

# DEERFIELD VILLAGE NEWS



**NOVEMBER 2008**

THE VOICE OF THE COMMUNITY

Dedicated to the residents of Deerfield Village

**Don't forget to Vote...**  
**November 4th**  
**Deerfield Village Clubhouse**  
**7:00am—7:00 pm**



## 30th Annual Deerfield Village Christmas Bazaar & Market

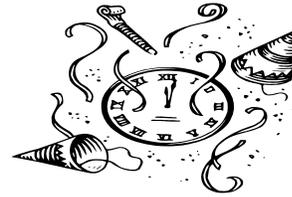
Friday, Nov. 7th , 12 - 8 pm  
Saturday, Nov. 8th , 9am - 4pm

Deerfield Rec Center

**\*\* Come enjoy the magic of Christmas\*\***  
Deerfield Village Cookbooks, Christmas Gifts  
& Ornaments, Holiday Sprays, Candles, Out-  
door Signs, Ceramics, Jewelry, Seasonal  
Items, Wreaths, Watercolor Paintings, Stained  
Glass, Pickles, Jellies, Jams, Homemade  
Goodies

Please bring a non-perishable food donation

**GOODBYE 2008 . . .**  
**HELLO 2009!**



## New Year's Eve Casino Party

**December 31**  
**7:30p.m. until....**  
**\$25.00 per person**

Due to fire code restrictions, tickets are limited. Buy yours now at the Rec Center office

Ticket holders must be at least 21. Admission includes snacks, wine, beer, set-ups and a champagne toast!  
Each couple should bring a creative and tasteful unwrapped gift (\$20-\$25) for the closing auction

Volunteers are needed to operate the games. Training will be provided.

**Curbside Trash Pickup for  
ALL RESIDENTS**  
**Will begin on November 4th**

Deerfield Village CAI  
4045 Deerfield Village Drive Houston, TX 77084  
Office: (281) 463-2624 Fax: (281) 463-7679  
Email: deerfield4@sbcglobal.net www.deerfieldvillage.net

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

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

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We're rapidly approaching the Holiday Season again with all its activities and festivities. It starts with the 30<sup>th</sup> annual Deerfield Village Christmas Bazaar on November 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, and then we roll into Thanksgiving. Don't forget that even in these turbulent times there is much to be thankful for.

Our brush with Ike has been one that helps us remember what really is important: our health, families and friends. There are many encouraging stories of people helping people in our community. The County did a wonderful job of helping us clean up Deerfield, and it saved us all many thousands of dollars. Just the tree debris would have cost over \$75,000 if we had brought in dumpsters for everyone to use. Boy Scout Troop 120, which Deerfield sponsors, gave up a campout to stay in Deerfield and clean up debris and trees the weekend following Ike. There was a huge number of scouts and adults who cleaned up much of our common areas. It was a great service to the community and we truly appreciate it! We still do not have finals on what Ike's cost was to DVCA, but it looks like it will deplete our emergency fund, so we are going to need to replenish that so we can be prepared for the next disaster that comes our way. We started to discuss the options on how to do this in the October Board Meeting.

Please follow the requirement of having an approved Architectural Approval form before you start your new projects. We have had some members making repairs as a result of Ike without doing this and some of their work will need to be redone, due to not being in compliance with the Protective Covenants. Don't chance the frustration or additional costs by ignoring this.

There was a very strong response to the straw poll on trash (over 100 more responses than last years poll on security and mosquitos). Curbside pickup was the overwhelming choice with over 90% choosing a curbside option, so we will be seeing a move to curbside service soon. Recycling was much more up in the air with a small majority in favor of continuing. More on the results of the straw poll in this newsletter.

We had a very successful National Night Out / Music on the Green on October 4<sup>th</sup>. The weather was outstanding, the mosquito's out standing somewhere else, the jazz was smooth and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. There were several Constables that attended, including Constable Phil Camus. Thanks to the Rec. Center and Security Committees for putting this together.

The 2009 budget is scheduled to be finalized by early November. It should be in line with the increase in the CPI over the last year (addressing the Emergency Fund could impact this). More on the 2009 assessment in next month's Newsletter. Please review the assessment payment schedule in this newsletter to make sure you make a timely payment and not get charged a \$100 late fee.

We still have a Trustee opening that needs to be filled. The term lasts only until March of 2009. Applications are available by contacting the DVCA office. We need your help!

