

DEERFIELD VILLAGE NEWS

MARCH 2009

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



UPCOMING EVENT

Wine Tasting
April 25, 2009



**Deerfield Annual
Garage Sale**
March 28, 2009
\$15.00 until March 16th

(see inside for registration form)

GOOD NEIGHBOR PROGRAM

The Landscape Committee is excited about an opportunity we've been offered through Cornelius Nursery's GOOD NEIGHBOR PROGRAM. Our selection for yard of the month will receive a \$50.00 gift certificate from Cornelius Nursery plus a sign from Cornelius stating your house was selected for yard of the month. We'll put your name in the Deerfield Village newsletter. We hope all of our residents will be as excited as we are about this great opportunity. Another big bonus Cornelius will be giving \$5.00 coupons monthly, along with a gardening tip of the month. Available on our Deerfield Village website

We'll be starting yard of the month in April.

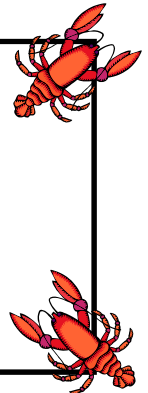
Annual Meeting

March 10
7:30

Music On the Green & Crawfish Boil

March 28, 2009

Tickets on Sale in the Office for
the crawfish
(see Fun in Deerfield for more info)



The Security Committee Meeting will
be rescheduled to March 11th at 7:30
due to the Annual Meeting

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

Deadline for April Newsletter: **March 15th**

Submit articles and ads to Rec Center Office or email deerfield4@sbcglobal.net

President's Report

By Glenn Sommers

Another year for the DVCA Board is almost over. The Election of new Trustees is complete and they will begin their term on March 10, when we have our DVCA Annual Meeting for Members. Don't forget to mark your calendars and come hear the committee updates and my State of the Association comments. The meeting starts at 7:30PM. Last year our Office Manager restarted the tradition of providing cookies for those that attend. Hopefully, that will continue this year. Come out and see which committees and volunteers get special recognition.

Speaking of volunteers, we can always use more of them. Our committees are strong and doing a fine job, but there is always the need for more helpers. Last month I highlighted the Swim Pool Committee as one that needs some new folks. If your child is on Swim Team or your family uses the pool – we need you to join and help out. It only takes an hour or so a month. Community Services could also use a few more people. Come join in – it's a great way to meet your neighbors and get the satisfaction of being involved and making a difference.

I wanted to thank the Trustees whose terms have expired for their service to Deerfield. First to Marie Nugent for multiple terms on the board and continued committee involvement, second to Walt Bohn for filling an unexpired term and now re-upping for another three years, and lastly to Carolyn Dinger who had to resign a bit early due to a personal situation. These three and the other Trustees are due a great deal of thanks for the time and commitment they make for all of us! Also, I wanted you all to know that there will be a new President after the Annual Meeting, as I believe that two years is long enough, and someone else should have the opportunity.

I want to give you an update on trash pickup for Deerfield. We renewed our contract with Allied Waste as there was no other option available. When we went out for bids, we found that very few companies are interested in the DVCA contract because we require them to do individual billing to each of our members. The two bids we did receive were from Allied Waste and Republic, which then merged – so in the end we had no options. As a result, the board negotiated for and signed a one year contract only and has started to look for other ways to handle the trash pickup. One of the best we've identified is to have MUD 136 (which is responsible for DVCA) take over this responsibility, as we understand that it is something that many MUD's already do.

We started discussions about this with the MUD 136 board in January, were able to get on their agenda, and had a very positive twenty minute exchange of information at their February Board Meeting. At the meeting we found out that it is very common for MUD's to handle trash pickup. In fact, a majority of the MUD's in the area already do this for their homeowners. Our MUD already does individual billing, so they could get bids from the waste management companies that refused to bid with DVCA. This could result in a more competitive service and rates for the residents of Deerfield. **Please let the MUD Directors know** your appreciation of their considering this and working with DVCA to help all of us stretch our limited budgets. We have asked that they provide us a decision on this in the near future, as if they don't agree we will have to come up with another (probably substantially more expensive) option. We'll keep you posted on the progress. I have offered to be the DVCA Board liaison with the MUD Board as we work through this and will keep all of you posted on the progress.

Finally, it's time to start spring cleaning and getting our yards back in shape after the winter. The drought certainly hasn't helped any. If your yard or house needs some sprucing up, please take care of it and help keep Deerfield looking nice. Thanks!



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

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 attend.

