



DEERFIELD VILLAGE NEWS

August, 2011

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

President's Report...

By Eric Toureilles - DVCA Board President

Dear Neighbors,

I want to extend a huge congratulations to Lisa Lepley, a Deerfield resident that represented "Team USA" in volleyball this summer at the 2011 Special Olympics World Games in Athens, Greece. Great job Lisa, we are very proud of you!

The Texas heat is in full force and the rain is scarce this year, so be aware that Deerfield has entered a stage one drought condition and voluntary measures are in place, including limiting outdoor watering.

The state of the our Association is strong and we are beginning the 2012 budgeting process with the committees. Our committees have done an outstanding job keeping costs down, while keeping the facilities beautiful, safe and the activities fresh. This summer we had almost no activity from our graffiti artists and our biggest nemesis has been the lack of rain water. Being in a community with many trees, we are susceptible to loosing them with lack of rain. Any help watering trees in areas that we can't get to is appreciated. A huge THANK YOU to all the volunteers on our committees, we could not do it without you.

Steve Dornak, a 22 year Deerfield resident is downsizing



and leaving Deerfield to be closer to his kids. Steve was a Deerfield Trustee on the DVCA Board as Treasurer, and a long time volunteer serving his community,

including service on the MUD #136 Board. Steve is a stand up guy and I wish him and his wife Jodie (who has also been active with community issues) the very best. With his departure this leaves a vacancy on the DVCA Board and we are accepting applications to good standing residents to complete his term. If you are interested, please email or call the Deerfield office to volunteer your time.

We are hoping for a mild hurricane season, but remember to be prepared with all the necessary hurricane supplies ahead of time, so you don't have to fight the crowds when one comes our way. Don't put it off, go this week.

Lastly, it is back to school time in the later part of August, so keep on the look out for our kids waiting on the bus or coming back from school, and please respect the speed limits.

Take Care!

Public Notice of Trustee Vacancy

A trustee position, formerly filled by Steve Dornak, has recently become vacant. The term for this position runs through February 2014.

We are accepting applications from any member (in good standing) who would like to be considered for the opening. Applications will be accepted at the Deerfield Office through close of business day on September 15th.

A Special meeting will be held to select the new trustee from all the applicants immediately preceding the September 26 Regular Board meeting.

You may pick up an application at the DVCA Office, or online at www.deerfieldvillage.net

IMPORTANT NUMBERS:

Any Crime (Constable Contract #87) 281-463-6666
Curb Damage (No Patio Home Curbs) 281-463-6300
Flooding 713-684-4000
Water Outage 713-405-1750

Illegal Dumping 713-920-2831
Trash Pick-up 281-888-3688
Power Outage 713-207-2222
Gas Leaks 713-659-2111
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. deerfield4@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.centerpointenergy.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.

Please make certain that the grass/yard clippings along 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...

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



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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

Financial Services Committee...

Meetings: 3rd Tuesday of every month to review the financial status of our community.

As of June 30, 2011

YTD expenses	\$ 329,159	2011 Budget	\$627,182
YTD budget	342112	Designated reserve	574,003
Under/(Over) budget	12953	Undesignated reserves	13,767

Expenditures: Actual expenses continue to be inline with annual budget.

Assessments: We have collected \$636481(97.22%) of the 2011 assessments. Collection rate is inline with the 2010 rate.

2012 Budget: Process has been started and is to be finished by mid-October.

2010 Audit and Tax Return: Preliminary reports are complete and will be finalized by early August.

Mike Feeney 281-859-4504.

Ladies Tennis Anyone?

The Tennis Committee is excited to see so many tennis players out and enjoying our courts. Just a reminder to:

Be sure and sign up for your court before play, by putting your **FIRST AND LAST NAME** on the sign up sheet located on the office window. You can now sign up the court for 1 1/2 hours; since a good game takes about that long to play.

