



DEERFIELD VILLAGE NEWS

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Dedicated to the residents of Deerfield Village

October 2007

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29th Annual

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday– Friday 8:30AM –2:30 PM

*Deadline for November Newsletter: **October 15th***
Submit articles and ads to Rec Center Office or email deerfield4@sbcglobal.net

Committee News

President's Report

By Glenn Sommers

I'm encouraged that we continue to make progress in improving DVCA. The board approved the Community Services Committee recommendation to repaint the club house, small meeting room and office and by time of writing, the work is in process. It's going to look very nice! We also had a very successful Members Forum on September 11 where over 60 members attended and became more informed about the Security Committee's 3rd Shift Constable recommendation and about Mosquitoes and Mosquito Control. Thank you to all those who attended!

The Captain and one of the Deputies assigned to DVCA attended the Forum and presented their view of security at DVCA and answered many questions. Three members of the Harris County Mosquito Control Division attended and presented information on mosquitoes in general and West Nile Virus, informed us about how to prevent and control mosquitoes and answered many questions. It was a very informative session and I heard many favorable comments from the members who attended, including requests that we do more Forums like this. Hopefully this will be the first of regularly scheduled Forums on topics of interest to the Members of DVCA. But we'll need volunteers to do this. Let us know if you are interested in helping.

As a follow up to the Forum, you will find a straw poll included in this newsletter about your views/interest on the 3rd Shift Constable and Mosquito Control. Please fill out the straw poll and return it to the DVCA office. It can be dropped (in the box) anytime before October 14th. We want your input!

The board in its September meeting unanimously agreed to a policy regarding DVCA's handling of vandalism and illegal activities that occur within DVCA property. DVCA will now press charges if the constable apprehends a person for what he/she deems is a chargeable offense. Please make sure your children understand – ***if you break the law in DVCA and it's a chargeable offense - you will be prosecuted!!*** We are not going to sit still and allow the vandalism and criminal mischief in DVCA to continue without penalty.

Just a heads up - as no decision has been made yet - but it looks like the assessment will need to be increased for 2008. The Budget process is still being worked and the board will meet to finalize a budget in October. We'll know more about the members' interests on the items above and what the committees are asking for before we make our decisions.

Don't forget to watch out for the children on Halloween. We want it to be a safe and fun holiday!



HALLOWEEN PARTY

October 31st

5:30-7:00PM

Deerfield Village Clubhouse

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 Constable Dispatch: 281-463-6666
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 Harris County Precinct #5

ACTIVITIES **Total**

Accidents	0
Alarms	17
Assaults	2
Burglaries	0
Burg Motor Vehicle	0
Citizens Assistance	14
Citizens Contact	35
Criminal Arrests	3
Criminal Mischief	6
Disturbance Calls	14
Suspicious Vehicles	13
Suspicious Persons	5
Thefts	1
Traffic Citations	11
Traffic Warnings	23
Vacation Watch	66

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

Swimming Pool Committee

Meets every 1st Thursday at 7:30 PM
 (Next meeting– Oct 4th 7:30P.M.)

The swimming pool committee is in the process of evaluating projects that need to be done in 2008. If you have any ideas or input on projects for the swimming pool committee, please attend the next swim pool meeting on the 4th.

Would you like to have the Polar Bear Swim this year? Please contact the office with your feedback. The swim would be held on January 1st. Let us know what you think!



Rec Center Committee

Meets every 1st Monday
 at 7:30PM

We are looking for volunteers to throw a Halloween Party for the Neighborhood. Please contact the office at 281-463-2624 if you would like to volunteer

Halloween Party Oct 31st



A SINKING FEELING

Landscape Committee

Over the past 30 years, the common grounds of Deerfield have seen the effects of subsidence and erosion. Uneven or cracked sections of sidewalk have been either repaired by raising the sections to level or by replacing the concrete. French drains have been installed to remove standing water. But much work still remains to be done. Currently we are addressing the problem of standing water on the sidewalk in front of the Rec Center that runs from the flag pole to the parking lot. The Board has approved a proposal from our landscape contractor to install a drain that will allow the standing water to flow out to the street. The work should be completed by the time you read this.

We have identified other locations that will require either drains or re-grading and we will be working on those in the near future. For the longer term we need to look at the overall drainage patterns in Deerfield to see if we can identify potential problems and apply an ounce of prevention rather than the pound of cure that we are now doing. To assist us in this effort we are looking for a resident volunteer who has civil engineering or other relevant experience. If you have such experience, please consider volunteering your services. Or, if you know of anyone that fits this description, encourage them to volunteer.

Deeds Committee
Meets every 2nd Mon at 7:00PM



Residents: Our plants and trees are growing up and filling the neighborhood. While it is a beautiful sight, it can cause problems. Please keep your trees and plants trimmed and maintained.

Also, please be considerate of your neighbors. If you have plants on the property line, please make sure they are not growing over into your neighbors yard. Also, although they can't be seen, roots can cause a big problem for your neighbor as well. If you think your plants/trees might be affecting your neighbor, please knock on their door and ask, or take care of the problem right away if there is one. Thank you!



HARRIS COUNTY MUD 136 REPORT
SEPTEMBER 13, 2007 MEETING NOTES
Neil Polansky, President

HCMUD 136 Board of Directors met Thursday, September 13, and talked about various issues both on and off our posted public agenda. Of continuing interest are the planning and construction activities, and scheduling related to the surface water system being built by the West Harris County Regional Water Authority (www.whcrwa.com).

Mandates from WHCRWA have us switching our disinfectant mode from strictly chlorine to a mixture of chlorine and ammonia to enable HCMUD 136 to receive surface water directly and via interconnect with HCMUD 183 (Windsong). This has been completed and you should be receiving blended water.

During the next 12-24 months we will construct a connection to the WHCRWA surface water line, which will be built adjacent to Barker Cypress. Additionally, WHCRWA will be laying a 36" water line in the northern pipeline easement of the Deerfield Village subdivision to serve areas due south and west of the district. This construction is probably 12+ months away from beginning. If you have any questions or concerns about the length and scope of construction, contact the WHCRWA as they are constructing the line. HCMUD 136 should start receiving surface water in about 18 months.

Also, the Board approved construction of a small metal building to house our lift station portable generator. This should be completed by Mid-October. We are one of the few MUDs of any size to have complete emergency backup power (diesel and natural gas) onsite for both our water and sewer services.

Have a wonderful late summer, and as always, water wisely.

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Meeting Dates</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Board Trustee</u>	<u>Committee Chair</u>	<u>Phone</u>
Community Services	1st Monday	7:30 PM	Dan Karsten	OPEN	
Deed Restrictions	2nd Monday	7:00 PM	Carolyn Dinger	Robert Serradilla	281-550-9204
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	Walt Bohn	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

Community Services Committee

Meets every 1st Monday at 7:30 PM

ATTENTION RESIDENTS! YOUR ALLIED WASTE BILL WILL BE INCREASING 2%

Allied Waste has notified the neighborhood office of a 2% rate increase in our trash/recycle service.

The new pricing will be as follows:

Back Door	\$17.89
Curb	\$11.22
Recycle	\$ 2.75

Please contact Allied Waste if you have any questions about this increase (713) 635-6666

The Clubhouse has been freshly painted and the committee is now looking into re-doing the floors. If you would like to be a part of this process, please join us at our Community Services Meetings!

Tennis Committee



Meets every 1st Wednesday at 8:00 PM



The 2008 budget has been submitted to the Financial Services Committee for review and approval. We have requested funds to resurface and repaint all four courts and replace the fencing between the two North and two South Courts. The courts were last resurfaced 5 years ago.

As a reminder to all Deerfield residents wishing to play tennis a key is now required as the court gates are locked. These are obtainable from the DVCA office. All players are asked to ensure the gates are closed after they have finished playing. As the weather becomes cooler this is a good time of year to go and play some tennis for exercise and enjoyment.

The Tennis Committee would like to welcome two new members to our group:

Debbie Coselli and Charlotte Benincasa!!!!

The Tennis Committee meets the 1st Wednesday of each month @ 8 p.m.-- anyone interested in joining us is always welcomed. See you there!

Financial Services Committee

Meets every Tuesday the week before the Board Meeting at 7:30 PM
to review the financial, status of our community



The Budget. This month we have reviewed what the committees have prepared for their expenditure for 2008. This in its initial form is being presented to the Board for their review and final approval at the October Board meeting. There are some major additions being considered such as the third shift for security and the Mosquito spraying. These alone would add some \$57000 to the budget. These are addressed elsewhere in the newsletter.

Monthly expenses.

Remember the overall expense is \$460,668 for 2007

At August 31, we have spent \$322,586. The budget through July was \$331,193 so we are \$8607 under budget.

This month we are looking at the assessments. This is how we as residents pay for the upkeep of our facilities. This year we had an expense budget of \$460,000 and a reserve budget of \$204,000. Thus the total required was \$664,000. The single family assessment was \$468 (943 homes) and the Patio homes \$548(113) This produced \$505,000, with our other estimated revenue (\$27,000) from interest on our reserves and rental income there would be a total of \$532,00. Your board agreed the balance would be financed by a transfer from our reserves of \$132000. If we had paid for it just through assessments there would have been an additional increase of \$124 per household!

