

# DEERFIELD VILLAGE NEWS



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Dedicated to the residents of Deerfield Village

## Election of DVCA Trustee

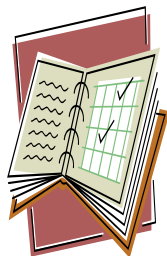
There are three open Trustee positions and three nominations were received by the close of nominations on February 3<sup>rd</sup> 2008. The nominees are:

Steve Dornak  
Marta Bott  
Sharyn Carpenter  
(applications inside)

Members may also cast votes for write-in candidates for their choice. Voting shall be in person or by Proxy between 9:30 am and 1:30 pm at the Deerfield Office Tuesday March 4<sup>th</sup> thru Friday March 7<sup>th</sup>. Proxies must be in writing and notarized.

## ANNUAL MEETING

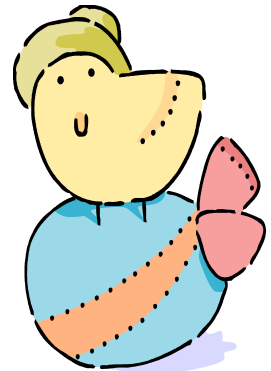
**MARCH 11**  
**7:30**



## EASTER EGG HUNT

**MARCH 22**

**10:00 SHARP**



There will be refreshments and activities for the kids.

For more information, contact Leah Williams at 713-480-9564

## FINANCIAL FORUM

March 18th  
7:30PM

All residents welcome

Presenting the DVCA Budget and how the financial system works for you!



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The office hours will be 9:30—1:30 Monday thru Friday

*Deadline for April Newsletter: March 15th*

*Submit articles and ads to Rec Center Office or email [deerfield4@sbcglobal.net](mailto:deerfield4@sbcglobal.net)*

# President's Report

By Glenn Sommers

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Springtime is upon us and with it comes spring cleaning and getting our yards back in shape after the winter. If your yard or house needs some sprucing up, please take care of it before the Deeds Committee has to remind you of it. Speaking of Deeds, they have worked hard on updating their processes, have five new members and are doing their best to keep DVCA looking great! One of the things they have started doing is to send pictures that show the issues that have been identified and in general the response has been very favorable. You know what they say "A picture is worth a thousand words" and in this case it seems to really help. Thanks for all of you who keep your homes looking great and respond quickly to a Deeds request.

I am happy to announce that we have selected a permanent Office Manager. After acting as the temporary office manager since December 1 and doing a great job, the board decided to offer Lisa Walker the permanent position. Lisa had done the job as an interim position a couple of years ago, between Nora and Rebecca, and as a result was able to come in and hit the floor running. The committee chairs and many other members provided unsolicited positive feedback on the job that Lisa was doing and we were very pleased when she decided to put her application in for the permanent position. Please stop by and welcome Lisa to her new position!


We also want to thank the other eight candidates that submitted applications. It was nice to have a strong field of applicants to choose from.

Speaking of candidates, we do have three applications (Marta Bott, Sharyn Carpenter and Steve Dornak) that were turned in for the Trustee Election. They all look very good and should be great additions to the board. Please read them over and take time to vote.

Don't forget to attend the Annual Members meeting on March 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM. It's a great way to hear about what's happening in DVCA and figure out where you should be involved. I seem to remember that a previous office manager provided cookies for those that attended. Maybe that tradition will start up again! Come out and see. I'll be providing my State of the Association comments and all the committee chairs will give an update for their committee.

As I said last month, we will be holding our next Members' Communication Forum in March. It will be hosted by the Finance Committee and cover "All you wanted to know about DVCA's Finances and Budget". More details are in this newsletter.

Remember to exercise your right to vote in the Primary on Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. Both the Democratic and Republican Primaries will be held at the clubhouse. While you're there, stop by the office and vote in the DVCA Trustees election as well. See you at the polls!



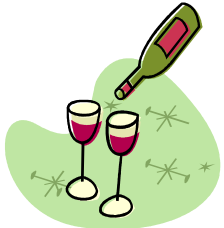
**Garage Sale**  
April 5, 2008

Registration forms available in  
this newsletter.

Thanks to Boy Scout Troop 120  
for stepping up and organizing this for our  
residents!