Wishing each of you a joyous Thanksgiving holiday and a great time with family!! Remember we have so much for which to be grateful.

Don't forget that registered voters from Precinct 650 (included Deerfield) can vote at the clubhouse in the November 4<sup>th</sup> General Election! Polls are open from 7am to 7pm.



If you are new to Deerfield, please stop by the office and pick up a Welcome packet and Recycle Bin



**Poker**  
**Meets second Thursdays @ 7:30PM**  
**at the Rec Center**

BYOB, 25-50 cent blinds, \$25 buy-in, Pot-limit, Texas Hold'em. Contact Bob Shortle at 281-463-4589 or bobshortle@aol.com for more information



**Bridge**

Presented by the Recreation Center Committee. November's Bridge will meet on the 14th at 7:00 in the clubhouse.

Contact Bob Shortle at 281-463-4589

**Recycling**

Posted on the window at the office is a letter written by one of our residents on recycling. Please stop by and read it. It gives helpful tips for helping our environment

**CHRISTMAS DECORATION JUDGING**

Judging will take place on December 13th for  
 The following categories:

- Best Door
- 1st Place Yard
- 2nd Place Yard
- 3rd Place Yard



**Thanks! Corner**

If you would like to recognize someone for something they've done to help DVCA, contact Lisa in the office and let her know who and the details.



- Thanks to Walt Benson for his lumberjack skills and chain saw
- Thanks to Jim and Sonia Watts who helped with the yard cleanup to their neighboring retired neighbors
- Thanks to all those residents who pitched in around the neighborhood to help with cleanup. This shows the Deerfield Pride!!!!
- Precinct 3 for all the Trash Debris cleanup
- Troop 120 for all their efforts cleaning up the Deerfield Common Areas
- Precinct 5 Constables for participating in National Night out and for the continued excellent coverage
- Dan Stovall, our first shift constable for his great support and attitude
- The Recreation Center and Security Committees for putting on the October 4th National Night Out and Music on the Green
- Belinda Bath and the Rec Center Committee for organizing and working so hard on the Beer Tasting on October 18th.

**ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE FOR 2009**

11/2008-12/2008	Invoices sent to Deerfield Homeowners by ACMP <b>If you do not receive your invoice by 12/15, contact ACMP at 281-855-9867</b>
1/1/2009	All Assessments due
2/1/2009	<b>Past Due.</b> One time <b>Late fee of \$100.00</b> and interest applies
3/1/2009	Late notices sent with notice of Certified letter
4/1/2009	Certified letter sent ( <b>charged to property address</b> )
6/1/2009	Liens filed against homeowner for outstanding balances. <b>Cost charged to property</b>

Please start saving today for your assessments. There will be **no payment plans** after February 1st, 2009

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

<b>ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>Total</b>
Accidents	1
Alarms	17
Assaults	0
Burglaries	1
Burg Motor Vehicle	3
Citizens Assistance	15
Citizens Contact	83
Criminal Arrests	1
Criminal Mischief	9
Disturbance Calls	10
Suspicious Vehicles	13
Suspicious Persons	2
Thefts	2
<b>Traffic Citations</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Traffic Warnings</b>	<b>6</b>
Vacation Watch	224

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

### Swimming Pool Committee



We are in the final stages of reviewing pool management options. In November we hope to finalize a contract for the next two years so we can provide a safe stable pool environment. Also the Committee is refining the Pool ID cards and process on getting cards. This last summer confirmed our need to continue to use a Pool ID card for residents. The Committee is looking at providing early opportunities for residents to get new or updated cards. By June residents you will need a current ID card or will not be able to use the pool facility.

We continue to review the early and late summer usage of the pool to see if we can justify keeping the pool open the hours that we have in the past. Usage was high and we would like to keep the pool open, if we can within our budget constraints. We encourage residents to e-mail the office with any thoughts they have on pool hours or pool management.

The Pool Committee meets the first Thursday of the month at the Recreation Center and is looking for new members interested in helping manage the swimming pool.

### Recreation Committee



In October we had a great Music on the Green featuring the Robert Wolf Trio. It was done with the Security Committee and the local constables joined us that evening for Deerfield's Neighborhood Night Out. And there was also the beer tasting in October with residents trying new beers and visiting with their fellow homeowners.

