

# DEERFIELD VILLAGE NEWS



DECEMBER 2008

THE VOICE OF THE COMMUNITY  
Dedicated to the residents of Deerfield Village

## Polar Bear Swim

For those who want to start the new year off with a splash

January 1<sup>st</sup>  
Noon to 1 PM  
At the Deerfield-  
Pool



## CHRISTMAS DECORATION JUDGING

Judging will take place on December 13th for

The following categories:

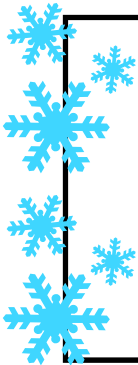
1st Place Yard  
2nd Place Yard  
3rd Place Yard  
Best Door



## Holiday Kids Party Santa and Snow

December 14<sup>th</sup>  
2:00

At the Rec Center  
Elementary age only



## New Years Eve Casino Party

Please see the full size invitation in the inside of the newsletter



If you have not received your assessment invoice by December 15th please contact the office. All assessments are due on January 1st . No Exceptions. There will be a late fee of \$100.00 on assessments received after January 31st. Please read more on Assessments on the following page.

Deerfield Village CAI

4045 Deerfield Village Drive Houston, TX 77084

Office: (281) 463-2624

Fax: (281) 463-7679

Email: [deerfield4@sbcglobal.net](mailto:deerfield4@sbcglobal.net)

[www.deerfieldvillage.net](http://www.deerfieldvillage.net)

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

Deadline for January Newsletter: **December 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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The holidays are here again!! I imagine many of you are asking the same question I am: "Where did the year go?" Oh well!! I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving and were able to spend time with family and friends and to reflect on all the blessings we have. Even with all the turmoil around us we still have a lot to be thankful for.

December is typically a very busy month for all of us with the end of year activities and parties. As a result, most of our committees and the board will be taking December off. The office will have some modified days and hours. These will be posted at the office and our message will be updated with the info. DVCA will be sponsoring parties around the holidays as well. Details on these parties can be found elsewhere in this newsletter. I encourage you to participate and enjoy time with your DVCA friends and neighbors,

The Board met on November 10 and finalized the budget for 2009. We decided to increase the 2009 assessment by the increase in the CPI (around 5%), as I projected for the last two months. Due to current financial stresses, we did not add in re-funding the Emergency Fund, which was deleted by Hurricane Ike, in the Annual Assessment. We will review that situation again in the spring and will probably approve a small special assessment then. But for now, we wanted to keep the Annual Assessment as low as possible. If you check it out, you will find that DVCA's assessment is a bargain for the amenities that we offer. The 2009 assessments will be going out in December. Please note that payments will no longer be taken at the DVCA office and that there is now a **\$100 late fee if you do not pay on time.**

The Annual Election for the Trustees finishing up their term is kicking off again. There are three openings, and we need strong candidates to become part of the board to help us continue the progress we've made the last two years. As you consider your 2009 resolutions, think about what part you should have in helping DVCA be the great place it is to live. Maybe it's running for Trustee or becoming part of a committee. It's the volunteers that make DVCA what it is. Is 2009 your time to participate? We're waiting for you to step up to the plate!!

I'll remind you again to please follow the Architectural Approval process before you start your new projects. We continue to have issues with members taking actions that have not been approved, and some of this work will need to be redone, due to not being in compliance with the Protective Covenants. Let's all skip the frustration and additional costs by following the process. Thanks!!

Congratulations are due to all who exercised your right to vote in the November General Election. About 75% of the registered voters in our precinct voted, and that is the highest turnout I've seen -over 15% higher Harris County.

I'm looking forward to seeing Deerfield light up again for the holidays. It really looks great each year!! And thankfully we won't need to put lights on debris piles as some members were concerned about after Ike passed through.

**Have a Merry Christmas and a joyous holiday season**



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

If you would like to get updates about DVCA business, please email the office at [deerfield4@sbcglobal.net](mailto:deerfield4@sbcglobal.net)



# 2009 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 back of this page and submitting it to the Association office.

