

# DEERFIELD VILLAGE NEWS



DECEMBER 2009

THE VOICE OF THE COMMUNITY

Dedicated to the residents of Deerfield Village

**Goodbye 2009...  
Hello 2010**



## **New Year's Eve Casino Party**

**December 31-7:30 pm until...**

**\$25.00 per person until 12/18 then \$35**

**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 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 Rec Center office. Training will be provided.

## **Children's Christmas Party**

**Sunday, December 13**

**2:00-4:00 pm**

**Deerfield Village Recreation Center**

**Kids, get ready for Santa, snow, crafts...and a ride on the children's train**



## **Dog and Cat Vaccination and Health Clinic**

Rabies Vaccination \$9.95

All other vaccinations and medicine at reduced rates.

[www.themobilevetclinic.com](http://www.themobilevetclinic.com)

936-447-5033

Date: January 16th

Time 10:00 until 3:00

Location: Parking Lot

## **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**



Did you know that it is illegal to blow your grass clippings and dump household items down the storm drain? Did you know that you can be fined? Call 713-920.2831 to report illegal dumping.

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The office hours are 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 Walt Bohn

Well the rain we had earlier in the month sure was a good test of the Ditch. Although we had wide spread flooding of streets, no homes got water in them. That is remarkable since we reportedly received 4.5" of rain in a very short time. My street was flooded so I had to don my waders when I went to check things out just as the rain slowed a little. The ditch was completely full at the grate. Water was lapping onto the concrete walkway along Deerfield Village Drive; but there was no debris. As I walked the green belt, I could see that all of the inlets from the streets were well under water. The two tunnels under Oakhampton were completely full. Spruce Creek at the top of the Ditch was flooded. That was surprising and disturbing in that its sewer lines flow into the tunnel feeding the Ditch from the North and that tunnel was only about a quarter full and flowing rather slow. I called my contact at the County and Flood Control is going to check the sewer lines on Spruce Creek for restrictions. If there are, they will be cleared. Should the lines on Spruce Creek have restrictions, other sewer lines in the Subdivision may also. If that's the case, I will attempt to get Flood Control to check lines on other streets. By the time I walked back, the two tunnels at the grate were only about half full, which shows that they were simply overloaded at the height of the storm.

Now for some good news. The Deerfield Board has been working with the Board of MUD 136 to have them take over responsibility for trash removal. They have agreed to do that and have entered into a contract with a new trash hauler who will take over February 1, 2010. Why is this good news? There are many reasons. Let me list some of them for you.

1. Your cost will be less. My last trash bill was effectively \$23.00 per month. It will only be about \$15.00 per month beginning in February. You will see the same savings.

2. You will not need to write a separate check for trash because it will be included in your water and sewer bill. That is a major reason for the reduction in cost. Trash haulers give a significant discount if they can send one bill to the MUD avoiding the need to send bills to every individual customer and the associated hassle.

3. Recycling will be better. The new trash hauler will now accept all plastics having a recycling seal # 1 through #7. They will also take glass.

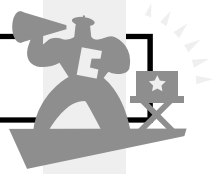
In short, it's a good deal for all of us and we applaud the MUD Board for taking over the Trash.

Just so everyone knows, my family will be moving out of Deerfield about March of next year just about the time my term as President ends. We are not leaving because we dislike Deerfield but in spite our fondness of it. Deerfield is a great place to live. I have always wanted to design a house and have it built. As crazy as it may be, we are going to do that. In light of our intention to move, I attempted to resign. The Board talked me out of it. They reasoned that changing Presidents with such a short time remaining in my term would cause too much disruption. I think I also heard someone murmur that I couldn't resign until I did it right.

