

# DEERFIELD VILLAGE



**MARCH 2010**

THE VOICE OF THE COMMUNITY

Dedicated to the residents of Deerfield Village

## New Office Manager

Help us welcome the new DVCA Office Manager, Gina Hickey. Gina has lived in Deerfield for 30 years and we are excited to have her.



**Deerfield Annual  
Garage Sale  
March 27, 2010**  
(see inside for registration)

## Lymphoma Gala For the "Housewives of Deerfield"



**March 6, 2010  
\$20.00  
7:00 pm**

Tickets on sale in the office until 3/4

**Wine, hor d'oeuvres, Silent Auction, and  
Red Carpet too**

All proceeds will be donated to the Lymphoma Society  
Contact the office for more information

## Annual Meeting

**March 9th @ 7:00**



## Music On The Green and Annual Crawfish Boil

**March 27, 2010  
6:00 pm**



\$12.00 per plate for Crawfish  
Music on the Green no charge  
Tickets available in the office for  
Crawfish until 3/24

If you would like to be put on an email list to receive emergency or last minute informational emails, please email the office at [deerfield4@sbcglobal.net](mailto:deerfield4@sbcglobal.net)

Please store your mulch bags out of view from the street



## 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.

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The office hours are 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](mailto:deerfield4@sbcglobal.net)

# President's Report

By Walt Bohn

This is February and time to vote for some new DVCA Trustees. We are so fortunate that four really qualified people stepped up to the plate and submitted their names for nomination. I am particularly appreciative that they volunteered because, although I am moving from Deerfield, I feel obligated to leave behind the most competent Board possible. Please take the time to vote. Voting is Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> through Friday, the 26<sup>th</sup>; from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The act of voting will show that you appreciate the time and effort the Board members make on your behalf.

I encourage each of you to read Glenn Sommer's article "[Comments From an Outgoing Trustee and Past President](#)" in this Newsletter. It provides a lot of information that may clear-up misconceptions that some people have regarding DVCA. You may find it enlightening.

Last Month I encouraged every one who has not done so to provide the office with your name address and phone number. Another good reason for doing so came to light after the January newsletter was published. I received a call from our Constable requesting a contact number for a resident. He needed the resident to identify items in the possession of a person the Constable suspected came from the resident's house. The Constable was afraid that he could not detain the person he apprehended without the resident's assistance. We did not have the contact information. Consequently, we could not assist the Constable and the resident may have lost his possessions. Fortunately, the Constable uncovered an outstanding warrant on the person so that he could make an arrest. Take heed.

## ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE FOR 2010

12/09 Invoices sent to Deerfield Homeowners by CMS

Single Homes \$600.00

Patio Homes \$680.0

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

<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	7:00 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	7:00 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

## 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.

### 2009 Year End Account (Prior to Audit)

YTD January expenses -	\$ 31051	
YTD January Budget -	\$ 37586	2010 Budget 578576
Under / (Over) Budget.	\$ 6534	
Operating Surplus	\$483398	
Future Designated Reserve funding	\$ 91376	2010 Budget \$91376
Operating surplus less design.Reserve	\$392023	
Designated reserve Expenses	\$ 351	
Net addition to Designated reserve	\$ 91376	
Designated reserve.	\$505156	
Undesignated Reserve	\$106179	

**Assessments:** We have collected \$512000 (80%) of 2010 as of the end of December. As of going to press a further \$50000 (7.8%) has been received. Thank you for your support. From 2009 we only have \$13334 outstanding We fund the DVCA expenses out of the operating surplus..

**Reserves.** These are the funds set aside against future expenditures to maintain our facilities. Two years ago we spent some \$230000 on refurbishing the Pool. In addition, we have 22 acres of grounds, Subdivision Entrances, Rec Center and Annex, Tennis courts, Green belt lighting and sidewalks, and Patio Home streets to maintain. The cost of doing this is spread over the life of the particular facility, so that the impact on the assessments is small.

If you wish to have impact on how these numbers are derived, come join a committee or stand for election to our Board.

