

DEERFIELD VILLAGE

APRIL 2010

THE VOICE OF THE COMMUNITY

Dedicated to the residents of Deerfield Village



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

Annual Easter Egg Hunt April 3rd



At the Recreation Center,
10:00 AM to 11:30PM, face painting and other surprises.

Pet Hotline



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

Marie Nugent Pet Hotline 281-859-1104

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



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.

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.



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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Office: (281) 463-2624 Fax: (281) 463-7679
Email: deerfield4@sbcglobal.net www.deerfieldvillage.net
The office hours are 9:30—1:30 Monday thru Friday
Deadline for May Newsletter: **April 15th**
Submit articles and ads to Rec Center Office or email deerfield4@sbcglobal.net

President's Report

By Eric Toureilles

I am excited to announce that we seated four new Trustees at the DVCA Annual meeting on March 08. Please help me welcome John Freese, Hugh Hayes, Larry Burkham and Laura Thropp as DVCA Trustees. Also new officers were elected, so Larry Burkham is now our new Vice President and Laura Thropp is our new Secretary and I was elected to the President's role. Steve Dornak will remain as Treasurer, as he was reelected by the DVCA Trustees. Also Alan Phillips was appointed Asst. Treasurer at the meeting. The DVCA board seats 9 Trustees, so that means half of our board still has tenured members, with four new members gaining experience and bringing in new ideas.

I want to thank Walter Bohn (Past President), Glenn Summers (Past Vice President), Mike Polk (Trustee) and Susan Greer (Secretary) for their leadership and service to the DVCA board and our community.

If you have visited or called the Deerfield office, you probably have noticed we have a new office manager, Gina Hickey. Gina started in mid February and has been doing a great job managing the office, which I sometimes call Grand Central Station. I want to extend a sincere "THANK YOU" to Lisa Walker for all the years of service and I wish you good luck in your new job!

Our finances are doing very well, considering the many unexpected costs over the past year and rise in utility costs. The committees have done a fabulous job keeping on budget and are always looking for ways to do more with less. We have collected over 92-93% of the yearly assessments, which goes to pay for electricity, water, landscaping, swimming pool, tennis courts, the clubhouse, our office manager and much, much more.

We have had many accomplishments this year that should be mentioned. To name a few, we dealt with the hurricane cleanup, addressed the flooding in parts of the neighborhood with the county to improve drainage, worked with the MUD to take over the trash management and billing (all while lowering the cost), replaced our legal firm with one that is much more effective and moved to a new accounting firm to help us better audit and file for tax exception status.

Lastly, we are finally past some of the "brrrr" cold winter weather, and our plants and flowers can finally come out and enjoy the springtime sunshine. If your yards need some sprucing up, now is the time to get started and keep Deerfield looking beautiful!!!

Eric Toureilles
DVCA Board President

Committee	Meeting Dates *	Time	Board Trustee	Committee Chair	Phone
Community Services	1st Monday	7:00 PM	Sharyn Carpenter	Tara Shockley	281-855-2819
Deed Restrictions	1st Monday	7:00 PM	Hugh Hayes	Trish Yatauro	
DVCA Board	4th Monday	7:00 PM	Eric Toureilles		281-855-0312
Financial Services	Tuesday before Board Meeting	7:30 PM	Steve Dornak	Andrew Jackson	281-463-7665
Landscape	2nd Monday	7:00 PM	Laura Thropp	Lynetta Morell	281-463-2237
MUD #136	2nd Thursday	6:00 PM	Eric Toureilles		281-859-3358
Rec Center	1st Tuesday	7:00 PM	Marta Bott	Peter Howell	281-463-1360
Security	2nd Tuesday	7:30 PM	Larry Burkham	Kirk Aden	281-855-7103
Swim Pool	2nd Monday	7:00 PM	John Freese	Jen Wertz	
Tennis	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 1st, for Saturday's/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.

Pool ID's are required in 2010. The use of ID's has helped reduce non-resident use. 2009 ID cards that were left at the pool will be updated 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. 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. You can stop by the office on Mondays between 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. If the following dates don't work for you please call the office to set an appointment. After June 15th there will be a \$5.00 dollar fee for pool ID's (excludes new residents).

Dates to get a pool ID if you don't have one :

Saturday, April 3rd -Easter Party 11:00a.m.-12:00p.m.

