

DEERFIELD VILLAGE NEWS

The Voice Of The Community • Dedicated To The Residents Of Deerfield Village

President's Report...

By Eric Toureilles - DVCA Board President

Dear Neighbors,

I hope that everyone had a great Thanksgiving with family and friends; this is the time to stop and spend quality time with all your loved ones. Many of you have already started decorating for the holiday season and I've seen many homes with impressive displays of lights. This makes for a nice drive in the evening with family, admiring the lights and the decorations by the residents in our community. Nice job!

We need you! This is a call to all residents that can spare time to volunteer on one of our committees. We have several committees that are in need of additional volunteers, and would appreciate the small donation of time it takes to serve your community. Keep in mind that not only are you doing a good thing and helping the folks around you, it can also look good on a resume. If you are interested in learning more, call the office 281 463-2624 or email us at HYPERLINK "mailto:deerfield4@sbcglobal.net" deerfield4@sbcglobal.net.

The Board had a special meeting in November to approve the 2011 budget and a review on how we did with the 2010 budget. Overall, we are financially very strong and our committees managed to come in on budget and still achieve their 2010 goals. We are also very lucky that we did not have any severe storm damage or major disasters strike our community this year, which helped buildup our reserves. In regards to this year homeowner's assessment, we only needed to make a small increase of

\$7 per home to keep up with inflation and other costs that are out of our control. Keep in mind that it is because we are a community and an organization supported by volun-



teers that allows us to enjoy a low yearly assessment, in comparison to other neighborhoods around us.

For those that are following the evaluation for entry/exit video surveillance, this is still being pursued. It will likely take several more months before we have all the facts and costs associated with this effort. I assure you that if there is any impact to homeowner's assessment dues, this will be discussed openly and before any motion to move forward is carried. We will likely have a good, better and best plan available for evaluation.

The security of our community is very important to me and I am always open to hearing your ideas to increase the safety of our neighborhood. You can send suggestions on this or any topic by email to HYPERLINK "mailto:deerfield4@sbcglobal.net" deerfield4@sbcglobal.net.

Please note that the Board will not meet in December, but will meet next on January 24, 2011. We will be available for regular business throughout December but the DVCA office will be closed on December 24th and 25th.

THERE WILL BE NO BOARD MEETING DURING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS: Illegal Dumping 713-920-2831 Any Crime (Constable Contract #87) 281-463-6666 Trash Pick-up 281-888-3688 Curb Damage (No Patio Home Curbs) 281-463-6300 Power Outage 713-207-2222 Flooding 713-684-4000 Gas Leaks 713-659-2111 Water Outage 713-405-1750 County Pets 713-999-3191

Important Information...

Welcome to Deerfield Village

If you are a new resident in Deerfield Village, please feel free to stop by the DVCA Office, Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:30am and 1:30pm, to obtain additional information about the community and the DVCA facilities. You may also wish to pick up a key to the Tennis Courts. The keys are \$25.00 each and the deposit is refundable when the keys are returned to the office. If you would like to get involved in your new community, a list of committees and their meeting schedules are available. More help in keeping the community vibrant is always welcome! For inquiries, you may contact the DVCA office at 281-263-2624, or email us at deerfield4@sbcglobal.net Visit our website at www.deerfieldvillage.net to learn more.

Receive emergency and informational e-mails...



If you would like to be put on an e-mail list to receive emergency or last minute informational e-mails, please e-mail the office with a request and your e-mail address. deerfield 4@sbcglobal.net

Keep Deerfield Bright at Night...

Please report Street Lights and Greenbelt Lights that are out to the DVCA Office. It is necessary to provide the pole number and the location address of

the pole that is being reported. Street Lights that are not on the Greenbelt and not in the Patio Home Section may be reported directly to CenterPoint Energy at the following website: http://www.center-

pointenergy.com/services/electricity/residential/repo rtastreetlightoutage Under "Residential" section, choose "Report a Streetlight Outage" and fill in required information.

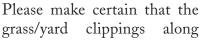
Recycling is Always on Friday

Residential Trash Reminders...

Please know that there is a 15 bag limit in regards to yard debris per service day. Anything over this limit must be negotiated between the home owner and Texas Trash Service 281-888-3688 Hours of Operation 7am-7pm Office hours 8am-5pm

Pick-up days are Tuesday and Friday. **Please** do not put your trash out until Monday evening or Thursday evening.