## Community Services

The Community Services Committee has a number of projects and activities for the rest of the winter. Among them:

- Solicit and review bids for a mosquito control program for 2010.
- Produce a new Deerfield Directory.
- Assess any repairs and improvements that will need to be made to the Rec Center facilities in the coming year.
- Explore renovations to the Rec Center restrooms.
- Develop advertising guidelines for the newsletter and directory.
- Continue to improve the Web site to make it a valuable resource for all residents.

I am pleased to report that I have received some calls from residents who are considering joining our committee. We meet at 7 p.m. on the first Monday of each month, so please join us.

Tara Shockley / Community Services Chair



**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.**



The Tennis Committee meets the 1st Wednesday of the month 8 PM. Any one wishing to join us is welcome. There will be a Tennis tournament on Saturday, April 17, 2010 from 6 PM to 10 PM. Come join us.

## Deed Restrictions Committee

Meets 1st Monday at 7 PM



URGENT!

**HELP WANTED!!!** The Deeds Committee is in need of some new members. The purpose of the Deed Restrictions Committee falls into two major categories: Architecture Review and Control and Deed Restrictions Enforcement. Members are required to inspect one assigned section of Deerfield at the end of the month which takes about an hour. Members are required to know how to use Excel for reports and be able to use a digital camera and email pictures to the office. The meetings generally last 1 hour. If you have 2 1/2 -3 hours to spare a month and are committed to keeping Deerfield a beautiful place to live we would like you to fill out an application at the office. This is one of the most important committees in Deerfield and truly does not take up that much time! Please contact the office if you have any questions or need an application.

**Architectural Approval** is needed on all outdoor projects regardless if it can be seen from the street (painting, pools, spas, roofs, windows, mailboxes, fences, additions...). It is extremely important to get AA approval...it could save you time and money! We can ask you to cease and desist your project if you did not get AA approval.

## Landscape Committee

We're all signed up for the Good Neighbor Program with Cornelius this year. The winner each month receives a gift certificate from Cornelius along with a sign recognizing all their hard work placed in their yard. Check our website for "Cornelius Garden Advice" for the month along with coupons to use at their Nursery.

We're looking for volunteers to water new trees until they're established, please call the office if you're interested in helping.

We meet the second Monday of the month at 7:00 at the Rec Center. We welcome anyone that would like to join us.

## Timely Tip for March Gardeners From Cornelius Nursery

This is the year to grow your own fruits and vegetables! Our most popular clinic in 2009 was our "Spring Vegetables and Herbs" clinic and we will be hosting two clinics on that topic in March.

Many positive things come from growing a garden. Working in a garden can help to relieve stress and increase your overall activity level. Sunlight can improve sleep, deter depression and promote a stronger immune system. Growing your own garden allows you to control what fertilizers, pesticides and fungicides are used during the raising of your crops. But, most importantly, vegetables and fruits grown in a home garden tend to be more flavorful and nutritious!

When selecting a site for your gardens keep these requirements in mind. All vegetables need at least 6 hours of direct sunlight each day. Eight to 10 hours each day is ideal. The soil should be fertile and easy to work. Improve the texture by adding organic compost material. Container gardening is perfect if you have space or soil limitations. Gardens will need at least one inch of water per week including rainfall.

For more information about home gardening, please join us on the following dates. Click here <http://mytexasgarden.com/index.php/free-clinics/> for a complete list of our **FREE** in-store clinics. Clinics are held in every store.

**Saturday, March 6th at 10:15 am**-The Edible Festival!

*Learn how to grow and harvest the best vegetables and herbs for our area! We will have special events on home gardening this day.*

**Saturday, March 27th at 10:15 am**-Spring Vegetables and Herbs

*Come see and hear how to start and nurture a home garden.*

Success in the garden begins with a good foundation! Become a member of our Garden Club and come grow with us! Visit [www.mytexasgarden.com](http://www.mytexasgarden.com) to join today!

## Swimming Pool Committee



The Pool will be open to the residents on Saturday, May 8, for Saturday/Sunday 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.

Pool ID's will be required in 2010. The use of the ID's has helped reduce non-resident use. We will be updating 2008/2009 cards with a 2010 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 a card and plan to use the pool please get one. 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. Remember, you must be current on your Homeowner's Association dues to have an ID card and use the pool.

