



DEERFIELD VILLAGE *News*

March 2020

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

DEERFIELD VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

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President's Report

Greetings Deerfield Residents,

If you missed out on the 2019 Directory, we are about to begin work on the next directory, so please go to the website and submit your name or fill out a form in the office from 9:30AM – 2PM. If you are already in the directory, no need to submit again. As reported, we started fresh in 2019, as there were many residents that had moved over time or numbers that were incorrect. We also expanded to include emails.

Please don't forget to vote March 3rd -6th for the perimeter fence project at the DVCA office during business hours and open on Saturday March 7th between 10AM – 2PM. The Board is asking for your approval or disapproval of the perimeter fence project. Ballots and more information are available on our website and in the office. This is a major project and it is important that everyone comes out and vote. The fence committee has already received Easements to over 80% of the perimeter and is working on closing that gap over the coming weeks.

The Annual Meeting of the Members and the Annual Meeting of the Board will be on Tuesday April 14th at 7PM in the Clubhouse. The new Trustees will be announced, and you will hear the financial state of the Association and 2020 goals. Immediately after is the Annual Board Meeting, where the Board will seat new Trustees, elect officers, and conduct our annual training. I hope to see you there.

As we go into Spring, I would like to declare March as Beautify Deerfield month. Spend a few minutes cleaning trash, perhaps power washing the sidewalk. When your washing your driveway, treat those ant mounds, and keep that mulch out of view, unless your planning to put it out right away.

Our Spring Garage sale will be held on March 21st this year, so please sign up early, if you would like to participate. A registration form is in this newsletter and online on our website, and you can drop off the form and

check at the office from 9:30AM – 2PM or drop box after office hours.

Another reminder, if you are interested in participating in the SAYOR program to swim unguarded from 7AM to 8PM, 7 days a week, some exceptions apply for pool maintenance, you will have to apply again this year. A form is available on the website, or in the office.

Thank you for helping the Scouts this year with their mulch fundraiser.

If you have a child interested in swim team, the Deerfield Dolphin registration has begun, and you can sign up by going to www.deerfielddolphins.org or access the link through our website.

If you have kids, hope you have an amazing Spring Break, and spend some quality family time with them. The time goes fast!

Take care,

Eric



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Important Information

DEERFIELD HELPFUL NUMBERS

DVCA Office **281-463-2624**
Email..... dvmgr@deerfieldvillageonline.com
SEAL Neighborhood Patrol 832-408-0200
Deerfield Pet Hot Line 713-818-5799

GOVERNMENT

County Clerk's Office 16715 Clay Rd 832-927-7230
Justice of the Peace 713-274-0800
Harris Cty. Sheriff's Non-Emergency 713-221-6000
Fire & EMS Non-Emergency 281-256-2266
State Highway Public Information..... 713-802-5076
Harris County Pct. 3 Commissioner's Office

Must have address to Report: 281-463-6300
Graffiti, Public Street Signs & Curb Repair and Road
Damage (Except for Patio Homes)
Bear Creek Library 281-550-0885

SCHOOLS

Cy-Fair School District Admin..... 281-897-4000
Peggy Wilson Elementary (K-5) 281-463-5941
Watkins Jr. High (6-8) 281-463-5850
Cypress Lakes HS..... 281-856-3800

UTILITY INFORMATION

Report Gas Leaks..... (CenterPoint) 713-659-2111
CenterPoint (Electricity & Gas) 713-207-7777
Street Light Repair
Have 6 digit # from pole & address..... 713-207-2222
AT&T 800-288-2020
Trash Pick-up 281-342-8178
Water & Sewer Info. MUD #136 281-367-5511
Illegal Dumping.....(Pollution Control) 713-920-2831
Flooding (Harris Co Flood Control)..... 713-684-4000

OTHER NUMBERS

Harris County Public Health & Environmental Services
(HCPHES) Includes:
Public Nuisance Report..... 713-274-6300
Harris County Pets (Animal Control) 281-999-3191
Texas Wildlife Rehabilitation 713-468-8972
Metro Buses (Routes & Schedules) 713-635-4000
Alcoholics Anonymous (24 hours) 713-686-6300
Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse 713-224-9911
Legal Advice & Info Battered Women
Children 713-528-2121
Battered Women & Children..... 713-528-5785
Crisis Hotline (Suicide Prevention) 713-228-1505
Children's Protective Services (CPS) 713-394-4000
Poison Control (24 hours)..... 800-222-1222
Rape Crisis (24 hours)..... 713-528-7273

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 dvmgr@deerfieldvillageonline.com. 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:
<https://www.centerpointenergy.com/en-us/residential/customer-service/electric-outage-center/report-streetlight-outages>

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

Our waste collection vendor is Texas Pride and trash pick-up is on Tuesdays and Fridays, with recycling pick-up on Fridays. Please do not put your trash at the curb earlier than the night before collection day. If you experience with your trash service, please call Texas Pride first, and then the office if you are unable to get results.

Submit articles, photos and ads to the DVCA office prior to the 18th of the month, or email:

dvmgr@deerfieldvillageonline.com

Please note the email has changed and add it to your contacts.