Nothing but water should go down our storm drains.



curbs are bagged. In case of a heavy rain, these clippings will be swept into the sewer system and block the runoff water; which in turn will flood our streets. Hurricane season is upon us and we will get heavy rains, so please be advised.

Pet Hotline...

The most important thing you can do for your pet is to have some form of ID with a phone number attached to it. Marie Nugent Pet Hotline 281-859-1104



Deerfield Village Community Association, Inc.

4045 Deerfield Village Drive • Houston, Texas 77084 Office: 281-463-2624 •• Fax: 281-463-7679 e-mail: deerfield4@sbcglobal.net www.deerfieldvillage.net The Office Hours Are: Monday thru Friday • 9:30 - 1:30

Deadline for Newsletter: 18th of the month prior to publication.

Submit articles, photos and ads to the Recreation Center Office, or e-mail to: deerfield4@sbcglobal.net

2011 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:

Close of Nominations:

Sunday, January 15th

Posting of Nominees:

Received Applications will be posted in the January and February Newsletter and on the Web-site at www.deerfieldvillage.net

Election:

Tuesday February 22nd through Friday, February 25th - 9:30 – 1:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 26th – 10:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Annual Meeting:

March 7th, 7:30 p.m. Recreation Center

Position of Trustees:

Trustees must be Deerfield Village resident homeowners in good standing, i.e. no outstanding assessments.

Only one resident in the same family

dwelling may be concurrently nominated to, or serve on, the Board.

The position of Trustee is for a period of three years. Trustees are responsible for the direction and management of the affairs and assets of the Association. In addition to attending monthly Board meetings, each Trustee attends meetings of at least one Standing Committee as a non-voting representative to provide counsel regarding the Articles of Incorporation, By-laws, as well as other matters. Therefore, Trustees need to be familiar with these documents and a complete set will be given to those submitting applications.

Current Trustees:

Term Expires 2011:

Marta Bott, Sharyn Carpenter, Steve Dornak, Treasurer

Term Expires 2012:

Marie Nugent, Eric Toureilles, President, Vacancy

Term Expires 2013:

Hugh Hayes, Larry Burkham, Vice President, Amy Lacy

2011 Election Committee:

Marta Bott Marie Nugent

Application for Trustee -2011

Please fill out this application and mail or return to:

Deerfield Village Community Association, Inc.

4045 Deerfield Village Drive

Houston, Texas 77084

Office: 281-463-2624 • Fax: 281-463-7679

Close of Nominations Sunday, January 15th, 2011

NAME:
LENGTH OF RESIDENCY:
ADDRESS:
PHONE NUMBER:
EXPERIENCE:
COMMUNITY SERVICE:
WHAT DO YOU HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH AS A BOARD MEMBER?

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

Deerfield Village Playgroup

If you are looking to meet other moms in Deerfield with young



children, this is the perfect opportunity to.

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

Katherine Tyra Branch Library @ Bear Creek

Katherine Tyra Branch Library @ Bear Creek is proud to present many exciting events and activities in December. The month will be filled with fun reads and creative programs sponsored by The Friends of Bear Creek Library. All programs are free and open to the public. For more information call 281-550-0885 or log on to www.hcpl.net.

General Home Repairs

Cleaning Gutters • Fence Repair • Painting

Ward Smith • Deerfield Resident Cell: 803-960-7736 smith.ward@rocketmail.com

Thursday morning Bible Study will be at 10:00am in the Rec Center. Blessings Christine

THANKS FOR A SUCCESSFUL 32nd CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

We so appreciate all our neighbors and friends that support us every year. This was one of our best bazaars. Hope to see you next year! Thanks for coming - we couldn't do it without each and everyone of you.

Thanks again, Deerfield Bazaar Participants

DEERFIELD BAZAAR COOKBOOKS

If you are looking for a fabulous Christmas gift, hostess gift or just a great cookbook, we have some extras. They are \$10.00 each and just wonderful. Even if you don't cook, they look good on a shelf. Please call Sharon Hamilton at 281-859-0174 to order. We can even deliver if you need us to do so.

Swimming Pool Committee...