YTD expenses;

2009 expense budget -	\$ 570,675
YTD January expenses -	\$ 28,614
YTD January Budget -	\$ 47,556
Under / (Over) Budget.	\$ 18,942

Assessment 2009. We have received \$578,445 out of \$630,318 . **Reminder** : all assesments were due Jan 31 st 2009. After this there is a \$100 late fee plus interest..

We still have \$19,811 in assessments owing for previous years. All residents with liens have been notified.

The audit proposal is being considered by the Boards, and commitees are reviewing assets purchased and disposed of in 2008.

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

Andrew Jackson / Chairman

Deeds

Deeds meets the first Monday of the month @ 7PM

The Deeds Committee would like to say “**Thank You**” to all the residents who keep their properties maintained and to those residents who fix their violations when asked. It is the cooperation of all the homeowners that will keep Deerfield Village safe and beautiful!

If you do receive a violation letter that requests action to be taken, please let the office know when you intend to have the work done. We can monitor your home until the work is completed, and you won't receive any further notices. We understand that you may need to get bids and make financial arrangements in some cases, so we just ask that you let the office know you are working on the problem in a reasonable time frame. If you don't respond, then you receive a 2nd violation notice. If you still don't respond, you may receive a 10 day notice or the violation will be turned over to the Board for legal action.

It costs all of us money to send letters or to take legal action to every homeowner that has a violation so it is extremely important for all of us to keep our properties in compliance with the Protective Covenants. You can get a copy of the Protective Covenants on the web site at www.deerfieldvillage.net and select the Protective Covenants link.

We are still noticing a lot of yard clippings and trash cans out several days prior to trash pickup (especially over the weekends). Please have your garbage out of view until the night before pickup or have your yard crew take the clippings with them. This is becoming a major problem and we ask your cooperation in fixing this problem. Please help us by reminding your neighbors if you see any violations.

Reminder: Boy Scouts are getting ready to delivery mulch and we ask that if you are not spreading it out immediately that you have them store it out of sight.

We “Thank you” in advance for you cooperation.



The Swim Pool Committee has been working with A-Beautiful to assure that our pool will open on Weekends in May. As of late, there has been news reports regarding the Virginia Graeme Baker Law. Our pool will be in compliance by the opening date.



Mulch bags
Please place your mulch bags out of view from the street.

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

ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE FOR 2009

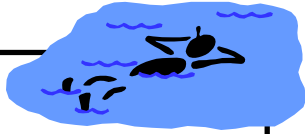
1/1/2009 All Assessments due to ACMP
 2/1/2009 **Past Due. One time Late fee of \$100.00 and interest applies**
 3/1/2009 Late notices sent with notice of Certified letter
 4/1/2009 Certified letter sent (charged to property address)
 6/1/2009 Liens filed against homeowner for outstanding balances. Cost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

There will be no payment plans. Payments will not be accepted in the Deerfield Office. If payment is not received , you are considered a member not in good standing. This means you are unable to use the Deerfield facilities, Vote and are unable to participate in any Deerfield functions.

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Meeting Dates *</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Board Trustee</u>	<u>Committee Chair</u>	<u>Phone</u>
<i>Community Services</i>	1st Monday	7:30 PM	Sharyn Carpenter	Tara Shockley	281-855-2819
<i>Deed Restrictions</i>	1st Monday	7:00 PM		Trish Yatauro	
<i>DVCA Board</i>	4th Monday	7:30 PM	Glenn Sommers		281-855-7716
<i>Financial Services</i>	Tuesday before Board Meeting	7:30 PM	Steve Dornak	Andrew Jackson	281-463-7665
<i>Landscape</i>	2nd Monday	7:30 PM	Mike Polk	Lynetta Morell	281-463-2237
<i>MUD #136</i>	2nd Thursday	6:30 PM			
<i>Rec Center</i>	2nd Tuesday	7:30 PM	Marta Bott	Peter Howell	281-463-1360
<i>Security</i>	2nd Tuesday	7:30 PM	Walt Bohn	Kirk Aden	281-855-7103
<i>Swim Pool</i>	1st Thursday	7:30 PM	Susan Greer	Peter Howell	281-463-1360
<i>Tennis</i>	1st Wednesday	8:00 PM	Marie Nugent	Nan Pye	281-463-8788

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

Swimming Pool Committee



The Pool will open to the residents on Saturday, May 2nd, for Saturday/Sunday's only. The first hour will be for adult swim (10:00 AM) except on swim meet days. A monthly schedule will be in the newsletter starting in May.

We have been asked by a resident what residents can use the pool. Naturally, homeowners and their families living in Deerfield can use the pool. Homeowners who are renting will need to write a letter authorizing the renters/leasers to use the pool. Homeowners renting out their homes who authorize the renters to use the pool can not also use the pool. In all cases the homeowners must be current in their Deerfield assessments.