Security Committee

Congratulations! It's been another quiet month from a security standpoint. Your efforts in reporting suspicious activity continues to be strong and is helping keep us safe. Thanks!

We are now into the time to fix up our yards for 2020. There are two things you can do from a security standpoint.

1. Add lights and brighten up your yard
2. Trim your trees so that they do not block the light coming from the streetlights. This can make a huge difference in brightening up your yard at night. See the "Trim Your Trees for Safety" article for more on this.

Parking continues to be an issue we get complaints about and many people could be ticketed for parking illegally and others park in a manner that is inconsiderate to their neighbors or is just unsafe. To help you identify if your car is an issue, we will soon start having SEAL put a card under your windshield wiper that notifies you that there is an issue with how your car is parked. Please be a good neighbor and park courteously and legally.

Just as a reminder, if you see something suspicious or criminal happening:

- If you feel in danger personally, call HCSO first and then SEAL if you can
- If you do not feel in imminent danger, call SEAL to help you out

You are always welcome to visit or join the Security Committee. Meetings are typically on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7PM. Our next meetings are on March 10th (moved a week due to the primary election) and April 7th

Security Stats January 2019

Alarm	0
Animal	1
Assistance	7
Burglary of Habitation	0
Burglary of Motor Vehicle	1
Calls to Hotline	49
Damage/Defacing of Property	0
Dispute	1
Disturbance/Noise	1
EMS / FD / PD	0
Information	2
Solicitors	4
Suspicious Activity	1
Suspicious Person(s)	10
Suspicious Vehicle(s)	12
Theft	0
Vacation Watches	14
Vehicle Collision	0

TRIM YOUR TREES FOR SAFETY

In Deerfield we have wonderful mature trees that make our neighborhood look great. But those same trees can have a negative impact on our safety if they are not maintained properly.

We ask you to look at your trees and have them maintained if they are:

- Blocking the light from our street lights
- Have branches that hang low in the street that could impede an emergency vehicle like an ambulance or a fire truck, let alone all the delivery trucks that come through several times a day.

If you drive our streets at night you will find there are many sections that are very dark and when you look to see why – it's because the canopy of the trees are below the street lights and blocks the light we are paying for. Electricity for lights are the third largest budget item that DVCA pays for, and a lot of that light we pay for is not being effective because of all the low hanging branches on our trees. This makes it more dangerous to drive at night and provides a better environment for mischievousness and illegal activity.

Many of our streets also have branches that hang low and make it difficult to get by safely. That is true for many of us that have SUV's or trucks. But more importantly, it is a big hazard for an emergency vehicle like an ambulance or a fire truck, let alone all the delivery trucks that come through several times a day. You do not want your tree branches to negatively impact an ambulance or fire truck that is coming to help you or one of your neighbors

Please take a look at your trees and if you have branches hanging too low for vehicles to pass or are blocking the light produced by our streetlights, please get this resolved. We all would appreciate it.



DVCA ELECTION
Tues- Friday
(reg. Office hrs.)

March 24 thru 27
9:30am-1:30pm

March 26th from
6-8pm

Saturday
March 28th
10am-2pm

Elections Notice:

Voting will occur

Tuesday thru Friday, March 24 thru March 27,
between 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM (regular office hours),
Thursday evening, March 26, from 6:00 PM to 8:00PM,
and Saturday, March 28, between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM.

Annual Meeting of the Members:

April 14th at 7:00 PM to announce the election results.

Annual Board Meeting:

April 14th immediately after the Annual Meeting of the
Members, then elected Trustees will be seated.

Position of Trustees:

Only one resident in the same family may concurrently serve on the Board. The position of Trustee is for a period of three (3) 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.

2020 Election Committee:

Terry Gray - Chair

Alan Vera - Vice Chair

Bruce Bott - Member

Catherine Guiberteau - Administrator (*no committee vote*)

Deborah Plattsmier - Observer (*no committee vote*)

DVCA 2020 Election Process

Deerfield Village Homeowners,
There are a few changes to our annual Trustee election, driven by both changes to applicable state laws and our own DVCA policies and procedures.

For the 2020 DVCA Trustee election:

- Votes can only be cast in person, in the Deerfield Village office by either the homeowner or their proxy.
- Votes can only be cast from 9:30 AM thru 1:30 PM on Tuesday, March 24, 2020 through Friday, March 27, 2020, Thursday, March 26, 2020 6:00 PM through 8:00 PM and on Saturday, March 28, 2020 from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM.
- Bring a valid photo ID for verification of voting eligibility. (Applies to both homeowner or proxy)
- Only one ballot per lot owned.
- Write-in candidates are permitted.
- Vote by Proxy is permitted. A Proxy must be in writing, specific to a lot, valid for the term of the 2020 DVCA Trustee election, notarized, and submitted at the time of verification of voting eligibility. The DVCA Office Manager will maintain a file of Proxy designations. A sample proxy form is included below. Please use it for your proxies. Please note that the proxy is required to be notarized or it will not be valid. If voting by proxy, it is highly suggested that the form be completed prior to the election due to the requirement that it be notarized.
- Ballots received by mail, email, fax or dropped into the lockbox (outside of the DVCA office) will NOT be counted.

