DEERFIELD VILLAGE NEWS

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

JANUARY 2009

THE VOICE OF THE COMMUNITY

Dedicated to the residents of Deerfield Village

New Years Eve Casino Party December 31st at 7:00 \$25.00 a person (21 years of age and older) See the Fun in Deerfield article for more information The office will be open on 12/29 and 12/30 for tickets. Contact 281-463-1360 for more information.



The Mobile Vet Clinic

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.

www.themobilevetclinic.com

Christmas Decoration Winners

Thanks to all the residents for their hard work in decorating their yards.

1st Place The Eller's at 18207 Wilstone

2nd Place The Wilson's at 18035 Mountfield

3rd Place The Morris's at 18214 Cransley

Best Door The Welch's at 18314 Harrow Hill



Polar Bear Swim

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

January 1st Noon to 1 PM Deerfield Pool

If you have not received your assessment invoice, please contact the office. All assessments are due to ACMP by 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 www.deerfieldvillage.net

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

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

President's Report

By Glenn Sommers

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season and have fond memories of the time spent with your family and friends! Thanks to all who decorated their homes and made Deerfield such a festive place to drive through. Now that it's behind us, I hope you can rest up a bit before the activities of the New Year kick into gear.

We had another very successful Children's Christmas Party on Sunday the 14^{th.} There was snow, Santa Claus and lots of fun. From what I understand the New Year's Casino Night should have been a grand way to welcome in the New Year, with tasty food, friendly people and exciting games! Thanks to all those who helped make these events a reality. It takes a lot of effort to plan and run these and we appreciate those who step up and make DVCA a fun place to live.

Speaking of fun, and depending on when you read this, you may still have time to participate in the Polar Bear Swim. Come join the brave and hearty ones (or is that foolhardy ones?) that dive into the New Year with a splash!! Plunge in New Year's Day from noon to 1p.m.at the pool. It's really a cool way to jump into the New Year! Pool IDs are not required for this special event, but look for announcements in the coming Newsletters regarding the 2009 process.

Just a reminder on the 2009 assessments - they are due now! Please make your payment promptly as it is how we are able to pay for the facilities and services we provide. Remember that there is now **a \$100 late fee if you do not pay on time.** Additionally, if you are not current on your assessments, you cannot vote on any DVCA matters, and you and your family are not entitled to use the facilities or participate in DVCA sponsored activities. We've made good progress in 2008 on resolving many of the delinquent assessment situations and plan to work on it even more in 2009. The board is committed to have every Deerfield household pay its fair share, as required by our Protective Covenants.

The Annual Election for the Trustees will be occurring in March. There are three openings, and we need strong candidates to join the board and help keep Deerfield the special place it is. Please consider taking your turn to get involved - if not as a board member, then how about joining a committee? We always have a need for new volunteers with fresh ideas. Last January we highlighted the need for people to join the Rec Center committee, and several of you responded. Look at how they have made a difference and the great results that they have achieved with parties and activities. What about you? Come join us and help make a difference in 2009. If you're not sure where to plug in, let us know and we'll help you figure it out.

We continue to have some issues with home/property repairs or improvements being done that are not in compliance with the Protective Covenants. We are starting the process of getting those situations back in compliance, which is not enjoyable for anybody involved. Please follow the Architectural Approval process, and make all of our lives less frustrating and costly.

Have a healthy and prosperous 2009!

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

There has been vandalism at the Rec Center. Please report loitering to the constables office at 281-463-6666. Parents, please warn your kids not to "hang out" at the facilities after dark.

ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE FOR 2009

12/2008	Invoices sent to Deerfield Homeowners by ACMP
	Contact ACMP at 281-855-9867 if you did not receive an invoice
1/1/2009	All Assessments due to ACMP
2/1/2009	Past Due. One time Late fee of \$100.00 and interest applies
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

There will be no payment plans. Payments will not be accepted in the Deerfield Office.