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Meeting Dates *</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Board Trustee</b>	<b>Committee Chair</b>	<b>Phone</b>
<i>Community Services</i>	1st Monday	7:00 PM	Sharyn Carpenter	Tara Shockley	281-855-2819
<i>Deed Restrictions</i>	1st Monday	7:00 PM	Eric Tourelles	Trish Yatauro	
<i>DVCA Board</i>	4th Monday	7:00 PM	Walt Bohn		281-859-3358
<i>Financial Services</i>	Tuesday before Board Meeting	7:30 PM	Steve Dornak	Andrew Jackson	281-463-7665
<i>Landscape</i>	2nd Monday	7:00 PM	Mike Polk	Lynetta Morell	281-463-2237
<i>MUD #136</i>	2nd Thursday	6:00 PM	Walt Bohn		281-859-3358
<i>Rec Center</i>	1st Tuesday	7:00 PM	Marta Bott	Peter Howell	281-463-1360
<i>Security</i>	2nd Tuesday	7:30 PM	Glenn Sommers	Kirk Aden	281-855-7103
<i>Swim Pool</i>	2nd Monday	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

# Committee Spot Light of the Month



## FINANCIAL SERVICES

The financial services committee was formed in 1982 when the developer turned over control of the subdivision to the members of the community. Since this date, Deerfield has chosen to remain independent of a management company and operate by utilizing the talents of their dedicated residents. Deerfield was built by Friendswood Development Company in 1975. At that time, they endowed us with tennis courts, swimming pool, club house, ball field, playgrounds, greenbelt and trails, landscaping and in the patio homes, the streets. Through the efforts of the committees, they work to protect and maintain these assets.

The purpose of the financial services committee is:

- Assist the Board of Trustees in preparing the annual Budget. Each committee looks at the previous year's expenses and expenses to date and request the amount needed to run their committee's budget. The budget is funded by assessments. These requests are processed thru the Finance Committee and submitted for approval.
- Establish financial Procedures
- Monitor income and expenditures on a monthly basis
- Conduct periodic audits
- Submit Insurance bids and contracts to the Board of Trustees

Presently the committee has 5 dedicated members. We would like to ENCOURAGE you to become a member of this committee. We meet once a month on the Tuesday before the Board meeting. If finance is not "your thing" we encourage you to become a member of one of the 9 committees. Your community is worth the small amount of time that they take up. Please help us continue to make Deerfield a desirable community.

### 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 to attend.

**YTD expenses;**

2009 expense budget -	\$ 576,312
YTD October expenses -	\$ 486,133
YTD October Budget -	\$ 497,437
Under / (Over) Budget.	\$ 11,303
Reserve expenses to date	\$ 33,380



**Assessment 2009.** We have received \$615,501 out of \$630,318 . Collections are now 98% for 2009. Outstanding balances are with our Attorney for collection.

**Audit for 2008** is now complete.

**Budget 2010.** Committee budgets have been approved by the Board. Expenses Budgeted are \$578,577 and the reserve funding at \$93,575. As we did last year, the Disaster fund will be funded from any surplus we accrue during the year. To achieve the budget we have a small increase in the assessments Single Family \$14 to \$600, and Patio Homes \$10 to \$680. These will be mailed out first week of December

Come join a committee, and help us keep Deerfield a very special place in which to live.

## Deed Restrictions Committee

Meets the 1st Monday of the month @ 7PM



Please do not feel that you are being "picked on" if you should receive a violation letter from the Deeds Committee. Everyone must remember that not all violations are found during our monthly inspections...many are reported by your neighbors!

There are several homes in Deerfield that are in foreclosure or with severe violations. Please be assured every effort is being made to remedy those problems, but in some cases, it is taking time for the process to work. We are making PROGRESS!!!

Meanwhile, here are a few items to keep in mind to help us keep Deerfield beautiful.

If you receive a violation letter, please contact the office manager immediately and let us know your schedule to remedy the violation. If we know this information and the violation will be dealt with in a timely manner, you won't receive another letter from the committee unless the schedule is not met. Extensive mold, both black and green, has been noted throughout the neighborhood. Please check your home from top to bottom and fences, too. Simply spraying concentrated Outdoor Clorox should remove most mold.

Trash (especially leaf bags, tree and shrub clippings and boxes) are being put out on the curb several days before trash pick-up, most often on weekends. This gives an overall unkempt appearance to the neighborhood. Please ask your yard crews to place you clippings OUT OF VIEW trash pick-up will not be the same day. Trash cans should also ALWAYS go behind a fence...there are still many that are by the back gates but not behind them. Please put trash cans OUT OF VIEW!

Architectural Approval. Do not proceed with any painting, roofs, siding, fencing, landscaping, additions, sheds,...without getting an approval from the Deeds Committee. Approval forms can be obtained from the office manager or from the DVCA website. This could save you time and money! On the AA form it also reminds the homeowner that there are to be no contractor signs posted in yards.

