



DEERFIELD VILLAGE NEWS

December, 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 hope that everyone had a great Thanksgiving with family and friends. As we go into the holiday season again, I'm looking forward to seeing the impressive displays of lights and decorations by the residents that have the courage to do it!

At the November Board meeting, the Trustees reviewed and approved the budget for 2012. I appreciate the hard work by the Financial Services Committee in putting this together and the other Committees that worked hard to tighten their belt, while keeping our commitments to the community. Although costs have gone up, including utilities, we have managed to keep the increase just above 2%.

In regards to this year's homeowner Assessment, we made an increase of \$12 per home to support our expenses. We are very fortunate that our Association is made up of volunteers, which allow us to enjoy a reasonable yearly Assessment, in comparison to the amenities and activities offered in Deerfield. Overall, we are financially solid and our commitment and passion in keeping Deerfield a safe, beautiful and fun community to live is very strong.

Please note that the Board will not meet in December, but we will meet on January 23, 2012. We will be available for regular business throughout December; however, the DVCA office will be closed on

Monday December 26th.

To be in compliance with upcoming 2012 laws, the upcoming 2012 elections will change. A property owner will need to print a ballot form from our website or pickup a ballot form from the office, and voting will be either in person, by email or fax, by USPS mail (received before the closing of the elections) or by Proxy. The election will be during the last week of February, closing on March 3rd. Ballot forms will be available in January 2012.

I want to give my sincere condolences to the Deerfield family of Jimmy Duncan, Jr. who passed away last month. Mr. Duncan was a singer, songwriter, composer and arranger. Two of his most famous songs were "I asked The Lord" which is in all of the Hymnals and, "My Special Angel." My Special Angel is the second most played song in the world.

Hope to see you at Deerfield's snow day on December 11th at the Recreation Center, and I wish you all a very safe and happy holiday.

Take care!



Trustee Election Information may be found on pages 3 and 4.

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
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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 281-463-2624, 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.

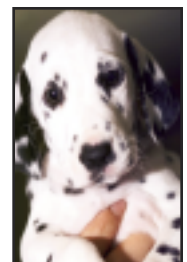
Please make certain that the grass/yard clippings along curbs are bagged. In case of a heavy rain, these clippings will be swept into the sewer system and block the runoff water; which in turn will flood our streets. Hurricane season is upon us and we will get heavy rains, so please be advised.



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



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

2012 DVCA Trustee Elections

Applications are now being accepted for 3 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 will be Tuesday, January 10th.

Posting of Nominees:

Applications received by the January 10th deadline will be posted in the February Newsletter and on the Web-site at www.deerfieldvillage.net

Election:

Tuesday through Friday, February 28 through March 2, between 9:30am thru 1:30pm and on Saturday March 3, between the hours of 10:00am and 1:00pm.

Board Meeting:

March 13th at 7:00pm the elected Trustees will be seated.

Position of Trustees:

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 2012:

Marie Nugent,
Arthur McDanel
Eric Toureilles – President

Term Expires 2013:

Louis Carpenter
Amy Lacy
Larry Burkhan – Vice President

Term Expires 2014:

Stuart Cory – Treasurer
Bruce Bott
Brent Burris

2012 Election Committee:

Brent Burris – Chair
June Stuart – Vice Chair
Amy Lacy – Member

APPLICATION FOR TRUSTEE – 2012

Please fill out this application and mail, email, fax or return to:

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NAME: _____

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**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.

Landscape Committee...

The Landscape Committee has been busy getting our last re-landscaping projects for 2011 completed. Our fall annuals have been planted. Watt Landscaping has done a great job with our landscaping projects.

I want to THANK all of the Landscape Committee members for their dedication, work and support they've given in volunteering for several years on the Committee.

Please Note: The Lawn Service is only mowing once each month until March 2012.

Constable's Report...