The Voting Process:

1. Appear in the Deerfield Village office during the times for the 2020 DVCA Trustee election.
2. Present a valid photo ID for verification of voting eligibility.
3. After verification, receive an official 2020 DVCA Trustee ballot and envelope.
4. Cast a single vote for up to three positions. (No multiple votes for a single candidate. Total of votes for identified candidates plus write-ins not to exceed 3.)
5. Place the completed ballot in the envelope.
6. Seal the envelope and write the applicable lot address across the seal. (Ballots in envelopes without a written address will not be counted.)
7. Place the sealed envelope with written address in the ballot box.

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DVCA 2020 Annual Trustee Election

Tuesday, March 24– Saturday, March 28, 2020

Ballot for Election

Vote for up to three (3) candidates by placing a mark ("x" or a check) in the "For" space below. Write-In's Candidates are allowed.

Name of Candidate(s)	For:
Richard Polk	_____
John Murphy	_____
John Devine	_____
Brent Burris	_____

OTHER (Write-in):

Voting Process Instructions:

1. Cast a single vote for up to three positions. (No multiple votes for a single candidate. Total of votes for identified candidates plus write-ins not to exceed 3.)
2. Place the completed ballot in the envelope.
3. Seal the envelope and write the applicable lot address across the seal. (Ballots in envelopes without a written address will not be counted.)
4. Place the sealed envelope with written address in the ballot box.

**General Proxy for the Annual Election of Trustees
Deerfield Village Community Association, Inc.**

Property Address: _____, **Houston, Texas 77084**

I, _____ the undersigned Owner of the property
(Print homeowners name)

described above hereby appoints _____,
(Print Legal name of Proxy)

as my proxy with full power to vote on my behalf in the DVCA Annual Election of Trustees held on Tuesday, March 24th through Friday, March 27th from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and Saturday, March 28th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This proxy is only for the election described above and will terminate after the Election is closed on March 28, 2020 .

Homeowner's Signature

Date

Notary: State of _____; County of _____

On this _____ day of _____, 2020, before me appeared _____
Print homeowners name

Who is known to be the person named herein and who voluntarily executed this proxy.

Notary Signature

Date Commission Expires

APPLICATION FOR TRUSTEE - 2020

Please fill out this application and mail or return to: Deerfield Village Community Association, Inc. 4045 Deerfield Village Drive Houston, TX 77084 Office: 281-463-2624 Fax: 281-463-7679

NAME: Richard Polk LENGTH OF RESIDENCY: 3 1/2 ADDRESS: 18102 OAK Hampton Drive PHONE NUMBER: 713-906-5529 EMAIL: Rich.polk@sbcglobal.net EXPERIENCE: 31 year Busnisse owner / mechanic With PVS Inc. Professional Volvo Service - Son of mike polk Former Board member COMMUNITY SERVICE: None Georg Brown Center Feed Homeless at Thanksgiving WHAT DO YOU HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH AS A BOARD MEMBER: Help & Improve Deerfield as a Home owner Need Help - just ask

I have read the governing documents (Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws, Code of Ethics and Procedures of the Board and have a brief understanding of these documents and that we have Protective Covenants and what they are for.

Signature: R. Polk Date: 2/8/2020

APPLICATION FOR TRUSTEE - 2020

Please fill out this application and mail or return to: Deerfield Village Community Association, Inc. 4045 Deerfield Village Drive Houston, TX 77084 Office: 281-463-2624 Fax: 281-463-7679

NAME: John Deline LENGTH OF RESIDENCY: 1976+ ADDRESS: 18118 Mountfield Dr. PHONE NUMBER: 281-463-1081 EMAIL: - EXPERIENCE: Retired, purchasing agent for Texaco Banker Shop Harmony Society COMMUNITY SERVICE: Am available now except thru nights WHAT DO YOU HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH AS A BOARD MEMBER: Keep Deerfield safe + looking good.

I have read the governing documents (Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws, Code of Ethics and Procedures of the Board and have a brief understanding of these documents and that we have Protective Covenants and what they are for.

Signature: John Deline Date: 2-7-2020

APPLICATION FOR TRUSTEE - 2020

Please fill out this application and mail or return to: Deerfield Village Community Association, Inc. 4045 Deerfield Village Drive Houston, TX 77084 Office: 281-463-2624 Fax: 281-463-7679

NAME: John Murphy LENGTH OF RESIDENCY: 3 years ADDRESS: 18219 Wilstone Dr. V.C., Houston 77084 PHONE NUMBER: 713-503-8062 EMAIL: youngsmurfproduction@gmail.com EXPERIENCE: Board trustee this has been involved w/ rec committee, campsites, landscape etc. COMMUNITY SERVICE: 1) Deerfield Feathering board member 2) Church Elder 3) New concept group leader 4) Living Water Mission trip 5) High School Church leader WHAT DO YOU HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH AS A BOARD MEMBER: keep our neighborhood great for current & future families. Protect the covenants.

I have read the governing documents (Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws, Code of Ethics and Procedures of the Board and have a brief understanding of these documents and that we have Protective Covenants and what they are for.