The Deeds Committee is working very hard to keep Deerfield Village a beautiful place to call home. The committee appreciates those who have received a violation and have remedied the violation in a timely manner. We thank all our neighbors who work to make this a beautiful neighborhood.



It has been brought to the Board of Trustees attention that letters have been mailed representing DVCA and the Deeds Committee that were not sent out by the office or any committee member. The Deeds Committee does monthly inspections and letters are sent from the office once a month. Beginning in December, there will be a corporate impression on any letters sent by Deerfield Village. If you feel that you have been targeted, please contact the office. Sending out letters, pretending to represent Deerfield Village is against the law.

## Car Burglaries in Deerfield

The neighborhood has seen an increase in burglaries of vehicles. As the holidays approach, thieves become even more desperate.

The majority of these break-ins have involved unlocked cars with valuables in plain view. Please do the following to avoid being the next victim:

- Park your vehicles in the garage. This is the safest location. If that is not possible, park in your driveway with a porch light on.
- LOCK YOUR CAR!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
- Remove valuables. GPS equipment needs to be removed. If you take it off your window and put it in the glove box, thieves will still recognize the stand on your window or dash board.
- Report suspicious vehicles, people, and strange night time noises to the constable.

## Swimming Pool Committee



Use of the Swim Pool in 2010 will require an ID, and being a resident in good standing. Having an ID will be mandatory immediately after Memorial Day. Please turn in your pool ID card to the Office so we can inventory ID's and renew them for 2010 once homeowner's association fees are paid.

There will be a Polar bear Swim on January 1<sup>st</sup>, Noon to 1PM. Come join the fund and freeze in the water! There will be hot chocolate for those daring the cold.

The existing committee members have discussed other uses of the pool area, uses that might align with changing neighborhood demographics – we are an aging neighborhood with fewer volunteers. Possible alternatives might be to drain the pool, using the patio and grass area for a dog park for dogs without leashes, and the drained pool as a skate board park. Another idea is to fill the pool and make a practice green for putting. And a third option is to pave the whole area over for addition parking. If you have any thoughts or preferences feel free to join us at our next meeting in January.

There will not be a December Committee meeting, for those who want to join the committee. We are looking for new members with new ideas. We need input on what residents want. Come help us out, second Monday of the month, at our new time of 7:00, at the Rec Center.

Security Stats for October, 2009  
Constable Dispatch: 281-463-6666  
Contract # 87 Precinct # 5

ACTIVITIES	Total
Accidents	0
Alarms	8
Assaults	0
Burglaries	0
Burg Motor Vehicle	10
Citizens Assistance	10
Citizens Contact	59
Criminal Arrests	0
Criminal Mischief	2
Disturbance Calls	3
Suspicious Vehicles	19
Suspicious Persons	3
Thefts	1
<b>Traffic Citations</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Traffic Warnings</b>	<b>14</b>
Vacation Watch	172

**Please report Patio Street and Greenbelt lights that are out to the office. We will need to know the pole number and location of the pole.**

**Office Holiday Hours**  
The office will be closed  
on the following days:  
**November 26th and 27th**  
**December 24th, 25th,**  
**31st**  
**January 1st**

## ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE FOR 2010

- 2/2009 Invoices sent to Deerfield Homeowners by CMS  
Single Homes \$600.00  
Patio Homes \$680.00  
**If you do not receive your invoice by 12/15, contact CMS at 281-296-9775**
- 1/1/2010 All Assessments due to CMS
- 2/1/2010 **Past Due.** One time **Late fee of \$100.00** and interest applies
- 3/1/2010 Late notices sent with notice of Certified letter
- 4/1/2010 Certified letter sent (**charged to property address**)
- 6/1/2010 Liens filed against homeowner for outstanding balances.  
Cost charged to property

Assessment payments will not be accepted at the Rec Center Office  
There will be **no payment plans.**

## WELCOME



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 info.

### Community Services

The Community Services Committee is trying to keep the Deerfield Village Web site current and relevant for all residents. We really appreciate the work of committee member and volunteer Webmaster, Brian Sherwood. Please visit the site, [www.deerfieldvillage.net](http://www.deerfieldvillage.net), to see the new Web and email policies.

