# DEERFIELD VILLAGE NEWS



#### THE VOICE OF THE COMMUNITY

Dedicated to the residents of Deerfield Village

## March 4th Primary Update

Glenn Sommers

- Precinct 650 Election Judge
- Republican Precinct Chairman

## "Don't Forget to Vote!"



Don't forget to mark your calendars for March 4 and exercise your right to vote. The 2008 Primary Election will be held on March 4, with the polls opening at 7AM and closing at 7PM. The Republican Primary should be held in the large meeting room downstairs, although at this time that has not been confirmed. Early Voting runs from February 19 - 29. For times and locations, check www.harrisvotes.com or contact the County Clerks office.

Also remember that at 7:30 PM, all those who voted in the primary are eligible to participate in the Precinct Convention. This is an interesting eye-opener as to how grass root politics works in Texas. Come join us and get involved in the process.

#### **GOT DRESSES??**

NATIONAL CHARITY LEAGUE-CYPRESS BELLES CHAPTER is sponsoring a dress re-sale event on February 16, 2008 from 9-2p.m. We are looking for gently used formal and semi formal dresses, tuxedos, men's/boys suits and accessories that are taking up room in your closets!!

The proceeds of this sale will go to "Boys & Girls Country". If you have Anything that you would like to donate to this very worthy cause, please contact Allison Mills or Rozlyn Veteto (class of 2011) at (281) 550-2760 and they will be happy to pick up your items.



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Please note the office hours will be changing temporarily. Please call for hours

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

# President's Report

### By Glenn Sommers

DVCA is back in full swing now and the committees are back working and preparing for a successful 2008. I was very encouraged on Monday, January 14 as there were four Committee meetings scheduled and the parking lot almost full with members that were involved in the meetings. We had almost 30 members actively participating in making DVCA a great place to live. And the Rec Center Committee, which I highlighted as one that needed the most help in the January Newsletter, had a full room of people attending. We're looking forward to hearing about the new activities and parties for 2008.

Let me update you on the Office Manager status. Lisa Walker continues to be our interim Office Manager and is doing a great job. The board has completed updating the job description, reviewed the resumes of those who have applied, worked our way down to a short list of candidates, and will be interviewing those people in February. Hopefully, we will have the new permanent office manager hired by the end of February. Until we do, office hours will continue to be 9:30-1:30. Thanks for your patience during the transition.

I also need to inform the members that we received notification that Dennis Hughes would be resigning from the Board of Trustees effective January 1, 2008, due to a change in his business situation. Since Dennis' term is up in March and will be filled as part of the current Annual Election process, it makes sense to fill the open position through the election.

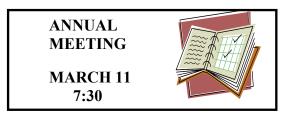
Speaking of the election, we need good candidates who want to be involved in keeping Deerfield great! Applications will be continued to be accepted until Monday February 3. Is it time for you to make the commitment?

Our next Communications Forum is being planned for March. It will be hosted by the Finance Committee and cover "All you wanted to know about DVCA's Finances and Budget". More on this in the March newsletter.

There are a few items I want the board to consider over the next couple of months: To review and update the DVCA By-laws and DVCA Procedures of the Board of Trustees To review and update the DVCA policy on using DVCA facilities Both of these are overdue and hopefully will be completed early in 2008.

Don't forget about the DVCA Annual Meeting on March 11 at 7:30 PM. It is another great way to find out all about what is happening in DVCA and where you might want to get involved. We can always use more help to make DVCA the best it can be. We're waiting for you to join us. Let's make 2008 the best DVCA year ever!!

Also remember to exercise your right to vote and be involved in selecting your parties candidates for the Nov'08 General Election. You must be registered to vote by February 4th to vote in the Primary on Tuesday, March 4<sup>th.</sup> See you at the polls!





#### WE NEED YOUR HELP

In order for Deerfield residents to sell off their treasures, we need a volunteer to step forward and help with the

garage sale. The date cannot be put on the calendar until a volunteer steps forward.



## 2008 DVCA TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

Applications are now being accepted for three positions on the Board of Trustees. Members are encouraged to apply by using the Application Form provided on the reverse of this page and submitting it to the Association office.

### **Important Dates:**

Close of Nominations: Monday, February, 3rd.