Also, please be careful of the rod that keeps the court gates open during your time on the court, we had someone jam one of them the other day, but we now have it fixed. That rod was manufactured by one of our own residents, and I think you will agree, it's a great system!!!

Have a great summer, stay hydrated, and play some great tennis!

The Tennis Committee

Anyone interested in playing on an A-4 WHLTA team for the Fall 2011 season?? This league plays on Wednesday mornings and is approximately the equivalent of a 3.5 rating by USTA standards. We have lots of fun together in addition to enjoying our

tennis, as evidenced by winning our level's "Sportsmanship" award for this past Spring 2011 season!! If you are interested please contact Kathe Boarman at 713-557-9893.

The Thursday Memorial 2011 Fall League, "B" level which begins around September, needs subs and/or full time players. We play on Thursday mornings at our courts and other teams' courts around the area. Our players span all ages and are from Deerfield Village as well as surrounding neighborhoods. We enjoy getting out on the courts for some fun tennis and social camaraderie. If you are interested in joining us, please contact either Susan Hewlett at 281-550-2331 or susan.hewlett@gmail.com and/or Leslie Rupard at 281-463-8455 or sunshine463LR@gmail.com for more information. What are you waiting for???? LET'S HAVE FUN!!!!

We would also like to invite you to join up for the Wednesday WHLTA, A-2 Team. Please contact Charlotte Benincasa at 281-463-0369 for information.





An Evening In Tuscany...

Landscape Committee...

The Landscape Committee works very hard on the upkeep of our landscaping and grounds around Deerfield Village.

We have nice playgrounds for our children to use. The new landscaped area by the Rec Center (containing the rocks) is not a playground for children or young adults. Parents please supervise your children. The Landscape Committee appreciates your help keeping the area nice. Please don't allow your

children to climb onto the rocks.

The Landscape Committee would like to give a big THANK YOU to the residents that are watering any trees along the green belt or any Community property. We might not see the effect of the drought this year but in the next few years we might lose some of our trees.

Landscape Committee meets the second Monday of the month at 7:00



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281-463-6666 Contract # 87**

**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.



Constable's Report...

**Security Stats for
June, 2011**

**Constable Dispatch:
281-463-6666 Contract # 87
Harris County Precinct #5**

ACTIVITIES	TOTAL
Accidents	1
Alarms	13
Assaults	1
Burglaries	0
Burg Motor Vehicle	3
Citizens Assistance	24
Citizens Contact	77
Criminal Arrests	1
Criminal Mischief	0
Disturbance Calls	10
Suspicious Vehicles	22
Suspicious Persons	4
Thefts	1
Traffic Citations	2
Traffic Warnings	3
Vacation Watch	247

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

2011 CHRISTMAS BAZAAR & MARKET

We're celebrating our 33rd Deerfield Christmas Bazaar & Market on November 4th and 5th. We are one of the highly selected Bazaars in the area, known for our outstanding quality workmanship. Our merchandise includes lots of Thanksgiving and Christmas Décor, along with Art, Stained Glass, Wood Designed Items, Clothing, Shoes, Purses, Jewelry, Baked goods, Jellies and more!

Deerfield Bazaar Cookbooks are for sale and make great gifts...call Sharon Hamilton at 281-859-0174. We welcome new members to join us every year and we have so much fun! To join, contact Connie Corkill at 281-463-0750 or email connie50@sbcglobal.net for additional information.

Meeting dates for 2011 are scheduled for 7:00pm on 14 September, 29 September, 12 October and 27 October at the DVCA Rec Center Clubhouse (downstairs).

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

Back to School Teen Party

August 18th Back to School Teen Party 8:00 PM For teenagers, at the Rec Center. For Deerfield teenagers to come and hang out before school starts up.

Luau

August 20th Luau! The annual 21+ party by the pool. 8:00 PM to ? Put on your coconuts and join us for a Luau! Tickets are \$15 a person (21 years and older) and go on sale August 1st at the Rec Center office.