Please remember that all information for the Web site or the weekly blast email should go through the Deerfield office. Email Lisa Walker at [deerfield4@sbcglobal.net](mailto:deerfield4@sbcglobal.net).

We want your photos from Deerfield events! If you have taken photos at one of the great Deerfield events held recently, please consider emailing some of them to the office for posting on the Web site.

Thanks to the work of committee member Rick Johnson, we hope to have a new Deerfield Directory out in January.

The committee will not meet in January, but our regularly scheduled meetings are on the first Monday of every month, beginning at 7 p.m. at the Rec Center. Please consider joining us if you would like to help with issues that affect the quality of life for all Deerfield residents.

**Please Note: The Community Services Committee will not meet in January 2010.**

### Landscape Committee

Our year is coming to an end, we've accomplished a lot within our budget. We've finished landscaping the back entrance at Keith Harrow & Danebridge. If you don't use the back entrance take the time, look at the great work "Mike's Complete Landscaping" did for us.

We've cut down & removed all the dead pines on Community property. New tree plantings will be done, we need homeowners to volunteer & water new trees until they're established. Contact the office if you're interested so that we can replace some of the removed trees.

There's no Christmas decoration judging this year.

We're in need of members to join our Committee. Next meeting time is Monday January 11, 2010 at 7:00 at the Rec Center.

### Recreation Committee

In December we have the Children's Christmas Party on Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>. We will have the children's train, Santa, and a snow area for kids to play. Bring your own camera if you want a Santa picture



The New Year's Eve Casino Party is on again! Tickets are \$25 per person. Those who want to participate in the gift auction with their winnings should bring a unwrapped gift of \$15 to \$25 value. Person with the most winnings chooses first, at the end of the evening. There will be light snacks, wine, beer, soft drinks, and a champagne toast at midnight. It's a great evening close to home, and will likely sell out.

On Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> we are going to try something different – a Ladies Night Out at the Rec Center, showing a vintage movie—so ladies get with your BFF, and save the date. Details in next month's newsletter.

We are looking at having a Superbowl Party on Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>, to watch the Superbowl on a really big screen at the club house. Please call or email the Deerfield Office if interested, so we can gauge whether it's worth having.

The 2010 Garage Sale date has been chosen: March 27<sup>th</sup>. We are looking for volunteers to help organize it. We will build on learnings of past years and once again try to further reduce traffic issues. We will also have a Music on the Green that evening and are looking into having crawfish again.

We are already planning events for 2010, and we need help. We have moved our meeting to 7:00 PM on the first Tuesday of the month to give us more planning time. If you can spare a few hours to help the community, come join us on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month at the Rec. Center! Have ideas? Come join the Committee.

### Deerfield Village Bunko Group

Meets the 3rd Thursday of the Month  
7:00—9:00 Deerfield Clubhouse  
Bring a Potluck dish and \$5.25  
Contact: JoAnne Maruca at 281-550 8162.  
Joann.rich@yahoo.com or Pat Rothman at  
281-345-9355. RR1texas@earthlink.net



### Deerfield Village Playgroup

If you are looking to meet other moms  
in Deerfield with young children, this is the per-  
fect opportunity for you.

Please contact Rebecca Tindel Bivens  
at 713-899-9837 for more information  
on dates, times, and meeting places.



### Poker

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

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



### Qigong

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



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

The study of Philippians continues  
each Thursday morning 10.00 am  
till noon. Join us for deep insights  
into God's word for us and for prayer.  
For more information contact Christine  
at 281-463-7665.



If you would like to be put on an email list to re-  
ceive emergency or last minute informational  
emails, please email the office at  
deerfield4@sbcglobal.net

## Fun In Deerfield...!

### Upcoming Neighborhood Events of the Deerfield Recreation Committee

#### Monthly Events...

**Poker!** 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month, 7:30 PM, at the Recreation Center... Players welcome, contact Bob Shortle at 281-463-4589

**Bunco!** 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month, 7:00 to 9:00 at the Recreation Center... Bring a potluck dish and \$5.25, contact Pat Rothman at 281-345-9355

**Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> Children's Christmas Party** 2 to 4 PM, crafts, snow, and Santa, all at the Recreation Center. Come ride the train, have Mom or Dad take your picture with Santa, and have some hot chocolate, and see Santa.

**Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> New Year Eve Party** for adults. Tickets are \$25 per person until Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> when they go to \$35. It will be a casino night, with light snacks, beer and wine, and a Champaign toast at midnight. There is a limit in the capacity of the Rec Center, so get your tickets early.

**Jan 1<sup>st</sup> New Year's Day Polar Bear Swim!** It's the traditional first swim of the year, Noon to 1:00PM. The pool will be open only for an hour for those hardy enough to test the waters for a cold dip to welcome the New Year. Come freeze with us!

**Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> Ladies Night Out** Ladies mark the date on your calendar for a fun night of vintage movies.

**March 27<sup>th</sup> Deerfield Annual Garage Sale, 7:00 Am to 2:00 PM.** Our once a year garage sale in the neighborhood, giving you the opportunity to clean up and sell off all that accumulated stuff. Participants must register and pay the registration fee which is used to pay for security for the event. Registration placards must be displayed for all participating homes. Registration begins Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>

**March 27<sup>th</sup> Music on the Green and Crawfish Boil!** What better ways to end a successful garage sale than go catch a Music on the Green and eat crawfish. Mark the date, details to follow.

## BSA TROOP 120 FALL FUNDRAISER BEGINS DECEMBER 15!!



Boy Scout Troop 120 (Deerfield Village) is sponsoring the 2010 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 and training activities.

This is a great opportunity for Scouts to learn salesmanship skills and gives them an opportunity to sell great lawn and garden products at good prices, DELIVERED FREE RIGHT TO YOUR DOOR. Scouts can also spread the mulch for a nominal fee per bag. No more lugging bags of mulch and fertilizer around- let the scouts do it for you!!

--OVER 95% OF ALL PROFITS GO DIRECTLY TO THE SCOUT WHO TOOK YOUR ORDER, FOR HIS SCOUT ADVENTURE ACCOUNT. IT DOES NOT GO TO THE TROOP OR BSA OF AMERICA.--

This year Troop 120 will be selling 2 cubic foot bags of:

PINE BARK MULCH, BLACK VELVET MULCH AND CEDAR MULCH supplied by Landscapers Pride.

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.

Scouts will be selling door-to-door in our communities December 8th through January 19th, with delivery of the product scheduled for February 25-27, 2009

Email us at [TROOP120MULCH@YAHOO.COM](mailto:TROOP120MULCH@YAHOO.COM) to place an order and a scout will call during the sales period. This way you won't miss a chance to order great landscaping products.

Please consider purchasing your landscaping supplies from our neighborhood Boy Scouts instead of the big box store. For more information contact Frances Yeany at 281-550-0680, or log on to [www.bsatroop120.com](http://www.bsatroop120.com) for details and prices.



### Precinct 3 November Check In

Well, the holidays are upon us again and now more than ever we need to be more vigilant protecting ourselves. Here are some tips for keeping safe at all times:

Watch your surroundings and make sure you're not followed home. If you suspect someone is following you, drive around and call the constables/ police, go to a well lit busy business, and advise them so they can find you more easily.

1. Put your home on vacation watch if you're to be out of town.
2. If you have relatives visiting, advise them to lock their vehicles and not to leave valuables in plain view.
3. Add the serial numbers on any electronics, firearms, etc that you purchase or receive as gifts to your inventory in case you are burglarized.

Do not leave valuables, purses, ipods, phones, etc in your vehicle in plain view. Lock your vehicles and try to park in well lighted areas when shopping or while at home.

Crime prevention takes everyone's participation. Watch out for your neighbors. If you see anything suspicious call the constables/ police immediately. Don't wait for something to happen. Use the vacation watch program. We take all calls seriously, so please don't feel like you're wasting our time. Call whenever you see something "not right" in your neighborhood.





**HCMUD 136 NOVEMBER REPORT**  
NEIL M. POLANSKY, PRESIDENT      [www.hcmud136.org](http://www.hcmud136.org)

The November meeting capped off an interesting several months for your HCMUD 136 board of directors. Several atypical issues we've been wrestling with include district costs related to conversion to surface water, customer rate increases related to surface water conversion, and assumption of community trash and solid waste services by the MUD.