If you don't have an ID please come to one of these events.  
Saturday, April 3 Easter Party 11a.m.-12p.m.  
Sunday, April 11 Swim team registration 3-6p.m.  
Saturday, May 7 Swim team time trials 10-11a.m.  
Saturday, May 22 Swim team home meet 10a.m.-12p.m.

Security Stats for January, 2010  
Constable Dispatch: 281-463-6666  
Contract # 87 Precinct # 5

ACTIVITIES	Total
Accidents	2
Alarms	7
Assaults	0
Burglaries	2
Burg Motor Vehicle	0
Citizens Assistance	16
Citizens Contact	43
Criminal Arrests	1
Criminal Mischief	1
Disturbance Calls	9
Suspicious Vehicles	16
Suspicious Persons	4
Thefts	1
<b>Traffic Citations</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Traffic Warnings</b>	<b>4</b>
Vacation Watch	145

## March 2<sup>nd</sup> Primary Update

Glenn Sommers

- Precinct 650 Election Judge



**"Don't Forget to Vote!"**

Republicans—DVCA Clubhouse  
Democrats—Leider Elementary

## 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

## Texas Hold'em Poker

Thursday, February 11, 2010

We will offer lessons and a chance to practice/play for fun and free from 7-8pm. At 8pm, we will start our regular cash game. Everyone is welcome to watch or participate. Contact Bob Shortle at 281-799-0711 for more information.



## Cabaret Anyone?

The Recreation Committee is looking at bringing back Deerfield Cabaret once again! For those who remember it, it was a light entertaining show created and put on by your fellow residents. For a small charge residents saw skits poking fun at local events, and talented performances by your neighbors as the cast members. The performances sold out early and were talked about for long after. Any money earned after expenses was donated to a designated charity.

It does take some work to put it on, and to make it a success we will need the help from the residents - for this is a Deerfield event! If you are interested, please contact the Deerfield office by phone or email and say you can help. Let's bring it back! Volunteer to help do it!

## Recreation Committee



The Recreation Committee is excited about doing some new events this year. The next new event is a black tie casual evening for the "Housewives of Deerfield" gala. Proceeds will be donated to the Lymphoma Society. Tickets are \$20 each. We are looking for donations for the silent auctions. Contact Jennifer at 281-639-1046 if you can help.

Another new event is a Pot Luck Social on May 1st. BYOB for drinks and social hour at 6:00PM, followed by dinner at 7:00PM. It's a great opportunity to visit with your neighbors, make new friends, and have a good time.

March 27th is the neighborhood garage sale for 2010. 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 offering crawfish at \$12 per person. (The price of crawfish has gone up so we have had to raise the price this year.)

If you can spare a few hours to help the community, come join us at 7:00PM, on the 1st Tuesday of the month at the Rec. Center!

Teenagers need service hours? Call the Deerfield Office. We can use help on working the parties by making snow cones, run games, and just help us have a better neighborhood.

## *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...

**Bunco!** 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month, 7:00 to 9:00 at the Recreation Center

**March 6<sup>th</sup> Ladies Night** Black tie event for charity with the theme of "The Housewives of Deerfield Village", tickets @ \$20 each and a silent auction with donated services and items from local businesses and anyone that would like to donate to the cause. Wine and Hors d'oeuvres will be served. Tickets go on sale Feb 18.

**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 \$15 registration fee which is used to pay for security for the event. Registration placards must be displayed for all participating homes. The Registration fee goes up to \$25 on March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**March 27<sup>th</sup> Music on the Green and Crawfish Boil!** What better ways to end a successful garage sale then go catch a "Music on the Green" and dine on crawfish! Ticket pricing has changed to \$12 per person, due to increase in crawfish prices from last year.

**May 1<sup>st</sup> Pool Opens for the 2010 season.** Pool opens at 1:00 PM. The pool will be open on weekends in May.!

**May 1<sup>st</sup> Deerfield Spring Social.** BYOB Social Hour 6 to 7 PM, followed by a Pot Luck Dinner at 7:00. Come meet your neighbors and have a great time.

**May 30<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day Pool Party** 3:00 to 5:00 PM, at the pool. There will be games and snow cones and the pool slide.

### 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 perfect opportunity for you.

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



## Comments from an outgoing Trustee and Past President

By Glenn Sommers

Thanks for letting me serve you for the past three years. It's been both hard and easy! Hard because it took real effort to achieve the results we have accomplished, but easy because of the great volunteers who give their time and effort to support the Deerfield Village Community Association (DVCA).

