

# Deerfield Village News

THE VOICE OF THE COMMUNITY

Dedicated to the residents of Deerfield Village

#### **President's Report**

By Glenn Sommers

By the time you get this newsletter, the busy end of the school year will be over and vacation time will have begun. The pool is now open daily and if you haven't taken advantage of it yet – please do!! The new pool area looks great and the water will still be cool for a while. The Grand Opening is June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Come and enjoy!

At the April Board of Trustees Meeting the board agreed to start reviewing some of DVCA's guiding documents. Two committees were formed:

1. To review and update DVCA's Expenditure Policy. It will be headed up by Susan Greer. Bob Henry, Andrew Jackson and the Finance Committee will be actively involved.

To review, update and make consistent the Committee By-laws. It will be headed by myself. Mike Polk, Tim McGhee, Peter Howell and Kirk Aden will be the primary members to get this work done.

Meetings will be publicly announced and members are welcome at these meetings. Please be on the lookout for announcements as to when the meetings will be.

Additionally, we are looking to form a Communications Committee to improve communications in DVCA. We are looking for help with the newsletter, website and other creative ideas. If you have any ideas, skills to offer, or interest in helping out with improving communications give the office a call or contact me directly.

I have attended more Committee meetings in the last month (Security, Landscape, Swim Pool, Deeds and Community Services) and I am very encouraged that there are new people attending and involvement is up. Let's keep that trend going! Each committee is doing a great job and the members seem to be enthusiastic and having fun. The only thing they are missing is YOU!!!

On a more serious note, we have had a few vandalism problems in the last few weeks. Please read Deputy Patrick's article and let the constables know if you have any information on any of this type of activity.

Enjoy your summer break and vacations! See you at the committee meetings and at the pool!!!

The new flag flying over Deerfield was donated to us by the new President Glenn Sommers and his wife Nike. This flag was given to them by U.S. Congressman John Culberson

If you have a special flag that you would like to fly in Deerfield, please contact Rogers Corkill at 713-542-7766

Thank you Rogers for volunteering your time to Deerfield and keeping our Flag Flying!





#### SPC Brian Perret.

U.S. Army Stryker Brigade Ft. Lewis, WA is serving his second deployment To Iraq at this time.

DEERFIELD VILLAGE THANKS YOU AND WILL KEEP YOU IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS!

We would like to recognize all Deerfield Residents serving in the military. Please email deer-

## Swimming Pool Committee Meets every 1st Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM





Come and enjoy our beautiful, updated and improved pool. June will be the first month the pool will be opened on our full-time schedule. Check newsletter or web site for our summer schedule.

SPECIAL POOL EVENTS: Memorial Day May 28th

"Grand Opening of Pool" June 2nd Independence Day Celebration July 4th Labor Day Celebration Sept 3rd

Games, food, snow cones, etc are planned. If you would like to help with these events, please contact the swimming pool committee or Rebecca. Don't forget to get your 2006 swim ID updated or if you don't have an ID, get a new 2007 swim ID.

Two new additional safety rules to be posted and enforced at the pool are,

- 1. No floats, mattresses, etc in the deep end of pool
- 2. No adult or parent in the deep end to catch or assist children jumping or diving off the diving board.

Also, please notice and read the new progressive discipline policy posted at the pool.

A pilot program for the start of the season month will be tried, that any child 10-12 years of age can request to take a swim test from our lifeguards and if passing and having parents approval may come to the pool without an accompanying adult.

Come join the Swim Pool Committee, we welcome your thoughts and ideas for a great 2007 season.

POOL PASSES CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE DEERFIELD OFFICE BETWEEN 8:30AM AND 2:30PM MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY OR AFTER HOURS BY APPOINTMENT. PLEASE CALL REBECCA AT (281) 463-2624 FOR MORE INFORMATION. YOU MUST HAVE A POOL PASS THIS YEAR! IF YOU HAVE AN OLD POOL PASS, YOU CAN JUST BRING IT BY THE OFFICE FOR A NEW STICKER. NO NEW PICTURE REQUIRED!