Posting of Nominees: Tuesday, February, 19th. - Received Applications will be posted at the

office and on the Web-site (www.deerfieldvillage.net )

Election: Tuesday, March, 4th. through Friday, March 7th. - 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Saturday, March, 8th. - 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Annual Meeting: March 11th., - 7:30 p.m.- Recreation Center

### **Position of Trustee:**

Trustees must be Deerfield Village resident homeowners in good standing, i.e. no outstanding assessments. Only one resident in the same family dwelling may be concurrently nominated to, or serve on, the Board.

The position of Trustee is for a period of three years. Trustees are responsible for the direction and management of the affairs and assets of the Association. In addition to attending monthly Board meetings, each Trustee attends meetings of at least one Standing Committee as a non-voting representative to provide counsel regarding the Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws, as well as other matters. Therefore, Trustees need to be familiar with these documents and a complete set will be given to those summiting applications.

## **Current Trustees:**

Term Expires 2008	Term Expires 2009	Term Expires 2010
Bob Henry, Treasurer	Walt Bohn	Susan Greer
Dennis Hughes	Carolyn Dinger	Mike Polk
Dan Karsten	Marie Nugent, Secretary	Glenn Sommers, President

## 2008 Election Committee:

Walt Bohn, Chairman Bob Henry, Asst. Chairman Deanna Miciotto, Member

#### TRASH TALK

\* If you are new to the neighborhood you must call Allied Waste to set up new service



- \* We pay for backdoor pickup. You are not required to carry your cans to the curb.
- \* Allied Waste can be contacted at 713-635-6666

## Deerfield Village Trustee Elections

March 4 - 8

(voting ends at noon on the 8th)

## **Managers Corner**

- \* Please remember to pay your Assessments on time. In order for you and your family to use the Amenities, your Assessments must be up to date.
- Updated office hours will be placed on the answering machine weekly. Thanks for your patience
- \* One of the things that brought me to Deerfield, was the activities/parties that were offered to my kids. We are in need of people interested in seeing these continue. Please come and help with the Rec Center committee.
- \* Please supply the office with your email address. Updates are sent out periodically with important information. Send these to deerfield4@sbcglobal.net
- \* When reporting a street light outage, you must know the pole number.

#### **Financial Services Committee**

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

2008 Assessment letters have bee sent out to all homeowners. As of 12/31/07 we had received \$242,986 of the assessment for 2008

#### **2007 Budget Review**

 2007 expense budget \$460,668

 YTD December expenses \$472,309

 YTD December budget \$460,668

YTD December balance - \$ (11,641) over budget.

At the beginning of this year, we paid Electricity payments for October and November 2006. In effect, we have paid 14 months worth of utilty bills this year.

One main concern we have is that payment of assessments is still lagging behind where we were last year. To date we have \$19572 worth of assessments owing from 2005,2006 and 2007. This has been reviewed and appropriate action is being taken

**Reminder to everyone**. Assessments are due on January 1, 2008. We have until January 31 to pay these after which late charges will accrue

During December we met with ACMP who provide our book keeping service to review their contract and ways they can support us. Their contract is up for approval at the January comittee meeting prior to be passed to the Board

Come help us keep Deerfield a very special place in which to live

Blessings In Jesus Name Andrew Jackson , Chairman



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

ACTIVITIES	Total	
Accidents	2	
Alarms	3	
Assaults	0	
Burglaries	0	
Burg Motor Vehicle	0	
Citizens Assistance	16	
Citizens Contact	41	
Criminal Arrests	0	
Criminal Mischief	9	
Disturbance Calls	15	
Suspicious Vehicles	11	
Suspicious Persons	7	
Thefts	2	
<b>Traffic Citations</b>	0	
Traffic Warnings	11	
Vacation Watch	21	

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



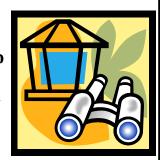




**Tennis Committee Meeting** February 6, 2008

## Security Committee Needs Your Help

Did you know Deerfield has a Neighborhood Watch Program? Well, we do and this program has been very successful



in keeping crime down in Deerfield. In order to keep the program a success, we need your help. The Security Committee is looking for a volunteer to help out coordinating the Section Leaders and Block Captains as part of the Neighborhood Watch Program. The position would entail contacting existing and potential new Section Leaders and Block Captains and would only require a couple of hours of your time each month. If you are interested, please contact Kirk Aden at 281-855-7103 or George Hintz at 281-463-1244.

