



DEERFIELD VILLAGE *News*

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

DECEMBER 2015

Greetings Neighbor,

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving with family and friends, and I wish you a happy holiday to come. This is the time I look forward to all the lights and decorations in Deerfield and surrounding area, some can be very impressive to see. Please be cautious when installing or taking down lights/ decoration, ladder accidents are the number one cause of injury for this activity. Know when to hire someone.

Please be advised that there is no December Board meeting, so the next meeting will be in January.

We have partnered with MUD #136 to place some recycle bins around the Recreation Center complex. These receptacles are for aluminum and plastics only. They are located next to a trash can, so you can easily separate what can be recycled. We will pilot this for some time, and evaluate if it is worth continuing or expanding.

I wanted to extend one final thank you to the volunteers that attended the appreciation event, and to those that could not make it. Your dedication to Deerfield and the time you donate is very much appreciated. I am sure we will have another in the future.

I met with the Landscape Committee to address any resident input for the playground equipment project. We did not have any residents attend, but we had

some good discussion, and reviewed drawings of the area. We will pick it back up in January. On a side note, we treated the greenbelt sidewalk area for ants, as they were getting out of control after the rains. Thank you Cathy for reporting it to the office, so we could address it properly.



Trustee elections are coming up, and January 10th is the deadline for applications. We have 3 open positions, so apply if you are interested to volunteer your time on the Board.

A huge thankyou to the Christmas Bazaar group, that decorated the front entrance and the clubhouse area. I understand that this year everyone did very well, so thank you for supporting them if you attended.

Have a safe and happy holiday.

Take care!

The DVCA Office will be closed for the holidays:
Christmas: Thursday, December 24th, Friday, December 25th
New Year's Day: Friday, January 1st

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

ANY Police, Fire or Ambulance Emergency911
S.E.A.L Neighborhood Patrol 832-408-0200
Trash Pick-up..... 832-230-8223
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 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.deerfieldvillageonline.com 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 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/en-us/residential/customer-service/reporting>. Click on the "Report a Streetlight Outage" located in the middle of the page. You can then click the "request form" and complete the request information and submit.

Recycling is Always on Friday



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.

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: 832-230-8223 Hours of Operation 7am-7pm Office hours 7am-4pm. 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 Saturday 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 713-818-5799

Lost and found

Did you know that the DVCA has a Lost and Found? If you have lost any of the following items: a man's ring, a women's ring, a car key, a house key, umbrella, glasses, a kid's bike helmet. These are just a few of the items that are in the DVCA Office. Please call or email the Office at deerfield4@sbcglobal.net for further information.

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.deerfieldvillageonline.com

The Office Hours Are: Monday thru Friday • 9:30 - 1:30

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

Submit article, photos and ads to the DVCA Office, or e-mail to: deerfield4@sbcglobal.net

MUD 136 Report

by Jay Singleton, Secretary

At its November meeting, the Board reviewed the District's water and sewer operations during the previous month, as well as the garbage and recycling operations. Detailed information about the month's business has been posted on the District's website, www.hcmud136.org. We are planning to modernize the website using the latest software and are looking for a website hosting company to do this. If you have any recommendations, please email director Harry Price at hlp485475@sbcglobal.net.

Certified tax rolls from the Harris County Appraisal District indicate that the assessed value of Deerfield homes has risen, on average, a little less than 9%. To mitigate the effect of this on your property taxes, the Directors voted to reduce the tax rate

by the same percentage. The tax rate for 2015 will be 17.8 cents per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation. Tax bills have been mailed out. If you have not received your tax bill or have a tax questions about it, contact the District's tax collector, Bob Leared Interests, 713-932-9011. You can also get information from their web site, www.bli-tax.com.

Three new circular recycling containers are going to be placed around the Rec Center. They are solely for empty drink cans and bottles. If, as we hope, they are well used, more will be placed on the greenbelt.

If you have questions or comments about any District business, plan to attend the next District meeting, which will be held on Thursday, December 10, at the Rec Center beginning at 6PM.