Signature: John Murphy Date: 2/7/2020

APPLICATION FOR TRUSTEE- 2020

Please fill out this application and mail or return to: Deerfield Village Community Association, Inc. 4045 Deerfield Village Drive Houston, TX 77084 Office: 281-463-2624 Fax: 281-463-7679

NAME: Brent Burris LENGTH OF RESIDENCY: 22 Years ADDRESS: 18323 Longcliffe Dr PHONE NUMBER: 713-562-4241 EMAIL: hbburris@att.net EXPERIENCE: Current Board Member and previous deeds member for 8 years COMMUNITY SERVICE: WHAT DO YOU HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH AS A BOARD MEMBER:

Increase resident involvement on committees and neighborhood activities. Continue to support the Swimming Pool Committee and SAYOR. Work with the security committee to keep Deerfield safe.

I have read the governing documents (Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws, Code of Ethics and Procedures of the Board and have a brief understanding of these documents and that we have Protective Covenants and what they are for.

Signature: Brent Burris Date: 11-21-2019

Public Notice of Trustee Vacancy

A trustee position, formerly filled by Chris Saldana, has recently become vacant. The term for this position runs through April 2021.

We are accepting applications from any member (in good standing) who would like to be considered for the opening.

Applications will be accepted at the Deerfield Office through close of business day on Monday, April 6th.

A Special meeting will be held to select the new trustee from all the applicants immediately preceding the Annual Board meeting held on April 14, 2020.

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

→**DISTURBING THE PEACE IN DVCA**←

There has been an increase of complaints to the office in the last few years about disturbing the peace, especially with the use of fireworks in DVCA.

Noise issues and violations are hard to prove, but there is a way to try and deal with it. The law on disturbing the peace is fairly clear: if you are unable to enjoy your home and property due to loud music, loud talking, loud car sounds, loud screaming, or loud fireworks, the peace of the community is being disturbed.

We all need to understand that we live in a community where homes are close together and allow some room for people to have fun, but when that becomes excessive (for too long or too often, or too loud, or too late in the evening), you have the right to request that something be done about it. If you experience a situation that is causing you concern, you have the right to call SEAL, at 832-408-9200, and/or the Sheriff's Office at 713-221-6000 and ask them to come out to help. They can assess the situation, provide feedback to you, or guidance and direction to the people disturbing the peace. That will typically resolve the situation. Remember that SEAL can only request and talk to the people while the Sheriff can enforce the law, if they need to.

Financial Services Committee

Meetings are the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm to review the financial status of our community. The next meeting will be **March 17, 2020**.

Financial status as of **January 31, 2020**

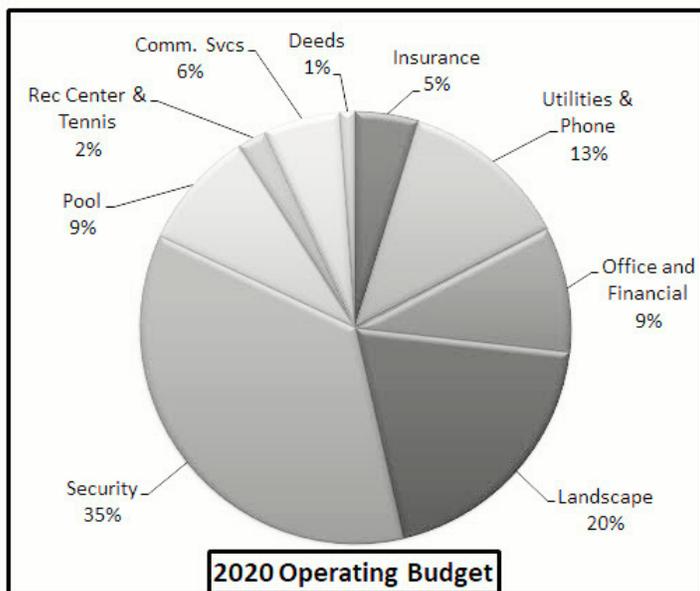
YTD expenses	\$ 46,206	Annual
Operating Budget	\$ 738,778	
YTD budget	\$ 55,324	
Under/ (Over)/budget	\$ 9,118	

The YTD assessment collection rate is 82.0%. The collection rate is 2.5% above the comparable 2019 rate.

The 2020 assessments invoices should have already been received. If you haven't received yours please contact Consolidate Management Services, Cheryl Beisert 281-296-9775 and request a copy. **Payment was due 12/31/2019. Payments received after 1/31/2020 are subject to a \$100.00 late fee.**

Reminder: HOA fees (assessment invoice) are not a component of a mortgage escrow. Payment will not be made by your mortgage company and therefore is the responsibility of the homeowner to pay.

Below is a chart showing the 2020 Budget for Deerfield. We hope this will give you some perspective on how your money is being spent. Please note that this does not include the proposed perimeter fence project – it includes only the expenses for ordinary operations.



PLEASE COME AND JOIN THE NEW BOOK CLUB HERE IN DEERFIELD -
 Reading is "FUN"! We will meet on the 3rd Monday of the month. Bring a book to read and bring your ideas! If you have any questions, please contact Janelle Bouknight at Janelle.bouknight@gmail.com or call 865-384-4936.