**Security Stats for
October, 2011**
Constable Dispatch:
281-463-6666 Contract # 87
Harris County Precinct #5

ACTIVITIES	TOTAL
Accidents	1
Alarms	6
Assaults	0
Burglaries	1
Burg Motor Vehicle	0
Citizens Assistance	20
Citizens Contact	103
Criminal Arrests	0
Criminal Mischief	1
Disturbance Calls	4
Suspicious Vehicles	3
Suspicious Persons	4
Thefts	1
Traffic Citations	0
Traffic Warnings	2
Vacation Watch	109

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

**Upcomming Deerfield Trustee
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be part of helping keep Deerfield
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Deerfield Events

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

Every Friday - Coffee and Donuts! 8:00AM to 9:30 AM.

Drop by the Rec Center for a cup of coffee and a donut, bring your paper to read, visit with your neighbor, catch up on what's happening in the neighborhood. Every Friday morning, and it's free...

Note: no Coffee and Donuts on Dec. 23 and 30.

Dec. 11th Annual Children's Christmas Snow Party.

2:00 PM to 3:30PM. We will have snow and a visit from the jolly old elf himself!

Dec 31st New Year's Eve Party!

Dec. 31st New Year Eve Party! It's a Casino Party at the Rec Center, so you can party and be safe by staying close to home. Tickets go on sale Dec. 1st, are \$25 per person, going up to \$35 on Dec. 19th. Ticket holders must be 21 years or older. Admission includes snacks, wine, beer, set-ups and a champagne toast! Each couple should bring a creative and tasteful unwrapped (\$20-\$25 value) for the closing auction.

Jan. 1st Polar Bear Swim!

2:00 PM to 3:00PM. Come freeze at the pool with a quick swim - or with the warm weather being predicted, come swim and catch some sun!

March 24th Deerfield Annual Garage Sale!

March 24th Deerfield Annual Garage Sale, 7:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Our annual neighborhood garage sale, with selling from your home, giving you the opportunity to sell off all that accumulated stuff. The registration fee is \$15, and registration begins Feb. 13th . Registration placards must be displayed for all participating homes.

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 Bunco 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



Recreation Committee ...

December 11th is the annual Children's Christmas Snow Party. We will have snow, as well as a visit from Santa. So bring a camera and take your child or grandchild's picture with Santa. But don't let them get too dressed up, because there will be snow to play in! The even is from 2:00 to 3:30, at the Rec Center.

And after an absence of a year we will be having the New Year Eve Casino Party again. We are keeping the cost down to what it was last time - \$25 per person. We raise the price week before the event because we have to make adjustments based on tickets sold, so buy early and save yourself money. This is a big event and takes a lot of people- we can use the help if you can help us put it on - and you will be surprised how much fun it is to help out on the event.

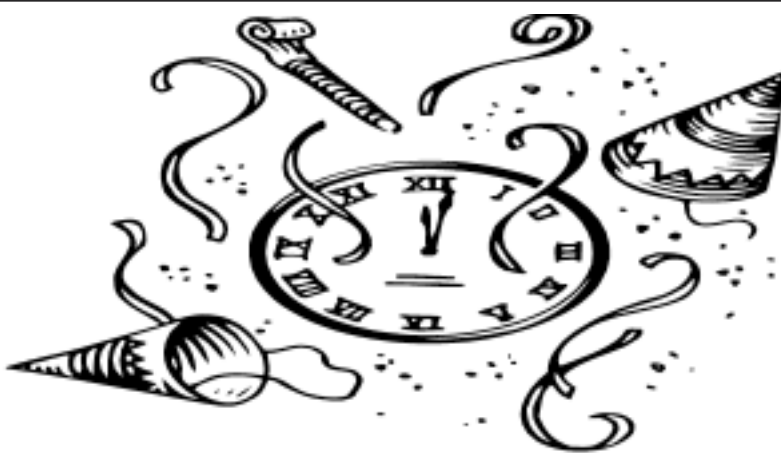
We continue with the Coffee and Donuts on Friday's, at 8:00AM. We will not have them on Dec. 23rd or 30th

because of the Christmas Holidays. Come by and have a donut, tea, or hot chocolate, and learn what's happening...