Financial Services Committee

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

YTD expenses;

2008 expense budget -YTD November expenses -YTD September balance - \$ 501,836 \$ 440,650 \$ 611,86 under budget.



Assessment notices have been sent out for 2009. Please see the above Assessment calendar for more information. All residents with liens have been notified. Come help us keep Deerfield a very special place in which to live

Andrew Jackson / Chairman

Top 10 New Year's Resolutions for Deerfield Village Residents

1. I will finally fix my fence to match the existing fence line and any other damage caused by Hurricane lke!

2. I will remove **Graffiti** from my fence promptly so our neighborhood stays safe.

3. If I buy mulch from the Boy Scouts I will either spread it immediately or have them put it behind the fence out of view.

- 4. I will not park my RV, boat, trailer...in my driveway or street for more than 72 hours.
- 5. I will keep my garbage cans out of view between pick-up days.
- 6. I will remind my contractor, roofer...that they can not place a sign in my yard at any time.
- 7. I will keep my property in a sanitary, healthful, safe and attractive condition at all times.

8. I will get Architectural Approval for any and all exterior improvements and projects.

I will help my Community by Volunteering: We have many committees that could use help.

And most of all, I will be a good neighbor and help do what I can to keep Deerfield Village an attractive and great place to call home!!

Thanks to all the residents who comply with our protective covenants and who respond & fix their violations in a timely manner. All the residents appreciate it!

The Deeds Committee would like to wish everyone a safe and Happy New Year!!

We will meet the 2nd Monday of January (12th) due to the Holidays @ 7PM All other months we meet the first Monday.



HARRIS COUNTY MUD 136 JUNE MEETING REPORT By Jay Singleton, Secretary

The conversion to surface water is continuing on schedule. The West Harris County Regional Water Authority (WHCRWA) mailed to all residents a brochure about the construction of the surface water connection to our facilities. Under the current plan, WHCRWA's water line will run south along the west side of Barker Cypress. A connecting line will run under Barker Cypress at Spellbrook and then south along the road to the water plant. Construction should begin very soon. Meanwhile, work is proceeding on the necessary modifications to our plant facilities in order to be ready for the connection to the water line in early summer. Funding for the construction comes from bonds issued by WHCRWA. Money to repay the bonds comes from fees WHCRWA assesses on water produced from our wells. It appears on your water bill on the line 'Regional Water Authority'. In January the Authority will increase the fee. The amount on your bill will be calculated by multiplying you current usage by \$1.01. More information will be provided with your January water bill.

2008 tax notices were mailed in November. If you did not receive your tax bill, contact the Districts tax collector, Bob Laird Interests at 713-932-9011. You can also find your bill on their website www.bli-tax.com . Click on Records and enter your street address. Then click on the account number that appears in the left hand box.

The Board of Directors of HC MUD 136 wish you a very happy and prosperous New Year.

TENNIS The tennis committee is pleased to announce it's roster of officers for 2009!!!	
Nan Pye-Chairman Patty Roberts-Co-Chairman Charlotte Bennicasa-Secretary Debbie Cosselli-Treasurer Leslie Rupard-Publicity/E-mail tree Don Duhrkopf Mike Hugele, & Ron Tope-Tournament Directors Alan Phillips & Mark Tinne-Maintenance/Sign-up sheets	
If you have any questions, please feel free to call or e-mail Leslie Rupard	

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

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

Swimming Pool Committee No meeting was held in



December since December is a slow month for the pool. The next meeting will be January 8th at 7:30 at the Rec Center.

Those who want to brave the January cold, are invited to enjoy the annual Polar Bear Swim! The pool will be open from Noon to 1:00 PM, on January 1st, to welcome in the New Year. So come dip with us, and then have a warming hot chocolate at your Deerfield Pool.