**UPCOMING  
EVENT**

**Wine Tasting**  
April 26, 2008



## 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

## Note from Constable

Due to the large number of complaints about loose animals in the neighborhood, I would like to remind everyone that Harris County has a leash law that states, "All dogs and cats must be kept under restraint while in the unincorporated areas of Harris County Texas" (Sect 4,A). As written in Section 4,1 : the owner of the dog can be cited and/or the animal impounded.

## Managers Corner

- \* We have a new look at the office. Blinds have been installed both for security and privacy. Please remember that business hours are from 9:30-1:30. The blinds will be closed all other times.
- \* Please pay your Assessments. All unpaid residents will not be able to rent or use the Amenities.
- \* While soliciting is not illegal, it is an annoyance. Remember, if you continue to buy from door to door solicitors, they will continue to frequent our neighborhood.
- \* When reporting a street light outage, you must know the pole number.
- \* Let's remember, the best defense we have against crime is to keep our eyes and ears open. Please report suspicious activity to the constables department at 281-463-6666.
- \* If you see kids on the tennis courts playing ball or skateboarding, call the office.

## Financial Services Committee

Meetings are 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.

### Financial forum March 18th 7:30PM. All residents welcome

We will be having a Financial Forum at the Recreation center to communicate how the financial aspects of our community work on your behalf .

As of 2/19/08 we had received \$518,375 of the 2008 Assessment. This leaves us with \$108928 to be paid.

Reminder. We had until January 31 to pay these. Late charges are now accruing

January expenses; (These were not available for this newsletter)

Revised 2007 Expense Review ( Subject to Audit)

2007 expense budget - \$460,668

YTD December expenses - \$461.066

YTD December balance - \$ (348) over budget.

We spent \$181,000 On Capital Improvements against a Budget of \$204,000

We have renewed our contract With ACMP who prepare our accounts and with our Auditors, McCall Gibson

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

Chairman, Andrew Jackson



- \* Please supply the office with your email address. Updates are sent out periodically with important information. Send these to [deerfield4@sbcglobal.net](mailto:deerfield4@sbcglobal.net)

Security Stats for January, 2008  
 Constable Dispatch: 281-463-6666  
 Contract # 87  
 Harris County Precinct #5

**ACTIVITIES Total**

ACTIVITIES	Total
Accidents	0
Alarms	16
Assaults	0
Burglaries	0
Burg Motor Vehicle	1
Citizens Assistance	25
Citizens Contact	130
Criminal Arrests	0
Criminal Mischief	0
Disturbance Calls	5
Suspicious Vehicles	10
Suspicious Persons	15
Thefts	1
Traffic Citations	2
Traffic Warnings	14
Vacation Watch	32

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



**TENNIS**

- \* Please remember to shut and lock the courts when you are through playing.
- \* If you see kids in the courts playing something other than tennis, please call the office and report it. Leave the day and time you saw them. There is damage being done by baseballs and skateboards.
- \* Please remember to sign up for the courts even if you have a key

**You're Invited**



**Cypress Lakes Parent/Student Information Night**

Who: Parents and Students of the

Classes of 2011 and 2012

When: Wednesday, April 9, 2008 7:00- 9:00 p.m

Where: Berry Center – Barker Cypress and West Road

Why: Meet principal Sarah Harty and other staff members, find out about opportunities in academics, sports, fine arts, and clubs, ask questions and offer your suggestions on how to make Cy Lakes great!

Ms. Harty is seeking input from both parents and students – please come share yours!

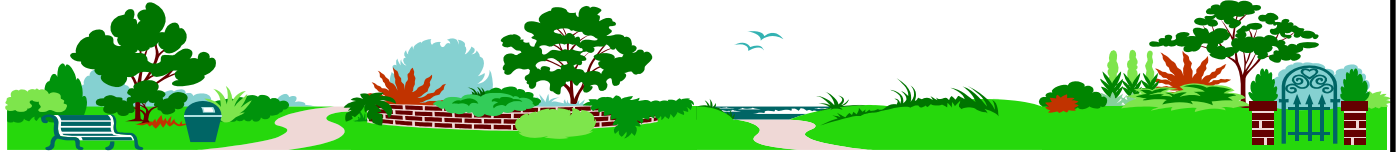
**Security Committee Meeting will meet March 12th @ 7:00**