There are a few things about DVCA I've learned in the last three years that are often not understood by our members. The following may help you have more realistic expectations about what DVCA is and what it can do.

DVCA is **NOT** part of the government!! Just because we vote for our Trustees, doesn't make us a government entity. DVCA is a private "not for profit Corporation" created for the purpose of managing our Community Association. While the mission of DVCA is to ensure that we live in a quality neighborhood, DVCA has **NO** governmental authority to enforce local, state or federal laws. While many of us have experienced living elsewhere under a city government which has real governmental authority, that is not the case for DVCA. Having expectations for DVCA based on that view will only cause frustrations and disappointment. The local government entities that relate to DVCA are Harris County and MUD 136.

Too often, a member comes to the DVCA office demanding that something be addressed over which DVCA has no real authority and often it becomes an emotional and argumentative exchange. In general, DVCA can only use the same legal remedies that are available to each of us individually.

Since DVCA is not part of the government, there is **no** "State and Church" separation issue that applies. In the three years I've served, I have heard this come up many times and it normally ends up being an emotionally charged exchange. Since it doesn't apply, please don't bring it up.

Paying your annual assessment and abiding by the Protective Covenants is not optional! When you buy a house in DVCA, at closing you become a member of DVCA and agree to abide by the Protective Covenants and pay your annual assessment. Those requirements are "binding on each respective lot and all succeeding owners" and do not change. It is a legal responsibility and one that the DVCA Board will aggressively enforce. If you don't want to be subject to these requirements, you shouldn't own a house in Deerfield Village.

A very high percentage of the annual assessment goes to pay for services we all normally take for granted, like the security patrol, street and greenbelt lights, other utilities, maintaining the common areas (landscaping) and facilities, managing the swim pool, insurance and running an office. These services create bills DVCA has to pay every month, and if we don't pay them the services will be cut off by the companies that provide them – just like what happens at our own homes. If these services were to stop, the value of your house and the quality of your life would be negatively impacted. So please pay your assessment on time, in order for DVCA to pay its bills and provide the services we have all come to expect.

The Deeds Committee is not here to make your life miserable. It exists to help keep DVCA an attractive and desirable place to live. It is made up of volunteers who do their best to fairly enforce the Protective Covenants. It is not an easy job, and certainly there can be differences of opinions. If you get a letter from Deeds please be respectful in your response, and you'll find that they will try to work with you regarding clarifications and concerns.

DVCA is only as good as the volunteers who help run it. Without volunteers, the quality of the services provided will decrease, DVCA will become a less desirable place to live, and your assessment will be significantly increased to pay for a management company. We have great volunteers in Deerfield! If you haven't participated recently, now may be the time for you to step up and get involved. We will certainly welcome your help!!

The Cy-Lakes Science National Honor Society has started an Ink Cartridge Recycling Program. You can drop off your used cartridges at the Deerfield Office.

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

Thanks for bearing with us during our transition to Texas Trash, and the move to surface water. We're trying our best to provide the quality customer services you expect.

**GARBAGE:** Some folks have inquired about additional recycling bins. For an additional \$8 Texas Trash will provide you with an additional recycling bin. If you have an old blue bin you can use that as well. Additionally, if you'd like to place recycling in a garbage can of your choice, Texas Trash will make recycling stickers available for placement on the receptacle. Check back with our website or contact the DVCA office for sticker availability.

If you continue to receive a quarterly bill from Allied or a third party billing agent DO NOT PAY IT. Your solid waste bill is now part of your monthly SouthWest Water bill.

**ELECTIONS:** Three board members are up for re-election May 8, 2010. The four year terms of directors Barry Greer, Jay Singleton, and Harry Price are coming to a close and all have filed for re-election. However, if you'd like to run for one of these three positions you must formally file with Fulbright and Jaworski by March 8 (or March 15 for write-in candidates). If nobody files in opposition there will be no election and the three directors will assume new four year terms. Please note that conducting an election costs the district between \$5,000 and \$8,000.

