



DEERFIELD VILLAGE NEWS

November, 2013

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

Greetings Neighbor,

This month I am going to focus on Security again, given we had 4 burglaries in October, and one with lots of police activity. There were two burglaries between October 1 – 17th while we had the Constable patrolling the village, and two burglaries under SEAL's watch. The last burglary was different, as Sheriff and SEAL used their K9's, DPS helicopter and other resources to try to catch this intruder. They were not giving up without a fight to find this criminal. Unfortunately, he did get away, but they were able to get blood samples from the scene, as he cut himself during the altercation with the home owner. The burglar got nothing from this home owner, except getting hurt. This is not typical, as burglars run if they are seen or you make noise and turn on lights. I feel that SEAL and Sheriff's department handled the situation very well and responded in minutes to the scene.

You probably have noticed more visibility with SEAL patrolling, and who knows how many attempts have been prevented. I am glad I don't live in some of the neighboring subdivisions where this is an everyday occurrence and/or do not have security. However, on that note, camera's, security patrols, fences are only a few things that deter crime. I need your help to keep these criminals out of our community. Don't be an easy target by doing a few simple things. Keep a couple of outside lights on, report to the office any street lights that are out, lock your car and doors to your home, and keep your garage closed (especially at night). If you are going on vacation, tell a neighbor and/or contact SEAL so they can do a vacation watch on your home. If you have the ability to be home during the day, volunteer as a block captain, it is not hard. Volunteer to be on the Security Committee and find out what you can do to help your neighbors. Come on people, I know there is lots of interest in making your neigh-

borhood safer and more secure, we have to organize and we need your participation. We can sit there and hope it will get better and that someone else will volunteer; or you can join us and make a difference. The residents on the Board and Committees are all volunteers and they need your help. The more of us there is, the stronger we are. It is



an exciting time to be on the Security Committee, as SEAL has joined our team and they will be advising us on things we can do to improve the safety and security of the neighborhood. They will be at most of our events, if you want to ask them questions. They attended the 10/28 Board meeting and met with over 20 residents and did some Q/A. There were several great suggestions from residents and SEAL. Thanks for letting me get on my soap box, but this is a very important issue to this Board and me (your elected president).

Reminder - Please **call 911 if it is an emergency** and S.E.A.L. Security at **(832) 408-0200, which is a dedicated hotline for Deerfield residents only**. Make sure your alarm company also has the information to SEAL, as they will likely respond first. Minutes in these situations are extremely important.

I hope everyone had a great Halloween and I wish you and your family a great Thanksgiving!

Take care.

Election Day November 5th, 7AM-7PM at the Deerfield Recreation Center
The Deerfield Village Office will be closed November 28th and 29th for Thanksgiving.

Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour Saturday night – November 2nd before going to bed! Times goes back to Central Standard time on Sunday, November 3rd.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS:

ANY Police, Fire or Ambulance Emergency 911
S.E.A.L Neighborhood Patrol 832-408-0200
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 & Sewer Sewer Information. 281-347-8686
County Pets 713-999-3191
Illegal Dumping 713-920-2831

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.

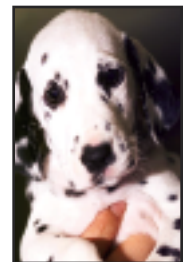
Please make certain that the grass/yard clippings along curbs are bagged. In case of a heavy rain, these clippings will be swept into the sewer system and block the runoff water; which in turn will flood our streets.



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

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 the month at 7:00pm to review the financial status of our community. November meeting is 11/19/2013

Financial status as of September 30, 2013

YTD expenses	\$ 447,249	2013 Operating/Reserve Budget	\$674,212
YTD budget	470,879		
Under/(Over) budget	\$ 23,630	Designated reserve	\$700,803

Expenditures: Actual expenses continue to be at or below budgeted levels.

Assessments: We have collected \$645,237 (97.00%) of the 2013 assessments. We are .12% behind last years collection rate. Slowly but surely we are closing in on last years rate.

As the President's October letter indicated, the 2014 Budget was approved by the Board with no increase in the assessment. Residents need to thank the Committees for keeping the lid on expenses by negotiating favorable contracts and monitoring day to day expenses. Also, thanks to all the residents that have paid the assessment in a timely manner.

Reminder residents should receive the 2014 Assessment Invoice before November 15th. If you have not received by then contact the DVCA office and request a copy.

Pool Committee...

The Deerfield Swim Pool Committee would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Thanksgiving!



*The Swimming Pool Committee meets the 2nd Monday of the Month.
We encourage new members to join us.*

Community Services...

The Community Services Committee meets the 1st Monday of each Month. We encourage new members to join us.



YOGA IN November!