**MUD 136 BOARD REPORT FOR THE BUSINESS MONTH OF DECEMBER, 2007**

By Jay Singleton, Secretary

At its February meeting the directors reviewed the results of January's business. During January, the District produced 9.86 million gallons of water versus 8.56 million in January, 2007. For the full year 2007, the production was just over 150 million gallons. Some interesting facts about water. 75% of the earth is covered with water, but 97% of that water is too salty to be used. Of the remaining 3% fresh water, 2% is tied up in glaciers, ice caps and permafrost, or is too far underground to be of use. We humans are dealing with 1% of the world's water. Conservation of this precious resource is essential. The directors voted to grant property easements to allow the Regional Water authority to run its distribution pipeline across MUD 136 property. Construction of the line will begin this summer. The directors also voted to engage McCall Gibson & Co. to perform the audit of the District. Records of the District's business are open to the public. Audited financial results for the fiscal years ending March 2005, March 2006, and March 2007 can be reviewed on the District's website. If you have 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](http://www.hcmud136.org).



## MULCH MORE

By Landscape Committee

The beginning of the spring growing season is close at hand. So, it's time to work on getting the yard looking good (Yard of the Month judging starts in April). It's also time to start thinking about watering plant beds. Considering that Mother Nature can be stingy with her rain, it's also time to be thinking water smart. Conserve the water you sprinkle by using mulch, but not more than 3 inches deep. Anything more will create a blanket too thick for water to penetrate. Mulch not only keeps the moisture in the soil from evaporating, it also protects the soil from heat by either reflecting the heat (light colored mulch) or by forming an insulating blanket that absorbs the heat (dark mulches). A word of caution: The temperature of dark mulch exposed to direct sunlight on hot summer days can reach 150 degrees. As the heat rises from the mulch, it will cook plants that are not heat tolerant. For more information about mulches and heat tolerant plants contact the Landscape Committee. You can also log on to the Texas A&M website <http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu> or contact the Master Gardiner hotline at 281-855-5600. Consider also being a part of the ongoing work of keeping Deerfield attractive by participating in the activities of the Landscape Committee. We meet on the second Monday of the month and look forward to seeing you then.

## 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 eaves 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 [deerfield4@sbcglobal.net](mailto:deerfield4@sbcglobal.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 before 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.



## Recreation Committee Meeting

The Recreation Committee is working on a year full of events. Upcoming activities are

- March 22 – Annual Easter Egg Hunt - 10 AM to Noon
- April 5 - DV Garage Sale, run by BSA Troop120
- April 26 - Wine tasting, details in next month's newsletter
- May 26 – Memorial Day Pool Party
- July 4<sup>th</sup> - Celebration Event



And more to come.... The Committees' next meeting is Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. Everyone is welcome to join us and help make Deerfield more exciting..

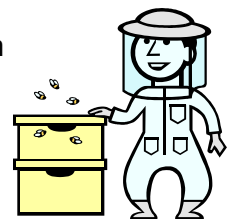
<u>Committee</u>	<u>Meeting Dates *</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Board Trustee</u>	<u>Committee Chair</u>	<u>Phone</u>
<i>Community Services</i>	1st Monday	7:30 PM	Dan Karsten	Tara Shockley	
<i>Deed Restrictions</i>	2nd Monday	7:00 PM	Carolyn Dinger	Robert Serradilla	281-550-9204
<i>DVCA Board</i>	4th Monday	7:30 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>	2nd Tuesday	7:30 PM		Peter Howell	281-463-1360
<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

**\* Please read the Committee Reports for Monthly changes in the schedules**

## Community Services

Work on the new Deerfield Directory is progressing well, and we hope to have them out in within a month.

The Community Services Committee would like to remind all residents to begin watching for standing water and other mosquito breeding grounds in their yards. We will present a mosquito control proposal at the February Board Meeting and tentative plans are to begin spraying in April.



### 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 @

### 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

### West Houston Aglow Lighthouse

West Houston Aglow Lighthouse Ladies, you are invited to join us as we complete our study of the book of Nehemiah on Thursdays at 10.00am in the Recreation Center. We will not meet on March 20th. A new study will be announced in the April newsletter. For more information contact Christine Jackson 281-463-7665



Opera Orientation Lecture  
Puccini's *La Boheme*

March 29<sup>th</sup> Deerfield Village Center

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

By Phil Hubbel of New Orleans NPR Radio

RSVP to Bob Fahrig by March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Questions?

