

DEERFIELD VILLAGE NEWS

May, 2012

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President's Report...

By Eric Toureilles - DVCA Board President

Dear Neighbors,

Good news for those of you that love to play and swim in the water, the pool is open on weekends in May. If you are a Deerfield Dolphin, well, you get more play time to practice your swimming skills, and I hope you go all the way to 2012 champs! Go Dolphins!

Notice: The May DVCA Board meeting will be on Wednesday, May 30th at 7PM., not on the regularly scheduled Monday, since that falls on Memorial Day. This change was voted upon and approved at the April Board meeting. These meetings are open to the public, so feel free to come join us.

We have been very fortunate that the first quarter of this year has brought us lots of rain, and our grass/plants are happy and growing. Please remember to keep your lawn cut and bushes trimmed, keeping our community a beautiful place to live. Nobody likes to get a letter from the HOA, yuck! If you get a letter from the Deeds Committee and have already addressed and corrected the issue, don't worry about it, otherwise, take care of it right away. If you have a special circumstance, it's important that you contact us and let us know, as it benefits all of us. Also, you may wish to check with your neighbors, sometimes they are willing to help.

If you walk the greenbelt, you may have noticed a sink hole along the sidewalk between Cadbury and Timsbury. The hole is on Harris County property and they have been contacted and are aware of the urgency to fill this sink



hole. For the safety of the residents, it has been marked with orange plastic fencing. Harris County Flood Control will make the repairs after getting approval back from the "Flood District" which could take up to 2-3 weeks. We are staying on top of them to get this expedited, but nothing goes fast with County projects. Also, it is likely they will take out part of the sidewalk when they fill in the sink hole. If they do, we will make sure this area is well marked, so walkers and joggers can go around. Please be careful in this area until this is resolved.

Lastly, thank you for the condolences, prayers and support, as many of us mourned the passing of Deerfield Resident and my father, John Toureilles. Those of you that attended the memorial service know that he touched the lives of many people and always did what he could to serve the community. He is one of the reasons why I am serving the DV community, as he was proud of that. Remember to enjoy the precious moments you have with loved ones, this is very important and priceless.

Take care!

The DVCA Office will be closed on May 3rd, 4th and 7th.

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

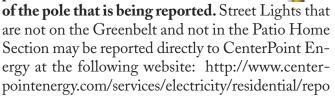
If you are a new resident in Deerfield Village, please feel free to stop by the DVCA Office, Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:30am and 1:30pm, to obtain additional information about the community and the DVCA facilities. You may also wish to pick up a key to the Tennis Courts. The keys are \$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 281-463-2624, 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@sbc-global.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



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.

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. A tag with a cell # is the best because the cell phone is usually with the owner when he is not home..



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

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

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

MUD 136 Board Report...

HCMUD 136 REPORT- APRIL 2012 By Neil Polansky, President

A few items of note from our special meeting on April 18th, and some timely water conservation tips....

Harris County Precinct 3 has requested that HCMUD 136 allow a sanitary sewer tie-in to our collection line south of Pine Forest Lane. Harris County is developing another phase of Bill Archer Park, and needs a sewer tie-in for an approx. 63 acre zoo and wildlife area which will ultimately replace the zoo in Bear Creek Park. The project, still in the design phase, includes a future performance area and over 500 parking spaces. Naturally, we are concerned about traffic and environmental impacts as well as the effect on our sewer capacity, and will monitor the design of the project. Our MUD directors always ask the tough questions.

Some spring and summer water conservation tips.

Q. When should I water?

A. Signs of stressed grass include dull green color, footprints that remain visible, or curled leaf blades. Water only after the top 2" of the soil has dried out. Check moisture by feel with a soil probe or screwdriver. For most plants and grasses, no water is required during the winter months....turn the irrigation system off!

Q. What time of day should I water?

A. Evaporation loss can be 60% higher during the day, so water during the early morning or in the evening. Brown patch fungus is caused by over-wa-

tering and high fertility, not by watering at night.