Music on the Green

August 27th Music on the Green. 6:00 PM The last of the summer concerts, at the Rec Center. Great opportunity to visit your friends, enjoy the evening, and all the while remaining in Deerfield.

Labor Day Pool Party and End of Summer Bash

Sept. 5 Labor Day Pool Party and End of Summer Bash! Mark it on your calendars – as summer winds down an event for the whole family.

Deerfield Chili Cook-Off

Sept 24th Chili Cook Off. Save the date – it's our second annual chili cook-off. There will be new competitors and last year's winners attempting to do a repeat. Any resident wanting to field a team should start finding teammates so you can register. Registration is from August 15th to Sept. 9th Teams will be given \$20 to cover the cost of the chili. Chili tasting the day of the event is open to all in Deerfield, at no cost.

Oct. 8th Music on the Green. 6:00 PM, last one of the year,

Oct. 31st Halloween Party for kids. There will be games, a cake walk, and spooks.

Recreation Committee ...

July was Fun and August will be Funner...

The July 4th Festival was great – fire trucks, parade, hot dogs, water slides, pool games! We had higher than typical attendance, over 150 people. The kids loved the fire trucks – thanks to our CF Volunteer fire dept., and they loved the coin toss. The watermelon scramble was a success, but some of the older people (called parents) had visions of someone drowning, so we may not do that again for awhile.

And, we had a great Evening in Tuscany. Because of the size of the club house we had to limit attendance; those who came enjoyed the music and food.

August will even be better with 3 great events followed by the September Labor Day/End of Summer Bash. Those who read last month's newsletter will notice we combined the previously planned August End of Summer Bash into the Labor Day Party. The committee debated this – we want as many events as possible, but we can't do them all (hint – more volunteers, more events.) Of special note is the Laua on Aug. 20 – this will be spectacular – there will be performances by Polynesian dancers and entertainers, plus music, and Polynesian food. You do have to be 21+, and the event is cheap at \$15 per person, even if it is BYOB. Also, some interested parents will be offering babysitting at the club house during the event, but that's between you and them.

Of special note – 2nd Annual Chili Cook Off is Sept. 24th. Team registration starts Aug. 15th through Sept. 9th. Registration is by e-mail to the

Deerfield Village Office (deerfield4@sbcglobal.net) (please, not in person.) Each time participating will be reimbursed \$20 on the day of the event to cover the cost of the materials. Teams are suppose to be Deerfield residents – although we recognize a resident who is a team leader will have friends both in and out of the sub-division helping out. As usual the judging will be done by an independent (?), qualified (?) group of experts (?) as determined by the Chili Cook Off organizers. And remember, this is for fun!

A resident has raised the possibility of doing a second garage sale – one in the Fall. If you have thoughts on this, yea or nay, please forward them to June in the office at deerfiled4@sbcglobal.net. Please save June some time by putting "Fall Garage Sale" as the subject.

And finally, we have had good results with the Facebook page, so we have upgraded it. It's now called Deerfield Village Community Page, and if you indicate you "like" it, you can get news feeds from it. It's just another way we are spreading the word about the fun times in Deerfield.

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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 281-463-4589, for more information.	

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	

You CAN Make a Difference!

BE PART OF THE "BUS BUDDIES VOLUNTEER PROGRAM" IN OUR CYPRESS-FAIRBANKS ISD SCHOOLS

What is Bus Buddies?

Bus Buddies is a partnership between the Cy-Fair community and Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District to provide assistance to elementary students helping them get off the bus at the correct location. The program requires one "Bus Buddy" per elementary bus the first three days of school. The approximate time commitment is from 2:45 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. on August 22, August 23 and August 24. Your job is to simply assist the bus driver with making sure the children get off the bus at their correct stops.

What is required?

- (1) Attend one of the training sessions, if not previously trained.
- (2) Arrive and sign in at your assigned school where campus staff will assist you.
- (3) Enjoy helping the kids and driver!