281-855-1981



### 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



### SUPPORT OUR TROOPS



Thank you, Deerfield Villagers, for your generosity in dropping off so many toiletries, books, and puzzles to send our troops on the frontline in Iraq. In March, I hope you will bring in small bottles of shampoo and deodorant. They may need to be larger than the usual toiletries. They also look forward to individually wrapped packages of cookies, gum, maybe Easter candy this month. Walmart sells these loose so that you can pick up a few without having to buy packs of 12 as you do at Sam's. Both men and women need socks, magazines, perhaps *People*, and puzzle books. I am sending them 1-use cameras and asking them to send us pictures of themselves and their quarters. If you have time, please bring by pictures of your family around the pool and tennis courts or at the entrance of the subdivision decorated for Christmas, anything to help them connect. If you don't send names of the people in your photo, there is no reason to worry. The diaries, address books, and journals are only \$1 at the dollar stores around us. I also will take pictures of Memorial Drive Christian Church. Do you work for a company that might donate pens, notepads, sticky notes, Kleenex, or any other item that you can send to encourage these young people away from home, many for the first time? Thank you for coming by 4046 Heathersage Drive in the Patio Homes to deliver to Gerry Archibald

## Swimming Pool Committee

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

At our March meeting, on the agenda is a discussion regarding quotes on the refurbishing/maintenance projects on the pool house and gazebo. Our next meeting will be March 6<sup>th</sup>. As always we welcome residents to our meetings with suggestions or comments or that would like to come join our committee.

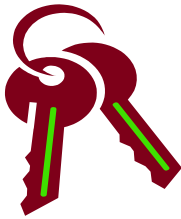


## Dive in at Cy Lakes

Now is the time for parent volunteers to step up and help get the Spartans off to a great start! Booster organizations will begin forming before the end of this school year in order to be in position to support our fledgling programs in the fall. Please plan to take advantage of the chance to make a difference. Deerfield has always been supportive of our community schools – let's make the most of this singular opportunity to help establish our newest one. If you would like to be added to an email distribution list for updates regarding Cy Lakes, including upcoming meetings, please email your name, your student(s) name(s) and expected graduation year(s) (e.g. Class of 2011, 2012.) to: [cylakes-vips@gmail.com](mailto:cylakes-vips@gmail.com).

### Security Tip

PUT YOUR CAR KEYS  
BESIDE YOUR BED AT  
NIGHT!!!



This tip was recently passed on to the Security Committee from another sub-division and I feel it is worth reading, and passing on to your friends and family as well.

Put your car keys beside your bed at night. If you hear a noise outside your home or someone trying to get in your house, just press the panic button for your car. The horn will be set off, and continue to sound until either you turn it off or the car battery dies. It basically acts as a back-up to your existing alarm system or as a primary if you do not have an alarm on your home.

If your car alarm goes off when someone is trying to break in your house, odds are the burglar won't stick around long enough for your neighbors to start looking out their windows.

Also remember to carry your keys while walking to your car in a parking lot. The alarm can be used in the same manner to deter criminal assaults.

As with all tips, test it out, preferably during the day. Most car alarms will go off from anywhere inside your house and will continue until you reset them.

Regards, Security Committee

## March 4<sup>th</sup> Primary Update



*Glenn Sommers*  
- Precinct 650 Election Judge  
- Republican Precinct Chairman

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 will be held in the large meeting room downstairs. The Democratic Primary will be held in the small room across from the office.

Also remember that at 7:30 PM, all those who voted in the primary are eligible to participate in their respective 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.



## APPLICATION FOR TRUSTEE-2008

**NAME:** Marta Bott

**LENGTH OF RESIDENCY:** 17 years

**ADDRESS:** 5102 Manorhaven Drive

### EXPERIENCE:

Worked for Texaco Inc. for 13 years as a accountant in Financial Reporting and managed projects world-wide

Substitute Teacher in Cy-Fair school District for 7 years.

### COMMUNITY SERVICE:

Deerfield Village Swim Team President / Northwest Aquatic League Representative

VIPS Volunteer Coordinator, VIPS Liaison, Fundraising Chairman, Staff Appreciation Chairman, Bulldog Bash Coordinator—Watkins Junior High

Staff Appreciation Chairman, Cypress Springs Booster Club—Cy-Springs High School

CFISD Representative for the Bond Election Committee

Volunteer Coordinator, VIPS Liaison, PTO President, Presidential Advisor, Cultural Arts Coordinator—Peggy Wilson Elementary

### WHAT DO YOU HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH AS A BOARD MEMBER:

To keep up the high standards of living we now have as being a homeowner in Deerfield Village.