Upcoming events.... In December we have the kids Christmas Party. It has been moved from Saturday to Sunday Dec. 14th, because of the price of snow. The party is from 2 to 4, and kids 11 and under can enjoy the snow. There will be hot chocolate and other activities...

Also in December 31st, we will be having our first adult New Year's Eve party – a Casino Party at the Rec. Center. Tickets are on sale for \$25 per person, available at the Rec Center. Get your tickets and make your plans to enjoy New Years' Eve in Deerfield!

The committee is planning the next wine tasting for March next year, and is also planning more Music on the Green events. We look forward to hearing from residents on how they like these events.

The committee meets the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 at the Rec Center. and welcomes anyone who wants to join. The Committee needs members with new ideas and who want to help organize events, so bring your ideas, creativity and help make Deerfield fun.

## COMMUNITY SERVICES

### ***Trash Pickup Moves Curbside***

After overwhelming approval in the recent straw poll regarding trash pickup, Deerfield Village will move to curbside trash pickup for all residences, starting with the trash pickup on Tuesday, November 4th. The straw poll vote was 282 for curbside pickup, 27 for continued backdoor pickup, and 50 for automated pickup. Recycling will continue with a vote of 188 for and 171 against. This change will allow Deerfield residents to continue to pay monthly fees similar to what we have been paying, rather than incur an approximate 30 percent increase in trash pickup costs. An extension in our current trash contract has been negotiated for the next quarter, in order to give us time to explore all options for trash pickup in Deerfield. We realize that Hurricane Ike and the resulting debris and trash situation stretched everyone's patience, although our neighborhood was fortunate when compared to so many others. The Community Services Committee and the Deerfield Village Community Association are working to ensure that Deerfield residents receive consistent, efficient service at an affordable price. We will keep residents informed about any decisions or changes in trash pickup.

**Please remember that you will need to place all trash at the curb, beginning on Tuesday, November 4, 2008.** Pickup will continue on Tuesdays and Fridays, with recycling and heavy trash pickup continuing on Friday. If you see your neighbor's trash at their backdoor and realize they are not aware of the change, please tell them. This information will be posted on the Web site and will be emailed to residents on the email list.

### ***Re keying of Deerfield Facilities***

On October 23, the Deerfield Rec Center facilities, swimming pool and tennis courts will be re keyed. The current keys you have to these facilities will no longer work on that date. There were several reasons for the decision to re key the facilities. Because of changes in management over the past several years, there was no clear knowledge of who had keys to the facilities. There have been thefts and vandalism in some of the facilities, and some persons who no longer live in Deerfield still possess keys. The re keying should improve the security and enjoyment of the facilities for all residents.

New keys will be issued to residents according to the following policy.

- Tennis Courts and Tennis Closets - The Deerfield office will begin issuing new keys to residents who are current key holders at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 23.
- Swim Pool – The chair of the Swim Pool Committee and the pool maintenance company will be the only persons who have permanent keys to the pool.
- All other Rec Center facilities – Permanent keys will be issued to the office manager, a backup office manager, the DVCA president, and one other person designated on the alarm list by the DVCA board.
- Committees or groups that use the facilities will need to make arrangements with the office manager to pick up a key. We understand that it is not always possible to get a key during office hours. The office manager will work with you to get a key. Communication is essential. There are new guidelines for issuing keys on a permanent basis. Any group that wants to have temporary possession of a key must seek approval of the Community Services Committee. A form will be available in the office.
- Residents who are paying to use Deerfield facilities will be issued keys for the duration of their event under the Deerfield facility policies, which they will be required to read and sign.

All keys issued will be subject to Deerfield Village policies, which are available in the office and on the Web site.



## HARRIS COUNTY MUD 136 JUNE MEETING REPORT

By Neil Polansky, President  
[www.hcmud136.org](http://www.hcmud136.org)

The Board met about 3 weeks apart due to Hurricane Ike scrambling everyone's schedules. Hopefully you and your family made it through the storm alright. Although Deerfield Village lost many trees and its residents sustained some serious property damage, we were very lucky. The MUD's facilities came through like a champ and although we lost power for a day or so, our auxiliary generators for both the water well and lift stations kicked in. Backup power is money well spent!!