When and Where is Training?

Training Sessions will be held at The Berry Center, 8877 Barker Cypress Rd., Cypress, TX.
 Training dates: Monday, Aug.15 (9:30 – 10:30 a.m.); Tuesday, Aug.16 (6:30 - 7:30p.m.) and Thursday, Aug.18 (7:30 – 8:30 a.m.).

The Partners in Education (PIE) department is looking for the same strong Bus Buddy support we have enjoyed the past. Making sure that all of our elementary children get off the bus at the correct stop is a very big task. It requires 400+ volunteers in the Cy-Fair community to ride buses to assist the nearly 9000 riders and their drivers.

Interested? Volunteers can RSVP and register for a training session by visiting [HYPERLINK "http://www.cfsd.net/dept2/pie/busbuddies.htm"](http://www.cfsd.net/dept2/pie/busbuddies.htm) <http://www.cfsd.net> and selecting "Bus Buddies". For additional information about the program, please contact the CFISD Partners in Education Department at 281-894-3949.

Date and Time of Committee and Board Meetings...

Committee	Meeting Dates*	Time	Board Trustee	Committee Chair	Phone
Community Services	1st Monday	7:00 PM	Bruce Bott	Rick Johnson	281-550-8895
Deed Restrictions	1st Monday	7:00 PM	Brent Burris	Jeff Youngflesh	
DVCA Board	4th Monday	7:00 PM	Eric Tourelles		281-855-0312
Financial Services	Tuesday before Board Meeting	7:30 PM	Steve Dornak	Mike Feeney	281-859-4504
Landscape	2nd Monday	7:00 PM	Arthur McDanel	Beverly Girbach	281-550-8729
MUD #136	2nd Thursday	6:00 PM	Eric Tourelles		281-855-0312
Recreation Center	2nd Tuesday	7:00 PM	Hugh Hayes	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.

MUD 136 Board Report...

By Brent Phelps, HCMUD 136

At the regular July meeting, the directors reviewed the results of June's operations. The major item is the continuing severe drought in SE Texas. The District's water supplies continue to be reliable, but the customer demand nears the maximum capacity of the water supply and of the water distribution system. For June, the total water demand was 26.8 million gallons with several days exceeding 1 million gallons per day. In response to the high water demand the District has "triggered" the Stage 1 – Mild Drought Conditions.

The Stage 1 Drought Response Measures are effective July 18th. These drought response measures are voluntary, and include limiting outdoor water use such as watering grass and landscaping, washing cars and windows, as follows:

- No outdoor water use between 12 noon and 6 pm
- Odd – even outdoor water use, based on date and address. Odd numbered addresses water on odd

dates, even number addresses water on even dates

See the Districts web site at www.hcmud136.org for detailed Drought Response Measures. Additional information on water conservation can be found at West Harris County Regional Water Authority web site: www.reduceyouruse.com

If you have questions about any aspect of the Stage 1 Voluntary restrictions or on the District's operations, you are welcome to contact the directors. We also encourage your participation during the resident comment period at the beginning of our monthly meeting, held on the second Thursday of the month at 6:00 PM at the Rec Center. The meeting agenda is posted at the Rec Center office several days before the meeting. Information about the District is also available at its website, www.hcmud136.org. The next regular board meeting is Thursday, August 11 at 6:00 PM in the DVCA Rec Center's large meeting room. These meetings are open to the public, and we welcome your attendance.

Katherine Tyra Branch Library @ Bear Creek

Katherine Tyra Branch Library @ Bear Creek is proud to present many exciting events and activities in January. 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.