MUD 136 Report

By Barry Greer, Vice President

At our February, 2020 meeting the Board reviewed water and sanitary sewer operations from the previous month, the current update from the District's Engineer pertaining to the Capital Improvement Project planned for the MUD 136 water plant, trash and recycling services, in addition to other items pertinent to our District.

As mentioned in last month's article, our District Engineer announced has secured final approval of the plans for the new motor control building in our water plant facility and the project is expected to be let out for bids by the end of February. We are again hopeful that the project will begin soon after the bid review and acceptance process. We continued our discussions pertaining to the timeframe and potential cost related to the rehabilitation of the 18" diameter sanitary sewer trunk line paralleling Pine Forest Lane. Through diagnostic methods performed under the direction of our District Operator (MOC), it was determined that this line has experienced deterioration to the point that we (and our consultants) believe that a "cured-in-place liner pipe technique" should be performed in the near future.

We continue to push for the installation of a new water fountain adjacent to the Vanbury playground to be accomplished by the end of April of this year. This is a combined effort by HCMUD 136 and the Deerfield Village Community Association.

As a continued reminder, the West Harris County Regional Water Authority has instituted its 2020 base surface water rate increase that results in a current charge of \$3.60 per 1,000 gallons. And, again this charge is in addition to our MUD 136 rates that remain unchanged from the previous year. As encouraged in the past by our previous Board member, Jay Singleton, we continue to emphasize the importance of water conservation of this most valuable resource particularly with spring and summer seasons approaching.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 12, 2020 at 6 P.M. in the Deerfield Recreation Center. Please attend should you have any issues or concerns that need to be brought to the attention of your Board. You may also reach out to Board members or obtain other pertinent information through our District website at WWW.HCMUD136.ORG

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Deeds Committee

It seems Spring may come early again this year so now is a good time to start planning what you need to do for spring cleaning this year. You may want to walk around the house and see what mold and mildew needs to be cleaned up. If there are issues with the exterior of the house or painting is needed, consider getting those taken care of in spring. Take a good look at your landscaping and see what may need some sprucing up. The growing season will be here before we know it, so plan ahead and help make Deerfield look beautiful.

Remember an Architectural Approval Application needs to be submitted and **approved** before you begin any work on external improvements to your house. You get one from our website or from the Office.

The Deeds Committee meets on the second Monday of the month. Our next meetings will be on March 9th in the Clubhouse at 7:00 PM.

Swimming Pool Committee

Greetings all! Spring is upon us. Your Swim Pool Committee is hard at work ensuring the pool is ready to go for the 2020 Swim Season. We hope that you will make plans to take a splash. Be on the lookout in next month's newsletter for our pool hours and be sure you get Pool ID's if you are new to the neighborhood. More to come!!

Want to join the Swim Pool Committee? We meet on the second Tuesday each month. This month, its March 10th 2020 at 7pm in the Clubhouse. Hope to see you there.



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WALZEL REALTY

DEERFIELD NEIGHBORS!

Come out and join us for **HAPPY HOUR** at the Deerfield Rec. Center
SATURDAY, MARCH 28 AT 5:00PM
 Benefitting our Deerfield Dolphins Swim Team

Bring your ice-cold beverages and your lawn chair. There will be a food truck, free drinks for the kids, drink mixers and music!

Team coaches and volunteers will be onsite to answer any questions if you're interested.

Find us on Facebook: **Deerfield Dolphins Swim Team**

Tennis Committee

Players are reminded to make sure that the tennis court gates are locked after playing.

We ask that All players kindly remember to clean up and empty the trash cans if needed on the court they have been playing. The contents should be emptied into either the big recycling bin or trash can near the court 1 gate.

Courts 1 and 2 will be CLOSED the week of March 9th for maintenance work.

The lighting poles are being repainted and the light fixtures are being adjusted, refocused and new bulbs installed. Next Tennis meeting is March 4th at 8pm.

Pickle Ball

Pickleball play is available for Deerfield residents and their guests on Tennis Court #4! You can reserve the courts on the signup sheets posted just outside the DFV office. Check with the office if you need an entry card. Please treat the portable nets with care and remember to dispose of your trash when done.

You can text Mario Zamora at 832-618-5835 for more information or if you are new to the sport and would like some help getting started. We can provide extra paddles and balls. Level 3.0-5.0 players are welcome on most Sunday mornings starting at 8 am, weather permitting

TIME TO REGISTER FOR THE SPRING GARAGE SALE!

Deerfield Village Spring Garage Sale Saturday, March 21, 2020

7:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Location: Each resident's house

Rules and Regulations:

You must register to participate.

You must be a Homeowner or Tenant residing in Deerfield Village to participate. Your Homeowners Assessment Fees must be current.

The official Deerfield Garage Sale Sign must be at the end of the driveway in plain view.

Garage Sale must be confined to participant's property. Do not use the street or cul-de-sac as cars need to have access to them.

There is no rain date. Garage sale will be held on March 21st.

Forms and payment may be dropped off at the office during regular office hours. You may also put completed forms and registration fee in the drop box next to the office door.

Early Registration: February 10th – March 13th \$ 15.00

Late Registration: March 14th – March 20th \$ 25.00

I, _____ have read, understood and will abide by the above rules and regulations for the March 21, 2020 Deerfield Village Garage Sale.

