
Deerfield Village**

4045 Deerfield Village  
Houston, TX  
77084-3291  
Office: 281-463-2624  
Fax: 281-463-7679

E-mail:  
deer-  
field4@sbcglobal.net

Website:  
[www.deerfieldvillage.net](http://www.deerfieldvillage.net)

*Office Hours:*

MTThF—8:30-2:30

W—8:30-11:30



**Deadline for  
March issue:**

*February 15*

Submit articles and ads  
to office at Rec Center,  
or e-mail  
[don2dusk@aol.com](mailto:don2dusk@aol.com)  
(Karen Duhkopf)



## Deerfield Playgroup—

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](mailto:aburris@houston.rr.com).

Security Stats - December 2005  
Contract #87; Harris County  
Precinct #5

ACTIVITIES	Total
Accidents	0
Alarms	11
Assaults	0
Burglaries	1
Burglary of Motor Vehicle	2
Citizens Assistance	26
Citizens Contact	18
Criminal Arrests	0
Criminal Mischief	3
Disturbance Calls	16
Suspicious Vehicles	6
Suspicious Persons	3
Thefts	5
Traffic Citations	3
Traffic Warnings	1
Vacation Watch	74

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

## Deerfield Dolphin News



Do you enjoy “hanging out” with your friends, meeting new neighbors and getting a little exercise? The Deerfield Dolphin Swim Team is where you need to be.

The 2006 swim season is approaching quickly. The team Reps have been to several NWAL meetings and are very excited about the upcoming summer. We will be swimming in division 5 against local teams. Yea!!!!

### Registration

Signup for the 2006 season will be held on Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 – 6:00 and Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> from 7:00 – 9:00. If prior commitments prevent you from attending these dates, you can signup from March 13 – 17<sup>th</sup> in the Rec Center office or by contacting Lisa Walker @ 281-550-3558. Late fees will apply after the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### Volunteers

We are in need of several volunteers to head up key committees. Please email Lisa @ [deerfielddolphins@sbcglobal.net](mailto:deerfielddolphins@sbcglobal.net) if you are interested.

### Coaches

Returning this season is Coach Tanya. She is bringing with her new ideas and enthusiasm. Craig Osterman has accepted the assistant coach position. He not only has the talent but also the experience to lead our Dolphins to a winning summer season.

### Contact

If you have any questions or comments you can email Lisa Walker and Lee Stranathan at [deerfielddolphins@sbcglobal.net](mailto:deerfielddolphins@sbcglobal.net).

**How would you feel about receiving a newsletter on your doorstep every other month. . . or once a quarter?? Since we have the ability to reading it online, maybe it would be a way to save some money. . . .**

**Email the Deerfield office (address on front) and let them know your opinion. . .**

## JANUARY 2006 HCMUD 136 NEWS—[www.hcmud136.org](http://www.hcmud136.org)

By Steve B. Dornak

The Board received the resume of Jim Hewlett for the position of replacement director. The board voted and approved his appointment and he will fill the term that is to expire in May 2008.

The Board also voted and approved an Order Calling for Director Elections. This is the election in May to fill the expiring terms of directors Steve Dornak, Barry Greer and Jay Singleton. Each of these directors has stated they do plan to run for reelection. Candidates for election must apply for an application to Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P., Attn: Jana Cogburn, 1301 Mc Kinney, Suite 5100, Houston, TX 77010-5246. The application must be returned by March 13, 2006 for their name to appear on the ballot. The election will take place on May 13, 2006.

The Board will also start work on the budget for the next fiscal year at the February meeting.

The Tax Assessor and Collector's report was presented and reviewed by the board. The District has collected 99.07% of its 2004 taxes and 65.56% of 2005 taxes. Ms Rodriguez stated that the 2005 collections were running behind last year in part due to delays in mailing some of the tax bills, a delay caused by late property value certifications from the Appraisal District. Homeowners should have received the 2005 Tax Statement by this time. If you or your mortgage company have not received it by now please call Bob Leared Interests at 713-932-9011. MUD #136 taxes are due January 31, 2006 and after this date penalties and interest begin to accrue.

The Board voted unanimously to authorize a tax exemption of \$15,000 of the appraised value of residence homesteads within the District for individuals who are disabled or are 65 years of age or older.

The Board also discussed alternate forms of water bill payment. The additional fees to the district (previously in the plan) have been waived. The attorney confirmed that the language used in the agreement is standard wording that is included in other contracts that ECO has with other districts. The Board will consider action on this item next month.