While the Pool Committee continues to oversee the maintenance of the Deerfield Pool in the off-season and we are in the midst of holiday season activities, don't forget that the New Year's Day Polar Bear Swim is less than 30 days away! It's the traditional first swim of the year at 1:00 PM for those daring enough. If you've stayed away from the pool because of the summer heat, you will definitely find this a change of pace! Swimmers and spectators alike are welcome. Although the Committee will not meet in December,



make a New Year's Resolution to join us for our monthly meeting Monday, Jan 10th at 7 PM.

Upcoming Neighborhood Events of the Deerfield Recreation Committee

Monthly Events...

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

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

Dec. 12th Children's Christmas Party 2PM to 4 PM, There will be crafts, snow, and Santa, all at the Recreation Center. Come ride the children's train, have Mom or Dad take your picture with Santa, and have some hot chocolate.

Jan 1st New Year's Day Polar Bear Swim! It's the traditional first swim of the year, 1:00PM. (That makes it 1 PM on 1st Day of the first month of the 11th year – all 1's!) 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!

Christmas Snow Party!

December 12, 2 to 4 PM, at the Rec Center

There will be snow!

Crafts, snacks, hot chocolate, a ride on the Christmas Train, and a special visit from the Jolly Old Elf

Bring your camera, your children and grandchildren.



Dec. 5th - Pot Luck Dinner

At the Rec Center. Come at 5:30pm to visit, dinner at 6:00pm. Bring your family specialty to share with your neighbors! (Note: This is open to all Deerfield Residents.) There is a \$1.00 charge to cover paper goods. Also, please bring along a \$10 Gift to exchange during our dinner.

Recreation Committee ...

Recreation Committee News

We have had some great events last few weeks, including the Children's Halloween Party on Halloween and Family Ice Skating in November. The Halloween party had close to 100 kids and adults enjoying the games, the treats, a spectacular balloon artist, and the traditional cake walk. There was judging of the children in costumes, and while we had a great judge, it was a tough job with all the impressive costumes. Thanks to Robin and Leah for making it all happen. And the Family Ice Skating had over 30 people skating at the Memorial City Ice Skating Rink. It was a good turnout for a fun event and no broken bones.

Our last event for the year is the kids Christmas

Party on Dec. 12, 2:00 PM. We will have the holiday train, treats, and snow. There will be lots of snow so kids of all ages can enjoy it. And with a little luck Santa will make an appearance, so parents bring your cameras to take a snapshot of Santa with your child.

No New Year's Eve Party this year, although we are looking at doing it next year. We are planning four Music on the Greens, as well as various holiday parties. We may do a wine tasting in 2011 instead of a beer tasting, and possibly repeat the chili cook off and the crawfish boil. We need help to do all these events, and come up with new ones. Please consider joining us on the second Tuesday of the month, 7:00PM, at the Rec. Center.

From the Tennis Committee...

We have new tennis nets, new court numbers and all the lighting has been restored.

Timely Reminder From the Deeds Committee:

If you are planning to "update" or "fix-up" your home for the holidays, prior to starting your project, be sure you are within your deeds restriction guildelines and have submitted an application for architectural approval.

Texas Hold'em Poker

Second Thursday of the month,

At 7:30 pm, we start our regular cash game. Everyone is welcome to watch or participate.

Contact Bob Shortle, at 281-799-0711, for more information.

Pet Hotline...

Along with a Rabies tag for ID, the most important is a tag with owner's phone #...since vets are closed on Sat. afternoon and all day Sundays...the owner's # will get your lost pet home in no time.. Marie Nugent *Pet Hotline 281-859-1104*

Deerfield Village Bunko Group

Meets the 3rd Thursday of the month, 7:00 - 9:00 pm at the 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



"FREE" Christmas Gift Wrapping at Katy Mills Mall!!!!

Friday, Saturday, Sunday Nov. 26, 27, 28 1-5 pm Saturday, Sunday Dec. 4, 5 1-5 pm

After a long day of shopping at the mall, let the talented members of the Cypress Lakes High School Color Guard festively wrap and label your purchases, at NO charge! Just bring your gifts to our gift wrapping table near the food court and we'll transform them into Christmas magic while you wait. Thanks for supporting Cy-Lakes Color Guard!

Community Services Committee...

The Deerfield Village Community Services Committee will meet on December 6, but will not meet in January.