**GARBAGE COLLECTION TO BE ASSUMED BY HCMUD 136:** By the time you read this HCMUD 136 will have inked a new three year contract for solid waste services with Texas Trash. Beginning February 1, 2010 Texas Trash will handle both garbage collection and recycling, offering curbside services twice a week (Tuesdays and Fridays- recycling on Fridays). We're especially excited that Texas Trash will be recycling plastics numbered #1-7 as well as most glass items. They will provide us with new recycling bins, and you should be able to use your old refuse containers for garbage.

***Beginning February 1, 2010 you will no longer receive a quarterly garbage collection bill from the DVCA/Allied, replaced instead by a monthly charge on your HCMUD 136 bill.*** The monthly contract amount for the first year of service is \$11.90 for garbage and \$3.15 for recycling, for a total of \$15.05 per month, which is a decrease from the current contract. Your MUD 136 directors worked hard to get the best deal for district residents, and with added competition for garbage collection, we are the beneficiary of some very good rates. We were also successful in deleting the normal automatic anniversary date increase present in most garbage contracts. We will send out additional information as we get closer to the transition date, and will post the new garbage collection contract on our website.

**SURFACE WATER CONVERSION:** There's no way to sugar coat this, folks. Water rates are going up due to the state mandated conversion to surface water. Although HCMUD 136 has spent nearly \$450,000 on infrastructure improvements that were required to facilitate conversion to surface water (hopefully reimbursed at 100% to the district by March 2010) the West Harris County Regional Water Authority ([www.whcrwa.com](http://www.whcrwa.com)) is increasing its base rate for surface water to \$1.25 per thousand gallons effective January 1, and that rate is headed upwards to \$1.55 (2011) and \$1.85 (2012) per thousand gallons. HCMUD 136 has no control over the rate WHCRWA charges for surface water, but we will be looking at our base water rates to see if money saved by not operating our water wells can translate to a reduction in our base fees. We attend the monthly WHCRWA meetings to insure representation and that our voice is heard on matters affecting our customers.

**DITCH CLEANING:** Kudos to the Harris County Flood Control, District for a great job in getting the ditch scraped and maintained. Hopefully this will decrease downstream flooding within the district. All that's left appears to be some seeding and/or hydro- mulching, and replacement of sidewalks damaged by heavy equipment. HCMUD 136 has inspected applicable storm sewer infrastructure in the patio homes and repairs are being made where necessary. Overall the patio home storm sewers are in great shape (they are the only storm sewers under control of HCMUD 136).

***Our regular meeting is the second Thursday of each month @ 6pm in the DVCA recreation center. See you then!***

### 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 Marie Nugent, who along with other Deerfield Residents, found my lost cat. The Sobolaks thank you.
- Mary Ehler who has volunteered to proof read the newsletter
- Roger Corkill for taking care of the American Flag at the Rec Center



### Pet Hotline

- Please keep ID on all pets.
- Please call Hotline for lost and found pets.
- Pick up you doggie's poop on the greenbelt.
- Obey Harris Co. leash law or have your pet under voice control.



Thanksgiving holidays are near. All pets should have ID to keep them safe if they get out while company is visiting. Marie Nugent.

### IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Please report problems to the following:

Any Crime (#87)	281-463-6666
Flooding	713-684-4000
Water Outage	713-405-1750
Trash Pickup	713-937-9955
Power Outage	713-207-7777
Gas Leaks	713-659-2111
Curb Damage (no patio Home curbs)	281-463-6300
County Pets	713-999-3191
Illegal Dumping	713-920-2831



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The Cy-Lakes Science National Honor Society has started an Ink Cartridge Recycling Program. Not only is this good for the Environment, but it will help this new club get on its feet. You can drop off your used cartridges at the Deerfield Office.



### Cornelius Timely Tip for December

#### Winterizing Your Landscape

Living in Texas, you never know what to expect from Mother Nature. Being prepared for our extreme weather is the best solution! One simple thing you can do for your landscape plants is to provide a 2 to 3 inch layer of mulch. **Mulching** is beneficial year round but during the colder periods it provides a layer of insulation for the roots. Secondly, **water your landscape** well before a cold spell. A drought stressed plant is more susceptible to freeze damage. Thirdly, for more tender plants, purchase **frost cloth** for extra protection. Remember that many frost tender plants can be damaged even when the temperatures are in the high 30's. Frost cloth is a fabric which adds 3 to 4 degrees of warmth. Cover the plant completely allowing the edges to come all the way to the ground. That way, we are utilizing the heat which radiates from the ground.