#### Deeds Committee

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

#### Summer is almost here...A reminder to all residents

Boats and trailers should not be stored in driveways.

Mulch, trash cans and recycle bins must be out of view

Cracked sidewalks can be a safety hazard and are the owners responsibility

Patio home streets are private and there is no overnight parking allowed.





#### **Are You Interested in Improving Communications?**

We want to improve communications in DVCA! Do you have any ideas, interest or skills that could help us do that? If so call the DVCA office or Glenn Sommers (281-855-7716)



Currently we need help to produce the newsletter and to manage the DVCA website. And we're looking for creative ideas on how to communicate better. We know there are people in DVCA who are great communicators and could really help. Let us know who you are and "communicate" your interest to us!

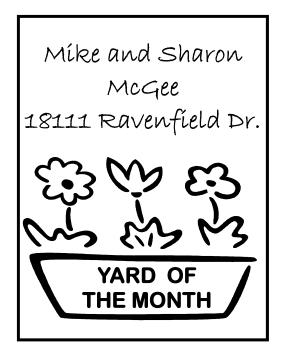


It's time to say goodbye to the cool weather plants and welcome our warm weather flowers. Pink verbena were planted last month at the Clay Rd entrance and at the entrance to the patio homes. Expect to see vibrant color well into fall. Verbena are one of many drought tolerant flowers that grow well in Houston. For more information about such flowers contact the Master Gardiner hotline at 281-855-5600.

At the Vanbury playground, we have reduced the chain swings to two and replaced the seats on them. The long term plan is to replace the whole structure. We have set up a reserve fund for that purpose. We are also in the process of replacing the pole swings. The replacement equipment has been ordered.

**Grate News!** The large metal grate where the ditch ends at Deerfield Village Drive is being replaced. Harris County has issued an order for the work and the grate is currently being fabricated. Once the work is done, the County will inject urethane foam into the areas around the bridge where erosion has created holes.

If you use the Greenbelt, you are automatically an associate member of the Landscape Committee. As such, you can assist the Committee by bring to our attention any problems that need to be corrected.





#### **DVCA "Committee By-Laws" Committee Meeting**

Wednesday June 6 at 7:30

We will be reviewing the committee by-laws and updating them to create a consistent set of by-laws for all the committees except Deeds.

If you are interested in participating, please call Glenn Sommers at 281-855-7716.

All members are welcome to attend!

#### A NOTE FROM YOUR DEPUTY

As most of you have seen or heard there has been a large amount of graffiti sprayed throughout the neighborhood. Some of this has been on residence property with a large amount also on DVCA property.

Just to make those responsible completely aware, this crime begins as a misdemeanor charge and can range up to felony and in some cases even federal charges can be filed. Some of the graffiti has been displayed with racial intent. This type of graffiti, when racially motivated, is investigated by Harris County and the FBI as a hate crime.

Measures have been put into place to locate those responsible. Harris County Precinct 5 Constable's Office will be taking every measure to ensure that those responsible are held accountable.

Parents, this is your neighborhood, and my experience has shown that the criminal mischiefs in this neighborhood are partly being done by Deerfield children and their friends. Please be aware of where your children are at all times. It is the goal of the Constable's office as well as the Deerfield Residents to keep this neighborhood beautiful. With you help, this can be done.

As a whole, Deerfield has shown to be a safe and wonderful place to live. Please talk to your children and educate them on the seriousness of committing criminal acts to property.

Anyone with information regarding any crimes can contact either Harris County Constable's Office or Crime Stoppers and may remain anonymous.