## Important Dates:

**Close of Nominations:** Monday, January 10<sup>th</sup>  
**Posting of Nominees:** Received Applications will be posted in the February Newsletter and on the Web-site at [www.deerfieldvillage.net](http://www.deerfieldvillage.net)  
**Election:** Tuesday February 24<sup>th</sup> through Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup>  
9:30 – 1:30 p.m.  
Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup> – 10:00 – 2:00 p.m.  
**Annual Meeting:** March 10<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 p.m. Recreation Center

## Position of Trustees:

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 submitting applications.

## Current Trustees:

### Term Expires 2009

Walt Bohn  
Carolyn Dinger  
Marie Nugent

### Term Expires 2010

Susan Greer  
Mike Polk  
Glenn Sommers, President

### Term Expires 2011

Marta Bott  
Sharyn Carpenter, Secretary  
Steve Dornak, Treasurer

### 2009 Election Committee:

Marta Bott - Chairman  
Susan Greer  
Lisa Walker

# 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:**

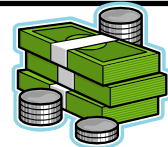
**WHAT DO YOU HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH AS A BOARD MEMBER:**

## 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 to ACMP
2/1/2009	<b>Past Due. One time Late fee of \$100.00 and interest applies</b>
3/1/2009	Late notices sent with notice of Certified letter
4/1/2009	Certified letter sent (charged to property address)
6/1/2009	Liens filed against homeowner for outstanding balances. Cost charged to property

Please start saving today for your assessments. **There will be no payment plans after February 1st, 2009**  
Payments will not be accepted in the Deerfield Office.

## 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.

### YTD expenses;

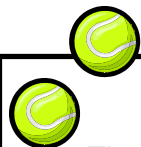
2008 expense budget -	\$ 467,113
YTD October expenses -	\$ 432,967
YTD October balance -	\$ 34,145 under budget.

This month the annual budget was submitted to and approved by the Board. Total expenditure was \$676505 inclusive of \$18,000 for replenishing the disaster fund. Depending on the outcome of this year,s expenditure the disaster fund may need to be funded with one time charge per household of \$18. Assessment increases were kept in line with CPI through July at 5% Patio homes \$670. Single family \$586.

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

Andrew Jackson  
Chairman

## TENNIS



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.**

The tennis courts are under electronic surveillance. If you see anyone inside the courts not playing tennis, please contact the office. At that time we can inspect the courts for damage and review the tapes.



## HARRIS COUNTY MUD 136 JUNE MEETING REPORT

By Jay Singleton, Secretary

The replacement pump for water well #1 has been installed, tested and again is providing water. Our thanks go out to Windsong MUD 183 for efficiently providing water to us during the well repairs. Construction of the waterline through Deerfield is substantially complete. Construction of the line connecting it to our water plant will begin in January. This line will be laid down the west side of Barker Cypress and then under the street and into our plant.

At the Regional Water Authority's town hall meeting last August, the Authority's engineer stated that restoration of the landscape in the construction could take from six months to a year. Our District engineer will be working with the Authority in an effort to improve on this.

At the District's October meeting, the property tax rate order was adopted for 2009. The rate will remain unchanged at \$0.27/\$100 assessed valuation.

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).



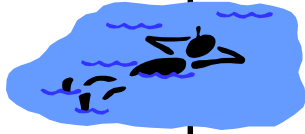
### Got Something To Hide? By Landscape Committee

An ugly fence, a garbage can, the line of sight into your back yard. Whatever the problem, it can be hidden with a variety of shrubs or vines. If height is required, plant, bottlebush, an evergreen with repeat bright red blooms, cassia which produces clusters of bright yellow blooms for months, Barbado cherry or viburnums, both of which have white flowers and red berries, Also consider Buford holly, wax myrtle, or pittosporum. For shorter privacy hedges, use, baby's breath, pampus grass, or forsythia. Fences can be hidden with vines such as Carolina jasmine, wisteria, trumpet vine, or honeysuckle. For a complete list of shrubs and vines and their growing conditions, log on to [www.agiehorticulture.tamu.edu](http://www.agiehorticulture.tamu.edu) and search for 'shrubs' or 'vines'. Or search for 'shrubs at [www.chron.com/houstongardening](http://www.chron.com/houstongardening)

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

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

## Swimming Pool Committee



After much discussion and research we have decided to continue using A-Beautiful as a pool managing company. We are looking at having the same hours from May through September in 2009, and to open the first week end of the month.

