

# DEERFIELD VILLAGENews

**July 2018** 

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

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## **President's Report**

Greetings Deerfield Residents,

This month's newsletter will continue our focus on keeping Deerfield looking great and staying safe! There is an update from the Deeds Committee, a Primer on Deeds Enforcements, and more from the Security Committee on Summer Safety. **Please read these and help us out.** 

This is the time of year I get on my soap box and talk about firework safety and respect for your neighbors. If you are going to do fireworks, please do it in a safe area and unless you're an adult, you should always have adult supervision. Fireworks can be very dangerous, as much as they can be fun. Do not set off fireworks after 10PM, except for on the 4th of July. Remember that we have pet and babies easily scared of load noises, including residents that have to go to work the next day. Also, be respectful of your neighbors, and never aim a firework at a resident's house.

The next big Deerfield event is the traditional 4th of July party. We will start with the children's parade, and the slide will be open and plenty of pool games. If you are new to Deerfield, come enjoy this event and meet your neighbors. Check in the newsletter for more information

I want to thank all the residents that came out on Pickle Ball day, we had a blast. We had over 35 residents come out to play and support Pickle ball in the community, and that does not include the children and friends that participated. We had kids as young as Melodi (8 years old), and adults as young as Sandy (82 years old) playing. I would say this is a success, and I will be presenting to the Tennis committee a proposal to stripe court #4 with two Pickle Ball courts. Soon as that is complete, we will start having a scheduled morning or evening for residents to come out and play. Of course, you can reserve a court for you anytime to play with a neighbor or bring a guest.

Congratulations Deerfield Dolphin on 40 years!!

Take care, Eric







The DVCA Office
Will be closed
Wednesday, July 4th

## JULY 4TH POOL PARTY

Parade 3:45 pm

Fun starts at 4:00 pm



## **Important Information**

DEERFIELD HELPFUL NUMBERS DVCA Office Email: deerfie S.E.A.L. Clay Road Courthouse Annex Harris Cty. Sheriff's Non-Emergency. Fire & EMS Non-Emergency State Highway Dept.	ld4@sbcglobal.net 832-408-0200 281-463-2446 713-221-6000 281-256-2266
Harris County Pct. 3 Commissioner's Must have address to Report	281-463-6300 es)
SCHOOLS Cy-Fair School District Admin Peggy Wilson Elementary (K-5) Watkins Jr. High (6-8) Cypress Lakes HS	281-463-5941 281-463-5850
Bear Creek Library	281-550-0885
UTILITY INFORMATION Report Gas Leaks	713-207-7777 1-800-288-2020 281-368-8397 281-367-5511 713-920-2831
OTHER NUMBERS Harris County Public Health & Environ (HCPHES)	mental Services
Includes Public Nuisance Report www.hcphes.org Harris County Pets (Animal Control) Humane Wildlife Removal Texas Wildlife Rehabilitation MTA Buses (Routes & Schedules) Alcoholics Anonymous (24 hours) Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse Legal Advice & Info Battered Women Children Battered Women & Children Crisis Hotline (Suicide Prevention) Children's Protective Svcs (CPS) Poison Control (24 hours)	281-999-3191 281-354-8690 713-468-8972 713-635-4000 713-520-8620 713-528-2121 713-528-1505 713-394-4000 1-800-222-1222

Submit articles, photos and ads to the DVCA office, or email: deerfield4@sbcglobal.net prior to the 18th of the month.

#### **Welcome to Deerfield Village**

If you are a new resident to Deerfield Village, please feel free to stop by the DVCA office, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 9:30 am and 1:30 pm to obtain a Welcome Packet. The packet contains information regarding our subdivision. If you wish to have access to the tennis courts and/or bathrooms, you will need to complete the Application for an Access Control Card, available in the DVCA office. Each household can have up to 2 cards at no charge. If you would like to become involved on one of our committees, a meeting schedule is located inside this newsletter. For inquires, you may contact the DVCA office at 281-463-2624 or email deerfield4@sbcglobal.net. Visit our website, www.deerfieldvillageonline.com to learn more and see a complete list of our Deed Restrictions.