Sunday, April 11th -Swim team registration 3:00p.m.-6:00p.m.

Wednesday, April- 28th Pool 5:00p.m.-6:30p.m.

Saturday, May 8th -Swim team time trials 10:00a.m.-11:00a.m.

Sunday, May 9th -Pool 3:00 p.m.-5:00p.m.

Saturday, May 22nd -Pool 10:00a.m -12:00p.m.

The pool committee is looking for new members with new ideas. We need input on what residents want. Come help us out, second Monday of the month, at 7:00 p.m.

ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE FOR 2010

4/1/2010 Certified letter sent (**charged to property address**)

6/1/2010 Liens filed against homeowner for outstanding balances. Cost charged to property

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.



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Timely Tip for March Gardeners From Cornelius Nursery



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The objective of Earth-Kind™ gardening is to combine the best of organic and traditional gardening and landscaping principles. Begin with proper flower bed preparation. Amend your soils with organic compost and expanded shale to open up and aerate clay soils. Use seeds and plants which have been proven to thrive in our Texas weather and always top-dress all plantings with a 2 to 3 inch layer of mulch. Earth-Kind™ is an important designation given to select roses by the Texas A&M University Agriculture program. Earth-Kind™ Roses have been through rigorous statewide testing and evaluation by a team of horticultural experts. They tend to be drought tolerant, disease resistant and overall low maintenance. These roses produce abundant blooms and beautiful foliage. Our most popular Earth-Kind™ variety is 'Knock-Out®' which will grace your landscape with cherry red blooms until the first hard frost.

We will be hosting a free clinic in every store on **Earth-Kind™ Gardening** on **Saturday, April 17th at 10:15 am.** our **FREE** in-store clinics.

Landscape Committee

Spring is here along with warmer weather and some rain to green everything up again. Check the Deerfield Website Cornelius has a \$5.00 coupon that can be printed off to use in their stores. Our newsletter gives helpful monthly garden tips from Cornelius.

The Committee has some ideas we've been working on as our continuing project to improve our Rec Center grounds. You'll be seeing some of those ideas take shape in the next few weeks.

We're always looking for new members to join the committee, you don't need a green thumb just an interest to help. We meet the second Monday of the month at 7:00PM

BSA Troop 120 News



Come check out the exciting adventures we've planned for the Spring months to get out and enjoy the outdoors. Here is what we are doing . . .

Upcoming Events

March 19-21	El Rancho Cima Backpacking
April 16-18	San Marcos River Canoeing Campout
May 7-9	Matagorda Bay fishing/kayaking
June 20-26	Summer Camp @ Sid Richardson

Rank Advancements

We would like to honor our scouts achieving rank advancements . . .

Andrew Aziz – Tenderfoot	Drew Parsons – Star	Jonathan Riter Tenderfoot
Chris Schunk – Star	Johnny Vallesteros – Tenderfoot	Alex Cone – Life
Jonathan Hans – Tenderfoot, Second Class		Nick Parsons – Life
Aaron Legg – Eagle Scout	Conner Sanford	

We invite you to come check out our website to learn more about our troop's adventures www.bsatroop120.com. Or you can come to our weekly meeting, 7 -8pm on Tuesday's at Wilson Elementary. Dates for the next meeting can be found on the website. Have any questions? E-mail us scout-troop120@yahoo.com. Stay tuned for our Summer News!!

Thanks Troop 120

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Day



Saturday, April 24th. A Harris County Annex 13, 17423 Katy Freeway **East of Barker Cypress**

Harris County's drop-off events are free to all residents of Harris County. Hours are typically 8am – 2pm.

Residents may bring household quantities of paint products, pesticides, fertilizers, motor oil, gasoline, pool chemicals, household cleaners, aerosols, batteries and automotive tires (5 per household).

Used electronics such as televisions, computers, word processors, printers, scanners, fax machines, cellular phones, VCRs, stereos and other small personal electronics are also accepted. Residents may bring up to five (5) of each of these items.

A mercury thermometer exchange is also held in conjunction with each of the events. Residents may bring a mercury fever thermometer for proper disposal and receive a FREE, non-toxic replacement.

Participants will receive information on less toxic alternatives to common hazardous household products and can also shop for FREE items at the reusable products booth located near the exit of the drop-off site!