In the new year, the committee will continue to work on improving the facilities in Deerfield, including repairs and renovations. We are always happy to have input from our residents. We have a wonderful neighborhood that is aging gracefully, but we need to keep up our buildings and facilities.

This means that the Community Services Committee has much work to do, and there are very few of

us doing that right now. We need members. As you make your News Year's resolutions, please consider working for your neighborhood in 2011.

Our committee is small but dedicated. We enjoy our meetings and try to keep them to one hour per month. If you want to have a say in the upkeep of your facilities and neighborhood services, please join us. Email me at tarashockley@comcast.net and I'll be happy to tell you more about the Community Services Committee.





Date and Time of Committee and Board Meetings...

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	Jeff Youngflesh	
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		281-855-0312
Recreation Center	2nd Tuesday	7:00 PM	Marta Bott	Peter Howell	281-463-1360
Security	2nd Tuesday	7:30 PM	Larry Burkham	Kirk Aden	281-855-7103
Swimming Pool	2nd Monday	7:00 PM	Amy Lacy	Kenny O'Brien	832-256-8026
Tennis	1st Wednesday	8:00 PM	Marie Nugent	Nan Pye	281-463-8788

^{*} Please read the Committee Reports for Monthly changes in the schedule.

Financial Services Committee...

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

There will be no meeting in December

YTD October expenses	\$463,999	2010 Budget	\$578,576
YTD October Budget -	\$503,815	Designated reserve Expenses	\$ 24,282
Under / (Over) Budget.	\$ 39,816	Designated reserve.	\$480,784
Operating Surplus	\$103,545	Undesignated Reserve	\$109,564

Expenditure:. The expense surplus this month is increased as we moved most of last months AC repairs (\$12881) expenditure to our reserve accounts. Our Utilities have continued under budget, Landscape flower plantings are \$10,117 under budget.

Assessments: We have collected \$626503 (97.2%) of 2010 as of the end of October.

Budget 2011: At a Special Board meeting this month the Committee budgets were approved:

Operating expenses are \$598,770 (4% increase)

Reserve Allocations \$62,456 (31% decrease) This is due to the Disaster fund being fully funded at

this time.

Total Expense \$661,226 (1% decrease)

To provide for this expense budget, Assessments will be increased by \$7 in line with the CPI increase from last year (1.5%). Patio homes will be \$687, Single Family Homes \$607. These will be mailed out by end November.

The Finance Committee is in need of some new members especially residents with financial backgrounds.

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

Andrew Jackson Chairman

Landscape Committee...

We've just completed part of the sprinkler repair in the front area along Clay Rd & Deerfield Village Dr. We're now working on the Rec Center area, we've had some leaks & wet areas.

We've got some proposals to fill in the bare spots with shrubs along Clay Rd & Deerfield Village Dr. Now that the sprinklers are repaired we can proceed.

We're working on sidewalk repair proposals. If you'd

like to take advantage of a contract rate passed on to the homeowners, email your name & phone number to the Office Manager. Well be in touch with you when our project will start give you the contact information. We're planning on the project to be done in January 2011.

We've been trimming & removing dead trees in the common areas. If you know of any tree issues let the office know.

MUD 136 Board Report...

by Jay Singleton, Secretary

At its November meeting, the Board reviewed the District's operations during the previous month.

Among the issues discussed was capping of water well #2. The District's engineer solicited bids for the work and a contract was let to remove all surface equipment and seal the well opening. The well site will be secured by the existing fence. Once Center-Point Energy disconnects the electrical supply, the work on the well site will be done.

You will be seeing orange safety netting at various locations around Deerfield as we continue with our sewer maintenance work. It is part of the ongoing program to assure that the sewer and water systems and the valves that control them are working properly.

We also strive to deliver the highest quality water. Our water is tested by the State of Texas to confirm that it meets the state's water standards. The results of those tests will be included in the Consumer Confidence Report that you will be receiving. The District will also be using an outside laboratory to do additional tests in order to more fully understand the quality of the water we receive from the West

Harris County Regional Water Authority (WHCRWA).