Mr. Eckert of ECO Resources and Mr. Troutt of TC&B presented the Board a report of the panel failure at water plant. They explained their findings and felt that the electricity provider was not at fault. The problem turned out to be the welding together of the starter contacts, causing the starter to short. This type of failure is rare and should not be a problem in the future as the replacement controls use solid state equipment, eliminating the starter contacts. The Board also approved a new lightning arrestor recommended by Mr. Trout for additional protection.

The next HCMUD 136 meeting is **Thursday, February 9, 2006 at 6:30 pm** in the Deerfield Village Recreation center. Meetings are open to the public and you are encouraged to attend.

QUALITY ROOFING BY  
**CRADDOCK**  
**ROOFING**  
 RESIDENTIAL REROOFING SPECIALIST

REROOFING THE BEAR CREEK AREA FOR 22 YEARS  
 INSURED FOR YOUR PROTECTION

FREE ESTIMATES

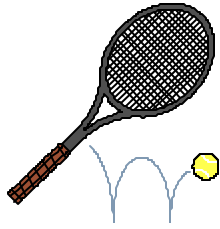
**713-465-8090**

DEERFIELD VILLAGE RESIDENT



NATIONAL  
 ROOFING  
 CONTRACTORS  
 ASSOCIATION  
 MEMBER

*Tennis News*



The Tennis committee is having a Fun Tennis Tournament on Saturday, March 25th at 6.30 pm. It is open to all levels of players. Bring a snack to

share— the committee will provide the balls and sodas.

Get those racquets out for an airing as well as have fun. Contact Ron Tope for more info at 281-855-8471.



**Flip's Irrigation Service**

Specializing in commercial & residential repair on all brands. Installation available. 18 years experience.

**Flip Thompson**

**832-474-6066**

Licensed Irrigator 6327

flip@industryinet.com



Office

**979-992-3815**



**2006 Voting Update**

by Glenn Sommers, Precinct 650 Election Judge, Republican Precinct Chairman

If you are currently a registered voter, you **should have received your new yellow and white Voter Registration Certificate**. If you haven't, you may want to call the Harris County Voter Registrar at 713-368-2200 and check on your status. New cards are mailed to all current registered voters, but they will not be forwarded if you have moved.

If you are not currently registered and **want to vote in the March 7 Primary, you must be registered by February 6**. Registering to vote is easy! Get an application card from the Voter Registrar's office, the Clay Road Courthouse, the DVCA office, or give me a call at 281-855-7716. Fill it out and mail it in. It's that easy!

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

<i>Committee</i>	<i>Board Trustee</i>	<i>Committee Chair</i>	<i>Phone(281)</i>
<b>Community Svcs.</b>	Dan Karsten	Tim McGhee	550-8194
<b>Deed Restrictions</b>	Don Driggs	Bob Nugent	859-1104
<b>DVCA Board</b>	Dennis Hughes		
<b>Financial Svcs.</b>	Bob Henry	Rollie Volker	550-3958
<b>Landscape</b>	Mike Polk	Jay Singleton	463-7346
<b>MUD #136</b>		Steve Dornak	463-3723
<b>Rec Center</b>	Amber Basinger		
<b>Security</b>	Larry Burger	George Hintz	463-1244
<b>Swim Pool</b>	Jim Boorman	Melinda Hughes	859-8024
<b>Tennis</b>	Marie Nugent	Mark Tinne	463-1258

## Classified Ads

### **Calling all dog lovers! Daisy Needs a Home**

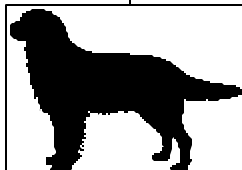
We need to find a new home for our lab-mix dog, Daisy. She is six years old and is 100% house trained. She does not chew on things and has a happy disposition. Her only need is to be an inside pet and get lots of love. She is current on all of her shots and heartworm preventive. Please call 281-856-8448 if you are interested.

**Lost:** digital camera with disc inside. Reward for disk and/or camera. (281) 859-1104.

**"FedEx** apparently mis-delivered our special order of hard-to-replace Imation Music CD-R's. If you got them by mistake or know anything about them, please call Mary Lee Johns (at the Les-sels' home) at 281-345-0871. We're feeling kinda desperate. Thanks."