1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Wednesdays at 7:00pm.
All residents are welcome!

Come out to the Rec Center Annex (upstairs) and treat yourself to a strength building and deeply relaxing class. Bring water and a mat. Classes are donation based. Feel free to contact Kimberly at 512-529-8948, if you have any questions. Hope to see you there!



Residential Recycling of Texas

www.residentialrecyclingtexas.com

1-866-516-9805

Residential Recycling of Texas and Deerfield Village will be providing Electronic Recycling and Document Shredding. This allows residents to recycle electronic items that are not accepted with the weekly "household" recycling service and to shred/destroy any important documents. Documents will be shredded **on sight** while you watch. If you have any questions regarding this event please contact Residential Recycling at 1-866-516-9805.

Details for Event

Saturday, November 2, 2013

Recreation Center Parking Lot

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Items We Accept:

- Personal computers
- TV's (\$25.00 disposal Fee)
- Keyboards, mouse, and speakers
- Cameras
- Switches & routers
- Cords & cables
- Game consoles
- Small kitchen appliances
- Computer monitors (including: CRT, LCD, LED, Plasma)
- Laptops
- Hard drives
- Car batteries
- Memory chips
- Hubs and routers
- Tape drives
- Printers, copiers, and plotters
- Fax machines
- PDAs
- Projectors
- Rechargeable batteries
- Telephones
- Cell phones
- Toner cartridges
- Paper Documents For Shredding
- If item not on list – call us – we'll find out for you and let you know prior to October 30.

TV's accepted – but fee of \$25.00 each for disposal

NOT ACCEPTED

CFL/flourescent light bulbs

Paint

Major appliances

Aerosol Containers

Mud 136 Report...

By Neil Polansky, President

At the Board's October meeting various issues were discussed at length, including the ongoing Texas drought, upgrades to the water and sewer facilities by our partners, and District taxes and rates.

As mentioned previously in this column our sewer treatment plant operator- Jackrabbit Road PUD- is knee deep in a significant expansion of its facilities. You may have noticed the new lift station onsite as well as the new concrete fence separating the plant from Pine Forest Dr. Most plant odors won't be mitigated by the fence (not high enough), and since the prevailing winds are usually from the S and SE we suspect main role of the fence is security. Looks much better, however.

HCMUD 136 directors will be taking a tour of all district and partner facilities within the next few months. Stay tuned to www.hcmud136.org for dates and times of our plant tours, which will include tours of:

- HCMUD 136 water and wastewater facilities and plants
- Jackrabbit Road PUD Sewage Treatment Plant
- WHCRWA water plant

We've received word that future Consumer Confidence Reports (CCR's) can be posted on our website rather than individually mailed. Rest assured that we'll get you the information you need regarding our water quality as soon as possible. We will always mail the CCR upon request if you desire a hard copy. Because our main water source has shifted to surface water via the WHCRWA, we monitor their CCR's as well.

At the October meeting the HCMUD 136 Board unanimously set the 2013 tax rate at \$0.215 per \$100 of assessed valuation to fund maintenance and operating expenditures. This is the same tax rate as 2012. The estimated taxable value of the District should be around \$184,000,000 or close to the aggregate assessed value from 2012.

Your HCMUD 136 directors continue to press the West Harris County Regional Water Authority for updated construction timing and logistics affecting Deerfield Village. To this end, we normally have a director at each WHCRWA meeting as well as their periodic "town halls". The www.whcrwa.com website has little construction-related information, and isn't user friendly for its member districts and the public so we make sure to attend the monthly meetings.

THIS JUST IN!! The WHCRWA Town Hall meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 12 @ 6pm, Fry Road MUD Administration Building, 20111 Saums Rd., Katy, Tx. 77449. We'll see you there.

The upcoming Electronics Recycling and Shredding event will take place Saturday, November 2, 2013 from 10am-2pm in the DVCA Rec. Center parking lot. This is a NO CHARGE recycling event (see list of acceptable items in the October 2013 DVCA Newsletter, or elsewhere in this newsletter) with the exception of CRT-style tube TV's which will have a \$25 fee for disposal per unit. This event is for HCMUD 136 residents and customers ONLY.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, November 14 @ 6pm, DVCA Rec. Center. We hope to see you there.

S. E. A. L. Security Is On Patrol



Our new security service is now patrolling Deerfield. If you need their assistance, just call 832-408-0200. For urgent emergencies, such as a crime in progress, please call 911.

Day Shift Officer
Joseph Mendoza
and his partner K9
"Meck"

Deerfield Events

Upcoming Events...