Business waste, medical waste, ammunition, explosives, compressed gas cylinders, washers, dryers, refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, photocopy machines, microwaves, smoke detectors, radioactive waste, PCBs or Dioxins, or Household Trash are NOT accepted at these events.

Businesses may call the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Small Business and Local Government Assistance Hotline (800-447-2827) for information on proper disposal methods for hazardous waste. The hotline offers free, confidential technical assistance.

HCMUD 136 APRIL REPORT

By Jay Singleton, Secretary www.hcmud136.org

By now you have seen the new monthly billing format that includes the charge for garbage and recycling service. If you have a question or concern about your billing, **call the District's operator, Southwest Water Co. at 713-405-1750**. Calling the Deerfield office with your question will only delay getting your concerns addressed.

The District's fiscal year begins on April 1st. At the March board meeting, the MUD directors approved the budget for fiscal year 2010-2011. Among the more significant expenditures included in the budget is \$120,000 for repairs to the sanitary sewer system. MUD 136 has a 10% operating interest in the Jackrabbit Road Waste Water Treatment Plant. We have budgeted \$230,000 for our prorated portion of the planned facility improvements at the Plant.

The precast concrete fence along Barker Cypress continues to be tagged with graffiti. **This fence belongs to Randall's**. In an attempt to get corrective action taken, we have been in contact with the real estate department of Safeway, owner of Randall's. We have successfully crossed the first hurdle, which was proving to them that they are the owner of the fence. Now we are working on the next hurdle, getting them to do something about the graffiti problem.

Congratulations to the newly elected members of the DVCA Board of Directors. We look forward to working with you and the current members on issues of common interest.

Our next meeting will be held on April 9 at the Rec Center beginning at 6PM. Residents are encouraged to attend.

Fun In Deerfield...!



Upcoming Neighborhood Events of the Deerfield Recreation Committee Monthly Events...

Poker! 2nd Thursday of the month, 7:30 PM, at the Recreation Center...

Bunco! 3rd Thursday of the month, 7:00 to 9:00 at the Recreation Center

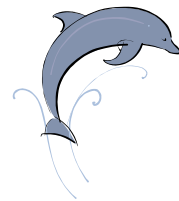
April 3rd. Annual Easter Egg Hunt. At the Rec center, 10:00 AM to 11:30PM, face painting and other surprises.

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

May 1st Deerfield Spring Social. At the Rec Center. 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 30th 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 Dolphins Swim Team Schedule



Saturday, April 10th - Official training for W2 (DF pool)

Monday, April 26th - first day of practice

Friday, May 7th - team pictures and pizza party / 3 life guards will be needed.

Saturday, May 8th - Time Trials

Saturday, May 22nd - Home vs. Concord Bridge

Saturday, May 29th - Home vs. Winchester

Saturday, June 12th - Home vs. Jersey Village

Monday, June 20th - End of year party 7-9p.m.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Jennifer Wertz @ 281-639-1046. Thank you!



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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.

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

ACTIVITIES	Total
Accidents	0
Alarms	12
Assaults	0
Burglaries	0
Burg Motor Vehicle	1
Citizens Assistance	Unk
Citizens Contact	Unk
Criminal Arrests	0
Criminal Mischief	0
Disturbance Calls	2
Suspicious Vehicles	4
Suspicious Persons	4
Thefts	1
Traffic Citations	11
Traffic Warnings	17



TENNIS FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Are you tired of the cold weather and ready to move around and be social? We have just the place for you!!! Come to the Annual Spring Tennis Social. All ages and all levels of play are welcome!!

WHEN: SATURDAY, APRIL, 17, 2010

TIME: 6 -10 PM

**WHERE: AT THE DEERFIELD TENNIS COURTS
 (OF COURSE!!!)**

**WHAT: BRING A DISH TO SHARE
 (EVERYTHING ELSE IS ON THE HOUSE!)**

**WHO: CONTACT RON TOPE @ 281-855-8471
 (FOR RESERVATIONS & INFORMATION)**

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

Residential Trash Reminders:



Please know that there is a 15 bag limit in regards to yard debris per service day. Anything over this limit will be negotiated between home Texas Trash and the homeowner.

CONSTABLE'S REPORT

I have stressed that neighborhood watch or just simply, "neighbors watching out for each other" is one of the best deterrents to crime. This week, 2 people were arrested while still in the house they were burglarizing. As a result of the arrests, several burglaries in the Memorial area have been cleared by the Houston Police Department Burglary and Theft Division.