The water WHCRWA delivers is drawn from the Trinity River, treated by the City of Houston, and transported by pipeline to WHCRWA's pumping station just east of Eldridge and Hwy 529. From there it is transported via smaller pipelines to various MUD's in west Harris County. Unlike utility districts, WHCRWA does not levy a property tax. They issue bonds to raise the money to cover construction costs. Funds to pay for operating costs and the interest on the bonds come from the sale of water to the MUD's. Effective Jan. 1, 2011 the price they will charge for the water will increase 20% to \$1.85 per 1000 gal. This charge appears as a separate item on your monthly bill.

Trash Collection reminder: All trash is to be curbside by 7AM. Bags or bundles cannot weigh more than 45 lbs. Tree trimmings to be bundled, 4ft maximum length, no limbs larger than 4" diameter. Complete rules are posted on our website www.hcmud136.org

If you wish to question or to comment on any of the District's activities, come to the next District meeting, which will be held on Thursday, December 9 at the Rec Center beginning at 6PM.

Flags Over Deerfield

Boy Scout Troop 898 would like to thank all of you who have supported us in our Flags Over Deerfield fund raising campaign. Your participation in this program allowed several boys to attend summer camp (we went to camp George Pirtle this year) and high adventure camp (rock climbing in Austin and water sports on Lake Livingston) who may not have been able to afford to go. We were also able to purchase much needed camping equipment.

We are going to continue our flag program in 2011 with one enhancement. In addition to the US flag,

we will be offering to post the Texas flag. Most subscribers have the US flag posted on the left side of



their front walkway, so we will post the Texas flag on the right side. The cost for just the US flag will remain at \$30 per year, but if you get both flags, we will charge \$50 per year. You can go to the website www.ClineSys.com/flags/flags.asp for more information. For current subscribers, we will be sending out emails and letters letting you know when your subscription expires. Thanks for your support.

2011 Garage Sale Planning

The 2011 Garage Sale is being planned. Come join the planning effort – we are having our second planning meeting on Sunday, January 9th, 2:00PM, at the Rec Center. We are looking at having it on April 2nd, well before Easter and after Cy-Fair Spring Break. Last year's fee was \$15, and we may raise it to cover additional security, if people feel that is necessary. Other ideas that are being considered are having a limited number of 'slots' available at the Rec. Center for people who do not want to do it at their house. This would depend on interest and number of participants wanting to do it at the Rec Center. We would still have the main focus on people selling at their houses. Registration will begin in February.



Constable's Report...

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

ACTIVITIES	TOTAL
Accidents	1
Alarms	13
Assaults	1
Burglaries	2
Burg Motor Vehicle	2
Citizens Assistance	14
Citizens Contact	17
Criminal Arrests	0
Criminal Mischief	5
Disturbance Calls	9
Suspicious Vehicles	12
Suspicious Persons	5
Thefts	1
Traffic Citations	8
Traffic Warnings	13
Vacation Watch	183

Emergency telephone stickers are available at the DV Rec. Center office

December Gardening from...Cornelius Nursery

Working in your garden is an excellent escape during the holidays. It is a perfect time to plant trees and shrubs so they can develop a strong root system for next Spring. Cool weather color such as Pansies, Snapdragons, Cyclamen, Flowering Cabbage and Kale add splashes of color to your landscape. Spring flowering bulbs can be planted now once they have been properly chilled.

Prune summer flowering shrubs and vines now. They will bloom on new growth. Remember-do not top your Crapemyrtles! Simply prune to remove seed heads and shape. Trim evergreens only to reshape.

Prepare for the cold weather before it hits! One of the best things you can do for your landscape plants is to provide a 2-to 3-inch layer of mulch. Mulching is necessary 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. 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. We are utilizing the heat which radiates from the ground.

Become a member of our Garden Club and you will receive email notices prior to any weather crisis. Visit www.mytexasgarden.com to join.

This is also an excellent time to start planning changes or additions to your landscape. Bring a sketch or photo and let our Texas Certified Nursery Professionals assist you!

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- 6 Are now Pending, 1 Foreclosures from \$147K to \$249K @ \$56-\$76 Price/SF
- 28 Sold this Year, 4 Foreclosures from \$114K to \$289K @ \$45-\$81 Price/SF
- Deerfield Village Resident Average Days On the Market for the Sold Homes was 46 Days (Most 461-Least 4)
 - Updated Homes Sold Faster and at Higher Price/SquareFoot with lower days on Mkt

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