## Pet Hotline News

There has been an abundance of "doggie doo" on the sidewalk along the Greenbelt. This has been observed by walkers on the Greenbelt. This problem is due to owners on bikes running their dogs without noticing that the dog needs to stop. This is not only cruel to the dog but disrespectful to the walkers that use the Greenbelt.



Those of you that exercise your dogs in that manner, please curb your dog or run them at the lower level of the ditch away from the sidewalk. **Note:** As summer approaches, please be aware that the sidewalk heats up to a point where you would not walk barefoot. Your dog's pads feel that heat and can crack. It would be best to walk the dogs in early morning or in the evening. You can test the sidewalk by just touching it with your palm. If you feel the burn, don't walk your dog at that time or walk him on the grass in the ditch. Marie Nugent 281-859-1104.

## All About Mulch

By Landscape Committee

Because of warmer than usual temperatures, the spring growing season has already started. So, it's time to start sprinkling the trees and plant beds. But, because Mother Nature is being stingy with her rain and the Regional Water Authority has raised its water pumpage fee, it's also time to be water smart.

Conserve the water you have sprinkled by

using mulch, but not more than 3 inches deep. Anything more will create a blanket too thick for water to penetrate. Mulch not only keeps the moisture in the soil from evaporating, it also protects the soil from heat by either reflecting the heat (light colored mulch) or absorbing the heat (dark mulches). A word of caution: The temperature of dark mulch exposed to direct sunlight on hot summer days can reach 150 degrees. As the heat rises from the mulch, it will cook plants that are not heat tolerant.



For more information about mulches log on to the Texas A&M website <http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu>. or contact the Master Gardiner hotline at 281-855-5600. You can also talk to a master gardener in person at the Annual Tomato and Pepper Plant Sale, Saturday, February 25 at the Bear Creek Community Center/Extension Center in Bear Creek Park.



**Linda's**  
**"Fit and Fun Cruises"**  
 12-day Mediterranean Cruise  
 featuring the "Greek Isles"  
**October 29, 2006**

*Starting as low as \$1999 plus air & port charges*

Escorted by Linda Griffeth,  
 offering private exercise classes daily

**Contact Linda Griffeth for more info: 281-463-8790**

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.*

## CY-SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL CHEER CLINIC

For ages 3 through 8th grade

**Saturday, February 18, 2006**  
**9am-12pm at Cy-Springs HS**  
**7909 Fry Road**

\$25 in advance, \$30 at the door

Registration forms available at  
 Cy-Springs HS front desk  
 or from any CSHS Cheerleader

Questions? Contact Meredith at [meredith.burg@cfisd.net](mailto:meredith.burg@cfisd.net)  
 or (281) 345-3089



**Collection Event**  
**Harris County Annex 13 & Sport Complex—17423 Katy Freeway**  
**(Enter via Barker-Cypress)**  
**8 AM to 2 PM only**

Harris County holds approximately ten (10) one-day drop-off events for Household Hazardous Waste throughout Harris County each year. The events are typically held during the spring and fall season, and are free to all residents of Harris County. **The upcoming date is April 8.**

Residents may bring household quantities of paint products, pesticides, fertilizers, motor oil, gasoline, pool chemicals, household cleaners, aerosols, batteries and automotive tires (5 per household).

Used electronics such as televisions, computers, word processors, printers, scanners, fax machines, cellular phones, VCRs, stereos and other small personal electronics are also accepted. Residents may bring up to five (5) of each of these items.

A mercury thermometer exchange is also held in conjunction with each of the events. Residents may bring a mercury fever thermometer for proper disposal and receive a FREE, non-toxic replacement.

Participants will receive information on less toxic alternatives to common hazardous household products and can also shop for FREE items at the reusable products booth located near the exit of the drop-off site! Business waste, medical waste, ammunition, explosives, compressed gas cylinders, washers, dryers, refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, photocopy machines, microwaves, or smoke detectors are NOT accepted at these events. Businesses may call the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Small Business and Local Government Assistance Hotline (800-447-2827) for information on proper disposal methods for hazardous waste. The hotline offers free, confidential technical assistance.