The use of pool ID's has helped reduce non-resident sue, and we will be using ID cards again. We are looking at updating 2008 cards with a 2009 sticker, so those who already have a card will not need a new one. If you do not have one yet, we will making new ID cards in April. Cards will be checked once the pool opens in May, and by June residents will need a current ID card or will not be able to use the pool facility. Remember, you must be current on your Homeowner's Association dues to have an ID card and sue the pool.

There will be a 1 hour Polar Bear Swim on January 1<sup>st</sup>, at Noon. So come take a freezing dip and have a warming hot chocolate, at your Deerfield Pool.

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

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

<b>ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>Total</b>
Accidents	2
Alarms	4
Assaults	0
Burglaries	0
Burg Motor Vehicle	0
Citizens Assistance	3
Citizens Contact	126
Criminal Arrests	0
Criminal Mischief	6
Disturbance Calls	14
Suspicious Vehicles	10
Suspicious Persons	6
Thefts	1
<b>Traffic Citations</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Traffic Warnings</b>	<b>11</b>
Vacation Watch	212

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

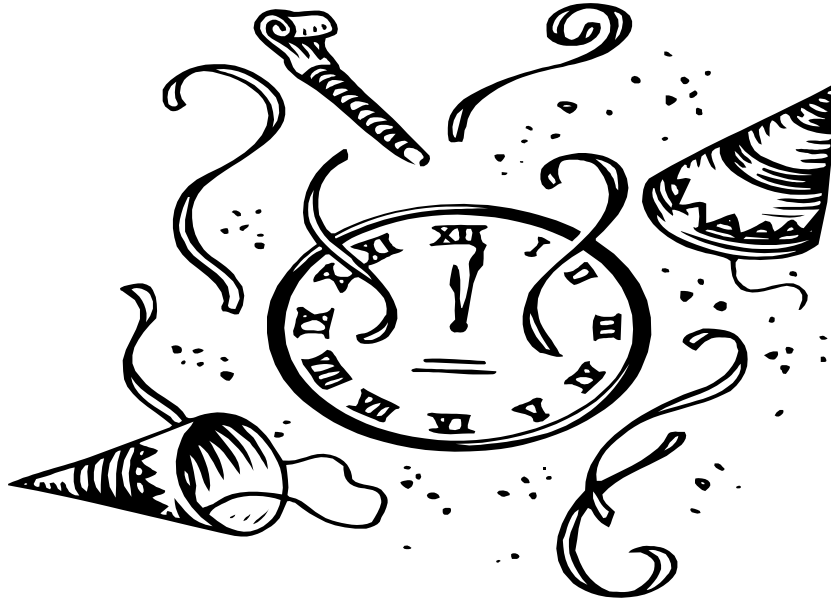
## Community Services

Please remember that in order to avoid a price increase, Deerfield Village has gone to curbside trash pickup throughout the neighborhood. Don't forget to put your trash at curbside on Tuesdays and Fridays. Recycling bins still go out on Friday. We hope that you are finding your trash service getting back to normal after some difficult times following Hurricane Ike.

The Rec Center facilities have been re-keyed. For security purposes, only a limited number of people will have keys. Committee chairs and those who sponsor meetings once or twice a month at the Rec Center will not receive permanent keys. Special requests for keys for temporary long term use must be requested in writing and will be considered by the Community Services Committee. We regret any inconvenience this may cause, but it is the only way to control the number of keys out there, as well as access to our facilities. Please see the office manager for policies regarding keys and tennis court keys.

The Community Services Committee is charged with making decisions that affect the trash pickup, mosquito control, facilities, lighting and many other issues that directly affect your life in Deerfield. We need more committee members. If you are interested in these important aspects of life in Deerfield, please join us. We meet at 7:30 p.m. on the first Monday of each month. If you are interested, email me at tarashockley@comcast.net.