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 an ID yet, we will making new ID cards on March 28th at the Music on the Green, and at the Easter Party 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 January, 2009
Constable Dispatch: 281-463-6666
Contract # 87 Precinct # 5

ACTIVITIES Total

Accidents	3
Alarms	17
Assaults	0
Burglaries	0
Burg Motor Vehicle	1
Citizens Assistance	4
Citizens Contact	86
Criminal Arrests	0
Criminal Mischief	2
Disturbance Calls	23
Suspicious Vehicles	17
Suspicious Persons	5
Thefts	2
Traffic Citations	0
Traffic Warnings	12
Vacation Watch	205

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

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

DEERFIELD DOLPHIN SWIM TEAM

Sign ups this year will be held on April 5th from 3-5 and April 8th from 7-9 pm. Swim Shops of the Southwest will be here on April 8th and on April 27th (our first day of practice) to sell our new suits, goggles, and other swim apparel. Coach Tanya will be back with us this year coaching our competitive team and back by popular demand is our instructional league for younger swimmers that might be new to the water. Swim Team is a great way to meet your neighbors and make lasting friendships. Come and join us....





MUD 136 BOARD REPORT

By Jay Singleton, Secretary

At its February meeting the directors reviewed the results of January's business. During January, the District produced 11.3 million gallons of water versus 9.86 million in January, 2008. For the full year 2008, the production was just over 190 million gallons versus 150 million in 2007. Some interesting facts about water. 75% of the earth is covered with water, but 97% of that water is too salty to be used. Of the remaining 3% fresh water, 2% is tied up in glaciers, ice caps and permafrost, or is too far underground to be of use. We humans are dealing with 1% of the world's water. Conservation of this precious resource is essential. Let's all make a concerted effort this year to bring our water consumption back down to the 2007 level. The directors voted to engage McCall Gibson & Co. to perform the audit of the District's financial records for 2008. Records of the District's business are open to the public. Audited financial results for the previous fiscal years can be reviewed on the District's website. The website has a new and improved look thanks to the efforts of director Harry Price, who has taken on the job of webmaster.

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 the revamped, user friendly website, www.hcmud136.org.



If you are new to Deerfield, please stop by the office and pick up a Welcome packet and Recycle Bin. You may also want to pick up a key to the tennis court. The keys are \$25 and the deposit is refundable when the key is turned in. Want to get involved? Pick up a list of committees and their meeting days. Please call the office for more information.



Landscape Committee

My name is Lynetta Morell and I'm chairing the Landscape Committee this year. Our committee is small but we are excited about the plans we have for 2009. We have a wonderful neighborhood and the committee will be making many decisions on new landscaping as well as maintenance to keep Deerfield Village beautiful. We would love to have you join us at our meetings the second Monday of every month at 7:30. March's meeting date is March 9, at the Recreation center.

Sincere appreciation and thanks to Jay Singleton who has served as the Landscape chairman for a number of years along with his wife Carol for their dedication and hard work in the past and going forward as continued members of the committee. They are integral to the committee with their knowledge and willingness to be there when needed. Thank you Jay and Carol!

We spent last year doing lots of long range planning. We identified areas in need of improvements and prioritized them in order to be completed based on budget constraints. We worked with a number of different landscape architects and landscapers.

We are pleased to announce that we have been accepted to participate in the 2009 "Good Neighbor Program" sponsored by Cornelius Nursery's. Thanks to Lisa Walker for being on the ball to get us approved for this program.

Recreation Committee



Next up is an evening of Music – March 28th – Music on the Green plus a crawfish boil. The crawfish will cost, but not the music. One change – we will be having New Orleans jazz instead of Cajun music – we could not find an affordable Cajun band. Tickets are on sale at the Rec Center office. This is the same evening as the Garage Sale. See the details in Fun in Deerfield article.

Other upcoming events the committee is working on :
April 11th – Easter Egg Hunt party for younger children
April 25th - Wine tasting, wines from Chatom Vineyard, in California. A wine expert will be at the tasting to discuss the wines.
June 6th - Music on the Green again.

The garage sale is scheduled for March 28th, with a rain date of April 5th.

We need more committee members to help plan and execute events. The more help we have the more variety of events we can have. Come join us with your ideas and fellowship – the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 at the Rec Center.

Look for the Fun in Deerfield article for more info.

Fun In Deerfield...!