To maintain the spirit of community that we have, which is like no other community

To continue to attract new and young families to our great neighborhood.



## Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District Announces District Volunteer Award Winners

Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District is pleased to announce the following winners of its Volunteer of the Year Awards for 2007:

**Outstanding Senior Volunteer: Mr. Robert Zemcik** - Mr. Zemcik is an energetic 80-year old mentor at Fiest Elementary School, who has been going to the school almost daily for 2 ½ years to mentor up to 6 boys per year.

**Outstanding Adult Volunteer: Ms Lisa Underwood** - Ms. Underwood has been volunteering at Emmott Elementary School for 5 years and has been involved in every aspect of VIPS at the school. She has logged in a staggering 1,421 hours doing whatever it takes to support the school staff and students!

**Community Partnership: Cy-Fair Houston Chamber of Commerce** - The Cy-Fair Chamber of Commerce has been a significant partner with CFISD over the past several years. This award was given in particular for their support of the Bus Buddies program and for "living" the Forty Developmental Assets.

**Local Business Partnership: Mr. Ed Station of Station & Ayers Insurance Services** -

Mr. Station "adopted" Francone Elementary School years ago and has remained dedicated to the students and staff of that school and to the district with his on-going support. Mr. Station also sponsored a table at the district's Salute to the Stars gala.

**Medium Business Partnership: Cy-Fair Federal Credit Union** - This year, fifteen CFFCU employees participated in the Bus Buddies program and placed a volunteer on every school bus at Bang Elementary School during the first week of school. The administration at Bang felt their involvement in this program helped the school year begin in a very successful way. The CFFCU has also been a dedicated district supporter for many years and showed that support by sponsoring a table at the district's Salute to the Stars gala.

**Small Business Partnership: Credit Union Acceptance Company** - The CUAC has "adopted" Emmott Elementary School and sends employees to act as Junior Achievement program presenters, Bus Buddies volunteers and also sponsored a table at the Salute to the Stars gala to recognize excellence in teaching at Emmott.

These volunteers and business partners will be honored at an awards ceremony to be held at the VIPS General Meeting on April 24, 2008, at 9:30 a.m., at the Richard E. Berry Instructional Support Center. The public is invited to attend this ceremony.

This District is very fortunate to have so many talented, dedicated volunteers working on all 74 of our campuses and wants to take this opportunity to thank **all** of our volunteers for everything that they do on a daily basis to contribute to student success.

## APPLICATION FOR TRUSTEE-2008

**NAME:** Sharyn Carpenter

**LENGTH OF RESIDENCY:** 13 Years

**ADDRESS:** 5030 Tarnbrook Drive

### EXPERIENCE:

Manager of a 5 million Dollar Dept. at Neiman Marcus for 13 years. Was in charge of 33 employees. Responsible for setting sales quotas and working within an OTB for the dept. while coming within budget monthly.

A recruiter for office staff for 1 year. Responsible for hiring and placing applicants in temporary to permanent positions.

### COMMUNITY SERVICE:

Was the Partners in Education Chairman for Wilson Elementary for 2 year. Responsible for raising money within the community to help sponsor the school.

Volunteered for the BPMS 150

Deerfield Village Swim Team

### WHAT DO YOU HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH AS A BOARD MEMBER:

As a new board member, I plan to raise the commitment level of homeowners to not only carry on the high standards of the Deerfield Village subdivision but enhance the neighborhood through increased participation and volunteerism whereby everyone who lives in Deerfield Village will have a greater sense of belonging to a mature yet dynamic neighborhood for many years to come. As our neighborhood has changed over the years, I am determined to give a fresh perspective and instill focus on the committees to remain competitive with other subdivisions in west Houston.

## APPLICATION FOR TRUSTEE-2008

**NAME:** Steve B. Dornak

**LENGTH OF RESIDENCY:** 18 Years

**ADDRESS:** 4122 Deerfield Village Drive

### EXPERIENCE:

I served on the DVCA Board for over five years, and in 2000, I served as President of the Board.

I served as a Board Member on the Harris county Municipal Utility Board #136. I served the community as the Board's president in 2006. However, because of work and travel commitments, it was necessary to resign after over five years service to the community.