### Christian Crusaders

Join us in the fight to bring God back to our schools, community, and government. Meets 1st Tuesday of the month at 10:00 am at the Rec Center. Contact Colleen Vera at colmatver@yahoo.com



### Special Event

\*Who is trying to take God out of our lives?

\*Where is the battle?

\*How can you fight back?

Come see a special presentation on Tuesday, December 15th at 7:00 pm at the Deerfield Rec Center. Refreshments will be served.

Would you like to get involved to assure fair elections in Harris County. Contact Coleen Vera at colmatver@yahoo.com for more information on training.

### Thinking about Remodeling?

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### High School Students, Need Service Hours?

Call the Deerfield Office to volunteer. Volunteers are needed to help on Recreation Committee events

### Glass Recycling

Are looking for a location to recycle glass  
1200 Brittnoor 77043  
713-461-9933

### Must Know Information from the Manager.....

- \* Reporting criminal activity to the office is helpful and appreciated, but **please call the constable first to file a report.**
- \* Visit our website at [www.deerfieldvillage.net](http://www.deerfieldvillage.net). Most of the information requested can be found on the website. To report a street light, you must know the pole # and address. Lights on the Greenbelt or in the patio homes need to be called in to the office.
- \* There is a locked drop box for your convenience located next to the office windows.
- \* Office hours are from 9:30 to 1:30. If you can't make it to the office during those hours to pick up a key etc., please email the office to make arrangements with me to meet after hours. Please do not call me at home for Deerfield Business. I typically do not get the messages.



### Classifieds

- Baby Grand Piano, Manville Clark (prior to Story and Clark) built in 1930s. \$1500 obo. Some minor scratches. You will need help to get it downstairs. Comes apart easily. This is a beautiful piece of furniture. 281 463-2832.
- Expecting, need baby items, Maria 281-859-1965

### THANKS FROM THE DEERFIELD CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

We appreciate everyone coming out and supporting our 31st Annual Christmas Bazaar. Another great year!! Thanks to all Deerfield residents and neighborhood friends who attended.

If you are in need of a great Christmas idea or gift for someone, we have our Deerfield Village Cookbooks. They are \$10.00 each. If you need any, call Sharon Hamilton at 281-859-0174.

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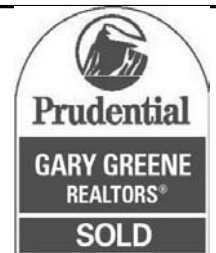
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**WISHING ALL OF YOU HAPPY HOLIDAYS**

As the year draws to an end, it is a time to reflect on all our Blessings. This past year has seen some Historic Highs and some Historic Lows, but I am Thankful to live in such a wonderful country where our Freedom is defended by the Brave Men and Women in our Military the world over and that is indeed a Blessing all of us can share as we look forward to the coming year.

**I wish all of you a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.**

Equal Housing Opportunity, Information is deemed reliable, however, we can not guarantee accuracy.

# 2010 DVCA Trustee Elections

Applications are now being accepted for four 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:

<b>Close of Nominations</b>	<b><u>Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup></u></b>
<b>Posting of Nominees:</b>	Received Applications will be posted in the January Newsletter and on the Web-site at <a href="http://www.deerfieldvillage.net">www.deerfieldvillage.net</a>
<b>Election:</b>	<b><u>Tuesday February 22nd through Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup></u></b> <b>9:30 – 1:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Annual Meeting:</b>	<b><u>Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup></u> – 10:00 – 2:00 p.m.</b> <b><u>March 9<sup>th</sup></u>, 7:30 p.m. Recreation Center</b>

## 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 2010

Susan Greer, Secretary  
Mike Polk  
Glenn Sommers, Vice-President  
Walt Bohn, President

### Term Expires 2011

Marta Bott  
Sharyn Carpenter  
Steve Dornak, Treasurer

### Term Expires 2012

Marie Nugent  
Eric Toureilles

### 2009 Election Committee:

**Marta Bott**  
**Sharyn Carpenter**  
**Lisa Walker**

# APPLICATION FOR TRUSTEE-2010

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:**