Manager's Report

I hope everyone had a blessed Thanksgiving holiday. The weather has been great and I see many of you walking by the office with your "furry friends". Please be sure and keep them on a leash and clean up their "poop". I've had a few complaints of people not following these simple and considerate rules. Remember, the Greenbelt is for all to enjoy.

I also want to wish each and every one a safe and joyous Holiday Season. The DVCA Office will be closed on Thursday, December 24th and Friday, December 25th in observance of Christmas and Friday, January 1st in observance of New Year's.

2016 DVCA Trustee Elections

Applications are now being accepted for 3 positions on the Board of Trustees. Members are encouraged to apply by submitting the Application Form provided on the back of this page or one can be printed from the Association Website. You can submit it to the Association Office via email at deerfieldvillage4@sbcglobal.net or drop it off during office hours.

Important Dates:

Close of Nominations will be Sunday, January 10

Posting of Nominees:

Applications received by the January 10th DVCA Office, in the February Newsletters and on the Association Website: www.deerfieldvillageonline.com

Election:

Tuesday through Friday, February 23 through February 26, between 9:30am thru 1:30pm and on Saturday, February 27, between the hours of 10:00am and 2:00pm

Annual Board Meeting:

March 8 Trustees will be seated.

Position of Trustees:

Only one resident in the same family dwelling may be concurrently nominated to, or serve on the Board. The position of Trustee is for a period of three years. Trustees are responsible for the direction and management of the affairs and assets of the Association. In addition to attending monthly Board Meetings, each Trustee attends meetings of at least one Standing Committee as a non-voting representative to provide counsel regarding the Articles of Incorporation, By-laws, as well as other matters. Therefore, Trustees need to be familiar with these documents and a complete set will be given to those submitting applications.

Current Trustees:

Term Expires 2016:

Louis Carpenter, Larry Burkham, Sigmund Potocki

Term Expires 2017:

Stuart Cory, Bruce Bott, Brent Burris

Term Expires 2018:

Arthur McDaniel, Eric Tourelles, Brian Harris

2016 Election Committee:

Eric Tourelles-Chair, Tina Mion-Vice Chair, Brian Harris-Member



Holiday Safety Checklist

The holidays are upon us and along with the festivities we need to remember to be alert for criminal activity and overall personal safety

1. When out shopping **always** be alert. **Before leaving a store, always have your keys in your hand.** Keep your cell phone close by, using only if and when necessary. **Remember,** if you are distracted by talking or texting on your phone, it is an open invitation to criminals.
2. If you see something that makes you uncomfortable when walking to your vehicle, go back to the store and request an employee or security guard to watch or walk you to your vehicle.
3. Do not leave packages or other valuables in plain view inside your vehicle as this is an invitation for criminals.
4. When shopping, watch your purse and bags, thieves watch for any opportunity to catch you unaware. **Do not leave your child, purse or other purchases in your basket and walk away to look at something further down the aisle.**
5. When at home, lock your doors and use your alarm systems. Keep your garage door closed.
6. If you are traveling, put your home on Vacation Watch with SEAL. Put a vacation hold on your mail and newspaper or have a neighbor collect them for you. If possible, set up timers to go on and off at various times so that it appears that someone is home.
7. During extremely cold weather, remember the 3 P's: Pets, Plants, and Pipes. Bring pets inside or provide a warm safe place for them to go, cover tender vegetation, and wrap pipes if needed. These precautions can save a lot of heartache and money!
8. Call and report any suspicious activity, persons, or vehicles you see right away! And in an emergency, Call 9-1-1!

*From the Security Committee and everyone at the DVCA
Have a Safe Holiday Season!*

APPLICATION FOR TRUSTEE – 2016

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: _____

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

EXPERIENCE: _____

COMMUNITY SERVICE: _____

WHAT DO YOU HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH AS A BOARD MEMBER?

DEERFIELD UPCOMING EVENTS!