Upcoming Neighborhood Events of the Deerfield Recreation Committee

March 28th, Annual Garage Sale! The annual neighborhood garage sale will be Saturday, March 28th, from 8:00 Am to 2:00 PM. Haul out all that stuff you don't use, clean out the attic, and earn some money! Garage sale registration forms will be available starting Feb. 15th at the Deerfield Office, and in the March newsletter. Remember, you must be registered to participate. Registration is \$15 before March 16th, and \$25 March 16th on. (Garage sale rain date will be April 5th.)

March 28th, Music on the Green and Crawfish Boil Enjoy Jazz music and eat crawfish after the Garage Sale! Tickets for the crawfish will be available at the Rec. Center starting February 15 for \$10 for age 12 and up, \$5 for those under 12. Prices go up to \$15 and \$10 on March 16th. Cokes and snow cones sold separately. And if you don't want crawfish you can still come enjoy the music. Music starts at 6:00 PM.

April 11th, Easter Egg Hunt! For the kids – the annual Easter Egg Hunt at the Recreation Center. Come hunt eggs on the Green, do a craft, and have a Holiday treat. 10:00 AM. To 11:30.

April 25th, Wine Tasting! If you missed it last year, plan on attending this year. This year we will be tasting California wines, and once again there will be a wine expert to help us appreciate the wines. It will be held at the Recreation Center and like last year there will be 6 wines for tasting, snacks to enjoy, and time to visit with you neighbors. Tickets will go on sale in March discounted to \$25 until April 13th, when they will be \$30.

May 2nd, Swimming Pool Opens. Enjoy swimming as the 2009 pool season opens! The Pool will be open on Saturday's and Sundays in May. Saturday opening time subject to swim meets, on Sunday the pool opens at 10:00 AM for adult swim, 11:00 AM for general swim.

May 25th, Memorial Day Swim Party. It's fun for the whole family, 3:00 to 5:00, at the pool. Games, water slide, and snow cones.

June 6th, Music on the Green A family event – a time to kick back, hear some music and visit.



Katy Aglow will meet March 24th at 9:30 am at the Church on the Rock, Kingsland at Barker Cypress. All ladies welcome. The Aglow bible study continues each Thursday at 10:00 am at the Rec Center.. For more information contact Christine-jackson@peoplepc.com Blessings , Christine



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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.

- Jay Singleton for spreading mulch on our playgrounds

2009 Deerfield Village Directory

Please turn this form in to the office by March 15, 2009

I do not wish to be listed in the 2009 Deerfield Village Directory
(Please list name and address below)

Please list the following information in the 2009 Deerfield Village Directory

Last Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

Residents in the order you would like them listed:

- | | |
|----------|----------|
| 1. _____ | 4. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 5. _____ |
| 3. _____ | |



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. When making a flyer for a lost or found pet please make the letters and phone # large enough for people to read while they are in their car. If numbers are too small, chances are the people will NOT get out of the car to read your message. Also, make sure the flyer is in a plastic baggie and sealed to be weather proof. Remove the signs in a timely manner.

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



SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

Hello, Deerfield Villagers. Thank you so much for your support in letting our troops know we are thinking about them. We are still in need of calendars, stationery and dental products. Monetary contributions are always welcome to help with shipping. Drop off your items at 4048 Heathersage Drive. If you have any questions call Gerry Archibald at (281) 861-9272. When dropping off your care package donations, I would love to share with you the thank you letters I receive from the troops. They are very appreciative of what we do for them.



Poker

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Contact Bob Shortle at 281-463-4589 or bobshortle@aol.com for more information



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Timely Tip for March Cornelius Gardeners

Create Instant Color!

Container gardens are fun and easy to create. They can be as simple as three small flowers potted together or as elaborate as a small tree or shrub planted in the center of pot with annual color planted around. Follow these simple steps when planting or plan on attending one of our FREE Container Garden Clinics in March.

First select a container appropriately sized for the job. Make sure it has drainage holes and is large enough for making an impact. **Second**, choose a well blended potting soil that drains well. **Thirdly**, choose plants that require the same lighting and water needs. The **fourth step** is to start planting. Fill the container half way with soil, position the plants and start filling in with the rest of the potting soil. You can also add a fertilizer such as **Calloway's Professional Flower Food** into the soil. **Lastly**, I add a top dressing of decorative bark or mulch. This adds the finishing touch, plus it will keep the soil cooler and prevent it from drying out as quickly.

After you have completed your masterpiece, sit back and watch it grow! Now you are ready to start planning your next one! Enjoy!

Check our website for Calloway's/ Cornelius upcoming clinics:

<http://www.calloways.com/clinics.pdf>

The Breakfast Club, Ladies Bible Study at the Deerfield Village Recreation Center invites you to attend. They meet Wednesday mornings at 9:30. For more information, please contact Nancy Hatton at 281.463.6711.