In late 2004, I retired from City of Houston and the position of Project Manager in the Mayor's Office of Environmental Policy. Before joining the Mayor's office, I was an Administration Manager in the Houston Fire Department's Fleet Management Division.

### COMMUNITY SERVICE:

I believe my prior experiences on the DVCA and HCMUD #136 Boards have proven my commitment to the improvement of our neighborhood.

### WHAT DO YOU HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH AS A BOARD MEMBER:

I would like to continue my community service to the Deerfield Community.

I would like to assist the Board to continue to keep Deerfield Village a subdivision we can all be proud of.

I also want to continue to maintain the high standards and leadership we all expect and deserve.

## BSA Troop 120 News



March means that spring is finally here and we are looking forward to great weather to camp, hike and enjoy some great outdoor fun. In February we welcomed Cub Scouts from into our troop.

We want to extend a big thank you to the Deerfield residents which supported our mulch fundraiser this year and to Neal Polansky (plus volunteers) that made this possible. The money we earn goes to support Summer Camp and other scouting activities. This year's high adventure trip will be in Ontario, Canada and summer camp for the younger scouts will be at Buffalo Trails Scout Ranch in Fort Davis, TX.

### Campouts:

In January we camped in Tyler, TX, on private property owned by the Epperson family. The Scouts all worked on the Wilderness Survival merit badge. We left behind our tents and usual cooking gear and honed our survival skills by making shelters, starting fires without matches, and cooking over an open fire. We also had fun building and launching rockets in an open field.

In February we camped in Giddings, TX on private property owned by the Gammerdinger family. On this primitive camping adventure, older scouts teach new scouts how to prepare and have fun in these conditions. We always look forward to cooking and eating, so this time, we held a cooking contest open to everyone as an all day event. Meanwhile, the adults roasted a pig for a Saturday night feast.

### Upcoming events

March 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> 4th Annual Aviation Merit Badge Event  
March 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> Camporee campout

### Rank Advancement

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>
Matthew Meehan	Scout	Charles Pritchett	Scout
Charles Pritchett	Tenderfoot	Chris Schunk	2 <sup>nd</sup> Class
Avery Blake	1 <sup>st</sup> Class	Alex Cone'	1 <sup>st</sup> Class
Jack Yeanney	1 <sup>st</sup> Class	Zachary Meyers Star	
Cody Mertz	Life	Robert Myers	Life
Tyler Pierce	Life	<b>Justin Mathis</b>	<b>Eagle</b>

I invite you to check out our website at [www.bsatroop120.com](http://www.bsatroop120.com) and view all the troop 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!!!

Matthew Wanies  
Troop 120 Scribe

### **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:

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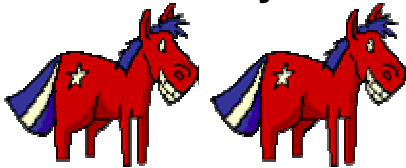
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**Democratic Primary – March 4**



The 2008 Democratic Primary will be held in Texas on March 4 from 7 A.M. until 7 P.M. Precinct 650 which includes Deerfield Village will vote at the same location as Precinct 517 this year. The voting location should be at the Deerfield Village Recreation Center. Signs will be posted at the Recreation Center should the location be changed. Our Precinct Convention will be held at the voting location at around 7:15 P.M. To participate in the Precinct 650 convention, you must have voted in the Democratic Party either as an early voter or by voting on Election Day.



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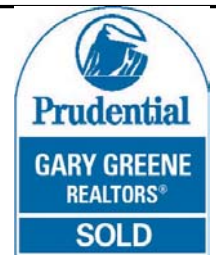
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I want to welcome the 38 new families that moved into Deerfield Village last year. Now that you were occupying your new home as your primary residence in Texas on January 1, 2008, you can file for the General Residential Homestead Property Tax Exemption from Harris County, to help save on your property taxes that will be paid for 2008. If your Buyer Agent didn't send you the necessary form to fill out for the county or your bought directly from an owner, give me a call or send me an email and I will get the proper form out to you with instructions, at no obligation. You have until the end of April 2008 to get this form into Harris County. **Don't be fooled by companies that will do this for you for a fee, the county does not charge for this service.** Equal Housing Opportunity, Information is deemed reliable, however, we can not guarantee accuracy.