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



## **NEW YEAR'S EVE CASINO PARTY**

**December 31 - 7:30 p.m. until . . .**

**\$25 per person**

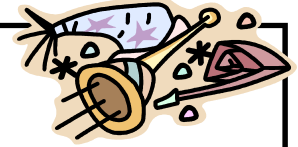
**Due to fire code restrictions, tickets are limited.  
Buy yours now at the Rec Center office!**

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

*Volunteers are needed to operate the games. Please sign up at the*



## Recreation Committee



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

On December 31<sup>st</sup>, 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! We are still looking for volunteers to help be deal. Please contact Bob Franknecht if you can help.

The committee is planning the next wine tasting for March next year, and is also planning more Music on the Green events. The first Music on The Green may be a zydeco band and a crawfish boil if we can get the crawfish.

We are still looking for teenagers and their parents who would like to plan a teen age event. Contact Peter Howell is you want to plan a teenager event.

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.

## *Fun In Deerfield...!*

### Upcoming Neighborhood Events of the Deerfield Recreation Committee

**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.

**January 1<sup>st</sup>, Polar Bear Swim.** At the swim pool, Noon to 1:00PM, a one hour swim for those hardy enough to dare the cold. Hot chocolate afterwards to warm the swimmers up...

**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.

# WHY?

**WHY do we have protective covenants?** We live in a community that is deed restricted so that our neighborhood stays attractive, safe & we retain our property values.

**WHY should residents read the protective covenants?** Each section of Deerfield has its own set of covenants. For the most part they are the same but there are some variations in each section.

**WHY is the perimeter so important?** The perimeter is our "First Impression" to visitors and potential home buyers. We can never get that first impression back. Keeping the perimeter fences attractive and at a consistent height is extremely important.

**WHY the conflict between residents and the Deeds Committee?** Homeowners need to be aware of the protective covenants for their section. The Deeds Committee is here to **enforce the protective covenants**, we do not have the authority to change them. Homeowners need to realize when they ask for something that is not in the protective covenants we can not approve the request. In most sections Deeds also has 30 days to respond to Architectural Approval Forms so please get forms in long before you want to start a project.

**WHY should you abide by the protective covenants?** We all agreed to abide by the protective covenants when we purchased our homes and it is our responsibility to leave this community the way we found it. Legal action can be taken if you do not keep your property within our protective covenants. Unfortunately, this would ultimately hurt all the residents of Deerfield. Legal action requires money which affects the operating budget, which affects your assessments. No one wants a bright pink house with purple polka dots next door but if homeowners think they can do what they want then who knows what we will end up with!

**WHY are things so messed up?** Over the years when there either hasn't been any volunteers for the deeds committee or something was approved by mistake things have gone up around the neighborhood that shouldn't have. Unfortunately, we can't go back and fix those...we can only go forward. Which means just because you see it at someone else's house does not mean that you can also do it. We want to start getting things right but we can't do that if everyone's argument is that someone else got to do it!

**WHY live in Deerfield?** This is a great community to live in. One reason for that is most residents take pride in their homes and abide by our protective covenants. We all love our homes and neighbors but it is everyone's responsibility to help preserve that quality of life...not just the Deeds Committee!

## WHY BE PART OF THE PROBLEM WHEN YOU CAN BE PART OF THE SOLUTION!!!

Deeds meets the first Monday of the month @ 7PM

The Deeds Committee wants to wish everyone a Safe and Happy Holiday Season.

DEERFIELD VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

4045 Deerfield Village Drive \* Houston, TX 77084

Office: 281-463-2624 \* Fax: 281-463-7679

APPLICATION FOR ARCHITECTURAL APPROVAL

The Deed Restrictions/Architectural Control Committee meets at 7:00 PM the 1st Monday of each Month. Your application may be considered during the meeting. Your presence is not required, but will insure that any questions raised can be answered at that time.