Deerfield Village Annual Garage Sale

Saturday, March 28, 2009

8:00 AM - 2:00 PM (Please abide by these times)

Location: Each resident's house

Rules and Regulations:

We will have the same traffic pattern as last year and a total of 3 constables on duty to help alleviate congestion.

Garage Sale must be **confined to participant's property**. Do not use the street or cul-de-sac as cars need to have access to them.

The official Deerfield Garage Sale Sign must be at the **end of the driveway in plain view**. Signs should be brought to the Community Association immediately following the sale. Please store signs in appropriate containers provided.

No food or beverages may be sold at the garage sale. Someone could get ill due to food and beverages stored at improper temperatures.

There will be no truck this year to pick up items. Please make arrangements to dispose of any unsold merchandise.

Registration dates: February 15-March 15 \$15.00

Late Registration: March 16-March 27 \$25.00

Rain Date: April 4, 2009

Forms and payment may be dropped off at the office during regular office hours. You may also put completed forms and checks in the drop box next to the office door.

I, _____ have read, understood, and will abide by the

above rules and regulations for the March 28, 2009 Deerfield Village Garage Sale.

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Signature of participant: _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY : Garage Sale # _____ Amt paid: _____

BSA Troop 120 News



March has many exciting events planned for Troop 120, but we are also looking forward to Spring Break!

March Campout

Our March campout will be the Boy Scout Camporee at Camp Strake, March 27-29.

Mulch Sales

Mulch delivery is scheduled for the weekend of Feb. 28th. Please keep the mulch bags out of sight from the street. Thank you for your support of our Scouts, the proceeds will go to pay for the boy's summer camp or high adventure trip.

Rank Advancement

These scouts achieved a new rank and were awarded in a Court of Honor ceremony at Peggy Wilson Elementary School.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>
Logan Bozeman	Tenderfoot	Patrick Wall	Life
Andrew Kaunda	Tenderfoot	Eric Schipperijn	1st Class

I invite you to check out our website at www.bsatroop120.com and view all the troop adventures. Please come and join us, we meet from 7-8pm on Tuesday's at Wilson Elementary or email us for more information. Stay tuned for more news next month!!!

Chris Schunk
Troop 120 Scribe

Water Walking



Wake up early birds! Beat the heat and come to a fun Water Walking Workout. Why walk the greenbelt when you can walk in the Deerfield pool with added bonuses like not sweat, 800 times more resistance than air making it a dynamic muscle workout for the whole body, strengthen muscles and bones, and improving posture, balance and coordination.

One greenbelt lap of land walking (1 1/2 miles) is equal to 3 1/2 miles of water walking in the same amount of time.

Time: 8:00 am - 9:00 am Saturdays

Cost: \$30.00 per session (4 one hour classes per session)

Session I - June 6,13,20,27

Session II - July 4,11,18,25

Session III - August 1,8,15,22

* some dates might be changed to Sundays at 8:00 due to Swim Team conflicts or inclement weather
To register Call 281-463-8790 or email lindagriffeth@yahoo.com (must have 15 participants)

Vandalism

Did you know that your assessments go to clean up graffiti and other acts of vandalism. Please explain to your kids that writing on tables, signs and buildings is illegal.

It is DVCA policy to press charges for vandalism and illegal activities on DVCA property. Also, we have teens that are chewing tobacco and throwing it on the Pavilion ceiling. If you see activity after dark at the Rec Center, please contact the constables office. We pay for security. Lets use it.

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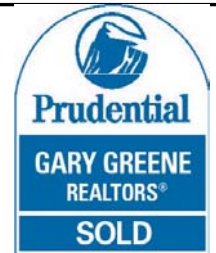
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Two Tax Tips for Home Buyers in 2008

1. WELCOME to all New DV residents that bought homes in 2008. It is time to file for Homestead Tax Exemptions if this is your principal resident where you live. You can go to www.HCAD.org or call me for the Harris County forms and Instructions, **NO CHARGE**.
2. Federal Tax Help for 1st Time Buyers with a \$7500 Tax Credit-Loan when you file your 2008 Income Taxes. **If you did not own a home in the last 3 years, YOU QUALIFY.** If you closed between 4/1/08 to 7/1/09, then Uncle Sam will LOAN you \$7500 Interest FREE. This Tax Credit-Loan is paid back over 15 yrs at \$500/year when you file your Income Taxes Each Year. **CALL ME FOR DETAILS—THIS IS A GOOD DEAL!!**

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