Texas Hold 'em 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

Ladies Social

4:00 PM to 6:00PM, 4th Thursday of the month. No Social in November and December, due to the Holidays. See you again January 23rd, 2014. It's at the Rec Center, and is an opportunity for the ladies to get out and relax... It is bring your own beverage, and sorry guys, but it's meant for the ladies...

Coffee and Donuts!

Every Friday, 8:30 AM – it's Coffee and Donuts! It's open to ALL residents – and is a great place to visit with your neighbors, share experiences with different repairmen, and hear the news in the neighborhood. On the last Friday of the month we have a DVD/Book/Jigsaw puzzle swap – bring one, take one..

October 31st Halloween Trunk or Treat.

At the Rec Center parking lot, 5:00PM to 6:00PM. Residents are encouraged to come and provide treats from their cars to our neighborhood children.

Nov. 8th & 9th Christmas Bazaar

at Rec Center. Come look, admire and buy! Lots of new items!

Dec. 1st, 6:00PM – Holiday Pot Luck Dinner – at the Recreation Center Clubhouse. Come at 5:30PM to meet and visit! Bring your “Family Specialty Dish” to share!

Children's Snow Party!

December 8th, 2:00PM the annual Children's Snow Party! Come play in the snow, and visit with Santa!

New Year Eve Party

December 31st adult New Year Eve Party. It starts at 8:00PM. There will be live music for those wanting a time to be with their partner, and a casino upstairs for those wanting some action. Tickets go on sale Dec. 1st

January 1st Polar Bear Swim

1:00PM. Where else – at the Pool! Only for 1 hour.

March 29th - Annual Garage Sale starts at 7:00AM

Recreation Committee...

The Chili Cook Off and Music on the Green were enjoyed by a good size crowd. The chili was really excellent and the evening was great, with good music to relax by. And a big thanks to Troop120 for selling soft drinks and ice cream.

The Halloween Party will be over by the time this newsletter gets out – it will have been a ‘Trunk or Treat’ in the Rec Center parking lot. Kids really enjoy it, and it’s easy for all.

At these events we have been conducting a survey to see what events people like and how best to communicate. One learning is the street signs are effective, so we will be relying on them more. More on the survey results in future months.

Dec. 8th, 2:00PM is the annual Snow Party. And yes,

Santa is expected to show up. Parents bring your cameras to take a picture of your child with Santa!

We will be having an adult New Year’s Eve party! It starts at 8:00PM, and while we will have a casino upstairs, we will have live music and a relaxing time downstairs. There will be a little food of a few appetizers and desserts, and there will be beer and soft drinks, plus a champagne toast at midnight. Tickets are \$15 a person, \$30 a couple. This year we are going to try something different – if you volunteer to bring a appetizer or dessert the ticket price will be slightly lower - \$12.50 a person. This will make the event a little friendlier. Tickets go on sell Dec. 1st. Tickets will be limited since capacity is limited. (And ticket prices go up after Dec. 25.)

And for those who plan ahead - the 2014 Garage Sale is scheduled for Saturday, March 29th.

Deerfield Christmas Bazaar Committee...

35th ANNUAL DEERFIELD VILLAGE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR & MARKET

Friday, Nov. 8th • 12noon – 8pm • Saturday, Nov. 9th • 9am – 4pm

Deerfield Village Recreation Center • 4045 Deerfield Village Dr.
At Clay Road & Barker Cypress

Come Enjoy the Magic of Christmas Start your Christmas Shopping Early!!

Non-perishable food donations accepted.

For detailed map – www.deerfieldvillage.net



Pot Luck Supper

Come to our POT LUCK SUPPER...December 1st, 2013 at 5:30pm., 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!!!

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

Pet Hot Line News...

FOR ALL NEW RESIDENTS WITH PETS:

Please call me for a Pet Hotline tag for your pet. If your pet gets lost and has the tag the finder can call me and I will call you and arrange to return your pet. Tags from another city or state make it hard to get your pet back as quickly asap. The Pet Hotline tag has my home and cell #. I keep a log with a photo, breed, pet's name, your name, address and phone contact numbers. A rabies tag is great for ID, but, many Vets are not contactable 24/7 and, the finder may not be able to keep

your pet several days.

"ATTENTION!!! ALL PET OWNERS

Keep your dog safe by making sure the gates are locked during garbage day pick-up. Pets will bark and jump at the gate, and if it is not latched properly, they will get out. Tuesdays and Fridays are the days I get the most calls for missing pets!"

Marie Nugent: 281-859-1104

Date and Time of Committee and Board Meetings...