March 24th is the date for our Annual Spring Garage Sale. This will be at your house, so you don't need to truck stuff to the Rec Center. All participants need to register - the fee covers the cost of security and advertising.

The Committee is looking at the 2012 schedule, and we are considering a February adult dinner, plus our Music on the Green events, kid's parties and many other events. Come by and join the committee; we meet on the second Tuesday of the month, 7:00PM, at the Rec Center.

We are looking for new bands to play at the Music on the Green. We are looking for adult bands which can play a variety of music - country, rock, classics, etc. Band member should be Deerfield Residents, although that is not an absolute requirement. We pay a small stipend in appreciation for the performance. As for teen bands, we are considering a teen Battle of the Bands for next year, if we find the interest.



GOODBYE 2011 ... HELLO 2012! NEW YEAR'S EVE CASINO PARTY

At the Rec Center, December 31 -
7:30 p.m. until ... \$25 per person

Due to fire code restrictions, tickets are limited.

Buy yours now at the Rec Center office! Ticket holders must be 21 years or older. Admission includes light snacks, wine, beer, set-ups and a champagne toast! Each couple should bring a creative tasteful and unwrapped gift (\$20 - \$25 value) for the closing auction.

Volunteers are needed to operate the games. Please sign up at the Rec Center office if you would like to help. Training will be provided

“ATTENTION DEERFIELD VILLAGE SENIOR RESIDENTS 55+”

Did you know if you are age 55 years or older that you can attend free classes and other excellent educational seminars at the Thomas A Glazier Senior Education Center, located at 16600 Pine Forest Lane, Houston, TX 77084???. However, you must register for these classes. The contact number is 713-274-3250 for registration information and date schedule of classes.”

MUD 136 Board Report...

by Jay Singleton, Secretary

At its November meeting, the Board reviewed the District's operations during the previous month. In October, the District delivered 17,800,000 gallons of water, a 25% reduction from September. Since that usage is closer to normal for this time of year, we have lifted the watering restrictions and removed the alert signs.

However, the need for water conservation has not gone away. The current drought is expected to extend well into Spring and the annual pattern of lower than normal rainfall is expected to last for the rest of this decade. For more information, log on to www.whcrwa.com/index.html. There you will find a slide presentation by the meteorologist for the Harris County Flood Control District given at a town hall meeting. It explains just how grim the outlook is.

Another bit of bad news is that the cost of water will be going up. Effective January 1, 2012, the West Harris County Regional Water Authority (WHCRWA), which sells us the water we use, is raising their fee from \$1.85 to \$2.10 per 1000 gallons. That cost will first be reflected in your February bill next to the words "Regional Water Authority".

A great way to offset that cost increase is to conserve more water. The website

www.wateruseitwisely.com

offers many useful tips for doing this. If you have any other suggestions for reducing water consumption, please submit your ideas to any of the Directors. If you wish to offer your ideas in person or to comment on any of the District's activities, come to the next District meeting, which will be held on Thursday, December 15, at the Rec Center beginning at 6PM.

Date and Time of Committee and Board Meetings...

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 Toureilles		281-855-0312
Financial Services	Tuesday before Board Meeting	7:00 PM	Stuart Cory	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 Toureilles		281-855-0312
Recreation Center	2nd Tuesday	7:00 PM	Louis Carpenter	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...

Note: There will not be a Finance Committee meeting in December. Have a Safe Holiday Season.

Meetings: 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:00pm to review the financial status of our community.

As of October 31, 2011

YTD expenses	\$ 509,258	2011 Budget	\$627,182
YTD budget	538,926	Designated reserve	576,789
Under/(Over) budget	29,668	Undesignated reserves	13,767

Expenditures: Expenses continue to come in below budget with income above budget. The combination of both will give DVCA a larger surplus than originally forecasted.

Assessments: We have collected \$640,696(97.64%) of the 2011 assessments.
Collection rate remains slightly ahead of the 2010 rate.