### **Community Services**

At the Jan. Community Services meeting, we will look at proposals for the mosquito spraying. In February, the Community Services Committee will discuss and vote on those proposals for the coming year. Residents who would like to hear the proposals and/or who have comments are invited to attend the meetings. The committee will present its recommendation to the DVCA board at its February meeting.

**Note.** The January meeting of the Community Services Committee will be held on the second Monday, January 14, rather than the normal first Monday.



## 136 BOARD REPORT FOR THE BUSINESS MONTH OF DECEMBER, 2007

By Jay Singleton, Secretary

At its January meeting the directors reviewed the results of December's business.

During the month, the District produced 14.6 million gallons of water versus 12 million in December of 2006. For the fiscal year that started in March 2007, revenues are \$50,000 under budget and expenses are \$70,000 under budget.

After reviewing bids for the District's 2008 insurance requirements, the director's elected to continue with the existing insurance program. The annual premium is \$12,900.00

For the 2008 tax year, the District will again offer to those who are disabled or are 65 years of age or older an exemption of \$15,000.00 of the appraised value of residence homesteads within the District

If you have any questions about any aspect of the District's operations, you can ask them during the resident comment period at the beginning of our monthly meeting, which is held on the second Thursday of the month at 6:00 PM at the rec center. Information about the District is also available at its website, www.hcmud136.org.



#### SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE

By Landscape Committee

Over the past 30 years, subsidence and tree roots have damaged sections of the greenbelt sidewalks. The Landscape Committee has an ongoing program to correct the problems. Cracked sections of sidewalk have been repaired by tearing out and replacing the concrete. Misaligned or tilted sections have been raised back to level by drilling holes and injecting a concrete slurry underneath the sections. During February we plan to raise sections around the Rec Center, the bridge at the end of the ditch, and other places along the greenbelt. These are the only sidewalks that DVCA is responsible for. Residents are responsible for repairs to sidewalks along their property. The company that performs the raising will provide this service to homeowners at their expense (see their website for details of the process, www. crc-houston.com). The cost will be less if the work is done at the same time as the greenbelt work. Contact the Landscape Committee Chairman for more details at 281-463-7346.

FOR SALE. Full size couch and love seat. Like new. Best Offer. Contact 281-463-4014

## Deed Restrictions Committee Meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 7:00 PM

A few reminders for all Deerfield residents from the Deeds Committee. If we all work together, Deerfield Village will continue to be a community we are proud to call home.

- 1. Deerfield was a beautiful, lighted wonderland this past Christmas, but it is now February and all Christmas decorations, including lights hanging from the eves of the house, should be removed and stored for next year.
- 2. If you are going to do any improvements or additions to the outside of your home, front or back, submit architectural drawings to the Deeds Committee. This includes roofs, windows, fences, painting (including doors), pools, play equipment and storage sheds. Approval forms are available at the office or can be obtained by emailing the office at deer-field4@sbcqlobal.net.
- 3. If you or your yardman have bags of leaves, grass clippings or pruned shrub or tree branches, please store those items from view until the night <u>before</u> trash days. Do not leave them curbside for days or over the weekend awaiting the arrival of the garbage truck.
- 4. Even though it is winter, yards still need to be maintained. Weeds need to be removed from beds as well as the breaks in driveways and walkways, yards need to be mowed, leaves should be raked and bagged and leaves should be removed from the street gutters to keep them from going down the storm sewers and causing potential flooding.
- 5. Mold is a constant problem on our houses. Mold should be removed.
- 6. Boy Scouts will soon be delivering mulch and fertilizer. Store the bags out of view until you have the time to spread onto your beds.
- 7. NO OVERNIGHT PARKING IN THE PATIO HOME SECTION. The streets are narrow and emergency vehicles cannot maneuver through the streets.

#### **Recreation Committee Meeting**

The DV Recreation Committee is planning 2008 social events for the neighborhood. First will be the annual Easter Egg Event, on March 22 at the Rec. Center. The Committee is looking to have an adult party this Spring and in the Fall. The committee needs more people to have the events, so if you have any interest please join us on the first Tuesday of the month. Our next meeting is February 5 at 7:30 PM.