**REDEMPTION OF DISTRICT BONDS:** Thanks to Harry Price for spearheading the effort to redeem all remaining district bonds effective April 1, 2010. After that date HCMUD 136 will no longer have ANY bonded indebtedness, and may save as much as \$10,000-\$12,000 in interest payments that would have come due over the next three years. Kudos to Harry!

**WATER SAVING INCENTIVES:** Your HCMUD 136 Board wants to implement a program aimed at helping customers save our precious water resources (and \$\$\$). At recent conferences we've noted several water authorities who offer rebates, credits and financial incentives for people who install new toilets, watering timers, and other low flow devices. Over the next few months we'd like your opinions on what programs you think would be effective in our community. We'll consider those ideas and offer a pilot program, hopefully this summer.

**WHCRWA WATER LINE:** If you have any issues with sinkholes, bare spots, ponding, or broken sidewalks related to the installation of the 36" water line in the north part of Deerfield, please let us know and we'll get them addressed by [www.whcrwa.com](http://www.whcrwa.com).

As usual, if you have any questions or comments, please let us know. Visit our website at [www.hcmud136.org](http://www.hcmud136.org) for news and details.

***MEETINGS ARE THE 2nd THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH @ 6PM IN THE DVCA RECREATION CENTER, AND ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.***

**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.



## **A-Beautiful Pools is Looking forward to a Safe and Exciting Summer in 2010**

A-Beautiful Pools, Inc. is thrilled about managing your pool again this year for a great season of fun in the sun. With 25 years of experience in the pool management industry, we pride ourselves on providing safety and quality service. We plan to deliver on that mission statement summer, spring, winter and fall because the pool gates will eventually close but the pool pumps never turn off. We consider it a privilege and an opportunity to be working with Deerfield Village and hope that we are not only viewed as your management company, but also viewed as a part of your neighborhood.

Our lifeguards are trained to "proactively scan" their water, anticipating problem swimmers before a problem occurs. With frequent in-service training, emergency scenario testing and training by the American Red Cross, we know that our lifeguards will be ready in an emergency situation. . A clean and orderly facility from top to bottom is also a top priority for our staff. We work hard to deliver a clean pool and spotless restrooms and furniture. If you ever find one of our staff members not delivering on that goal, please do not hesitate to contact the office staff directly.

**WE ARE ALSO HIRING LIFEGUARDS RIGHT NOW! A-BEAUTIFUL POOLS, INC. 281-376-6510 OR  
WWW.A-BEAUTIFULPOOLS.COM**

### **Tips and Reminders: February 2010 Reminders from Sergeant J. Lebeau**

- The end of February brings us Rodeo Houston, plan accordingly towards the end of the month for slight traffic congestion from the incoming trail rides (Feb 25-27)
- March is spring break for most i.s.ds, private schools, and colleges so keep an eye out for the young people running around. this time of year we usually see a rise in criminal mischief incidents and party disturbances.
- Please use the precinct 5 vacation watch for your home if you are going to be away (even overnight).
- Use your alarm system (if applicable)
- Inventory your home (record serial numbers or electronics, firearms, bicycles, etc. take photos of jewelry) keep the records in a safe place and file a copy with your homeowner's insurance. this helps increase the chances of recovering your property and securing a conviction when the suspects are caught.
- Use your exterior lighting at night!! a well lighted home is an unattractive target.
- Park your vehicles in your garages (if possible) and in the driveway (when not)
- Lock your vehicles and do not leave valuables in the car at anytime. (it took less than 1.5 minutes for a purse to be stolen from a vehicle locked and parked at a school in view of the complainant while she was picking up her children while she was out of her vehicle)
- Make arrangements for someone to pick up your mail and paper while you're away.
- If someone knocks on your door, acknowledge them (not necessarily opening the door) speak to them through the door, if you don't know them, advise them you're calling the constable's office.
- Stagger your light timers in different rooms to make the house look occupied while you are away.
- Have a neighbor check on your home daily and let those as well as the constable's (vacation watch) know of service companies (day / company name / etc) that will be at your home while you are away.
- Use your sprinkler system as a deterrent at night set them to go off sometime between 2a-5a.
- Keep shrubs and trees trimmed around windows so a burglar cannot hide behind them to break into your home.



### Pet Hotline

The most important thing you can do for your pet is to have some form of ID with phone # on it.