Pool IDs' will be required in 2009. The use of ID's has helped reduce non-resident use. . We will be updating 2008 cards with a 2009 sticker, so those who already have a card will not need a new one. If you have your card you will need to bring it by the office to be verified and get a sticker for it; if your card was left at the pool, we will apply a sticker. 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 use the pool. Security Stats for November, 2008 Constable Dispatch: 281-463-6666 Contract # 87 Precinct # 5

ACTIVITIES	Total
Accidents	0
Alarms	6
Assaults	2
Burglaries	0
Burg Motor Vehicle	1
Citizens Assistance	6
Citizens Contact	101
Criminal Arrests	0
Criminal Mischief	1
Disturbance Calls	4
Suspicious Vehicles	9
Suspicious Persons	0
Thefts	2
Traffic Citations	4
Traffic Warnings	4
Vacation Watch	119
Reminder: Constable Emergency telephone stickers are available at the DV Rec. Center office: 281-463-2624	

Community Services

The Deerfield Community Services Committee wishes everyone a happy holiday season. We will soon begin a new year, and we invite you to join us. The Community Services Committee is responsible for many things that affect your life here in Deerfield. If you have an interest in waste collection, mosquito control, the Rec Center facilities, Rec Center lighting and many other issues, we need your input. A small group of volunteers is now doing this work, and we need more committee members. We meet the first Monday of the month, at 7:30 p.m.

This year, we will continue to address improvements to our Rec Center facilities and furnishings, lighting issues, facility policies and other things that we hope will maintain, and improve, the quality of life in our wonderful neighborhood. If you would like to find out more about the Community Services Committee, I invite you to email me at

I would like to express my thanks to committee member Rick Johnson for his work in helping us examine options for trash collection in the neighborhood. Rick has spent many hours on this, and we should all appreciate his efforts.

Tara Shockley Community Services Chair

Recreation Committee

Upcoming events.... On December 31st, 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! See the ad in this newsletter elsewhere. We are still looking for volunteers to help deal. Please contact Bob Franknecht if you can help.

The committee is planning the next wine tasting for April, 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.

The Holiday Kids Party was held on December 14th and was a big success. While there was less snow than last year (global warming?) it was enjoyed by all. Also, the Train, the moonwalk, and the craft were fun for all. Santa's visit was short but popular. After this party we will be looking to continue to have a nice Holiday Party with some snow.

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 and creativity and help make Deerfield fun.

Managers Corner

- Visit our website at 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.
- To report a street light, you must know the pole # and address



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 the ladies of the Deerfield Bazaar. They donated \$500.00 for the purchase of new Christmas decorations.
- Walt Bohn who stepped forward to be the honored guest at the Christmas Snow Day
- Jennifer Wertz, Conductor Howell and the Rec Center Committee for putting on Snow Day.
 Consider Night workers
- Casino Night workers

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

Residents are reminded that the tennis court gates now have new locks for which a new key is required. Keys are available at the DVCA office either by exchanging the old one or by purchasing a new one for \$25 which is refundable upon its return. The locks are an attempt to reduce the use of the courts by non residents and generally minimize misuse.

If you would like to get updates about DVCA business, please email the office at deerfield4@sbcglobal.net

Fun In Deerfield...!

Upcoming Neighborhood Events of the Deerfield Recreation Committee

Dec. 31st - NEW YEAR'S EVE CASINO PARTY on Wednesday, (7:30 p.m. until ?) Who needs Time 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, setups, 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 1st, 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...

April 18th 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.

Poker Meets second Thursdays @



7:30PM at the Rec Center Contact Bob Shortle at 281-463-4589 or bobshortle@aol.com for more information



Bridge

January 2nd in the Clubhouse Contact Bob Shortle at 281-463-4589 for more information.