## 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 go to our website: www.deerfieldvillageonline.com and Click on "Create a Resident Account." Then fill in the information requested.

#### **Keep Deerfield Bright at Night...**

Please report Street Lights and Greenbelt Lights that are out to the DVCA Office; phone: 281-463-2624. 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 Center-Point Energy at the following website:

http://www.centerpointenergy.com Click on the "Report a Streetlight Outage" located in the middle of the page. You can then click the "request form" and complete the requested information and submit.

## 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.

#### **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 Waste Corporation of America: 281-368-8397. Hours of operation are 7 am to 7 pm, office hours are 7 am to 4 pm. Pick-up days are Tuesday and Friday. Heavy trash day is Friday, limit 1 heavy item per service day per household. Please do not put your trash out until Monday or Thursday evening.

## An Update from the Deeds Committee

The Deeds Committee wants to thank the vast majority of you that take pride in how your house and yard looks by working hard to maintain them.

Below are a few follow up comments from last month.

1. Trash at the Curb. It seems that many of you have responded to our request to NOT place your trash bags by the street until Monday or Thursday evening and to put away your trash cans and recycle bins by Wednesday or Saturday morning. Thanks! Things are looking better!

But there are still many homes that are leaving trash at the curb and we'd ask you to stop it before we are compelled to create a new service to pick up that trash and send you a bill for each item picked up.

## Please be a good neighbor and keep our streets looking trash free!

 Fences. This is another area that Deeds monitors and we'd ask you to keep your fences looking good by replacing missing or rotted pickets and fixing those sections that are leaning over, or if needed replacing them.

If your house has a perimeter fence or faces the common areas, those need to be kept up as well. There are several sections that look pretty bad and will be getting letters if not repaired or replaced soon.

Remember that there are standards for fences in Deerfield, so please have an Architectural Approval Form approved before you start any work to ensure you don't have to redo it

- 3. Cooperation. Although a large majority of you do take care of your property and respond to our letters, there is a small group that does not. We are focusing on addressing those homeowners that have ignored us or are repeat offenders by taking our actions to the next level which will include financial and legal ramifications (see next article). Our desire is not to have to do this, but we are at the point where we have no choice as we are required to help maintain a quality living area for all the residents.
- 4. Architectural Approvals. We are currently updating the Architectural Approval form to have them be more specific to what you want to do and with clearer guidelines. We are trying to streamline the process and are already, in most cases, responding much faster than the typical 30 days taken by most management companies.

The Deeds Committee typically meets in the Club house on the first Monday of the month but due to the July 4th holiday, our July meeting will be on Wednesday July 11. Then in August we're back to the first Monday on August 6.

#### Primer on Deeds Enforcement

The primary motivator that the Deeds committee counts on is our residents' desire to have an attractive home and to

be a respectful and responsive neighbor. We rely on your pride of ownership and care for our neighborhood.

So, our primary tool is letters, and in most cases, even though you may not appreciate getting one, it works and you respond to resolve the issue (because you are a good neighbor and want your house to look nice.) We have a series of letters that we send.

1. Our first and most effective one is our "friendly reminder letter". This is to make you aware of something that has come to our attention (by another resident or during our regular monitoring) that needs to be resolved. It's not unusual for it to be something the homeowner wasn't aware of and for them to be appreciative of it being brought to their attention. Please don't view these letters as an attack but as a way to make you aware of an issue that has been observed.

This letter works very well with most of you as you respond and take care of the situation. But it doesn't work with everyone, so then we have to send additional letters. We often will send a reminder letter which does the job and we are done. But if it goes beyond that we need to become more formal and increase the consequences of non-response.