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Email address: _____

For Office Use Only:

CMS _____ Participant # _____

Payment: Amount \$ _____ Cash _____ Check No. _____

Pet Hotline News

by Marie Nugent

-  Make sure your pet has a form of ID on their collar. Key tags are available for \$2.00 at most hardware stores and work fine for pet ID's.
-  Did you know that you can register your pet with Deerfield's Pet Hotline? Call Marie Nugent, 713-818-5799 for a Pet Hotline tag for your pet. The tag has Marie's home and cell phone number. She keeps a log with a photo, breed, pet's name, and your address, and phone contact numbers. A rabies tag is a great ID, but many Vets are not contactable 24/7 and the finder may not be able to keep your pet for several days.
-  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 pet's name, what it looks like (a picture is also great), and a contact number.

DOG LEASH LAW

There have been many complaints about dogs running loose on the Greenbelt and the neighborhood. Additionally, there has been two dog attacks in the last 30 days, resulting in two dogs being severely injured. If this is the case, call animal control, SEAL and/or Law Enforcement. If you are walking your dogs, keep them on a leash at all times. Be considerate of others. Also, please pick up after your dogs, no one wants to step in your dog's poop. Thank you!



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Community Service Committee

Last year, we had quite a few problems with pests in the clubhouse buildings. Squirrels and various other critters seem to like the attics and crawl spaces, and we had reports of rat sightings around the playground. These problems seem to peak when animals are pushed out of their home turf by nearby clearing and construction, like that going on across Windsong from Peggy Wilson Elementary. We brought in a pest control service who set up traps to catch and eliminate any animals in the buildings, sealed all of the buildings to exclude further intrusion, and set up safe outside bait stations to get rid of rodents. Best of all, their service came with a three-year guarantee! If anyone sees any evidence that any animal has set up shop in our buildings, please notify the Deerfield office, and we will get them back out to take care of the problem!

We would also like to remind everyone that the rental/use agreement for the clubhouse prohibits mounting anything on the walls with tape, tacks, nails, staples, etc. This agreement has not been universally observed, and we are going to be paying particular attention to it in the future in order to protect our investment in the painting and decoration of the common spaces.

Next meeting of the Community Services Committee will be on Monday, March 2nd at 7:00 pm at the Rec Center in the Clubhouse. See you there!



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EVENTS IN DEERFIELD

March 7th, 5:30 PM – MOVIE on the GREEN- Come out to enjoy a fun movie and the Men's group will be grilling & selling food during that time. **Movie** showing is **"SING"**.

March 21st, 7:00 AM - Annual Spring Garage Sale – selling from your home. Registration form in the newsletter – all sellers must be registered.

March 21st, 6:00 PM – Music on the Green after the Garage Sale, a great way to relax at the outdoor concert.

March 28th, 8:30 AM – Pancake Breakfast- Come out for a free breakfast and meet your neighbors and also meet the candidates running for the Deerfield Board positions.

April 5th, 2:00 PM – Annual Deerfield Village Easter Egg Hunt, at the Rec Center.

April 25th – Deerfield Wine Tasting. Experience 5 Italian wines with a tasting led by a wine expert.

May 2nd, Saturday – Deerfield Pool open for general swimming!!

Ongoing....

Fridays, 8:30 AM – Coffee and Donuts – come by and meet your neighbors, have a cup of coffee, and visit, in the Clubhouse.

Thursdays, 9:00 AM – Men's Group - opportunity for men to gather for fellowship, service projects and socializing, in the Clubhouse.

Tuesdays, 1:00 PM – Mahjong, in the Clubhouse.

1st Thursday of the month, 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM – Bridge, in the Clubhouse.

2nd Wednesday of the month, Noon – Quilting, in the Clubhouse.

3rd Monday of the month, 6:30 PM – Book Club, in the Clubhouse.

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

3rd Thursday of the month, 7:00 PM – Deerfield Bunco, in the Clubhouse, newcomers welcome. Contact Pat Rothman at 281-345-9355 for details or see the ad in the newsletter.

4th Thursday of the month, 4:00 PM – Ladies Happy Hour, in the Clubhouse.

Date and Time of Committee and Board Meetings...

Committee	Meeting Dates*	Time	Board Trustee	Committee Chair	Phone
Community Services	1st Monday	7:00 PM	Kristine Spiller	Rick Johnson	281-793-3570
Deed Restrictions	2nd Monday	7:00 PM	Bruce Bott	Janelle Meyer	281-855-7716
DVCA Board	4th Monday	7:00 PM	Eric Tourelles		281-855-0312
Financial Services	3rd Tuesday of the month	7:00 PM	Terry Gray	Bill Lessels	
Landscape	2nd Monday	7:00 PM	John Murphy	Martha Gonzalez	
MUD #136	2nd Thursday	6:00 PM	Eric Tourelles		281-855-0312
Recreation Center Youth Events Subcommittee	1st Friday 1st Tuesday	9:30 AM 7:00 PM	Bob Shortle	Peter Howell Rebecca Bivens	281-463-1360 713-899-9837
Security	1st Tuesday	7:00 PM	Dave Flick	Glenn Sommers	281-855-7716
Swimming Pool	2nd Tuesday	7:00 PM	Brent Burris	Erinn Brown	
Tennis	1st Wednesday	8:00 PM	Eric Tourelles	Mark Tinne	