Q. How often and how much should I water?

A. No more than 1" per week during hot and dry conditions. This amount will promote deep root systems and cause grasses and shrubs to be drought tolerant. Root growth peaks during spring so it is especially important to start your watering schedule during this time of year. Over-watering results in a shallow root system that is vulnerable to drought conditions. Over-watered turf can be retrained by slowly adjusting it to longer periods between watering.

Q. What should I water?

A. Only plants and grasses! Don't water the sidewalks and driveways. Use a broom or blower to sweep debris - this can save up to 100 gallons per 5 minutes of work!

Q. When should I mow?

A. Mow the grass only when it is dry, keep mowing blades sharp, and don't cut more than 1/3 of its length at one time.

Q. How can I conserve soil moisture?

A. Use lots of mulch; it will make shrubs and trees more tolerant to scorching Texas heat. For the lawn, do not bag the clippings. Mulched grass clippings hold in moisture, reduce evaporation, moderate temperature, and return nutrients to the lawn. Compost leaves, grass and food waste whenever possible, and add to garden and plant soil.

If you wish to comment on any of the District's activities, please write us or attend our next monthly meeting, May 10, 2012 @ 6pm, Deerfield Village Recreation Center. Meetings are free and open to the public.

Deerfield Christmas Bazaar Committee...

"The Christmas Bazaar Committee decorates the recreation center each year for the Holidays and would like to obtain gently used or new Christmas garland and decorations...If you have any Christmas decorations, garland, etc. that you no longer need or use, or any that you would like to donate, we will be happy to pick it up. Call Sharon at 281 859-0174 or Tressa at 281 455-2633. Thank you for your help!"

Mosquitoes Beware!!!

Spraying Schedule For Mosquitoes

Basic spraying of the subdivision, will be once a week, between Thursday and Sunday. starting after 9:00 PM, ending before 6:00 AM, weather permitting. It started the last weekend of March, and will end the first weekend of November..

Larvicide treatment of the storm drains on a monthly basis April - October, weather permitting.

Green Belt fogging as needed April - October, weather permitting.

Chemicals used are free of carcinogenics and safe to be used around pets and children. However, don't let children run behind the spray trucks breathing the fumes, that would not be good for anyone.

Landscaping Committee...

The community grounds are getting into shape from our short winter. We've been trimming trees, grinding stumps. Working on flower choices for the spring color.

Parents, please keep your children off the deer at the front of the Rec Center. The landscaped area between the Rec Center & the Pool, with the rocks, isn't a play area for kids. When something is damaged it's not just costing the Committee, it cost the Community to repair or replace the damage.

A concern is people of all sizes & ages climbing on the low branches of the big Oak tree at the end of the tennis courts, next to the Rec Center. Yes, it's very inviting, we have a concern for the safety of humans & the tree branches. PLEASE stay off the tree!

The Landscape Committee will be replacing a sidewalk area in the near future. If anyone is interested in talking with the Company we use for any personal cement work, call the DVCA Office Manager at 281-463-2624 to leave your name and number.

Swimming Pool Committee...

Deerfield Village Pool Committee

The weather is warming up and so is the pool water temperature!

The Pool will open Saturday May 5th!

May Pool schedule -Saturday & Sunday only

10:00am -11:00am - Adult swim

11:00am -8:00pm - All Swim

Pool Tags will be required starting June 12th to enter the Pool. If you do not have a Pool tag, sign-up and pictures will be held during the Memorial Day Pool Party May 28th.

If you are unable to attend this date, please contact June at the Deerfield Office between the hours of 8:30am-1:30pm to schedule an appointment with her.

Our Deerfield Dolphins Swim Team season is here and we encourage you to come up to the Swim meets and cheer for our team!

GO DOLPHINS!



Pool Committee Meetings held monthly. We encourage new

members to join us.

Get in Shape for the Summer!

Water Aerobic Classes at Pine Forest Country Club NEW Resort Pool!