Thank you, Deputy Patrick Security Stats for April 2007 Constable Dispatch: 281-463-6666 Contract # 87 Harris County Precinct #5

ACTIVITIES	Total	
Accidents	0	
Alarms	14	
Assaults	1	
Burglaries	1	
Burg Motor Vehicle	0	
Citizens Assistance	15	
Citizens Contact	56	
Criminal Arrests	0	
Criminal Mischief	6	
Disturbance Calls	14	
Suspicious Vehicles	3	
Suspicious Persons	4	
Thefts	0	
<b>Traffic Citations</b>	0	
Traffic Warnings	0	
Vacation Watch	42	

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

#### Security Committee

#### Meets every 2nd Tuesday at 7:30 PM

Due to an overwhelming request for stricter traffic control from Deerfield residents, we will periodically have the Constable's Traffic Control Task Force monitoring traffic in our neighborhood. We have way too many vehicles speeding and running stop signs throughout the subdivision. Speeding and running stop signs is dangerous and someone is going to get hurt if we allow this to continue in our neighborhood. As a reminder, the speed limit within Deerfield Village is 30 MPH with clearly marked stop signs. Because this patrol will consist of Officers from a Traffic Control Task Force, there is no guarantee of getting a warning on a first offense.

#### Pet Hotline News.

There have been several complaints from people who walk the sidewalk on the greenbelt.

Herein is the problem: There are some dog owners that ride their bikes with the dog on a leash running behind or along side the bike. Unfortunately, the dog cannot stop do "take care of business" because the owner cannot see his need. What happens is that the dog defecates while running and leaves it on the sidewalk. People step in it, baby strollers roll over it and kids on bikes go over it. One owner is kind enough to run his dog on the lower grass level and we thank him and his dog.

It would be considerate of the biking dog runners to make sure their dogs have "taken care of business" before they have them running along the bike on the sidewalk. This is a health issue for all residents. So please, dog owners, be considerate.

## SUMMER WATER FITNESS CLASSES AT DEERFIELD

COME CHECK OUT THE NEW DEERFIELD POOL AND TRY Water fitness classes that will give you a great cardiovascular workout while strengthening and lengthening your muscles. Come join us for a non-impact aquatic workout to tone your body and increase your range of motion through various movements of yoga, Pilates and aqua jogging. No need to know how to swim. You won't get your hair wet. Guaranteed to improve your tennis or golf game by challenging the core muscles.

Time: Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Cost: \$50 per session

To register call: Linda Griffeth (281) 463-8790 or

Email: lindagriffeth@yahoo.com

<u>SESSION I:</u> JUNE 5,7,12,14,19,21,26,28

SESSION II: JULY 17,19,24,26,31, AND AUG 2,7,9



Rec Center Committee

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

We would like to thank
Debbie Fredette and Troop 120
for once again helping with the
Garage Sale on May 5th.

We would also like to thank Connie Corkill and Sharon Hamilton for volunteering with the Garage Sale!

Volunteers make this neighborhood the great place that it is. If you are interested in volunteering for a committee or an event, please contact Rebecca in the office at 281-463-2624

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!



#### A NOTE FROM YOUR MANAGER



Swimming Pool— we have a wonderful new swimming pool to use this summer. Make sure to get your pool id made at the office M-F 8:30am –2:30pm or call for an after hours appointment.

<u>Fireworks-</u> It is firework season again! The sound of popping firecrackers has already begun. Please make sure to keep the neighborhood beautiful by picking up your firework trash. Also, be considerate of your neighbors and stay as far from their homes as possible and end fireworks at a decent hour. The rule of thumb for the neighborhood is <u>10PM</u> during the summer and by midnight on July 4th.

<u>Graffiti / Vandalism</u>- As most of you are aware, there has been some graffiti and other little vandalisms around the neighborhood. Let's come together and fight against it! One of our biggest weapons is our children. We have talked to some of the children in the neighborhood and they are just as fed up as the adults. They may have an idea of who might be behind it. Talk to them and see if they can help. Let's all keep an eye out for our neighborhood. If you suspect anything, please call the Constable at 281-463-6666.

#### **MUD 136 BOARD REPORT**

By Jay Singleton, Secretary



Harris County MUD 136 directors met on May 10<sup>th</sup>. Among the first items of business was to welcome the newest director, Harry Price. Harry has lived in Deerfield since 1989 and has been very active with the swim team and with BSA Pack 1135. He will fill out the unexpired term of Steve Dornak, whose business commitments necessitated his resigning from the Board. Many thanks to Steve for all of the personal time he dedicated to being a member of the board as well as its president. Thanks also the other residents who submitted resumes to be considered for the open board position. We were very please to have so many well qualified candidates to chose from and coming up with a final selection was a challenging task.

Hurricane Season officially starts this month. The District has taken significant steps to be prepared, the most important of which was to purchase a trailer mounted generator to be used at the sewer lift stations. The water plant has a stationery generator that runs on natural gas. But we can't send water to your house unless we can also keep it flowing out. The generators are designed to be moved between the two sewer lift stations and will provide electricity to the lift pumps. Periodic running of the lift pumps will ensure that the stations do not fill to capacity. The generator will be stored in a garage at the water plant. We are presently bidding the garage construction work. The District has taken the first steps in the long process of converting to surface water. Each resident should have received and read the notification sent out in April concerning the change in disinfection of the water. That notification has been posted on the District's web site (www.hcmud136.org). Click on the left hand tab titled 'Change in Disinfection'. While MUD 136 is not scheduled to start receiving surface for at least two years, we, from time to time, need to supplement our supply with water from Windsong or Lakes of Pine Forest and they will start receiving surface water this summer. In order for us to be able to take their surface water, we had to change our method of disinfection. We will provide more information on the conversion process in future newsletter reports. In the mean time, if you have any questions about this or any other matter concerning water and sewer service, contact any of the directors (listed on the web site) or come to the monthly meeting at the rec center on the second Tuesday of the month. The meeting agenda will be posted on the office window at least 72 hours before the meeting.

Deadline for June Newsletter:

June 15th

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

# **Contact Information**

Committee	Meeting Dates	<u>Time</u>	Board Trustee	<u>Committee</u> <u>Chair</u>	<u>Phone</u>
Community Services	1st Monday	7:30 PM	Dan Karsten	Tim McGhee	281-550-8194
Deed Restrictions	2nd Monday	7:00 PM	Carolyn Dinger	OPEN	
DVCA Board	4th Monday	7:30 PM	Glenn Sommers		
Financial Services	Tuesday before Board Meeting	7:30 PM	Bob Henry	Andrew Jackson	281-463-7665
Landscape	2nd Monday	7:30 PM	Mike Polk	Jay Singleton	281-463-7346
MUD #136	2nd Thursday	6:30 PM			
Rec Center	1st Monday	7:30 PM	Dennis Hughes	Rebecca Adams	281-463-2624
Security	2nd Tuesday	7:30 PM	Charlie Jones	Kirk Aden	281-855-7103
Swim Pool	1st Thursday	7:30 PM	Susan Greer	Peter Howell	281-463-1360
Tennis	1st Wednesday	8:00 PM	Marie Nugent	Mark Tinne	281-463-1258



# MAD SCIENCE

## is coming to Deerfield

Did you know that you have a wonderful opportunity right in your backyard; Mad Science of Houston's phenomenal one week, half day or full day summer camps are coming to the Deerfield Rec Center! Our camps are for children whose parents are looking for some "edu-taining" enrichment programs. We are thrilled we are able to provide you with quality hands-on science experiences for children which include several take-homes weekly. Many families (and you may) already know us from the 200+ schools where we provide after school classes and in-school workshops as well as the hundreds of birthday parties we provide in your area. Our camp is one week and are typically 6 hours for schoolagers and 3 hours for preschoolers. We stay with the children during lunch and their 30 minute playtime break; we even provide a daily themed "snack-tivity"! Registration is ongoing by phone (713.663.7623), fax (713.663.7664), mail or online at www.madscienceofhouston.com. Discounts apply through May 15. Register now! Turn on your BRAIN, not your TV!

#### August 6 - 10, 2007 9am - 3pm

**The Chemistry Mystery (Ages 6-11)** - Campers will take an incredible journey from classic codes to modern forensics. Campers will spend an entire day studying and exploring a crime scene and find out who stole the ice cream. Other days will focus on chemicals, reactions, and cool codes. Take-homes will include a Mad Science Child I.D. Kit, Morse Code Bracelets, and Bath Bombs.

#### August 6 - 10, 2007 9am - 12pm

**My First Lab (Ages 3-5)** - Preschoolers will journey through the basics of science exploration and discovery. We'll study the basics of light, color, and the world around us. Through story telling and even some sing-alongs, we'll travel step-by-step through awesome experiments. Take-homes will include a Sun Catcher, a Body Apron, and a T-Rex Tooth.

#### FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Katherine Tyra Library

The *Friends of the Library* will not be meeting during the summer months~ June, July or August. There will, however, be many summer programs at the library, so be sure to check the publication "*Check It Out*", to see all the activities and programs coming up this summer.



This publication is available at the Reference Desk at the library. Have a great summer!

Next general Friends of the Library meeting will be September 10, 2007 at 6:00~7:00 pm. Hope to see you there.

#### **Aglow Lighthouse**

The West Houston Aglow Lighthouse will meet

Thursday, June 21st at 10.00am

at the Clubhouse. It will be a time for women to fellowship in the Lord and listen to the testimony of Leedell Scott, a master gardener and landscape designer and a mighty woman of God, who lives right here in Deerfield. The weekly bible study will continue with a look at the "Portraits of Jesus" a look at the many facets of Jesus revealed in the Bible. For more information, call Christine Jackson 281-463-7665



#### DEERFIELD DOLPHIN NEWS



#### SWIM TEAM YEAR END PARTY

#### June 24th

For tickets and info call Tam Cash (281) 855-8645













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There are 15 homes on the market in Deerfield this quarter. The Price Range is from \$152,900 to \$280,000. The Square Footage is from 2275 to 4122. The Price / Square Foot is from \$59.20 to \$81.86 with the average being \$69.28. Average Days on Market is 80.

There were 8 homes sold between March 1 and May 15th. The Prices ranged from \$122,000 to \$334,500. The Square Footage ranged from 1668 to 4188. The Price / Square Foot ranged from \$57.00 to \$79.87 with the average being \$67.17. Days on the Market ranged from 6 to 236, with the average being 77. Most sold under 60 days. PRICE & CONDITION make a difference.

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

# Personal Ads

**DK Pressure Washing** 

Do you have algae or mold growing on your walls, walkways, curbs or driveway? Want to brighten up the outside of your house and make it look new again?

Call DK Pressure Washing and we'll come out for a free estimate

\*\* Deerfield Residents \*\*

281-550-2682 or email at dp91990@yahoo.com (Ask for David or Kyle)

#### **AVON**

If you are interested in

buying or selling, please call

Audrey Gibson at 281-859-4075

or e-mail at gibsons4@sbcglobal.net.

#### **FOR ADOPTION:**

2 Small Bookcases (brown)

1 abs exerciser

1 car bike rack

Call Marie 281-859-1104

#### NOTARY SERVICES

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Get your paper notarized right here in the neighborhood. Call Dodie Darlow

832-256-4125

# The Mobile Vet Small Animal Health Clinic



Will be in the Deerfield Village Parking Lot

> Sunday, July 22nd

11:00AM- 4:00PM

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#### 2007 DEERFIELD VILLAGE SWIMMING POOL HOURS

#### JUNE 2007: Full Time

Pool Times Day(s) **CLOSED** Monday 11:00am-9:00pm Tuesday-Sunday (except June 9th) Saturday (June 9th) 2:00pm-9:00pm 10:00am-11:00am Saturday, Sunday Adult Swim (except June 9th)

#### **JULY 2007: Full Time**

Pool Times Day(s) 5:00pm-9:00pm Monday Tuesday-Sunday Adult Swim 10:00am-11:00am Tuesday-Sunday General Swim 11:00am-9:00pm

#### **AUGUST 2007:**

**Pool Times** Day(s) Monday 6th, 13th, 20th 5:00pm-8:00pm Tuesday-Sunday Adult Swim 10:00am-11:00am Tuesday-Sunday General Swim 11:00am-8:00pm Tuesday-Friday (27th-31st) 5:00pm-7:30pm

#### September 2007:

**Pool Times** Day(s) Saturday (1st), Sunday (2nd), & Labor Day 10:00am-8:00pm 10:00am-7:30pm Saturday, Sunday Monday-Friday 5:00pm-7:30pm

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