- 2. There is a 10 Day Demand Letter that we use for some situations with yards and lawns. It states that if the violation is not resolved within 10 days, DVCA has the right and will hire a service to do the work for you and charge you for all the fees associated with getting the work done. These services are much more expensive than if the homeowner handled the situation by themselves.
- 3. Next is a pre-Attorney letter which gives the homeowner a warning that things are becoming more serious, asks for resolution to be communicated to the office within 10 days, and gives a warning that if not resolved, the violation will be referred to the DVCA Attorney. We also explain that any and all charges associated with the violation will be billed to the homeowners' account and that an invoice will be sent to them. An estimate of the charges and the consequences of nonpayment are also included.

The Texas Property Code 209 authorizes an HOA to collect reimbursement of reasonable costs that are incurred by it that are related to dealing with violations of Deed Restrictions.

4. If the pre-Attorney letter is ignored, we will refer the matter to our Attorney, and all costs and fees associated with any actions needed will be charged to the homeowner. At this point things have moved to a legal matter and, depending on the response of the homeowner, will escalate with additional actions that will require increasingly more attorney time and services to complete, with the associated fees charged to the homeowner.

The longer all this goes on, the more things spiral down and the more serious the situation can become, possibly ending up with litigation in court. Also, if the bills are not paid in a timely fashion, the resident will lose many of their DVCA related privileges and a lien may be placed on their house impacting their credit rating and more. This is not a desirable situation for anyone, and our hope is to not go down this path.

## Security Committee

We need your help! We've had several vehicle break-ins recently and they all are a crime of opportunity, as at the time of this article, every incident has occurred to a car that was NOT locked. In half of the incidents wallets, purses, tools and other valuables were in the vehicle for the thieves to grab easily and make a substantial haul based on what we've been told was taken.

This has been happening to cars both on the street and in driveways. We have seen video, after the fact, that shows the thieves walking along, checking the doors and if locked walking on, but stopping and rummaging through those left unlocked.

We are very concerned that the success they are having will embolden them to keep trying more and more. Maybe we will get lucky and SEAL (or one of us) will see them in the act and they will be apprehended, but that requires everything line up perfectly.

A better plan is for us to lock our cars, remove valuables to our homes, and park in a well-lit location. Having your alarm set would also be wise so that when the car lights flash and horn blasts, they will move on and someone may report the noise to SEAL. Let's make it difficult for them and reduce their chance of success.

## Be a good neighbor! Lock your car when you leave it!

We are still having reports of fast driving on our streets. If this is you – please stop before someone gets hurt.

#### Be a good neighbor! Slow down and drive safely!

Many of us like the beautiful fireworks around July 4th, but please make safety a priority. We don't want anyone to get hurt or houses set on fire. Please try to find a safe location outside of Deerfield. It will be greatly appreciated by families with young children and our pet owners. If you do shoot fireworks in Deerfield, please consider the time and don't block the streets.

# Be a good neighbor! Use caution and courtesy with fireworks!

The Security Committee meets on 1st Tuesday of the month. Our next meetings will be on July 3rd and August 7th at 7PM in the Clubhouse. Come join us and help keep Deerfield safe!

Other than those issues, security and safety in Deerfield continues to very good. Please keep reporting any suspicious activity you see in the neighborhood to SEAL. It is working very well. We'd rather you report something that turns out to be nothing and not miss any real incidents.

The Security Committee meets on 1st Tuesday of the month. Our next meetings will be on June 5th and July 3rd at 7PM in the Clubhouse. Come join us and help keep Deerfield safe!

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#### **Public Notice of Trustee Vacancy**

A trustee position, formerly filled by Greg Bonefas, has recently become vacant. The term for this position runs through 2020.

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

Friday, July 6, 2018.

A Special meeting will be held to select the new trustee from all the applicants on Monday, July 9, 2018.

You may pick-up an application at the Deerfield Office or online at www.deerfieldvillage.com.