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

or found pets at 281-859-1104





The West Houston Aglow Lighthouse has merged with Katy Aglow. They meet the fourth Tuesday of each month (next meeting Jan 27th) at Church on the Rock, Barker Cypress at intersection with Kingsland. We will continue our weekly bible study at Deerfield Rec Center. Starting Thursday Jan 8th at 10.00am, we will be Exploring Phillipians. For more information contact Christinejackson@peoplepc.com Blessings , Christine

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A Deerfield Resident 281-497-0404

sgibson@farmersagent.com ww.farmersagent.com/sgibson The Breakfast Club, Ladies Bible Study at the Deerfield Village Recreation Center invites you to attend their new study, Wednesday, January 28 at 9:30 AM. This 7week study is called, "Discerning the Voice of God" by Priscilla Shirer. Books are \$11.00. For more information, please contact Nancy Hatton at 281.463.6711.



Wilson Book Drive

Peggy Wilson Elementary is collecting used books for use in classroom libraries. Classroom libraries are a valuable resource for students and teachers. Any book that is appropriate for young readers (ages 4 through 12) will be helpful. Books can be dropped off at the Wilson Elementary front office or you can call Becky at 281-859-5305.

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



Volunteers Needed

Cy-Fair ISD needs caring members of the community to help teachers to tutor students in selected elementary schools. Please contact Kim Nash at 281-550-2685 or Pamela Scott at 281-894-3950.

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:	<u>Monday, January 10th</u>
Posting of Nominees:	Received Applications will be posted in the February
	Newsletter and on the Web-site at
	www.deerfieldvillage.net
Election:	<u>Tuesday February 24th through Friday, February 27th</u>
	9:30 – 1:30 p.m.
	<u>Saturday, February 28th –</u> 10:00 – 2:00 p.m.
Annual Meeting:	<u>March 10th,</u> 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:

Lisa Walker

Term Expires 2009 Walt Bohn Carolyn Dinger Marie Nugent

Term Expires 2010 Susan Greer Mike Polk Glenn Sommers, President Steve Dornak, Treasurer

Term Expires 2011 Marta Bott Sharyn Carpenter, Secretary

2009 Election Committee: Marta Bott - Chairman Susan Greer

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

ADDRESS:

EXPERIENCE:

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

WHAT DO YOU HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH AS A BOARD MEMBER:

BSA Troop 120 News



I hope everyone had a great Christmas and a Happy New Year!

<u>Mulch sales</u> Heads up, the mulch sales are starting **December 16.** Look on your street for the nearest Boy Scout to stop by.

November Campout/ Inks Lake The boys had fun doing the Wild Cave Tour in the Longhorn Caverns. They also had fun hiking and fishing around the area. The weather was windy and cold but there was too much fun to slow us down.

December Campout/ Bastrop This was also a great campout with lots of fun in the woods. There were activities like blind man tent where everyone was blindfolded except 1 person who called out what to do. Pine boarding was one of the many things that everyone did. There was a mountain biking group that rode 10 miles. Too bad no Webelos joined us, so if you're reading this come to our meetings Tuesdays at 7.

Wolf Scouts:

I wanted to mention and thank Wolf Den 1 from Pack 1135 for walking the Recreational Center area and picking up trash. A boys coat was also found and given to the Deerfield office.

I invite you to check out our website at 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 or email us at scouttroop120@yahoo.com. Stay tuned for more news next month!!!

Chris Schunk Troop 120

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 16th through January 20th, with delivery of the product scheduled for the weekend of February 26-28, 2009. The date has been changed to better accommodate spring planting.

TO ORDER: Email us at TROOP120MULCH@YAHOO.COM to place an order and a Boy Scout will call during the sales period. Please consider purchasing your landscaping supplies from our neighborhood Boy Scouts instead of the big box store. For more information contact Neil Polansky at 281-550-2682, or log on to www.bsatroop120.com for details and prices.

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Wishing you a Happy and Healthy New Year

Many of us start the New Year with Resolutions. Developing new habits can be the key to success. Jim Rohn said "Motivation is what gets you started. Habit is what keeps you going." Experts say that developing a habit takes 21 days of repetition to turn an act into a ritual. While that number may condition you, the most important accomplishment is committing yourself to the changes that you want to see made. Check out Steven Covey's book *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People*, because effective people get things done.

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