The Board signed a \$400,000+ contract to start making necessary modifications to allow the district to start receiving surface water via the West Harris County Regional Water Authority some time late next summer or early fall. HCMUD 183 (Windsong) is already receiving surface water, and since we've been on interconnect for a few months now due to Well #1's motor failure, you know what surface water tastes like (for better or worse). The mandated shift to surface water is progressing quickly, as illustrated by the rapid installation of the 36" water line bisecting the northern part of the district. If you notice any problems with sinkholes, depressions, sidewalks, or vegetation due to this construction project, please let us know and we'll pass your concerns to the WHCRWA.

As for our water well, we've just completed installation of a vertical turbine motor to replace the old submersible pump motor. The bacteriological and other tests performed by the TCEQ should be complete by the time you read this and you'll be back to drinking good old HCMUD 136 well water (at least until we hook up to West Harris Co. late next summer).

I attended a West Houston Trails Planning Workshop this past weekend hosted by ConocoPhillips. The purpose was to assemble stakeholders in one place and talk about the implementation of connectors between various West Houston trails, bikeways and similar amenities. The goal of this project- partially funded and promoted by the Energy Corridor Management District- is to make West Houston a more livable, sustainable environment for its residents and visitors. *For information please go to: [www.energycorridor.org](http://www.energycorridor.org)*

The HCMUD 136 board set the 2008 tax rate at \$ .27 per \$100 of assessed valuation, or the same as last year's tax rate. The O&M tax rate is 21.5 cents, while the Debt Service rate is 5.5 cents. While this can result in an effective tax increase if HCAD assessed the value of your property upwards in the past year, a vast majority of district residents will see no change in property taxes from HCMUD 136. Please note however, that the WHCRWA water rate will increase beginning January 2009, and we'll need to pass that on to our consumers. This is NOT an increase in the base HCMUD 136 water or sewer rate, which has remained unchanged for the past several years.

***See you next month!! Our meetings are every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month, at 6pm, at the DVCA Recreation Center. We hope to see you there.***



**The Tennis Courts were re-keyed on October 23rd. If you are a key holder, please bring your old key into the office to exchange it for a new key. If you would like a key, they are available in the office for a \$25.00 refundable deposit.**

## Security Committee



It was brought to my attention during the Neighborhood Night Out held October 4<sup>th</sup>, that a lot of Deerfield residents do not have their street address marked on their home or curbside. This information is extremely important for any of our emergency services responding to a call at your residence. During an emergency, every second counts and can mean the difference between life and death. Please do your part to assure your home has the correct street number placed either on the curbside or on the home itself. Thanks for your support in making Deerfield a safer place to live.

West Houston Aglow Light house, part of Aglow International, a network of caring women will meet at 10.00am, Thursday Nov 13th, at Deerfield Village Recreation Center. The speaker will be Area Team President Claudia Stokes giving the highlights from the Washington National Conference. For more information, christine-jackson@peoplepc.com

Christine 281-463-7665



### TRASH TALK



- \* If you are new to the neighborhood you must call Allied Waste to set up new service 713-635-6666
- \* Please report large pickups from your house to Allied Waste in advance. This would include move in/ move out and heavy landscape days. This helps them with their scheduling.
- \* Branches and tree trimmings need to be bundled in 4 foot lengths and should not weigh more than 40 pounds

### Cy-Springs High School Athletic Trainers Fundraiser

Drive-Thru Dinner  
Thursday, November 6th  
4:30 - 6:30  
\$10.00 a plate

Join us for a delicious Drive-Thru dinner by Texas Roadhouse. The menu includes 1/2 slab of ribs, mashed potatoes, green beans and rolls  
Contact Mary Donna Mocerri @ 281-859-0320

### Deerfield Village Play group



Please contact Julie Kokinakis at 281-859-2551 for more information on dates, times, and meeting places.

### Cy-Fair ISD & Volunteers in Public Schools (VIPS)

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer at the Cy-Fair schools contact Pam Scott, Partners in Education Director at 281-894-3950



### Katherine Tyra Branch Library @ Bear Creek

The library is proud to present several exciting upcoming events and activities. This month will be filled with fun reads and creative programs. For more information call 281-550-0885 or log on to [www.hcpl.net](http://www.hcpl.net)