Posted On: May 22, 2018

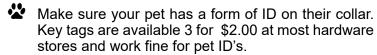


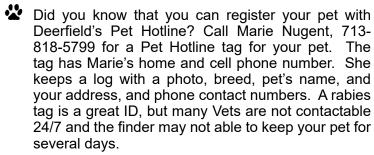
## **Security Stats May 2018**

Alarm	4
Animal	3
Assistance	6
<b>Burglary of Habitation</b>	1
<b>Burglary of Motor Vehicle</b>	0
Calls to Call Center	71
CTW	0
Damage/Defacing of Property	2
Dispute	0
Disturbance	0
<b>Emergency Medical Services</b>	1
Information	0
Solicitors	0
<b>Suspicious Activity</b>	3
Suspicious Person(s)	3 7
Suspicious Vehicle(s)	8
Theft	0
Vacation Watches	17

## **Pet Hotline News**

by Marie Nugent





If you have your pet microchipped, make sure you register on the database and keep your information current. Pets have been found wandering around the neighborhood and, when taken to the vet, found they were microchipped but the information was obsolete, thus making it harder to contact the owner.

If you are going out of town and have a pet sitter, let Marie know your pets name, what it looks like (a picture is also great), and a contact number.

And if you are thinking about owning a pet – Ask yourself IF:

- You have time to get its shots and check for heartworms
- You have time to get a collar with ID and a phone number on the tag
- You have time to walk it on a leash and PICK UP THE POOP.
- You have the money, time and commitment to care for a pet.

IF you answer NO to any of these questions, maybe you should NOT get a pet.



## **Landscape Committee**

Clay Road is finished, and it is time to put the front entrance back together again. The damage to the irrigation system at the island and along Clay Road is critical to being fixed before moving forward. The committee is currently working on ideas for the entrance. We can repair it and make it similar to how it has been for years, or do a complete redesign of the flowerbeds and landscape area to make our front entrance really stand out

Many different contractors and bids are being considered and we will fix the irrigation before we plant anything up there. Also, we do not want to have to spend your assessment dollars twice for a temporary fix before a permanent one. We are working with Community Services to roll out a better power source to the entrance as well so we can string Christmas lights across the Live Oaks and entrance. We look forward to the possibilities this December.

It has been noted that our Community Landscaping crew has been missing some areas and mowing too fast...etc. These concerns have been communicated to the owner and they will work to do better moving forward.

We value all neighborhood feedback and ask that if you have thoughts or insight as to what you would like to see at the front entrance or anything growing in the neighborhood, please attend our July 9th meeting at 7 pm in the Rec Center.



## 40th Annual Deerfield Village Christmas Bazaar

We are so excited to celebrate our 40th year of the Deerfield Village Christmas Bazaar on November 2nd & 3rd. We would love to have new interested members & former participants. Please contact Connie Corkill at 281-463-0750 for more information.

Our meeting dates are **September 12 & 26, October 10 & 24.** We want to make this a very special show for the Deerfield Village community & surrounding areas.

Check us out. We're a fun-loving & hard-working group. Hope to see you at the first meeting!

## **Swim Pool Committee**

Summertime is the perfect time to come and enjoy one of Deerfield's top amenities --- the Deerfield pool. It has already been a very warm summer, and there is no better way to cool off than to take a dive off of one of the best diving boards around the area. Whether you can pull off the best belly-flop in the neighborhood, or enter the water without a splash, our board is ready for your challenge. The pool committee continues to work hard with pool improvements. Soon, we hope to implement an improved sound system for your listening enjoyment... so, be on the lookout...or hearout!!

Remember that if you plan to have a pool party at the Deerfield pool for your special occasion, you will need to fill out a pool party request with Tina at the Deerfield office. All parties must be approved and scheduled with the office in order to maintain the safety that is required in any pool facility. We appreciate your understanding and look forward to your request.

Pool tags are required for use of the community pool. If you do not have one, you will need to get one. You can schedule that by contacting the office.

The Swim Pool Committee meets at 7PM on the 2nd Tuesday of each month in the Clubhouse. Our next meeting is July 10, 2018 and we invite you to join us.

#### **POOL RULES**

For a complete set of Pool Rules for 2018 go to www.deerfieldvillageonline.com, Click on "Life in the Village", Then click on "Pool Rules".