Peter Howell

Committee	Meeting Dates *	<u>Time</u>	Board Trustee	Committee Chair	<u>Phone</u>
Community Services	1st Monday	7:30 PM	Dan Karsten	Tara Shockley	
Deed Restrictions	2nd Monday	7:00 PM	Carolyn Dinger	Robert Serradilla	
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 Tuesday	7:30 PM		Peter Howell	281-463-1360
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

<sup>\*</sup> Please read the Committee Reports for Monthly changes in the schedules





On the 14th, Valentine's Day, you may have had, have now, or will have in the future a sweetheart. However, all of us can show that we have sweet hearts All that takes is a contribution to the care packages we send overseas to servicemen/women in Iraq each month. The list of names that we send to was provided by Deerfield residents. Thanks and cheers to all of us Deerfield Villagesrs who stopped by my house to donate books, toiletries, snacks and/or money to pay for postage. We sent 10 boxes last month, which was a record for Memorial Drive Christian Church! I shopped for snacks last week and was surprised to see for the first time individual containers of peanut butter. Is anyone out there old enough to remember saltine crackers which came in a single sleeve of the four which are traditionally there? I have not seen singles in the stores, but I have seen boxes of two sleeves. Will someone please donate these? Whatever you use or want is probably needed by our recipients. They certainly go through tube socks rather quickly as

they all are on the front line. I look forward to seeing you if you are able to donate needed items and recreational items such as puzzles, magazines, and the used books some are now bringing. I live in the Patio Homes section of Deerfield Village at 4046 Heathersage. Gerry Archibald

Let's hold in our hearts the family, friends, and those who fought the battle beside David Hart, who was recently killed on the battlefield. He was one of the men on our care package list. This does bring our work closer to me.

#### **Ladies Bible Study**

A new Bible Study will begin January 30th. Introduction to the Patriarchs by Beth Moore. Join us Wednesday mornings at 9:30 a.m.



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



HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

## **Security Alert**

As you all know, we are no longer out in the country and new sub-divisions are popping up all around us. The more populous an area becomes the chances of criminal mischief increases. Please be sure to do your part to deter crime in Deerfield by locking your vehicle, house and garage doors at night. Most of the reported thefts are due to easy access through an unlocked door or window left open. Although the Constables and Neighborhood Watch Program do a great job at keeping criminal activity to a minimum, every little bit helps.

Be Safe.

Kirk Aden DVCA Security Chairman

## West Houston Aglow Lighthouse

After the holiday break, we will continue with our study of the book of Nehemiah on Thursday January 10th at 10.00am in the Recreation Center. Our regular monthly outreach meeting will be held on Thursday Jan 17th, also at 10.00am. This will be a prayer meeting with a brief presentation by Suzy Seidel, explaining the Community Prayer movement being birthed in the CyFair area under Mission Houston. We will then pray for our community, our government, Aglow, and for Aglow's mandates to pray for the reconciliation of male and female, Muslim women and the nation of Israel. Please join us as we approach the throne of heaven for God's intervention in these perilous times.

For more information, call Christine Jackson, 281-463-7665, or email christinejackson@peoplepc.com

#### **Pet Hotline**

What happens to your pet when it gets out without identification (owner phone number).....

\* When found, your pet will go to the pound and be destroyed within 72 hours.

The pet hotline will try to locate the owner and in some instances provide a foster home for your pet (depending on availability and pet size)

281-859-1104 Marie Nugent

#### **Swimming Pool Committee**

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

January 1st 2008, weather in the 50's, sun shining, little wind, what could be better than a Polar Bear Swim? The swimming pool committee proudly recognizes sixteen "polar bears" that bravely came out to take "the plunge" on the first day of 2008. They were Jackson Houden, Chris Osterman, Sarah Henry, Jane Henry, Emily Henry, Glenn Sommers, Peter Howell, Christian Martin, Cole Martin, Seth Martin, Emily Cartwright, Bob Franknecht, Chelsey Kidder, Emily Henseler, Brittany Kidder and Graeme Martin. Twenty-three parents and friends came out to cheer the "polar bears" in and out of the pool. Fun was had by all and I even heard a few comments of



"awesome". Thank you to "A Beautiful Pools" for providing us with a lifeguard and to Nike Sommers who brought hot chocolate to warm up the "polar bears". Also thanks to Marie Nugent and Peter Howell for taking pictures of the event. Check the Deerfield website for additional pictures of the event. As always, we welcome all to our committee meetings to visit or join our committee, this spring we will be planning and working on maintenance and refurbishing our pool house and pavilion.