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Meeting Dates</u> *	<u>Time</u>	<u>Board Trustee</u>	<u>Committee Chair</u>	<u>Phone</u>
<b>Community Services</b>	1st Monday	7:30 PM	Sharyn Carpenter	Tara Shockley	281-855-2819
<b>Deed Restrictions</b>	1st Monday	7:00 PM	Trish Yatauro	Marie Nugent	281-463-2624
<b>DVCA Board</b>	4th Monday	7:30 PM	Glenn Sommers		281-855-7716
<b>Financial Services</b>	Tuesday before Board Meeting	7:30 PM	Steve Dornak	Andrew Jackson	281-463-7665
<b>Landscape</b>	2nd Monday	7:30 PM	Mike Polk	Jay Singleton	281-463-7346
<b>MUD #136</b>	2nd Thursday	6:30 PM			
<b>Rec Center</b>	2nd Tuesday	7:30 PM	Marta Bott	Peter Howell	281-463-1360
<b>Security</b>	2nd Tuesday	7:30 PM	Walt Bohn	Kirk Aden	281-855-7103
<b>Swim Pool</b>	1st Thursday	7:30 PM	Susan Greer	Peter Howell	281-463-1360
<b>Tennis</b>	1st Wednesday	8:00 PM	Marie Nugent	Mark Tinne	281-463-1258

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

# Deeds Committee

## 1<sup>st</sup> Monday @ 7PM



Due to "IKE" the Deeds Committee has been faced with many issues at once and we ask that everyone be patient while we work through this. As all our committees in Deerfield, the Deeds Committee is made up of strictly dedicated volunteers who also happen to be your fellow residents! The purpose of the Deeds Committee is to assist the board in monitoring compliance with deed restrictions, architectural requirements and our protective covenants so has to continue to keep Deerfield a beautiful place to live. We ask that our fellow residents remember to be respectful when dealing with either a committee member or the office manager. We are here to try to help resolve the issues not create conflict. We are doing our best under difficult circumstances and getting angry at us will not solve anything!

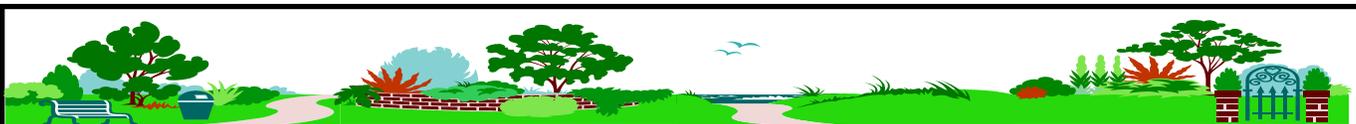
We highly encourage all homeowners to get on the Deerfield website [www.deerfieldvillage.net](http://www.deerfieldvillage.net) and read the **full version** of these protective covenants. All homeowners are responsible to keep our community the way we agreed when we purchased our homes and therefore should abide by the protective covenants set forth by Friendswood Development.

**Architectural Approval is REQUIRED for any and all** improvements, changes, repairs...that you do on the outside of your property (even "IKE" damage). If you fail to get approval prior to starting your project you run the risk of having to spend more money to re-do it.

We do not want to start sending reminders or violation letters if you have scheduled to have something fixed and the contractor... has not made it to your home yet. We understand that some things will take time to get fixed, however if you send in your AA form with the estimated start dates that will help us tremendously. Remember all work needs to be approved anyway! Some things that have been reported by residents are windows still boarded up. If the window is broken let us know...if not please get the boards off. Boats, trailers, RV's...if the storage facility that they were stored at was damaged again let us know...but start looking for a new storage facility.

**Fences**, especially along the perimeter are a huge concern and we know that a large percentage of homeowners lost their fences. **DO NOT REPLACE YOUR FENCE WITHOUT APPROVAL**. This is extremely important. If your fence is currently propped up, missing pickets, leaning, or patched it is time to get them fixed properly.

Many of the violations that the Deeds Committee reports on are from resident complaints. We encourage and thank the residents that help deeds by looking out for our neighborhood!



### Trees

By Landscape Committee

Hurricane Ike and pine beetles have taken a big toll on the greenbelt tree population. By the time you read this, most of the damage will have been taken care of. A day of stump grinding is in the works. Most of the loss was in the Patio Home area. Thanks to Boy Scout Troop 120 for cleaning up the common grounds and transporting the debris to the north athletic field. Replacement of lost trees can be done, but requires resident cooperation. Newly planted trees need a lot of attention for the first year and continuing attention after that. Therefore, replacement trees will only be planted in a common area where a resident has committed to water the tree. If you are interested in 'adopting' one or more trees, contact the office manager or any Landscape Committee member.