No need to be a member or know how to swim

Classes start May through August

Tues/Thurs 7:00pm-8:00pm

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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 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	Rey Sarmiento	281-856-5013

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

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 thru May - Coffee and Donuts! 8:00AM to 9:30 AM.

Coffee and Donuts! Every Friday Morning thru May, 8:00 AM to 9:30 AM at the Rec Center. (First Friday of the month is paperback exchange - bring one/take one.)

May 5th - Swimming Pool Opens!

The start of another swim season; the pool opens for general swim on weekends starting on the first weekend of May.

May 28th - Memorial Day Pool Party 3:00 to 5:00 PM

Where else but at the pool! There will be games, hot dogs, snow cones, drinks and the fantastic pool slide.

June 2nd - Music on the Green! 6:00 to 9:00 PM

A beautiful night, classic rock, bring your friends! It's a new band – Get Back Ten. What more could you want – oh yeah, bring your chairs, drinks and snacks.

June 3rd - Pot Luck Supper 5:30 PM

Come to our POT LUCK SUPPER...June 3rd, 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!!!

July 4th - Festival!

It's more than a pool party – it's our spectacular Holiday festival! There will be a kids parade, kids games, pool games, food, bingo, and more. So if you are in town, come on down to the Rec Center. The fun starts at 1:30 with the kids' bicycle parade.

Recreation Committee ...

We had a great Easter Egg Hunt, with another visit by the Deerfield Bunny. The kids loved the egg hunt obviously – they picked all the eggs in a record time. And the games before the hunt were a success, something we will repeat next year.

Our next big event is the Memorial Day Pool Party – with the pool slide from 2 to 6PM, and snow cones and hot dogs. Come on down, have a treat and enjoy the games.

After that is our June Music on the Green with a new band called "Get Back Ten". They will be playing a variety of rock and roll classics. It's out on the Green and we have ordered up weather that's not too hot or too buggy.

The Fourth of July Party will be bigger than ever. We will be having a kid's bike parade at 1:30 – help your kid's decorate their bikes, trikes, wagons or buggy for the parade. After that will be kid's games, pool

games (and pool slide), and later bingo for the adults who will be playing in the club house. If we can find some teenagers to help organize a volleyball tournament, we will be having that too. And we will be looking into providing BBQ dinners at a reasonable price. We expect Pine Forest will have their annual July 4thFireworks that you can watch from the Green. All together it should be a great time to enjoy the 4th at home.

Coffee and Donuts on Friday's at 8:00 will continue through May, then only on the last Friday of the month of June, July and August. This is a pilot to see if people want to enjoy Coffee and Donuts during the summer.

We have more big ideas, like a Polynesian night. We can always use help on making great events for the sub-division – come join us at 7:00 PM on the 2nd Tuesday of the month.



Come join us in our 35th year as a Northwest Aquatic League team!

The Deerfield Dolphins are open to kids ages 4-18 from Deerfield or any other subdivision that does NOT already have a team. You need to be comfortable in the water but the strokes and techniques will be taught.

www.deerfielddolphins.org

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

Financial Services Committee...

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

As of March 31, 2012

 YTD expenses
 \$ 118,279
 2012 Budget
 \$597,038

 YTD budget
 \$113,731
 Designated reserve
 639,570

 Under/(Over) budget
 (4,548)

Expenditures: Over budget is caused by the spreading of the budget compared to when actual

expenses are incurred. In total we are still inline with the total budget.

Assessments: We have collected \$630,697(94.83%) of the 2012 assessments. We are slightly ahead (.5%) of the last collection rate. Thanks to all the residents for paying

promptly.

For those who have not remitted the 2012 assessment late charges, interest and administrative fees are accruing on the unpaid balance. Liens for all unpaid assessments and other fees will be filed in June.

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

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SPRING TENNIS SOCIAL

Mark your calendars for this year's Spring Tennis Social put on by the Tennis Committee. All ages and levels are welcome!!! Bring a snack to share if you want to; the balls and drinks are on us!! Get ready for some fun tennis, a chance to meet new people, and some good exercise.