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Date Submitted: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ Project Start Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_/ Completion Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

4. Please Check Appropriate Request:

\_\_\_\_\_ Build Back-Yard Shed  
\_\_\_\_\_ Drawing w/ Height Dimensions Attached (required)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Plat of property showing shed location

\_\_\_\_\_ Build in-ground pool  
\_\_\_\_\_ Plat of property with pool drawn in-Attached (required)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Drawing/Picture of Pool-Attached (required)

\_\_\_\_\_ Paint Doors/Eves/Siding/Shutters/Trim (circle appropriate description)  
\_\_\_\_\_ I will be painting the same color (no paint sample required)  
\_\_\_\_\_ I will be changing color (paint sample required)

\_\_\_\_\_ Repair/Replace fence  
Material: \_\_\_\_\_ Height: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Repair/Replace Roof (composition only)  
Color: \_\_\_\_\_ # of Years on Warranty \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Replace Siding  
Type: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Other  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**If requesting approval for an addition-a plat of your property and architectural drawings are required before any decision is rendered on request.**

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

APPROVED

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_ Approval Date: \_\_\_\_\_

DENIED

Reason for denial:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



### Pet Hotline

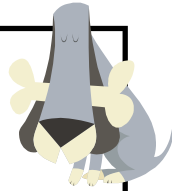
**All pets** need an ID with their family phone number on it for their protection, even if it is written on their flea collar.

Contact Marie

Nugent, Pet Hotline, for lost or found pets at 281-859-1104

Found:

- Young, blue-eyed cat with a white coat
- Female, de-clawed (& spayed?) tortoise w/stubby tail cat 281-463-3117



**Ladies Bible Study**  
 For more info,  
 please call Nancy @ 281-463-6711.



## FARMERS

Gets you back where you belong

**Steve Gibson**

**A Deerfield Resident**

281-497-0404

sgibson@farmersagent.com

ww.farmersagent.com/sgibson

### 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
- \* Assessment payments must be mailed to ACMP for timely posting to your account. Remember, in order to use any of the facilities you must be paid in full.

### 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 bob-shortle@aol.com for more information



### Bridge

December 5th in the Annex  
Contact Bob Shortle at 281-463-4589 for more information.



### TRASH TALK

**All Residents now have curbside trash pickup.**

- \* If you are new to the neighborhood you must call Allied Waste to set up new service 713-635-6666
- \* Branches and tree trimmings need to be bundled in 4 foot lengths and should not weigh more than 40 pounds



## 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 Jim and Sue Hewlett for helping their neighbors with their yard clean up after the hurricane.
- Thanks to Jay Singleton who not only chairs the Landscape Committee but spends countless hours on the property with the contractors
- Thanks to the ladies of the Deerfield Bazaar. They donated \$500.00 for the purchase of new Christmas decorations.

### 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)

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[rickyduszynski@yahoo.com](mailto:rickyduszynski@yahoo.com)

### The Mobile Vet Clinic is coming to Deerfield

Date: January 10th Saturday  
Time: 10:00 - 3:00  
Location: Pool area  
936-447-5033

Dog and Cat Vaccination and Health Clinic  
Rabies Vaccination \$ 9.95

All other vaccinations and medicine  
at reduced rates.



The Mobile Vet Clinic



### Qigong

Qigong integrates the training of the mind and consciousness with bodily relaxation, a system of breathing, concentration and visualization.

Wednesday nights  
7:30 - 8:45 pm  
Deerfield Village Annex



### Deerfield Christmas Bazaar

Thanks to Deerfield residents and everyone who attended our 30th Anniversary Christmas Bazaar. We appreciate your continued support through the years and hope to continue this tradition for another 30 years.

We are so excited about the sale of our cookbooks at the Bazaar. We do have a limited supply still available. They would make perfect Christmas gifts for someone special. If you were unable to attend the Bazaar, get yours before they run out. If you need additional cookbooks, call Sharon Hamilton at 281-859-0174 or Elaine Mills at 281-550-2760.



### Support Our Troops

Thanks so much to both regular and new neighbors that have rung my doorbell. Our needs have expanded and we are in need of the following items: travel size toiletries, sun block of any size, small packets of kleenix, paperback books, magazines, word puzzles, writing supplies, one use cameras, DVD's, CD's, and any electronic games. Now is the time for us to provide the troops with anything that will divert their minds from problems to enjoyment. You can now visit [www.anysoldier.com](http://www.anysoldier.com) and select soldiers to send messages to. Please drop your donations to Gerry Archibald at 4046 Heathersage Drive. I am up, dressed, and waiting on you to ring my doorbell.