For the 2018 Pool Schedule,

click on Pool Schedule.

#### JULY 4TH POOL PARTY

Parade 3:45 pm

Fun starts at 4:00 pm





#### 2018 Deerfield Village Pool Hours

The pool is open weekends in May and daily beginning June 1st as follows:

Note: Modifications in pool hours will be updated in the Newsletter and E-mail blasts.

Pool IDs are required as of Monday June 4th. Call the office for details.

#### **July**

Daily Lap Swim 10 am- 11 am

Open Swim 11 am - 9 pm

Wednesday, July 4th Pool Party 4 - 6 pm

#### **August**

Weekends Lap Swim 10 am - 11 am

Open Swim 11 am - 9 pm

Daily 1st-24th Lap Swim 10 am - 11 am

Open Swim 11 am - 9 pm

Weekdays 27th-31st Open Swim 5 pm - 8 pm

#### **September**

Weekends only after the 14th

Weekends & Labor Day Lap Swim 10 am - 11 am

Open Swim 11 am - 8 pm

Labor Day, Mon 3rd Pool Party 4 - 6 pm

Weekdays 4th-14th Open Swim 5 - 8 pm

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#### **Deerfield Village Dolphins**

The Deerfield Dolphins have wrapped up our 41st season! We had over 160 kids on the team and continue the tradition of meeting new families in the neighborhood, connecting with old friends, learning to swim and in some cases, swimming really fast and breaking old records! We were again in the White 2 Division of the Northwest Aquatic League. Morgan Burcham, head swim coach at Cy Lakes High School, is our coach and Armand Sisante, Shelby Krummel and Julie Kokinakis are our assistant coaches.

Thanks to Tina and Deerfield for supporting the swim team again this year! It's a wonderful way to meet people and learn a new skill!

Dolphin 40th Anniversary Celebration!









## **Recreation Committee**

We had two events since last month: The Memorial Day Pool party was a great success with a crowded pool. We had a few games, food, and the pool slide. We hope to repeat the event plus more on July 4th. Music on the Green in June had a banging band! The weather was hot so attendance was not as high as usual, but still it was great night for those who came. We are looking at adjusting future summer events, most likely moving events either into May or September where possible to avoid the heat.

Next up is the July 4th party. See the schedule elsewhere in the newsletter. We plan to start off with a parade at 3:45 - bring your trucks for kids to pile in the back or come show off your vintage ride OR motorcycle! Meet at the Rec Center parking lot if you want to participate in the parade. You're welcome to bring candy and beads to throw out if you have them!

Later on, July 14th we will have another Teen Pool Party. This is a new event and therefore has a limited budget -because of our limited budget, donations are appreciated: sodas, appetizers or desserts would be great--thanks! Call or text Rebecca Bivens if you can help @ 713-899-9837 (the more help the better the event.)

After that - an August Music on the Green, Labor day Pool Party, Ice Cream Social, and so much more. We are continuing looking for new events. We have a couple we are investigating, looking to see if they would be of wide interest and also affordable. We are now having two Rec Comm meetings each month, one after the first coffee and donuts of the month in the morning, and a second that is focused on kid's parties in the evening. We welcome everyone to come join us and plan fun for the neighborhood.

Our next meeting will be August 3rd at about 9:30 am, right after Coffee & Donuts. The evening meeting will be August 23rd, at 7 pm in the Annex. We hope to see you there!

## Angel Gowns by Diane

Angel Gowns by Diane (Angel Gowns Foundation is a 501(C)3 Corporation), provides burial gowns for families who lose a child before, during, or shortly after birth at no cost.

We seek donations of wedding dresses, bridesmaid dresses, and other formal wear in suitable, clean condition which we deconstruct, and the material is used to create angel gowns.