Based on the original assessments that were set in 1975 \$168, single family and \$197 Patio homes, the allowable raises using the Government CPI indexes could give assessments of \$650 single family, and \$761 patio homes. Thus we can see that the Board and the committee have worked hard to keep the assessments at economic level consistent with maintaining our community in excellent shape. Come help us keep Deerfield a very special place in which to live

Cy-Springs High School PANTERA DANCE CLINIC

Aspiring dancers in kindergarten through high school are invited to participate in a dance clinic in the main gym of Cy-Springs High School, 7909 Fry Road on Oct. 6 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and **meet Miss Teen Texas 2007. All paid dancers will receive an auto-graphed photo from Miss Teen Texas.** Taught by members of the Cy-Springs High School Panteras award-winning drill team, the clinic will include a jazz routine and a commemorative T-shirt for \$10 fee. The event is \$25. Lunch, drinks and snacks will be offered for purchase throughout the day. Participants must wear appropriate dance attire; shorts, leotard and tights or anything comfortable for dancing. Dance shoes or comfortable tennis shoes are required. For more information and to pre-register (to ensure a T-shirt), please email Lisa Thompson at Thompson_jeff@sbcglobal.net or call 713-409-1732.



Ladies Bible Study

Please come join us on

**Wednesday mornings
At the Deerfield Clubhouse
9:30 a.m.**



We will be doing "The Truth Project." Come and check it out. Breakfast will be served and you are invited. We would love to see you. For more information call Kelly @ 281.861.9455.

West Houston Aglow Lighthouse

This month we will hold a special evening meeting beginning at 7.30 pm in the upstairs annex. Guest speakers will be Stephanie Weber and Gayle Christie of the Houston Rescue and Restore Coalition. They will be speaking on their work to end human trafficking (a very alarming problem in Houston) and the rescue and restoration of victims. This meeting is open to all residents of Deerfield who are urged to attend and become informed on this very serious topic.



Stephanie Weber and Gayle Christie of the Houston Rescue and Restore Coalition will be speaking on their work to end human trafficking (a very alarming problem in Houston) and the rescue and restoration of victims. This meeting is open to both men and women who want to become informed on this very serious topic.

Meeting details:

When: September 27th at 7:30pm

Where: Deerfield Village Rec Center , 4045 Deerfield Village Dr., Houston, TX 77084, Clay Rd at Barker Cypress.

Put on by: West Houston Aglow Lighthouse

For more information, contact christinejackson@peoplepc.com

DEERFIELD VILLGE BAZAAR MEETINGS



We would love to have you join us for our 29th Annual Deerfield Village Christmas Bazaar to be held November 2nd and 3rd. This is an excellent way to meet some new friends and make some "extra" holiday cash.

There are 3 meetings left in October for you to attend. The meeting dates are: October 11, October 23 and October 29. All meetings are at the Rec Center in the downstairs clubhouse with the exception of the October 11th meeting. It will be held in the upstairs meeting room.

Please call Sharon Hamilton at 281-859-0174 or Connie Corkill at 281-463-0750 for additional information.

Needed Immediately!



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281-550-1489 (home)
713-261-5081 (cell)



Deerfield Village Playgroup

If you are looking to meet other moms in Deerfield with young children, this is the perfect opportunity for you. Please contact Leah Williams 713-480-9564 for more information on dates, times, and meeting places.

BSA Troop 120 News

Hi. My name is Tanner Walker and I am one the scribes for troop 120. One of my jobs is to share with the community activities that our troop has or will participate in and the advancements of scouts.

1st campout of the year

On September 14th 2007 BSA troop 120 left for their first campout of the year. The troop went to Lake Summerville. We went over canoeing activities to prepare us for the canoe trip later this year. The Price's brought their boat down on Saturday for the scouts to ride in.

If you're interested in joining scouts please come and join us!

Rank Advancement

I'd like to recognize a few scouts that got their rank advancement at the last Court of Honor...

Tender foot

Joseph Baker Kameron Bush Jonathon Hans Stanley McFail Eric Schipperijn
 Matthew Suda Josh Winkleman Avery Blake Alex Cone Jack Yeaney

2nd class

Joseph Baker, Thomas Harper, Travis Nugent, Kameron Bush, Jon Karsten, Jack Yeaney

1st class

Dalton Croft, Jon Karsten, Stephen Walther, Thomas Harper, Travis Nugent, Joseph Baker

Star

Forrest Price

Life

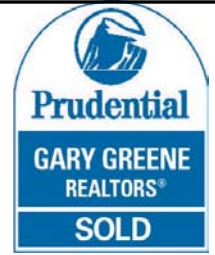
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