2012 Budget: Budget for 2012 has been finalized and will be presented to the Board for approval.

Always looking for new members if interested come join us for one of the meeting's or,
give me call 281-859-4504

Pet Hot Line...

Alert to pet owners: If your pet has been "chipped", be advised that the computer "chip" may "travel" over time. I recently took one dog to 2 different vets and no "chip" could be located. I then called the "chip" company and they advised me that the "chip" may have gone dead or had "traveled" to another part of the animal's body. After taking the dog to get a new "chip" at Farm and Ranch Free Chipping last month - and scanning her whole body - it was determined that the chip had indeed traveled to the side of her upper right leg. Every time you visit the vet, have them scan the whole body for that "chip". Marie Nugent: 281-859-1104



The Deerfield Village Pool Committee

Wishing everyone a very Merry
Christmas and Happy New year !
May all your Holidays
be filled with Joy

The Annual Deerfield Village Polar Bear
Swim will be on Sunday Jan. 1 st @ 2:00
Hot Chocolate and Cookies too !

**** Next meeting will be Monday Jan. 9th @ 7:00 pm****

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Katherine Tyra Branch Library @ Bear Creek

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

Each month is filled with new 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.

Going to be away this Christmas?

Be sure to Contact the Constables Office to have your home put on vacation watch. There is no charge for this service. Our contract number with the Constable's Office is #87. Forms may be obtained at the Deerfield web site: www.deerfieldvillage.net or at the Deerfield management Office in the Recreation center.



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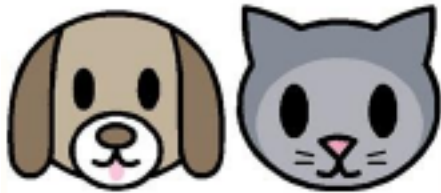


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Date: January 14th, 2012

Time: 10:00 until 3:00

Location: 4045 Deerfield Village Dr. - Parking Lot

Pot Luck Supper

*Come to our POT LUCK SUPPER...
December 4th, at the Rec Center. Join us at 5:30pm to meet and visit. Dinner is at 6:00pm. Bring a dish to share with your neighbors. Bringing a Family Specialty Dish to our supper is always a delightful treat. This event is open to ALL Deerfield residents. There is a small \$1.00 charge per person to cover paper goods. See you there!!!*

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

Saturday, Sunday

Dec. 17 & 18

10-6 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. Any questions or just need more info, please call Sylvia Contreras at 832-894-9683. Thanks for supporting CyLakes Color Guard!

Boy Scout Troop 120...

Hi, it's me again, Morgan Kennon from Troop 120! It's been busy lately since we had another big campout! We went to Mertz Ranch on 10/21/11 and left on the 23rd, and did lots of fun things. The first night the Mertz family served us a LOT of good food- ribs, chicken, and corn! We practiced archery and learned how to use a bow and arrows in the morning. Later, we built a trebuchet and scouts were able to practice lashings. After lunch we played football for a while. The best part was "pumpkin chunking" and that went on for what seemed like 30 minutes! We then went on a nature hike for a first-class requirement. We played football soon after.

Later we had cobbler or ice cream for those who disliked it shockingly! Then we played football while leadership patrol and other older scouts went in the game room for pool. Eventually we went to bed exhausted. We all had a good time.

Morgan Kennon,
Troop 120 Scribe



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DEERFIELD VILLAGE SUMMER & FALL SALES ACTIVITY 2011

- 16 Are now Active, 0 Fore./Short Sale from \$99.9K to \$238K @ \$50-\$75 Price/SF
- 3 Are now Pending, 1 Foreclosures from \$172K to \$238K @ \$58-\$71 Price/SF
- 17 Sold since May, 2 Foreclosures from \$109K to \$280K @ \$43-\$80 Price/SF
- Average Days On the Market for the Sold Homes was 65 Days (Most 375-Least 8)
- Updated Homes did Sell Faster and at a Higher Price/SqFt, with fewer days on Mkt

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