### Deerfield Village Play group



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Thank you SO MUCH for your participation in the Flags Over Deerfield program. It was truly an inspirational site to see the flags flying, even when it was raining. We were able to raise \$1,500 to help pay for the next summer camp. Many residents did not know about this program until the last minute, so I hope that we can continue to spread the word. Residents were thrilled to see the flags when they woke up that day. Here are some comments I got back:



*Love the flag. Very proud to display it and I thank you and your Scouts for the opportunity to do so.*

*Such a fantastic idea! I want to give subscriptions to my neighbors as Christmas gifts. How do I do that?*

if you would like to purchase an annual flag subscription beginning with the next flag day (Memorial Day), or if you would like to give a subscription as a gift., please send a check for \$30 made out to BSA Troop 898 to: Jim Cline P. O. Box 841471, Houston Texas 77284. If you have any questions about the program, you can email us at \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_

. Please include your name, address, phone number(s) and an email address (we communicate very well with email), with the name and address of the family you want to give a subscription to. We will create some nice gift cards that you can give to your neighbors or if you prefer we can mail it directly to them. Please let us know what you want to do. Thank you for your support!

## BSA Troop 120 News



### Scout Fair in Deerfield

On November 1st we held a Scout Fair to introduce scouting to boys in Deerfield Village. Along with Cub Scout Pack 1135, we built a trebuchet to launch pumpkins and other fruit over 100 feet. The record was 138 feet, which won the farthest chuck, and our shortest was about 0 feet landing directly on top of the trebuchet. We cooked cheese sausage balls and hot dogs and hamburgers, and brownies in a Dutch oven. Along with the fun we built a rope bridge and a catapult.

### November campout:

The campout will be held at the Inks Lake State Park in the Texas Hill Country. We will have a wild time on a primitive Wild Cave Tour of Longhorns Caverns. When we aren't caving we will be fishing, hiking or working on rank advancement.

### December campout:

Bastrop State Park on December 5th to 7th. This is the annual campout where we invite Webelos scouts and other 5th graders (their parents are welcome) to join us on a troop campout where we demonstrate our scouting abilities. If you have a 5th grader or know a 5th grader in Deerfield who would be interested, we can be contacted at [scouttroop120@yahoo.com](mailto:scouttroop120@yahoo.com).

### Eagle Court of Honor:

**Phillip Fernandez, Sean Fiorella and Forrest Price** achieved the highest Boy Scout rank and were honored at a ceremony at the Bear Creek Methodist Church on November 9th.

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!!!

Chris Schunk

## **BSA TROOP 120 FALL FUNDRAISER BEGINS DECEMBER 16!!**

### **WWW.BSATROOP120.COM**

Boy Scout Troop 120 (Deerfield Village) is sponsoring the 2009 Mulch and Fertilizer Fundraiser to benefit scouts in BSA Troop 120. Scouts earn money for their individual "camp accounts" from which they underwrite high adventure trips and related camping activities. **95% of all profits go to the individual scouts!!**

This year Troop 120 will be selling 2 cubic foot bags of: PINE BARK MULCH, BLACK COLORED MULCH, CEDAR MULCH, and "HOUSTON MULCH" in the bright blue bag. HOUSTON MULCH is made from trees and shrubs from the Houston area, including those lost during IKE. **All for under \$4 a bag (includes FREE DELIVERY!!)**

Troop 120 will also be selling ORGANIC (*new!*) and SYNTHETIC lawn fertilizer blends, manufactured by San Jacinto Environmental Supplies, as well as TOPSOIL and POTTING SOIL (*new!*) in 40 pound bags.

**Scouts will be selling door-to-door in our communities December 16<sup>th</sup> through January 20<sup>th</sup>, with delivery of the product scheduled for the weekend of February 26-28, 2009. The date has been changed to better accommodate spring planting.**

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- 15 are now Active, 1 Foreclosure from \$123K - \$274.5K @ \$53-\$76 Price/SF
- 5 are now Pending, No Foreclosures from \$165K - \$238.5K @ \$57-\$75 Price/SF
- 3 Sold this Quarter, No foreclosures from \$125K - \$240K @ \$61-\$75 Price/SF
- Average Days On Market for the Sold Homes was 75 Days (Most 113, Least 16)
- IKE did slow sales down, but w/5 now Pending, Sales are picking up for the Holidays

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