When: Saturday, May 19, 2012

Time: 6-9 PM

Where: Deerfield Tennis Courts

What: Bring a dish to share (Balls and drinks provided)

Who: Contact: Deerfieldvillagetennis@yahoo.com with any questions



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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: Amy Zimmerman at 512-762-9262 for more information on dates, times and meeting places.

Constable's Report...

Security Stats for March, 2012

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

ACTIVITIES	TOTAL
Accidents	6
Alarms	17
Assaults	0
Burglaries	0
Burg Motor Vehicle	6
Citizens Assistance	4
Citizens Contact	NR
Criminal Arrests	0
Criminal Mischief	1
Disturbance Calls	7
Suspicious Vehicles	2
Suspicious Persons	1
Thefts	1
Traffic Citations	0
Traffic Warnings	4
Vacation Watch	54

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

Yoga

May 9th, 16th and 23rd

from 6:45pm to 7:45pm at Deerfield Village Annex building

Wear comfortable jogging/walking shoes; bring Yoga mat. Come out and enjoy Yoga while cleansing your mind, body, and soul.

> Contact Kimberly McGivern 281-743-7883

EVERY VOTE COUNTS!

Pon't forget to vote for your preferred candidate at the upcoming Primary Elections on May 29th from 7:00am until 7:00pm at the DVCA Recreation Center.

Phil Camus HARRIS COUNTY CONSTABLE'S OFFICE PRECINCT FIVE

VACATION WATCH

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE ALL INFORMATION

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OR COMPLETE IT AND CALL (281) 463-6666 TO HAVE A

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Security Committee...

SECURITY ALARM SUBSCRIBERS

Do you have a home alarm system? Is it monitored by the alarm company?

If your answer is yes to both of these questions, then the following information could increase the response time. You should call your alarm company and provide them with the Pct. 5 Constable's Office number: 281-463-6666. This is a direct number to the Harris County Pct. 5 dispatch who can immediately send a unit to your address.

If "911" is contacted in a non-life threating situation, the response time could be delayed due to the 911 operator having to re-route the call to the Constable Dispatch office.

This phone number should be included in your home phone and cell phone speed dial directory. When calling the Constable Dispatch number you should mention that you are a Deerfield Village resident. Our contract number with Harris County Pct. 5 Constable is #87. Telephone stickers for the Constable's office are available at the Deerfield Village Community Center office.

In case of a fire or medical emergency, call "911".

This information is provided by the Harris County Constable's office and your DVCA Security Committee: Chairman: Kirk Aden; Vice Chairman: George Hintz

Pet Alert...

On Sunday March 18th a Yellow Crested Night Heron (Squawk) was found by some gardeners. It was lying on the ground apparently shot with a pellet or worse. I took it to Tx. Wildlife and they said it was an adult. They will alert the State Warden.

Since we live near a reservoir we do get a lot of wild life in and around Deerfield. Please take note. These birds are FEDERALLY PROTECTED. The MIGRATORY BIRD TREATY ACT PROTECTS these birds. There is a \$500 fine and 6 months in jail for persons or person who damages the nest, eggs, birds etc. This is the 2nd yellow crested night heron to be shot. One was found shot and dead last spring.



PLEASE HAVE AN
ID TAG
ON YOUR PET.

Marie Nugent: 281-859-1104



Katherine Tyra Branch Library @ Bear Creek

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

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DEERFIELD VILLAGE MARKET NEWS

PROPERTY TAX EVALUATIONS FOR 2012 HAVE ARRIVED

The Harris County Appraisal District, HCAD, has been sending out the new property evaluations for 2012 this spring. The deadline to file your tax protest is the end of May, 2012. There will be an ifile number on the paperwork you get from HCAD and you can file your protest online by following the instructions, but you will need to place a value on that form. As always, you can call me to get a current market analysis for your home, at no charge, and the Sold Comps for 2011, to help you with the protest process.

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