No collar means we can't find you unless you call in. If you lose a pet, call your vet and have them post it. Some Vets will call me to ask if I have seen the pet or let me know it is missing or has been found. Even cats need ID. Remember, we still have coyotes coming through the greenbelt late at night looking for "food".

Marie Nugent Pet Hotline 281-859-1104

Need a home for a 1yr. old Australian terrier.. 14 lbs. full grown , does not shed. He is a very high energy dog, loves to run and be chased. He is vocal, loves other dogs to play tag with but is not house broken yet. I am working on that. He has been neutered and has no heartworm.



### 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	281-463-6300
(no patio Home curbs)	
County Pets	713-999-3191
Illegal Dumping	713-920-2831



## FARMERS

Gets you back where you belong

### Steve Gibson

A Deerfield Resident

281-497-0404

sgibson@farmersagent.com

## Grizzly Bear

Construction Co.

1020 Kristi Ct.  
Cat Springs, TX 78933

Phone: 979-992-3056  
Cell: 281-744-0437



**Michael "Bear" Kern**  
Owner—Over 30  
yrs. Experience

Remodeling, Patios, Decks, Hardi-Plank , fences,  
Painting, Etc.

## LONE STAR CONTRACTING

PAINTING  
SIDING  
REMODELING  
DECKS

Any of your home  
improvement needs

14318 Darby Springs  
Cypress, TX 77429

832-766-6260

lonestarcontracting@hotmail.com



### SHARON MCGEE AVON WALK FOR BREAST CANCER

#### 21 Year Resident

On April 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>, I will be taking part in the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer – Houston. As a walker, I have agreed to raise \$1,800 and could really use your support to help this cause!

To donate online, please go to:  
[avonwalk.org/goto/sharon.mcgee](http://avonwalk.org/goto/sharon.mcgee)



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If you have any extra stuffed animals for individual families, or shorts/pants, little toys for treasure boxes, or children's books for schools (Tipps and Wilson Elementary), the nurses and students would greatly appreciate your generosity. Please contact Alexandra Powell at 832-683-9447 or 281-859-5313

If you have items I can gladly pick them up.

Thank you, Alexandra Powell

# Deerfield Village Annual Garage Sale

Saturday, March 27, 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**. Stakes should be brought to the Community Association immediately following the sale. Please store Stakes 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.

Please make arrangements to dispose or store any unsold merchandise directly after the sale.

Registration dates: February 15-March 15 \$15.00

Late Registration: March 16-March 27 \$25.00

Rain Date: April 3, 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 27, 2009 Deerfield Village Garage Sale.

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of participant: \_\_\_\_\_

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY : Garage Sale # \_\_\_\_\_ Amt paid: \_\_\_\_\_ cash/check

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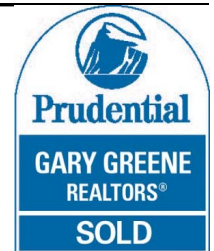
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**Two Tax Tips for Home Buyers in 2010**

1. WELCOME to all New DV residents that bought homes in 2009. It is time to file for Homestead Tax Exemptions if this is your principal residence where you live. You can go to [www.HCAD.org](http://www.HCAD.org) or call me for the Harris County forms and Instructions, **NO CHARGE**.  
2. The First Time Home Buyer Tax Credit is \$8000 for buyers who have not owned a home in the last 3 years. The Existing Home Buyer Tax Credit is \$6500 if you owned and lived in your home for 5 of the last 7 years. Both Buyers must be under contract by April 30, 2010 and Close by June 30, 2010 to Qualify. Other Qualifications will apply.

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**Deerfield Dolphins**  
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Online Registration starts March 1st  
[www.deerfieldvillage.net/dolphins/](http://www.deerfieldvillage.net/dolphins/)

Onsite registration and party April 11th  
Last chance registration April 14th

Practice starts April 26th and the  
season ends June 27  
Cost \$90\*

*Eligibility*  
Ages 4-18

- Any swimmer who does not have a subdivision swim team is eligible to swim for Deerfield.
- Swimmers should be relatively confident in the water, but do not need to know the strokes. They will be taught.

\*Two children are \$115 and three are \$135. High school age kids are only \$40.