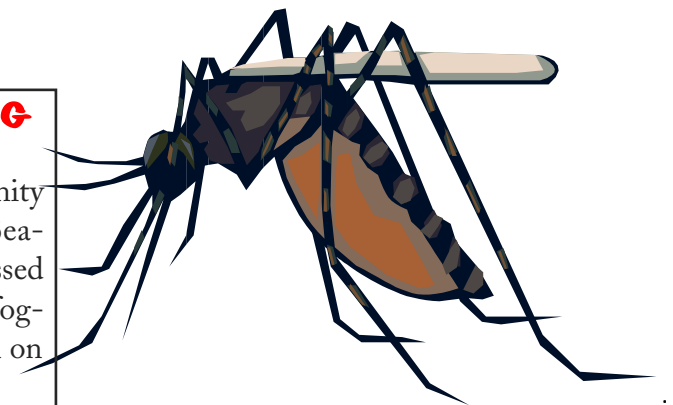
Community Services Committee...

"The Community Services Committee is currently planning the 2012 edition of the Deerfield Village Directory. A new form has been approved and will be available to all residents in the near future. So, stay tuned, and look for the new form and further

instructions in the next issue (SEPTEMBER) of the Newsletter. Have a happy and safe August!"

NOTIFICATION REGARDING MOSQUITO FOGGING:

Mosquito Fogging in the Deerfield Village Community will continue throughout the Summer Mosquito Season. Thanks go out to the residents that have addressed their concerns to the DVCA office; and mosquito fogging is now scheduled to be performed after 9:30pm on Thursdays and prior to 6:00am on Sundays.



Swimming Pool Committee...

If it weren't for the endless extreme heat this year, it would be hard to believe that the Pool season is past the halfway point. We appreciate our guards doing a great job. If you have not used the pool yet and need to get the required Photo ID, you must make an appointment with the Office. IDs help ensure that only Deerfield residents and their guests use our pool.



The Swimming Pool Committee meets next on August 8. Come join us.

2011 Deerfield Community Swim Pool Hours:

Note: Pool hours are updated monthly. Always consult the latest Newsletter or E-mail blast. Once school begins, the Pool closes one hour earlier at 8 p.m.

August

Mondays 1st, 8th, 15th	5-9 p.m. Open Swim
Tuesday-Sundays 2 – 21	10-11 a.m. Adult Swim 11a.m.- 9 p.m. Open Swim
Mondays-Fridays 22 – 31	5-8 p.m. Open Swim
Saturdays & Sundays 27 & 28	10-11 a.m. Adult Swim 11a.m.- 8 p.m. Open Swim

September

Monday Labor Day, Sept 5	10-11 a.m. Adult Swim 11a.m.- 8 p.m. Open Swim 3-5p.m. Labor Day Pool Party
Mondays-Fridays	5-8 p.m. Open Swim
Saturdays & Sundays	10-11 a.m. Adult Swim 11a.m.- 8 p.m. Open Swim

UPDATE ON THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS AWARDS

Lisa Lepley has returned from her trip to the Special Olympics Summer Games in Athens, Greece...and the Texas Team WON THE GOLD in volleyball!!!!!! Over 7,500 young athletes from 189 countries and regions around the world competed in these games! CONGRATULATIONS AND HAT'S OFF TO LISA AND THE ENTIRE TEXAS TEAM!!

DEAR ME, WHAT DO I DO?

The drought has taken its toll on everything here in Deerfield Village, especially our beautiful trees! With drought, comes insects and disease causing our trees to die. Drought symptoms are yellowing leaves and leaf drop. According to "experts" this drought could continue in the future for up to 5 years.

However, we can all help save our trees by regularly watering them. A small, young tree needs more water since they have limited root systems. Also trees with roots under sidewalks and drive-ways need ample supplies of water. One of the

major keys to saving our trees is a long, slow soaking so water can penetrate into the roots. Remove weeds and grass that compete for water around the trunk of the tree, replacing the area with 2-3 inches of mulch which will help to conserve moisture.

A good source of information on the drought and how it effects our trees during this time of drought can be found on the following on-line link:

<http://www.chron.com/disp/story.mpl/gardening/features/7645889.html>



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