<http://www.cleanwaterclearchoice.org/>

# DEERFIELD VILLAGE GARAGE SALE – APRIL 1, 2006 RULES AND REGULATIONS

The DFV Garage Sale will be held on Saturday, April 1 from 7:00 AM – 1:00 PM 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:	February 1 - March 17	\$15.00
	March 18 (after 2:30 PM) – March 31	\$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 1 Deerfield Village Garage Sale.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Garage Sale Participant                                      Address                                      Phone

(Rec Center Office) - Garage Sale Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Paid: \_\_\_\_\_ cash/check

**DEERFIELD VILLAGE 'HAPPENINGS'**  
**FEBRUARY 2006**

Office Hours: MTRF: 8:30-2:30      W: 8:30 – 11:30

**Committee Meetings**

Community Services	Monday, February 6	7:30 PM
Tennis Committee	Wednesday, February 1	8:00 PM
Security Committee	Wednesday, February 15	7:30 PM
Deeds Committee	Monday, February 13	7:00 PM
Landscape Committee	no meeting this month	
MUD #136	Thursday, February 9	6:30 PM
Swim Committee	Thursday, February 2	7:30 PM
Financial Services	Tuesday, February 21	7:30 PM
Board Meeting	Monday, February 27	7:30 PM

**Community "Game" Opportunities**

Ladies Bunko	Thursday, February 16	7:00 PM
Texas Hold 'Em Poker	Thursday, February 9	7:30 PM

**Other Community Meetings/Events**

Optimist Board	Wednesday, February 8	7:30 PM
Optimist Club	Wednesday, February 22	7:30 PM
Qigong	Every Wednesday	7:30 PM
Couples' Study	Saturdays until 5/18	7:00 PM

**Scout Troop Meetings**

Troop #120	February 21 & 28	7:00 PM
Cub Scout Pack 1135 Den 5	February 1 & 8	4:30 PM
Girls Scout Troop 5449	February 7 & 21	5:30 PM
Schunk Boy Scout	February 14 & 28	7:00 PM
Crittenden Boy Scout	February 7	7:00 PM
Youngflesh Boy Scout	February 2 & 23	7:00 PM

**DON'T FORGET TO VOTE IN THE TRUSTEE ELECTION**

If you would like more information on any "happenings", or would like to participate in any of the activities listed above, please call The Association Office at (281) 463-2624.





## 2006 DVCA TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

Applications are now being accepted for three (3) positions on the Board of Trustees, for a three year term. Candidates for the Board of Trustees shall complete and submit the "Application for Trustee Election" to any Election Committee member or to the Association office. Application is on the back of this form.

Important Dates:            **Application Deadline:**            **February 12**  
   **Election:**    **March 7 – March 11 (noon)**  
   **Annual Meeting:**                                    **March 14, 2006-7:00 PM**

Resumes will posted at the Association Office no later than Friday, February 17. You may also view applications on-line at [www.deerfieldvillage.net](http://www.deerfieldvillage.net) no later than February 17. Applications will also be delivered to all residents via the Deerfield Village Newsletter by Sunday, February 26.

### MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

All candidates shall be Deerfield Village homeowners--**in good standing**--who reside in Deerfield (no outstanding Assessments)

No two persons residing in the same family dwelling may be concurrently nominated to, or serve on, the Board.

It is the responsibility of the Board of Trustees to direct and manager the affairs and assets of the Association. Also, the Trustees shall attend the monthly Board meeting and represent on committee. Therefore, those interested in becoming candidates should familiarize themselves with the Association's Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws, and Community Service Charge. A complete set of the aforementioned articles will be given to candidates when their application is submitted to the office.

### CURRENT TRUSTEES

Amber Basinger, Secretary	Term Expires	2006
Don Driggs, Vice President	Term Expires	2006
Marie Nugent	Term Expires	2006
Jim Boarman	Term Expires	2007
Larry Burger	Term Expires	2007
Mike Polk	Term Expires	2007
Bob Henry, Treasurer	Term Expires	2008
Dennis Hughes, President	Term Expires	2008
Dan Karsten	Term Expires	2008

### 2006 ELECTION COMMITTEE

Jim Boarman, Chairman	18302 Heaton Drive	281-463-1556
Nora Whittaker Fearing, Asst. Chairman	DVCA Manager-Rec. Center	281-463-2624
Melinda Hughes, Member	18303 Harrow Hill	281-859-8024

**TURN OVER FOR APPLICATION**

APPLICATION FOR TRUSTEE--2006

Please fill out this application and mail or return to:  
Deerfield Village Community Association, Inc.  
4045 Deerfield Village Drive  
Houston, TX 77084  
Office: 281-463-2624  
Fax: 281-463-7679

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

EXPERIENCE:

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

WHAT DO YOU HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH AS A BOARD MEMBER: