

December
2006



Office Hours:

Monday–Friday

8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

The office will be closed
December 25th and 26th
in observance of the
Christmas Holidays.

*Judging for
Christmas Decorating
will be decided by
December 14th.*

*Have a Merry
Christmas!*

*Deadline for
January Issue:*

December 15

Submit articles and ads to
Rec Center Office or email
deerfield4@sbcglobal.net

Deerfield Village News

THE VOICE OF THE COMMUNITY
Dedicated to the residents of Deerfield Village

Deerfield Village Christmas Party

Date: Saturday, December 16th, 2006

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. - Snow Party
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. - Pictures with Santa

Place: Deerfield Village Recreation Center

Activities: *SNOW SNOW SNOW!

*Pictures with Santa
(to be emailed to families the following week)

*Arts and Crafts

*Refreshments

*Fire Truck Tour

*Moonwalk



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TILL WHAT FREEZES OVER?

Landscape Committee



It's been a while since we have had freezing weather in Houston. But, if it does happen, the statistics say it will most likely be in December. The cold air will be very dry and will pull moisture from the soil. Be prepared for a freeze by thoroughly watering plants and making sure the soil is covered with one to two inches of mulch. Foliage can be protected with freeze cloth or freeze protection sprays. However, the cold weather does not mean you can't have a colorful yard. Such flowers as Pansies, Dianthas, Snapdragons, Alyssum, Johnny Jump Ups, an Cyclamens are cold tolerant plants that will provide color until warm weather returns. The Landscape Committee chose Dianthas and Alyssum for the beds at the Clay Road entrance and the Patio Home entrance. The Extension Service at Bear Creek welcomes visitors to see many examples of cold weather plants. For more information contact the Master Gardiner hotline at 281-855-5600.

Pool Renovation Project

The pool renovation project evolved from a combination of events that occurred almost simultaneously. The previous Board president announced that the subdivision was approaching 30 years of age and our community assets were rapidly weathering along with time. Committee chairs were asked to identify deteriorating assets and submit a plan to repair items. Additionally, the Texas Department of Health published a change in regulations that were to be enforced beginning January 1, 2000. The pool, at this time, had to have depth markers in place. The combination of the Board request and regulation change lead to a chain of events that culminated in the pool renovation.

In 2002, the pool committee inspected the deck and noted major cracks, sections shifting causing stress cracks in the pool, sections sinking, clogged drainage, loose coping, a suction leak, and more. In 2004 after two years of committee meetings and Board presentations, the committee obtained bids from three contractors that would include repair of the deck around the perimeter of the pool, lift the sinking sections, and repair the stress crack in the pool. The cost to patch 1% of the deck was in excess of \$20,000. It was determined that there were more serious problems below the deck and any effort to patch and repair would result in: 1) a waste of DVCA's money, 2) the final product would not be consistent with the environment of Deerfield Village, and 3) more money will have to be expended later to continue the patch work process.

In August of 2004, an emergency pool committee meeting was held and formulated two financial options to renovate the deck area. Neither option made it into the 2005 budget and the pool committee was forced to repair only the corner of the pool and replace the corner of the deck that was causing stress. Volunteers painted depth markers on the existing deck to insure that the pool was in compliance with the TDH regulations. While these two efforts bought time, the net effect was that the deck was still unsafe and the repairs were not consistent with Deerfield's environment.

In 2005, the pool committee approached the Board with an estimate on deck replacement and obtained Board support to move forward with the project. In a separate meeting, the Board approved hiring a landscape architect to design the deck area. The committee representatives met with a landscape representative in the pool area and discussed plans for plantings. The pool committee was given the go ahead to do what we wanted with two criteria for plantings: low maintenance and low water. It was agreed that the landscape would come out of the swimming pool budget.

In 2005 and 2006 the following activities occurred: After many site visits with the designer, the committee was provided a preliminary design that incorporated desirable features from each pool that was visited. This design was presented to the Board with materials selected and the reassurance that the landscape plan was to follow. We were given permission to move on with the project. Also, representatives of the Community Services and Swim Team Committees were given opportunities for comment. Each committee provided their respective comments that were added to the design.

After two years of work, the final product is on display in the Recreation Center. A resident can also go to the project's webs ite to get up-to-date activity at deerfieldvillage.net/swimpoolrenovation/poolrenovation.htm.

This article is a quick summation of the dedicated work by community volunteers. The activities are documented in chronological order by month and year in the Pool Committee and Board minutes if anyone is interested in the project's evolution and approval process. If there are any questions, contact us at pool@deerfieldvillage.net and we will respond as soon as possible. The Pool Committee meets the first Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Rec center if you are interested in giving back to your community.

Respectfully,

Melinda Hughes
Swimming Pool Committee Chair

Recreation Center Committee

Meets every 1st Monday of the month at 7:30 PM

The recreation center committee is currently planning the Christmas Party to be held on Saturday, December 16th at 10:00 a.m. We need volunteers to help with this party. If you would like to help, please call Rebecca at the Deerfield Office (281) 463-2624. The committee is also planning several events for the upcoming year. If you have any ideas, please come share them with us on



Community Services Committee

Meets every 1st Monday of the month at 7:30 PM

The Community Services Committee is exploring our options on replacing the carpet in the club house and putting tile in the small meeting room. If any resident has any suggestions, please contact the association manager. 281-463-2624

Thank you to Andrew McGhee for completing his eagle project by painting a non-skid surface on the annex stairs, repainting the iron gate and re-finishing all the picnic tables under the Annex. Stop by and take a look at what a difference it made!

DEEDS COMMITTEE

Meets 2nd Monday of the month at 7:00PM

1. Try to sweep leaves and dirt from curb and remove (do not throw down gutters)
2. Please keep garbage cans out of sight until garbage pick up.
3. Move bags of mulch out of sight from street.
4. Put bags of grass cuttings and leaves out the day before trash pick up.
5. Wash off mildew from bricks and siding.
6. **There should be no overnight parking in Patio Home sections**
7. Keep yard and weeds maintained
8. Make sure to submit an Architectural Approval Form for any home improvements.
9. No trailers, RV's, or boats are permitted to be parked in sight
10. No misc. objects in your yard/driveway that can be seen from the street.

SWIMMING POOL COMMITTEE

Meets every 1st Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM

Great News for Our Pool!

Long anticipated, our pool will undergo extensive deck renovation. The Deerfield Village pool complex was constructed over 30 years ago, and has shown increasing signs of wear over the past 10 years. Recently, the pool decking began to give way, so the Pool Committee realized it was time to take action.

After two years' diligent research into a range of possible plans and contractors, a finalized plan has been drawn up and the contract awarded to Hancock Pools, Inc. Hancock Pools, Inc. has wide-ranging experience and has established a highly respected reputation in the Houston area and across Texas.

The renovation will take approximately three months to complete, so our pool will be ready in plenty of time for competition in the spring. The plan includes renovation of the deck and the surrounding fence and landscaping. A display of sample materials and a picture of the renovation plans are on display in the Recreation Center as well as on the DVCA website.

Keep your eye on the DVCA website to follow the progress of the renovation and to find answers to many of your questions about the project. You can also email specific questions to: pool@deerfieldvillage.net. The DVCA website is located at www.deerfieldvillage.net.

Manager's Spot . . . Are you a friendly neighbor?

I couldn't ask for a better neighborhood to live and work in. Beautiful trees, nicely kept homes, wonderful facilities, and great neighbors! When you share a fence, part of a yard, and surrounding sounds with another family, it is important to make sure you are being a friendly neighbor. Communication and respect are the keys to great neighbors. Below are some things that you might not realize are bothering your neighbor, but they just might be. . .

1. Allowing your dog to run in the front yard or on the greenbelt without a leash –even if it is friendly and disciplined
2. Playing loud music or working with loud equipment in the garage really late at night or too early in the morning.
3. Letting a constantly barking dog outside all day/night
4. Parking a car in front of your neighbors house or driveway
5. Allowing trees in your yard to become overgrown into your neighbors yard.

Your neighbor may not tell you directly that these things are a problem, but they may notice them. Please take a minute to make sure you are being a friendly neighbor. If you're not sure if something bothers your neighbor, talk to them about it!

Top Ten Signs Your Neighbor Has A Pet Lion By: David Letterman

10. "Says the roaring you hear is just his new cellular ring tone"
9. "Took out a second mortgage to keep up with the raw meat bills"
8. "In recycle bin, bundles of 'Amateur Zookeeper' magazine"
7. "His kids' science fair projects always involve gnawed gazelle skeletons"
6. "Says the deep gashes in his face are from shaving with the new Schick Quattro"
5. "Always coming back from Price Club with huge bag of 'Lion Chow'"
4. "Only family in town that bought State Farm's mauling insurance"
3. "Domino's always delivering large pizza with antelope topping"
2. "Neighborhood poodles disappearing at an alarming rate"
1. "First on his speed-dial: 'Siegfried'"

Security Stats for September, 2006
Constable Dispatch: (281) 463-6666
Contract #87
Harris County Precinct #5

ACTIVITIES **Total**

Accidents	0
Alarms	6
Assaults	0
Burglaries	1
Burg Motor Vehicle	1
Citizens Assistance	15
Citizens Contact	91
Criminal Arrests	0
Criminal Mischief	3
Disturbance Calls	17
Suspicious Vehicles	9
Suspicious Persons	4
Thefts	0
Traffic Citations	2
Traffic Warnings	3
Vacation Watch	27

Mulch/Fertilizer sales

Troop 120 scouts will be coming through the neighborhood in December selling Mulch and Fertilizer to prepare for the spring. Save the hassle of hauling mulch from the store, we deliver right to your front door at no extra charge. This helps us raise money for our summer camps and other activities. Delivery is February 10th. If no one has stopped by your house by Jan. 10th, please email us (see below) and we will have a scout call you, ASAP.
gary_epperson@ofdeng.com

REMINDER: Constable emergency telephone stickers are available at the DV Rec. Center office: (281) 463-2624

Upcoming Events in Houston

Arts and Entertainment

Houston Grand Opera	Hansel and Gretel	12/01/06 -12/23/06	Cullen Theater Wortham Center
Houston Ballet	The Nutcracker	11/24/06 -12/27/06	Wortham Center
Alley Theatre	A Christmas Carol	11/25/06 -12/27/06	Alley Theatre
The Rockettes	Christmas Spectacular	12/07/06 -12/31/06	Hobby Center

Katherine Tyra Library

Preschool Story-time	3-5yrs old	Dec 5, 12 &19	10:15 a.m.
Infant Story-time	0-18 mths	Dec 5, 12 &19	11:15 a.m.
Toddler time	18mths-3yrs	Dec 6, 13, 20 & 27	10:15, 10:45 & 11:15 a.m.
Christmas Movie Time	All ages	Dec 19th	2:00 p.m.
Christmas Blood Drive	Adults	Dec 22	1:00 p.m.

The Library will be closed the following days for the holidays: Dec. 23-26 and the 31st.

Craft Shows

Mayde Creek HS	Drill Team	December 2nd	9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
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Other Events

Heart of Katy Fun Run

Christus St. Katherine Hospital
December 2nd
6:30-7:30 a.m.
call (281) 599-5721 for info

Pet Pictures with Santa

Katy Mills Mall
December 3rd
3:00-6:00pm
bring your cat or dog to
take a picture with Santa!

Pancakes with Santa

San Felipe, TX (between Katy and Sealy)
December 9th
8:00-10:00 a.m.
Call (979) 885-3613 for more information
\$3.00 per person,

GET MORE OUT OF LIFE...

TRY SCUBA DIVING!!!



- "FREE INTRO TO SCUBA FOR DEERFIELD RESIDENTS
- "DECEMBER 9, 2006 12:00 PM AT SCUBA HOUSTON
 - "ALL EQUIPMENT PROVIDED
 - "HEATED, INDOOR POOL
- "INSTRUCTION PROVIDED BY DEERFIELD RESIDENT

Bring the whole family out for hot dogs and cold drinks.
Anyone 8 and over welcome to try SCUBA for free.
So bring your bathing suits and towels, and join us for a day of fun!

"Please RSVP at 281.497.7651 (address 14609 Kimberley)

BSA Troop 120 News

Welcome, my name is Matt Pate, a Scribe in Troop 120. Being a scribe is one of the many leadership roles necessary to grow and advance in scouting. I am responsible for monitoring that scouts attend the troop meetings and I report directly to the Senior Patrol leader. I also attend other meeting and document meeting minutes to be shared with the troop leadership. I report to the community about activities planned or that we have participated.

Fun on the Trail

In November, the troop went on a 2 night backpacking trip in the back country. We backpacked a total of 12 miles and survived a 35 degree Saturday night, where we all showed the Scout spirit by sharing clothes to stay warm. Zachary Meyers said his favorite meal was the barbeque (Kung Pao) chicken. Older scouts had lunch by the falls and enjoyed the view on the rocks.

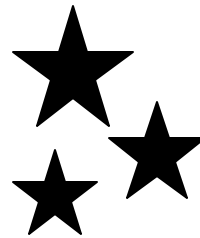
Next month, we plan to hike just south of Bastrop, TX at at Buescher State Park. If you are interested in scouting, please come join us.

Mulch/Fertilizer sales

Troop 120 scouts will be coming through the neighborhood in December selling Mulch and Fertilizer to prepare for the spring. Save the hassle of hauling mulch from the store, we deliver right to your front door at no extra charge. This helps us raise money for our summer camps and other activities. Delivery is February 10th. If know one has stopped by your house by Jan. 10th, please email us (see below) and we will have a scout call you, ASAP.

I would like to recognize a few scouts achieving rank advancements...Congratulations!

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>
Chris Benson	Eagle	Tyler Pierce	Star
Sean Fiorella	Life	Tyler Pierce	Star
David Grimmer	Life	Ben Godsey	Life
Kyle deKay	Life	Aziz Musaji	Tenderfoot
Jason Sitzman	2 nd Class	Dalton Croft	Tenderfoot



I invite you to check out our website at www.bsatroop120.com and view all the fun and adventures. If you're interested in joining, we meet on Tuesday's at Wilson Elementary school at 7PM or email Gary Epperson at gary_epperson@ofdeng.com

Stay tuned for more news next month.....Happy Holidays!!!

CONTACT INFORMATION

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Board Trustee</u>	<u>Committee Chair</u>	<u>Phone</u>
<i>Community Services</i>	Dan Karsten	Tim McGhee	281-550-8194
<i>Deed Restrictions</i>	Mike Polk	Marie Nugent	281-859-1104
<i>DVCA Board</i>	Dennis Hughes		
<i>Financial Services</i>	Bob Henry	OPEN	OPEN
<i>Landscape</i>	Don Driggs	Jay Singleton	281-463-7346
<i>MUD #136</i>		Steve Dornak	281-463-3723
<i>Rec Center</i>	Larry Burger	Rebecca Adams	281-463-2624
<i>Security</i>	Carolyn Dinger	Kirk Aden	281-855-7103
<i>Swim Pool</i>	Jim Boarman	Melinda Hughes	281-859-8024
<i>Tennis</i>	Marie Nugent	Mark Tinne	281-463-1258

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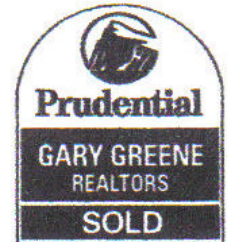
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DEERFIELD VILLAGE MARKET REPORT 2006




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All 2006	Now For Sale	List \$ Low/High	Now Pend	Pend \$ Low/High	# Sold 2006	Sold \$ Low/High	Ave. Sold Price/ Sq. Ft.	Ave. Days On Mkt
One Sty	2	\$157.9K \$178.9K	1	\$159K	15	\$119.9K \$205K	\$66.55	60
Two Sty	7	\$168.9K \$280K	1	\$199.9K	40	\$143K \$285K	\$62.86	94

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

DEERFIELD VILLAGE 'HAPPENINGS'

December 2006

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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			7:30 PM QIGING 8:00 PM Tennis Commit- tee Meeting			
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	7:30 PM REC Center Committee Meeting 7:30 PM Community Services Meeting	5:30 PM Girl Scout Troop #5449 6:30 PM Troop #5058	7:30 PM QIGING 7:30 PM Optimist Board Meeting	6:30 PM MUD #136 Meeting 7:30 PM Texas Hold 'Em Poker		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	7:00 PM Deeds Com- mittee Meeting 7:30 PM Landscape Committee Meeting	Wolf Pack #1135	7:30 PM QIGING	7:00 PM Ladies Bunko		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	7:00 PM Troop 120 Adult Meeting	5:30 PM Girl Scout Troop #5449 6:30 PM Troop 5058 7:00 PM Troop 120 PLC Meeting	7:30 PM QIGING 7:30 PM Optimist Club Meeting			
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 31
	mErRy ChRiStMaS! 	Wolf Pack #1135 Wolf Pack #1137	7:30 PM QIGING	7:00 PM Bazaar Meeting		/

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.

2007 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:	January 22
	Election:	March 6 – March 10 (noon)
	Annual Meeting:	March 13, 2007-7:00 PM

Resumes will posted at the Association Office no later than Friday, January 26. You may also view applications on-line at www.deerfieldvillage.net no later than February 2. Applications will also be delivered to all residents via the Deerfield Village Newsletter by Sunday, February 4.

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

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
Carolyn Dinger, Secretary	Term Expires	2009
Don Driggs, Vice President	Term Expires	2009
Marie Nugent	Term Expires	2009

2007 ELECTION COMMITTEE

Don Driggs, Chairman	18310 Spellbrook	281-463-1217
Rebecca Adams, Asst. Chairman	DVCA Manager-Rec. Center	281-463-2624
Dan Karsten, Member	18307 Spruce Creek	281-463-3020

TURN OVER FOR APPLICATION

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: