

DEERFIELD VILLAGE NEWS

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November 2007

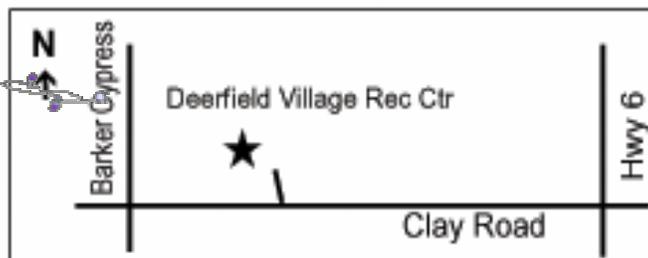


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OFFICE HOURS: Monday– Friday 8:30AM –2:30 PM

*Deadline for December Newsletter: **November 15th***

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

President's Report

By Glenn Sommers

I can't believe that the Holiday Season is almost upon us. This year has gone by so fast!

The results from the Straw Poll are in and we had over 270 member households participate. The details are shown in a separate article. Thanks to all who took the time to participate! We value your input! Both issues received very favorable results. Over 83% of the responses were in favor of adding a 3rd Shift Constable and over 85% of the responses were in favor of some level of Mosquito Control, with over 67% for a Level 3 or above approach.

This provides the board with additional input as we go into the 2008 Budget setting meeting (which will be on October 30 at 7:30PM). As I reported last month it looks like the 2008 assessment will need to be increased, especially in light of the results of the straw poll. DVCA has done a great job of keeping the assessments down in the past, but we are hitting a time where our requirement for services are increasing, our facilities are aging and we need to ensure we keep DVCA the great place it is to live (and our home values as high as possible).

In our September Board Meeting we voted to continue the mosquito control trial for October and November. If you are interested, we have some information in the office on what you can do to "Help Stop Mosquitoes" (courtesy of the Harris County Mosquito Control Division). We also began a discussion on implementing a Code of Ethics for the DVCA Trustee Board and I am hopeful that we can come to agreement and get that passed soon. It is something we should have had long ago.

Unfortunately, I have to report that there will be a change in the DVCA Office. Rebecca Adams, who has been our Office Manager for the last 1.5 years, has chosen to spend more time at home with her daughter and will be leaving us as of November 1. Although I'm happy for her decision to stay at home, she will be missed and leaves us a hole we need to fill. She has graciously agreed to help us out during the transition period until we get a new office manager in place, by keeping up some of the critical DVCA functions, like paying the bills, etc. We'll have those details worked out with Rebecca by November 1. Please thank Rebecca for her contribution to DVCA when you see her.

So starting November 1 and until we get a replacement Office Manager in place, the way the DVCA office functions will probably be scaled down significantly. We will make sure messages are checked regularly and try to keep things running as smoothly as possible, but without an Office Manager it will be a stretch. Please be patient during this period. If you know of any candidate for the job, please give the office a call and give us the details. Thanks!

I hope every one has a joyous Thanksgiving Holiday and a great time with family!! Remember we have so much to be grateful for.

Don't forget to vote in the November 6th General Election! Polls are open from 7am to 7pm.

Tennis Committee



Meets every 1st Wednesday at 8:00 PM



The Tennis Courts are looking to be used by the residents for which keys to the gates are available from the DVCA office. The weather at this time of year is very conducive to playing tennis. Residents are reminded to close the gates after they have finished playing. We continue to have vandalism on the courts. A one foot long tear has appeared in the small windscreen beside the East gate on court 1 which looks to have been made by a knife or something similar.



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 Committee meets on the 3rd Tuesday of every month to review the financial, status of our community. We are always looking for new members and you are welcome attend.

Update on the Budget:

We have made our final review of what the committees have requested for their expenditures for 2008. This will be presented to the Board for their comments at the October Board meeting. The budget for 2008 being presented to the board is:

\$ 536,505 for expenses (\$75836 increase from 2007), and
\$ 88,086 for reserves(\$118094 decrease from 2007), for a total 2008 Budget of
\$ 624,591

Against our current projected income, this leaves us a deficit of \$92,823 to fund. This represents an increase of \$ 87.69 (or \$7.31/month) from the current assessment levels. Included in the 2008 Budget are some major additions such as the third shift for security, mosquito control, and some additional landscaping improvements. These alone have added some \$67000 to the budget. And as we all know basic costs of living keep going up as well.

As we noted last month, in 2007, there was a deficit of \$132,000 (mostly due to the pool project) which was absorbed by using our undesignated reserve fund which is now mostly depleted, so in order to close the gap on this budget, services will need to be taken out or the assessment raised..

There will be a final budget meeting with the Board and Committee Chairs on October 30th.

2007 Budget Review

2007 expense budget -	\$460,668
YTD September expenses -	\$356,090
YTD September budget -	\$362,982
YTD September balance -	\$ 6,892 under budget.

Come help us keep Deerfield a very special place in which to live
Blessings In Jesus Name
Andrew Jackson, Chairmen

Community Services Committee

Meets every 1st Monday at 7:30 PM

There were many questions about last month's article regarding our Allied Waste trash pick-up. Although it stated the price for back door and curbside pick-up, we as a Community have chosen back-door pick-up. The reason curbside was listed is because there are a couple of designated sections in the patio homes that are considered curbside due to the short length of the driveway. Also, the increase in price for Deerfield Village was very small compared to other subdivisions. Many neighborhoods received a 5-10% increase. The overall feeling of Allied Waste is very positive throughout the neighborhood. Every once in a while a resident calls with a complaint, but Allied has been pretty quick to resolve our issues.

The clubhouse has been painted and our next step is to replace the floor. The community services committee has chosen the laminate flooring and, upon Board Approval, will begin the process at the end of the month. The clubhouse is on it's way to a spectacular new look!

Now that we have an elegant new setting, the price of clubhouse/annex rental will increase beginning January 1, 2008. Clubhouse/Annex Rental will now be \$75.00/\$65.00 for 2 hours and still \$10.00 for each additional hour. If you know you will need the room in 2008, book it now to get this year's price! There is no cancellation fee if you cancel at least 2 weeks prior to your booking. Call 281-463-2624 or find a form online at www.deerfieldvillage.net.

Security Stats for September 2007
 Constable Dispatch: 281-463-6666
 Contract # 87
 Harris County Precinct #5

ACTIVITIES **Total**

Accidents	0
Alarms	9
Assaults	0
Burglaries	1
Burg Motor Vehicle	6
Citizens Assistance	16
Citizens Contact	31
Criminal Arrests	0
Criminal Mischief	3
Disturbance Calls	9
Suspicious Vehicles	8
Suspicious Persons	4
Thefts	2
Traffic Citations	4
Traffic Warnings	16
Vacation Watch	14

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

There have been no responses to the Polar Bear Swim!
 Please call the office and let me know if you would like to have one!

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

SNOW DAY
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16th
2:00-4:00PM

We are looking for volunteers to Throw a Christmas/Snow Day Party for the Neighborhood. Please contact the office at 281-463-2624 if you would like to volunteer.

TREE MAINTENANCE

Landscape Committee



On the common grounds of Deerfield there are trees that range in age from less than one year to more than 40 years. The oldest trees are in the Rec Center area and in the patio home common areas. It is the responsibility of the Landscape Committee to maintain the healthy trees and to remove those that are in decline or are a threat to safety or property. Since it costs a \$1000/day for a tree service crew, the Committee makes sure that there is a full day of work before calling out a crew. The crew will be directed first to removing trees that are dead, in decline, or whose roots are causing problems for property owners. Next in priority is the trimming of limbs overhanging private property and, after that, limbs overhanging streets and walkways. Last on priority is the thinning and shaping of trees. In early November we will be scheduling the next round of tree maintenance. If you see any work that needs to be done to trees in the common areas, contact the Association Manager. As for stump grinding, it is also done on a day rate basis. So, stumps won't disappear immediately. We will wait until our November tree service is finished.



HARRIS COUNTY MUD 136 REPORT
REPORT FOR THE BUSINESS MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2007

By Jay Singleton, Secretary

As noted in our June report, Mother Nature has a way of suddenly turning off the spigot and leaving us high and dry. This year she decided to do it in August and it shows in the amount of water demand the District has experienced. In July 10.9 million gallons of water were produced, in August 16.0 million gallons, in September 17.17 million gallons. While we have sufficient capacity to meet current demand, we continue to encourage water conservation. The insert in your monthly billing contains many helpful hints on how to be water wise.

Construction of a building to house the portable generator has been completed. Even though the hurricane season is winding down, the District's operator will continue to periodically exercise both the portable generator and the stationary generator at the water plant in order to be prepared for any emergency situation.

Detailed information concerning the actions taken by the directors at the September meeting is contained in the meeting minutes that will be posted on the District web site.