We meet on the 4th Wednesday of the month from 9:30 am to about 3:00 pm at the Clubhouse. Our next meeting will be July 11th and July 25th. Check the Deerfield Village calendar for future meeting dates. If you enjoy sewing or you are interested in learning more about this organization, please join us.

http://www.Angelgownsbydiane.org



July 4th 4:00PM to 6:00PM Annual July 4th Pool Party More fun in the 'hood!

**3:45--CAR, MOTORCYCLE & TRUCK PARADE** kicks off festivities! Bring your trucks for kids to pile in the back or come show off your vintage ride OR motorcycle! Meet at the Rec Center parking lot if you want to participate in the parade. You're welcome to bring candy and beads to throw out if you have them!

**4:00--PARTY KICKS OFF!** There'll be a pool slide, games, contests and music--fun for the whole family!

**FOOD--The DFV MEN'S GROUP** will be selling grilled items!

**July 14th - Saturday DFV TEEN POOL PARTY**- 9:00PM to 11:00PM. The TEENS will have the pool all to themselves! AND--There will be a pool slide, music and PIZZA & TREATS TO EAT! Cost: \$5.00 at the door-

**August 25th - Music on the Green!** 6:00PM to 9:00PM. Come enjoy a pleasant evening with an outdoor concert. And we will have food for those who don't want the hassle of cooking or buying out.

**Sept. 3rd Labor Day Pool Party -** The pool slide, games, and burgers and 'dogs – nice way to enjoy the holiday!

#### Ongoing....

**Friday Mornings** – Coffee and Donuts 8:30AM –the last one of the month is paperback/dvd/jigsaw puzzle exchange.

**Thursday Mornings** – Men's Group 9:00 AM- Opportunity for men to gather for fellowship, service projects and socializing.

**Tuesdays** - Mah Jongg 1 PM – At the Rec Center Wednesday – Yoga – 6:30 pm in the Annex – bring a yoga mat, towel and water!

**2nd Wednesday of the month** – Quilting, 12 noon in the Clubhouse

**4th Wednesday of the month** - Angel Gowns, 9:30 am – see the article in this newsletter

**1st Thursday of the month** – Bridge 7PM-9PM. 2nd Thursday of the month - Texas Hold'em Poker 7:30PM, \$25 buy-in, pot limit, unlimited buy-ins, 25/50 cent blinds, 7:30pm to 11:30pm approximately. You can join and leave at any time. Bob Shortle 281-463-4589

**3rd Thursday of the month** – Deerfield Bunco. 7PM newcomers welcome. Contact Pat Rothman at 281-345-9355 for details, or see the ad in the newsletter.

## Date and Time of Committee and Board Meetings...

Committee	Meeting Dates*	Time	Board Trustee	Committee Chair	Phone
Community Services	1st Monday	7:00 PM	Brent Burris	Rick Johnson	
Deed Restrictions	1st Monday	7:00 PM	Bruce Bott		
DVCA Board	4th Monday	7:00 PM	Eric Toureilles		281-855-0312
Financial Services	3rd Tuesday of the month	7:00 PM	Chris Saldana	Bill Lessels	
Landscape	2nd Monday	7:00 PM	David Olivo	Mark Klodzinski	
MUD #136	2nd Thursday	6:00 PM	Eric Toureilles		281-855-0312
Recreation Center	1st Friday	9:30 AM	Geri Hudson	Peter Howell	281-463-1360
Security	1 st Tuesday	7:00 PM	Dave Flick	Glenn Sommers	281-855-7716
Swimming Pool	2nd Tuesday	7:00 PM	Louis Carpenter	Glen Brosch	
Tennis	1st Wednesday	8:00 PM	Eric Toureilles	Mark Tinne	

<sup>\*</sup> Please read the Committee Reports for Monthly changes in the schedule.