Committee	Meeting Dates*	Time	Board Trustee	Committee Chair	Phone
Community Services	1st Monday	7:30 PM	Bruce Boff	Rick Johnson	281-550-8895
Deed Restrictions	1st Monday	7:00 PM	Brent Burris		
DVCA Board	4th Monday	7:00 PM	Eric Tourelles		281-855-0312
Financial Services	3rd Tuesday of the month	7:00 PM	Stuart Cory	Mike Feeney	281-859-4504
Landscape	2nd Monday	7:00 PM	Arthur McDanel		
MUD #136	2nd Thursday	6:00 PM	Eric Tourelles		281-855-0312
Recreation Center	2nd Tuesday	7:00 PM	Louis Carpenter	Peter Howell	281-463-1360
Security	2nd Tuesday	7:00 PM	Larry Burkham	Kirk Aden	281-855-7103
Swimming Pool	2nd Monday	7:00 PM	Sigmund Potocki	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.

Tennis Committee...

Great way to meet Deerfield Village
Tennis Players!

If interested, please email: deerfieldvillagetennis@yahoo.com
along with your name, telephone number and skill level
(USTA Rating or Beg/Inter/Adv).

The 2013 Fall Tennis Social was a fun-filled
evening of tennis, fellowship & food!

Thank you to Martha Jones for organizing
such a wonderful event!.



Ladies Tennis Anyone?

If interested, please contact:
Leslie Rupard at sunshine463lr@gmail.com

We are committed to keeping our tennis amenities some of the best in the area, while getting the most “bang for our buck” on maintaining them. We are a fun group that enjoys our part in the Community Association. Anyone interested in joining our Committee is always welcome to come to our meetings on the first Wednesday night of every month @ 8:00pm. We look forward to meeting new friends!!! Contact: Deerfieldvillagetennis@yahoo.com

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They are open 8 a.m. - 8 p.m., local time, 7 days a week. If you are calling from February 15 through September 30, alternate technologies (for example, voicemail) will be used on weekends and holidays.

Medicare Part D Plan Notice:

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas refers to HCSC Insurance Services Company, which is a wholly owned subsidiary of Health Care Service Corporation, a Mutual Legal Reserve Company. These companies are independent licensees of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association and offer or provide services for stand-alone prescription drug plans with a Medicare contract under contract number S5715 with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

A stand-alone prescription drug plan with a Medicare contract.

Landscaping Committee...

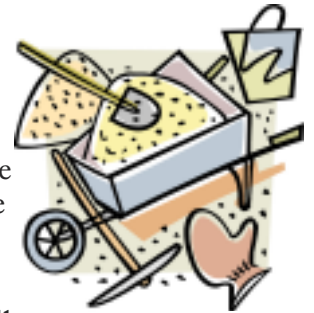


Our lawn service cuts back the mowing frequency starting in October thru March.

If anyone is interested in adopting a new tree call the Office Manager. We've had to remove several dead trees.

Someone dumped tree branches on Community Property in the Patio home area. Not only is this an added expense to the Community of Deerfield. We all work to have a nice neighborhood. We don't want to become a dumping ground because individuals/residents disrespect our neighborhood.

If you see anyone dumping trash/branches/ etc. get their license number call the Office Manager



BONJOUR DEERFIELD!

If you would like to learn to speak French, NOW is a perfect time! Meet with Christine every Thursday at 4:30pm. for FREE French learning classes. Our instructor, Christine, is a retired French teacher with 30 years experience. Come enjoy the fun sessions! Any books and/or materials will need to be paid by the participating resident.

For questions and information, please call 281-859-1883 or 281-841-7554, email: ctourelles@live.com



My name is Tori Walker and I am a Deerfield Teen that would like your help in providing for those that are less fortunate than ourselves. I am collecting new pajamas for any age child or teen and new children's books to be distributed in the Houston area.

If you would like to help you can contact me at 281-468-6346(text or call).

Security Stats for September, 2013

Accidents:	1	Burg Motor Vehicle:	2	Criminal Mischief:	1	Thefts:	1
Alarms:	11	Citizens Assistance:	5	Disturbance Calls:	4	Traffic Citations:	4
Assaults:	0	Citizens Contact:	95	Suspicious Vehicles:	0	Traffic Warnings:	17
Burglaries:	1	Criminal Arrests:	1	Suspicious Persons:	2	Vacation Watch:	69

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.



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LADIES! COME JOIN US!
LADIES HAPPY HOUR!
Where: DVCA Recreation Center
Clubhouse
When: NO Happy Hour November or
 December Due to Holidays.
 See you January 23rd, 2014
Time: 4:00pm to 6:00pm
Please bring your own beverage!



Coffee & Donuts

Every Friday in November from 8:30 AM to 10:00 AM at the Rec Center. We have a book/dvd/vhs tape/ jig-saw puzzle exchange the last Friday of the Month. Coffee and Donuts is open to all human residents – come visit, sip coffee, and share what’s happening.





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