## CALLING ALL RESIDENTS! 2009 Deerfield Village Directory

It is time to submit/update your information for the 2009 Deerfield Village Telephone Directory. Please email the office at [deerfield4@sbcglobal.net](mailto:deerfield4@sbcglobal.net) with the following information:

- Last Name
- Phone Number
- Address
- Residents first names in the order you wish them listed.

If we do not receive updated information, we will use the information listed in the 2008 Directory

## Managers Corner



- \* Visit our website at [www.deerfieldvillage.net](http://www.deerfieldvillage.net). Most of the information requested can be found on the website. Ex. Architectural Approval Form, Rental Forms, and the newsletters. You can also find the minutes to all the past Board Minutes and any last minute updates for the community
- \* Need to drop something off at the office after hours? There is a locked drop box for your convenience.
- \* Please report vandalism, suspicious persons, or any other related security issue to the constables office at 281-463-6666 contract # 87.
- \* To report a street light, you must know the pole # and address
- \* With all the construction and debris in the neighborhood, parents, please talk to your kids about the dangers of playing in the piles. Kids were seen moving logs into the streets blocking Deerfield Village Drive.

## Financial Services Committee

**Meetings.** 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month to review the financial, status of our community. We are always looking for new members and you are welcome attend.

**2008 Assessment.** As of 9/30/08 after Board approved write offs we are now owed only \$8,790 plus fees. We are still owed \$3,645 from 2007 and before. There are liens on all these properties

### YTD expenses;

2008 expense budget -	\$ 399,186
YTD September expenses -	\$ 373,044
YTD September balance -	\$ 26,141 under budget.

The documentation for notifying residents of assessments, and late charges has been reviewed. All residents with liens have been notified. This month we are reviewing the annual budget, and the costs of Hurricane Ike clean up for the association property. Come help us keep Deerfield a very special place in which to live

Andrew Jackson / Chairman

**FOR  
SALE**

. Bamboo Bar w/ 4 bar stools; L-shape; glass top; 61"L x 40"D;\$950. Two Bamboo/Wicker etageres; covered base is bamboo & 5 glass/wicker open shelves above; one base has bamboo drawers the other bamboo doors;83"H x 26"W;pair \$350. All are beautiful custom designed & hand made. \$1,200 for all. 281-859-4539

95 Jeep Wrangler 4 cyl, 5 spd, new soft top, 129K. Very good condition. \$6000 or OBO 281-550-7637

Acoustic guitar ,like new. Learn to Play books and DVD included. 281-550-3558

2 Large Truck Inner Tubes, great for rivers, lakes, and fun, too big for a pool. Only \$20.00 each. Call the DV Office.

### Ladies Bible Study

For more info,  
please call Nancy @ 281-463-6711.



We have a platoon of soldiers in Iraq!  
Once again Carol Neal and I represent Memorial Drive Christian Church in asking you to join us in sending care packages to a platoon in Iraq. In the past you have been so generous in your contributions, and I know you will join us once again. We need travel size toiletries, socks, paperback or puzzle books, magazines, writing paper, diaries, journals, address books, pens, pencils, gum, snacks of any kind individually wrapped, one-use cameras, sun block, first aid packs, and small packages of Kleenex. I know that you will put your thinking caps on and come up with many more items to send. If you cannot shop, I will gladly take your money and shop for you and we also hope you will donate money for mailing. Mailing the Flat Rate Boxes has now gone up to \$9+! I am Gerry Archibald, and I live at 4046 Heather-sage Drive in the Patio Homes. My neighbors have put an American flag on the walk up to my house to help you find me. Deerfield Village often mailed more packages than the church. Let's get started on the project again!