## **Deerfield Village July 2018**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Deeds Mtg – July 11 NO Community Svc Mtg.	3 1pm Maj Jongg C/H 7:00 pm Security (C/H)	4 OFFICE CLOSED  3:45 PM Parade parking lot 4-6pm Pool Party	5 9 am Men's Group C/H) 7:00 pm Bridge (C/H)	8:30 am C&D (C/H) Rec. Comm Meeting C/H	7
8	9 7:00 pm Landscape (C/H)	10 1 pm Maj Jongg C/H) 7:00 pm SPC (C/H)	9:30 am Angel Gowns (C/H) 7pm Deeds (C/H) 6:30 pm Yoga (A)	12 9 am Men's Group C/H 6 pm MUD 136 (C/H) 7:00 PM Poker (A)	13 8:30 am C&D (C/H)	14 TEEN POOL PARTY 9-11 PM
15	16	17 1 pm Maj Jongg C/H 7 pm Finance (C/H)	18 6:30 pm Yoga (A)	9 am Men's Group C/H 7 pm Bunco (C/H)	20 8:30 am C&D (C/H)	21
22	23 7 pm Board Mtg (C/H)	24 1 pm Maj Jongg C/H	25 9:30 am Angel Gowns (C/H) 6:30 pm Yoga (A)	26 9 am Men's Group C/H 4pm Ladies Happy Hr (C/H) 7 pm Rec. Com. Evening Mtg (A)	27 8:30 am C&D (C/H) Exchange Day	28
29	30	31 1 pm Maj Jongg C/H				LEGEND: A Annex C/H Clubhouse SMR Small Meeting Room C&D Coffee & Donuts

## Financial Services Committee

Meetings are normally on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM to review the financial status of our community. The next meeting date is **Tuesday July 17 at 7:00 PM**.

Financial status as of May 31, 2018

YTD expenses	\$321,172
YTD budget	\$306,152
Under/ (Över)/budget	\$(15,020)

Annual Operating Budget \$719,841 Annual Reserve Budget \$115,511

The overage shown above, greatly reduced since last month, continues to be due mostly to timing: some expenses were incurred earlier than the year than they were budgeted.

The YTD assessment collection rate is 96.9%. This is 0.1% better than the 2017 comparable rate.

## MUD 136 Report

by Jay Singleton, Secretary

At its June meeting, the Board reviewed the District's operations during the previous month. The Board discussed the status of preparations for the Hurricane Season. The District and its operator, Municipal Operating and Consulting (MOC), have an operational plan in place to assure that the District's facilities will not be disabled by any weather event. At the water plant, we have a gas fired back up generator to provide electricity to the water pumps. We also have a portable diesel generator that plugs into our sewer lift stations to provide electricity to the sewage pumps. The generators are exercised periodically to assure proper operation when needed. The regional sewage treatment plant on Pine Forest Drive, which is operated by the Jackrabbit Road Public Utility District, has a gas-powered generator for backup. There is one other important player in this matter – you. It is essential that you too have an updated plan to shelter in place. As we learned during Hurricane Harvey, fleeing is not a viable option.

KEEP DEERFIELD'S APPEARANCE NICE: No trash at curbside earlier than the night before pickup.

Windsong Trail Construction. The County has made preliminary contact with the District's engineer inquiring as to the District has that could be affected by the repaving of Windsong Trail. No date has been set for the start of construction.

If you have questions or comment about any of the District's activities, plan to attend the next monthly meeting, which will be held on Thursday, July 12 at the Rec Center beginning at 6PM.

#### **Coffee & Donuts**

Every Friday from 8:30 AM to 10:00 AM at the Rec Center

We have a book/dvd/vhs
tape/ jigsaw 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.

#### THANKS, BUT WE'VE ALREADY FERTILIZED



Please pick up after your pet

# Recycling is Always on Friday Need A Recycling Bin?

Regular recycling pick-up is done by Residential Recycling of Texas.

For bins, please call Stephanie Wolff at 866-516-9805.

Recycling is always on Friday for paper, cardboard, plastic, and aluminum containers. For large and hazardous items, special arrangements must be made. Please see the DVCA website www.deerfieldvillageonline.com for complete recycling rules.