The arrest occurred after a resident saw something unusual at a neighbor's house and, knowing his neighbor to be out of town, called the Precinct 5 dispatch. Responding units, seeing the crooks still in the house loading up items to be stolen, quickly set up a perimeter and affected the arrest. As a result, the home owner did not suffer a loss of some irreplaceable goods and several other burglaries have been solved and property is being recovered.

Again, this happened just because a person knew their neighbor. Let me encourage you to get to know your neighbor and know what is suspicious. Never hesitate to call the Precinct 5 dispatch office with anything you are not sure of and report what you are seeing. The closest available unit will be dispatched and the matter investigated. You do not have to do anything else to have a huge impact on crime in your community. Of course, for a true emergency, call 9-1-1.

Phil Camus,
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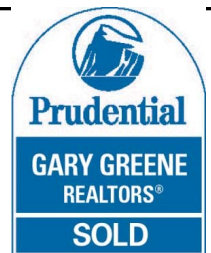
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PROPERTY TAX EVALUATIONS FOR 2010 ARE COMING

The Harris County Appraisal District, HCAD, should be sending out the new property evaluations for 2010 this spring. The deadline to file your tax protest is the end of May, 2010. There will be an ifile number on the paperwork you get from HCAD and you can file your protest online by following the instructions. As always, you can call me to get a current market analysis for your home, at no charge, to help you with the protest process.

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

Deed Restrictions Committee

Meets 1st Monday at 7 PM



* Number of violation letters sent in February was 18. Resolved # of issues was 11.

This month the Deeds Committee has had many complaints about various violations such as **GARBAGE/MULCH/DEBRIS** in view, **TRAILERS/CAMPERS/BOATS...** parked in driveways and streets, **CONTRACTOR SIGNS** in yards. Here are the Protective Covenants that pertain to several of these issues from Section 3 of Deerfield Village. Please go to the DVCA website to read the entire Protective covenants pertaining to your section.

Part 1 Article 15: All lots shall be kept at all times in a sanitary, healthful, safe and attractive condition...All yard equipment, woodpiles or storage piles shall be kept screened by a service yard...so as to conceal them from view of neighboring lots, streets or other property. ...such default continuing after ten (10) days written notice thereof, Friendswood or its assignee, may without liability to the owner...enter upon said lot and cut, or cause to be cut, such weeds and grass, and remove or cause to be removed such garbage, trash, and rubbish or do any other thing necessary to secure compliance with these restrictions, so as to place said lot in a neat, attractive, healthful, safe and sanitary condition, and may charge the owner or occupant of such lot for the cost of such work...

The Boy Scouts delivered mulch a month ago; it should be stored out of view by this time.

Part 1 Article 10: ...No boats, trailers, campers, busses, rec. vehicles, inoperative vehicles of any kind, camp rigs off truck, or boat rigging or other similar items shall be parked or stored permanently or semi-permanently on any public street, right-of-way or on driveways...

Part 1 Article 16: No sign, advertisement, billboard or advertising structure of any kind shall be displayed to the public view on any portion of the properties or on any lot except one sign for each building site...for the sole purpose of advertising the property for sale or rent...Friendswood or its assignee shall have the right to remove any sign, advertisement, billboard or structure which is placed on a lot in violation of this covenant, and in so doing shall not be subject to any liability for trespass or other tort in connection therewith or arising from such removal.

A Deeds Committee member picked a few streets at random and counted to see how many homes had one of these 3 above mentioned violations. 3 out of 15 in a section of Oakhampton, 3 out of 16 on Heaton, 3 out of 11 on Hollywell, and 3 out of 16 on Mountfield. The average is almost 1 out of every 5 homes is in violation of just one of these Protective Covenants. The sad part is that this does not include all the other violations that we encounter.

Please do your part as a homeowner or renter and move your garbage/mulch/debris... behind your fence or in the garage, move your boats, trailer...to a storage facility and remind your contractors that signs are not permitted on your yard at any time! We will start sending violation letters to homeowners not in compliance and eventually turned over to our lawyer if not resolved.

Architectural Approval is needed on all outdoor projects regardless if it can be seen from the street (painting, pools, spas, roofs, windows, mailboxes, fences, sheds, 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.