## Flags Over Deerfield

The Flag Fundraising activity we had on Oct 4 was a tremendous success! Many Deerfield residents were more than willing to support the flag fundraising activity by Boy Scout Troop 898, and they are very excited about the program. As a reminder, the program is as follows:

*Boy Scout Troop 898 will be placing 3' x 5' American flags on 10' poles in the yards of residents who subscribe to this service. The cost of the service is \$30 per year, and we will place flags on five days during the year (Memorial Day, Veteran's Day, Labor Day, Flag Day and Fourth of July). The scouts and parent volunteers will place the flags in the morning and take them down before dusk on the same day. Sometime before the first flag is placed, an adult volunteer will submerge a 1' PVC pipe below the grass line on the resident's lawn approximately 18" from the curb and 18" to the left of the front walkway. The flag poles will use these pipes as flag stands. The scout troop will be responsible for maintaining and storing the flags.*

Samples of the flags were posted at the clubhouse on Oct 4, which was an inspirational sight. We will be at the Deerfield Village clubhouse again on November 1 taking subscriptions for this service. Please note that the next day we will post the flags on residents' lawns will be on Veteran's Day, November 11. In order to be guaranteed a flag on your lawn for Veteran's Day, we need to receive the order no later than November 1. If you wish to pay in person, please come to the Deerfield Village clubhouse on Saturday, November 1 from 10 – 2 and we'll be happy to sign you up. You can also mail the payment to: Jim Cline P. O. Box 841471 Houston, Texas 77284. Make checks payable to BSA Troop 898. With the payment, please indicate your name, address (Deerfield Village residents only!), phone number and email address. For questions about the service, please contact Carlos Abarca at [Tcsabarca@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Tcsabarca@sbcglobal.net). Thank you in advance for supporting our troop!



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### Pet Hotline



Did you know that you can stop pets from digging out with a roll of chicken wire? It is about 13 inches wide. You staple half of it to your fence and make a right angle at the bottom of the fence and let the rest sit on the grass. Fido will not dig out...

Too many pets that escape from yards do not have any form of ID on them. It does not take long to get one from Petsmart, Petco, or even make one with a key tab that you can buy at Lowe's or Home Depot..3 for \$1.00 or less. All the pet needs is a phone # that we can call to get him or her back to you. Don't forget to make signs and place them near your corner or greenbelt so we can help..

Marie Nugent 281-859-1104

Congratulation to Lisa Lepley, the 2008 Special Olympics Texas Female of the Year

During her 23 years of participation in Special Olympics, Lisa has won numerous medals in softball, volleyball, bowling, swimming, basketball, and skiing. In 1999 she represented Texas at the World Games in Aquatics and in 2006 she was a member of the Texas volleyball team at the National Games. In addition to sports, Lisa has been active in self advocate groups, serving on the Houston Lone Stars board and also the Texas Advocates board. For the past nine years, Lisa has also been a proud, hard-working employee of our local grocery store (Randall's, and previously Albertson's)

## *Fun In Deerfield...!*

### Upcoming Neighborhood Events of the Deerfield Recreation Committee

**Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Deerfield Bazaar** at the Rec Center. See the ad elsewhere in the newsletter.

**Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> - CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY on Sunday, (2:00 - 4:00 p.m.)** Kids 11 years and younger are invited for refreshments and fun in the annual snow on the green. Parents, there's yet another reason to bring your cameras! A popular bearded gentleman in a red and white suit will be our special visitor. Held at the Recreation Center.

**Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> - NEW YEAR'S EVE CASINO PARTY on Wednesday, (7:30 p.m. until ?)** Who needs Times Square? Wrap up 2008 and cheer in 2009 without ever leaving the neighborhood. Don't miss the chance to try your luck at craps, blackjack, roulette and poker. Admission includes hearty snacks, wine, beer, set-ups, and of course, a champagne toast! Each couple should bring a creative and tasteful unwrapped gift (\$20 - \$25 value) for the auction at the party's end. **Volunteers are currently needed to operate the games. Please sign up at the Rec Center if you would like to help. Training will be provided.** Starting October 17, tickets will be on sale for \$25 per person at the Rec Center office.

**March, 28<sup>th</sup> 2009 Wine Tasting!** If you missed it last year, plan on attending this year. It will be held at the Rec Center and like last year you will have an opportunity to try a variety of wines, enjoy snacks, and visit with you neighbors. It is a fun time for all. Tickets will go on sale in February.

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**Tips for Less Holiday Stress**

Divide a piece of paper into two columns. List the things you must do for the holidays in the first column (cleaning, etc.) and the things you would *like* to do in the second column (gift shopping, special holiday baking or helping those in need). If the items in the first column out number the items in the second, then it's time to re-prioritize. Start eliminating some of the tasks you feel are least important to make room for the ones that will be more enjoyable for you and your family.

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING and GOD BLESS OUR COUNTRY**

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