#### Boy Scout Troop 120 Mulch/Fertilizer Fundraiser Sales Begin December 21<sup>st</sup>!!

BSA Troop 120 (Deerfield Village, Windsong, Lakes of Pine Forest, Amesbury Park, Deerfield Park) is sponsoring the 2008 Mulch and Fertilizer Fundraiser to benefit scouts in BSA Troop 120. Scouts build their "camp accounts" from which they pay for high adventure trips and related camping and training activities. This summer Troop 120 is taking over 20 scouts to CANADA for a backpacking/canoeing expedition!! Without a successful fundraiser we couldn't send our kids on such awesome trips.

OVER 95% OF ALL PROFITS FROM THIS SALE GO DIRECTLY TO THE SCOUT WHO TOOK YOUR ORDER, FOR HIS SCOUT ADVENTURE ACCOUNT.

This fundraiser is a great opportunity for Scouts to learn salesmanship skills and gives them an opportunity to sell great lawn and garden products at very competitive prices, DELIVERED RIGHT TO YOUR DOOR. Scouts can also spread the mulch for a nominal fee per bag, if you wish. No more lugging bags of mulch and fertilizer around- let the scouts do it for you!!

Pine Bark Mulch will again be sold in easy-to-handle 2 cubic foot bags (volume discounts will be available), while two blends of professional grade fertilizer will be sold in 50 pound bags. Topsoil is also offered, and all products are delivered to your home.

NEW this year are Premium Red Mulch and Cedar Mulch, in handy 2 cubic foot bags. We're excited to offer these new products!!

Scouts will be selling door-to-door in our communities December 21st through February 1st, with delivery of the product scheduled for February 22-23, 2008.

Please consider purchasing your landscaping supplies from our neighborhood Boy Scouts instead of the big box store.

For more information contact Neil Polansky at 281-550-2682, or log on to www.bsatroop120.com for details and how to contact a scout and place an order.

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#### TIPS TO HELP YOU ACTUALLY KEEP THOSE RESOLUTIONS

TOP 4 RESOLUTIONS: Increase exercise, Work harder, Adopt better eating habits, Stop smoking/drinking

- Think Small, (or at least doable.) If loosing X+ lb. is too overwhelming, then set your goal to stop snacking after dinner. This will give you a greater chance for success.
- Have a strategy. Set up a plan for achievement. i.e.: Name the day and times to get to the gym.
- Make a list of pros and cons and refer to it for motivation to keep going toward your goals.
- Be nice to yourself. It is human to falter, so re-evaluate your goals and get back on track the next day.

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

## **APPLICATION FOR TRUSTEE-2008**

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:

# 2008 Voter Registration Update

Glenn Sommers

- Precinct 650 Election Judge
- Republican Precinct Chairman

If you are currently a registered voter, you **should have received your new orange 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 <u>will not be forwarded</u> if you have moved.

If you are not currently registered and want to vote in the March 4 Primary, you must be registered by February 4. 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!



#### THANKS TO DEERFIELD RESIDENTS

The Deerfield Christmas Bazaar participants would like to thank the Deerfield Community Residents for their support at our 29th Annual Christmas Bazaar. We could not have done it without your continued support all these years and we truly appreciate you!!

#### **OUR 30TH DEERFIELD CHRISTMAS BAZAAR IN 2008**

We are so very excited that we are celebrating 30 years of existence. Since this is a very special happening, we are putting together a cookbook of recipes from Deerfield Residents, current Deerfield Bazaar participants and former Deerfield Bazaar participants. We hope to have it completed and on sale at our 30th Annual Christmas Bazaar on November 7th and 8th. We need your help and participation in getting as many recipes as possible from as many Deerfield residents as we can.

Please submit your recipe(s) to our email address at: dv08.cookbook@gmail.com

Also, we will be having a cookbook meeting on February 21st at HaHa's Chinese Restaurant at 11:30 am to work out details. If you are interested in attending the cookbook meeting or joining us for our 30th Annual Christmas Bazaar this year, call Sharon Hamilton at (281) 859-0174 or Allison Maddox at (281) 859-7152.

We would love to have you.