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

Deerfield Village March 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 7pm Comm. Svcs (C/H)	3 ELECTION DAY 7am-7pm Primary Clubhouse	4 6:30pm Yoga (A) 8pm Tennis Comm (C/H)	5 9am Men's Group (C/H) 7:00pm Bridge (C/H)	6 8:30am C&D (C/H) 10:00am Rec Center Comm (C/H)	7
8	9 7pm Deeds (C/H) 7pm Landscape (SM)	10 1pm Maj Jongg (C/H) 7pm Swim Pool Comm (C/H) 7pm Security (A) 7pm YES (SM)	11 12pm Quilting (C/H) 6:30pm Yoga (A)	12 9am Men's Group (C/H) 7:30pm Poker (A) 6pm MUD #136 (C/H)	13 8:30am C&D (C/H)	14
15	16 6:30pm Book Club (C/H)	17 1pm Maj Jongg (C/H) 7pm Finance (C/H)	18 6:30pm Yoga (A)	19 9am Men's Group (C/H) 7pm Bunco (C/H)	20 8:30am C&D (C/H)	21 GARAGE SALE
22	23 7pm Board Meeting (C/H)	24 1pm Maj Jongg (C/H)	25 9:30am Angel Gowns (C/H) 6:30 pm Yoga (A)	26 9am Men's Group (C/H) 4pm Ladies Happy Hour (C/H)	27 8:30am C&D (C/H)	28
29	30	31				LEGEND: A Annex C/H Clubhouse SM Small Mtg Room C&D Coffee & Donuts

Recreation Committee

The Spring Garage Sale is coming up on March 21st -7am-1pm. Spring is a great time to let go of those unused or no longer needed belongings from the past and make some cash! The registration fee is \$15 and goes up to \$25 during last week before the sale, this covers the cost of security, advertising and signage. The fee also lets us offer signs to sellers saying Garage Sale on "This Street", to encourage more traffic. All participants **must register** for the sale. And that same day in the evening will be the first **Music on the Green**, starting at 6:00PM. The Men's Group will be grilling burgers and hot dogs there.

We will be having a Wine Tasting Social on April 25th, from 5-10pm. There will be five red wines offered from Italy. Bruce Woods, a Deerfield resident, is our experienced wine host and will be discussing each of the wines. Tasting will be a small size so you can compare the wines and see the difference between an expensive chianti and a cheap one. And we will be matching food with appropriate "hors d'oeuvres." The event will be an educational experience and participants will taste rather than indulge themselves on the wines. If you want to learn more about Italian wines, then think about joining us. There is a cost of \$20 a person, and tickets will need to be bought before the event. Tickets will be available at the Deerfield office.

We are looking at cutting back in the total number of events. Currently the Rec Committee sponsors over 30 events, including pool parties, seasonal parties, Music on the Green and more. Without more volunteers to help we will be looking at having fewer labor intensive events such as socials. So, if you are interested in these events and want to keep them coming, consider helping out on the Recreation Committee. The Recreation Committee meets the morning of the first Friday of the month. The "YES"- Youth Events Sub-committee meets on the first Tuesday of the month.



DEERFIELD'S - MOVIE ON THE GREEN:

Where: Recreation center -on Green Lawn in front of Clubhouse

When: Saturday MARCH 7th

5:30 PM-The MEN'S GROUP will be grilling & selling FOOD!

6:30 PM- MOVIE STARTS!

MOVIE showing: SING (2016)

Synopsis: In a city of humanoid animals, a hustling theater impresario's attempt to save his theater with a singing competition becomes grander than he anticipates even as its finalists find that their lives and will never be the same. (see more movie details on (www.imdb.com))

Landscape Committee

The aged and worn equipment at the popular Vanbury playground is in bad need of replacement. Members of the Landscape Committee met with a representative of Lone Star Recreation to begin discussions on installing new equipment for the playground. Lone Star Recreation designed and installed the playground equipment at the Activity Center over three years ago.

Lonestar has submitted drawings of several potential configurations of equipment. As soon as a design is finalized, we will seek feedback from our residents. We hope to display drawings at the Activity Center for residents to review. Money for this project has been budgeted in our Reserve Account. Our goal is to have the new and improved playground ready for use before the end of the year.

Art Blummer and other subdivision Purple Martin enthusiasts have been busy cleaning out all the bird houses and have installed another house to welcome Purple Martins back to our neighborhood.

Resident Bob Shortle pursues an environmentally friendly way to deal with leaves falling from his trees. Rather than bag those leaves, he deposits them in a compost pile. With little effort, all those leaves turn into rich soil. During the summer he adds grass clippings and any other cooking remains such as potato and carrot peelings and other fruit and vegetable skins. Rather than think of fallen leaves as a nuisance to be disposed of, follow Bob's approach and create your own compost pile.