## DEERFIELD OCTAGENARIANS MARRY

Mr. Calvin Eades and Joan Latham were married in Corpus Christie on May 26, 2018. Calvin has lived in Deerfield for 30 plus years and they will continue to make their home here. If you see them on the Greenbelt exercising their dogs give them a high five. They are a testimony that one can find love at any age.

Congratulations Mr. and Mrs. Eades

## Men's Group

**The Men's Group (TMG)** meets weekly on Thursdays at 9 am at the Rec Center. Besides our community service projects, we mix in some fun and fellowship. In June, we enjoyed a cookout after one of our work sessions and took the Cistern tour in downtown Houston.

#### **SERVICE PROJECTS**

During our two work days we sanded and painted the picnic tables under the Annex, the exteriors of the doors in the hallway, and the weathered plywood on the back side of the pool building. We also installed edging at several places along the greenbelt sidewalk. A subgroup is in the process of figuring out the electrical system at the Rec Center. This knowledge will allow us to recommend additions and improvements. Prototype dog "poop" bag dispensers have been attached to several trash cans along the Greenbelt. This is a work in progress and feedback is welcome. We will be taking a break from doing outdoor projects during the very hot months of July and August.

#### **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Several TMG members participated in TSA dog training for explosive detection at Hobby airport. Meals on Wheels continues to expand its roster of clients and is always in need of extra drivers. TMG members continue to mentor small business owners as they relocate and reestablish their businesses, after being flooded out by Harvey.





# Community Services Committee

In the last couple of months, the Community Services Committee has grown from 3 to 5 members. Susan Greer joined the committee in April, and Emily Taylor signed up in June. On behalf of Community Services, a hearty welcome to you both, and thanks for helping with the work we do to maintain our neighborhood!

In the 25 years I've lived in Deerfield, I've heard praise, compliments and many criticisms leveled at the Community Association Board and the various committees. Kudos to all of the volunteers willing to step up and work to keep this a nice place to live! The elected Board and the volunteer committees are made up of, represent, and are answerable to residents. We could hire an outside management group, but friends I've known living in neighborhoods with outside management have never been happy with the result. In a 1947 speech, Churchill commented, ". . . it has been said that democracy is the worst form of Government except for all those other forms that have been tried from time to time..." I think his aphorism could be applied to Deerfield!

In closing, Community Service meetings are normally held at the Rec Center at 7 pm on the first Monday of each month. As several committee members will be out of town, there will be no meeting on July 2. Our next meeting will be on August 6. I hope to see you there!



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Old tennis keys can still be returned and a refund requested. We still have a number of old keys that have not been returned.

#### **ATTENTION TENNIS PLAYERS**

Sign up sheets are posted outside the DVCA office window every week for all four courts. We are asking all players to sign in to reserve your court before playing, even if it is spur of the moment! Not only will signing up for your court eliminate anyone else from pushing you off that court but the Tennis Committee uses these sheets as usage figures to prepare our budget each year. Your participation in this is a HUGE BENEFIT TO YOU!

After your tennis playing is over for your time slot, please make sure the court gate is closed and locked. We have found it open several mornings and feel fortunate that no vandalism occurred so let's keep it that way by making sure everything is locked down before you walk away. Thanks, The Tennis Committee.

## Players are reminded to wear non-marking sole shoes when playing.

DEERFIELD VILLAGE TENNIS LEAGUE SIGN-UP Deerfieldvillagetennis@yahoo.com

#### MOSQUITO FOGGING HAS STARTED FOR THE SUMMER.



We will fog at night on Thursdays after 10 pm.

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

#### **Deerfield Village Bridge Group**

Deerfield Village Bridge Group met at 7:00 p.m. Thursday evening, June 7th, at the Rec Center. Those attending were Charles and Martha Rushing, Donna Phelps, Rogie Peyton, Bob and Marion Shortle, Niels Kastrup, and Joan Griffin. The high scorer for the evening was Niels Kastrup with Rogie Peyton coming in second. We play the first Thursday of each month and is open to all Deerfield residents. If you would like to join us, please call Bob Shortle at 281-463-4589.



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