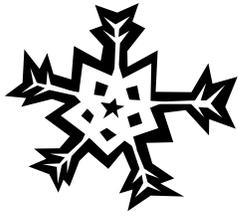
<u>Committee</u>	<u>Meeting Dates</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Board Trustee</u>	<u>Committee Chair</u>	<u>Phone</u>
<i>Community Services</i>	1st Monday	7:30 PM	Dan Karsten	OPEN	
<i>Deed Restrictions</i>	2nd Monday	7:00 PM	Carolyn Dinger	Robert Serradilla	281-550-9204
<i>DVCA Board</i>	4th Monday	7:30 PM	Glenn Sommers		
<i>Financial Services</i>	Tuesday before Board Meeting	7:30 PM	Bob Henry	Andrew Jackson	281-463-7665
<i>Landscape</i>	2nd Monday	7:30 PM	Mike Polk	Jay Singleton	281-463-7346
<i>MUD #136</i>	2nd Thursday	6:30 PM			
<i>Rec Center</i>	1st Monday	7:30 PM	Dennis Hughes	Rebecca Adams	281-463-2624
<i>Security</i>	2nd Tuesday	7:30 PM	Walt Bohn	Kirk Aden	281-855-7103
<i>Swim Pool</i>	1st Thursday	7:30 PM	Susan Greer	Peter Howell	281-463-1360
<i>Tennis</i>	1st Wednesday	8:00 PM	Marie Nugent	Mark Tinne	281-463-1258

Pet Hotline News



It is very important to have a phone # tag on your pet. If you go out of town, please put some tape around the collar with a friend's phone # on it (if your friend will agree) so that if the pet gets out there is always a contact number... This goes for cats too.

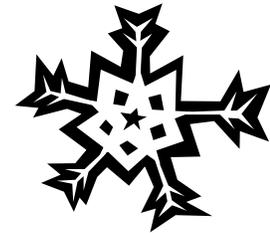
To all bike riders on the Greenbelt: It would be of great help if as you approach a walker to let them know you are coming up behind them and their pets. Several people have been startled by riders coming up too fast behind them without any warning. What ever became of bike bells????



SNOW DAY

December 16th

2:00-4:00PM



Deerfield Village Clubhouse

We need volunteers to put together the Christmas Party.
The Snow has been ordered, but the rest is up to you!

If you would like to help, please call the office at 281-463-2624



DO YOU KNOW ANYONE IN THE SERVICE WHO IS OVERSEAS?

A group of us from Memorial Drive Christian Church are sending **care packages** to servicemen/women overseas. The Marine group we have sponsored in the past, thankfully, will be returning to the states soon. We are in search of new names and addresses to send our gifts to. Can you please help by e-mailing me names and their addresses. It may be someone who gets plenty of care packages, but he/she could share our gifts with other members of their group. Should you be interested in contributing, you may drop by my house with travel size toiletries, socks, paperback books, packaged (not homemade) snacks, Toothbrushes and paste, Dial soap stationery. You get the point. These people are working to make American life safe and good. Let's thank them with care packages. I will give you my address in an answering e-mail.
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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.

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 at 713-480-9564 for more information on dates, times, and meeting places.

Friends of the Library

Meets every 2nd Monday of the month

Time: 6:00PM

Katherine Tyra Bear Creek Library
16719 Clay Road



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West Houston Aglow Lighthouse

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at

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Susan G. Komen Race For the Cure was held on
Saturday, October 6, 2007.
It was a great success!



If you are interested in being a part of next year's race for the cure as a volunteer or participant,
please call the Deerfield Village Office. You can find more information about Susan G. Komen on the web at:

<http://www.komen-houston.org>

REMEMBER: You don't have to wait for the race to donate to Breast Cancer.



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Remember, you don't have to wait for a Food Drive to donate. Stop by BCAM or any other donation center to help feed those in need. The shelves are empty more often than you think. With the cold holiday season approaching, they can use you help!

BSA Troop 120 News



Halloween has come and gone and the Holiday's are now upon us. Please remember that our troop will begin selling mulch, fertilizer, and topsoil in the middle of December. Last year we sold over 7000 bags of mulch, 700 bags of topsoil, and 300 bags of fertilizer. We appreciate all the support we receive from Deerfield.

We also want to thank all the adult leaders that help us every week. We know you are busy, but we appreciate all you do.

This fall has been a blast. In September, we had great fun canoeing at Lake Sommerville. In October, we camped at Uncle Earl's camp in Hallettsville, TX and focused on the Rising Star District Camporee (March 28-30, 2008), and still had time to practice our fishing and shotgun shooting safety and skills.

We also appreciate Debbie Hiarker for hosting a Merit Badge Workshop for the Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge. This is an important scout badge and an Eagle Scout requirement.

Upcoming campouts

November 16-18	Lost Maples (backpacking)
December 7-9	Bastrop (Webelos will visit and camp with us)

I invite you to check out our website at www.bsatroop120.com and view all the fun and adventures. Please come and join us, we typically meet from 7-8pm on Tuesday's at Wilson Elementary.

Stay tuned for more news next month!!!

Tanner Walker
Troop 120 Scribe





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 - **They also predict that this will be the fourth largest market ever!** (But good news doesn't sell.)
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