The Landscape committee elected the following officers for the current year:

Martha Gonzalez, Chairman

Art Blummer, Vice Chairman

Jennifer Endicott, Secretary

Landscape Committee meets the 2nd Monday of every month at 7 p.m. in the small conference room across from the office. The next meeting is scheduled for March 9, 2020

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TIPS ON COMPOSTING BY BOB SHORTLE

Compost Leaves into Tomatoes

March tells our live oak trees to shed their leaves. Rather than rake, bag and trash those leaves, I compost mine into tomatoes. Behind the garage, my 4-foot pile of leaves from last year has magically turned into rich soil. I know this because any unneeded potatoes, garlic bulbs or onions left over from the pantry, quickly take root and grow. Every time I dig a portion of my compost pile, the robins are anxiously waiting to harvest the earthworms that work my compost into soil.



I just finished taking most of last year's compost new soil to work into my tomato garden, enriching the soil for this season's tomato starts. The oaks contribute the material to the new pile. After mowing to collect leaves from the yard, I dump them onto the pile. With the mower, I grind the leaves into small pieces. That spreads out the pile and after a few rain showers, I rake the ground leaves back into a pile. During the summer, I add grass clippings and any other cooking remains such as potato and carrot peelings and other fruits and vegetables skins.

Authoritative gardening sources report that composted materials can be readied in 6 to 8 weeks if the matter is watered, aerated and turned regularly, but I can wait for the annual cycle. One of my neighbors adds special worms to his pile. Somehow, the local worms find mine.

Near the end of spring leaf shedding season, I also use ground leaves as mulching materials. I heap 6 inches of shredded material around the tomatoes and 4 inches around planted flowers. Somehow, those April mulching's disintegrate into the soil. Sorry Boy Scouts, I only buy fertilizer from you.

During the Fall, I collect my neighbor's pine needles to add acid to my mulch pile. Interestingly, a neighbor reported her bags of pine needles taken from her front curb. Another neighbor reported collecting bags to feed her composting piles. Recycle, reuse and grow tomatoes!



Men's Group

The Men's Group (TMG) meets weekly on Thursdays at 9AM at the Rec Center. We have a very active and enthusiastic membership.

SERVICE PROJECTS COMPLETED for DEERFIELD

During our workday we installed new shelves in the storage room, cleaned up and reorganized the storage rooms, and continued the repairs to the greenbelt exercise equipment. In addition, we did a whole slew of carpentry and electrical jobs.

PLANNED PROJECTS for DFV in 2020

- Continue to fill in sinkholes and low spots along greenbelt sidewalks.
- North playground- add ADA ramp and walkway, and misc. repairs
- Refurbish the warning signs on the greenbelt.
- Re-stain sun exposed surfaces of the benches on the greenbelt and in the Patio Homes
- Re-paint rusted areas on the greenbelt exercise equipment.
- Install BBQ pad. Add gutter covers on the annex. Improve the acoustics in the main room.
- Finish the attic flooring. Install additional shelving and clean up the storage rooms.
- Even MORE Christmas lights along the entrance at Clay Rd.!!

Then, there will be grilling for 8 Rec. Committee events, quarterly pancake breakfasts, tree trimming and removal of downed trees and limbs, and all the misc. electrical, plumbing and carpentry jobs that come up.

GRILLIN' and FLIPPIN' EVENTS:

We will be selling grilled items at the Movie Night on March 7, and at Music on the Green on March 21. Join is for a free PANCAKE BREAKFAST from 8:30- 10 am on Sat. March 28.

Repairs have been done to the Playground's RED JEEP.



FREE PANCAKE BREAKFAST MARCH 28TH 8:30AM



Each quarter the Men's Group cooks for a Deerfield neighborhood Pancake Breakfast. It's an opportunity to meet neighbors, visit, and enjoy a free breakfast. The Men's Group has expanded the breakfasts to include both regular and blueberry pancakes. While participants can donate if they wish, it is free.

The breakfast on March 28th has the added attraction of an opportunity to meet the candidates running for the Deerfield Board. It provides residents the opportunity to ask what the candidates hope to achieve, and hear their views on Deerfield's Community. Following the breakfast, homeowners can vote in the Board election.

DEERFIELD WOMEN'S DAY-TRIPPERS UPDATE:

The Deerfield Women's Day-Trippers is off to a rousing start! Twenty-six "trippers" were on board for February's outing to the Holocaust Museum Houston and lunch at the Cleburne Cafeteria.

The next monthly excursion is scheduled for **Monday, March 16**. Please be at the **Deerfield Village Rec Center** by **8:45 a.m.** We'll travel by bus to **Galveston**, where our first stop will be the historic **Moody Mansion**, followed by lunch at **Shrimp N Stuff**. Before heading home, we'll shop at **The Strand** *only* if time permits. Please bring **\$13 exact cash**, which will be collected on the bus for admission to the Moody Mansion.

Another trip is in the works for **April**. Additional details will appear in next month's *Deerfield Village News*.

PLEASE NOTE: Space for this outing is limited, so advance reservations are required. To join the Deerfield Women's Day-Trippers and/or reserve your spot, please call Jetta Eller at 713-703-2381 or Joanne Franknecht at 281-639-5197.





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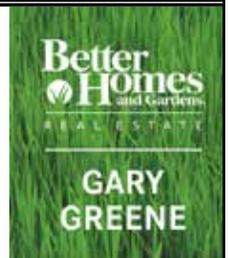
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