Friday Morning Coffee and Donuts @ 8:30AM

It continues through the summer, every week, and the last one of the month is paperback/dvd/jigsaw puzzle exchange. Bring one, take one, neighbors. Note – NO Coffee and Donuts on December 25th!

Annual Deerfield Village Snow Party!

December 6th, 2 PM at the Rec. Center. We will have the train for kid rides, cookies and hot chocolate and a visit from Santa!

Annual Polar Bear Swim January 1,

2016 at the Swim Pool Are you brave enough to take the “Cold Plunge” to the New Year? Hot chocolate afterwards to warm you up!

Annual Deerfield Village Garage Sale

April 9, 2016 Registration to start in February. So start cleaning out those closets now!

Music on the Green April 9, 2016 6 PM at the Rec. Center.



Polar Bear Swim - January 1 at 1PM

Once again the Swim Pool Committee will host the annual Polar Bear swim on January 1 at 1pm. What a way to plunge into the New Year! Everyone will think you are really cool when they learn about your shocking start to the year.

So come and dive in or just watch those that do. It's always a fun time. As always, we'll have hot chocolate available to help warm you up.

Pray for a warm and sunny day! We'll see you there!

On November 14, 2015, Deerfield Village resident, Roger Ramsey Corkill, was inducted into the Texas Radio Hall of Fame at the Austin Marriot North Hotel. He can be seen here, along with his family, holding his prestigious award. If you see Roger, please Congratulate him and thank for his faithful dedication to our community by raising and lowering and maintaining the United States and Texas flags with the utmost integrity.



Recreation Committee

We had a nice Adult Volunteer Appreciation Social on Saturday, November 7th, with BBQ and music. Undoubtedly some neighborhood volunteers were overlooked. The Recreation Committee thanks all those who volunteer in and out of the neighborhood. Thank you for all you do.

Our last event of the year is the Snow Party at 2 pm on Sunday, December 6th at the Rec. Center. There will be snow, cookies, the Polar Express train and a visit from Santa Claus. Bring your cameras and get a picture with Santa!

The Recreation Committee has started looking forward to 2016. We will be dropping the kid's parties due to lack of volunteers, and may cut back on the adult events too. If you have the time and interest to help out, let us know. You can email rec.committee@deerfieldvillageonline.com.

Want to know what's happening in Deerfield?

Official ways...

Check out Deerfield online at
<http://deerfieldvillageonline.com/>

Register for e-mail blasts from Deerfield
at <http://deerfieldvillageonline.com/>

Go by the Deerfield office and
pick-up a copy
of the Deerfield Newsletter.

Un-official ways to learn about Deerfield happenings

Check out Facebook for Deerfield groups such as "Deerfield Village Community" and "Deerfield's word of mouth advertisements" or "Deerfield Village Playroup" (note misspelling of Playgroup)

Check out the web site
<https://nextdoor.com/>
and look for Deerfield Village as a neighborhood.

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**

Security Committee



The Security Committee works to maintain and improve the security in our neighborhood and we can use all the help we can get to do that. How can you help? By being involved in one or more of the ways listed below:

- Be a “Mrs. Kravitz” (I know I just dated myself) and keep track of what’s happening on your street and call SEAL if you see anything suspicious.
- Become a member of our Neighborhood Watch program. We are trying to get it fully staffed and functional.
- Join the Security Committee. We have had a couple of new folks join and that is great!

Deerfield Village continues to be a safe and secure place to live in spite of the increased crime in the area around us. Thanks for all you are doing in being vigilant and observant about what is happening in our neighborhood and calling SEAL to have them check out anything that looks suspicious.

A suggestion was made by SEAL that residents post “No Soliciting” signs or stickers at our front doors, as that will help them to control the solicitors that seem to always be in the neighborhood.

- The Security Committee meets on 1st Tuesday of the month and our next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 5th at 7PM. We’d be happy to have you join us then. We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and satisfying Holiday season!



BE RESPONSIBLE !

Please be a responsible
dog owner! Keep your dog
on a leash at all times.
Clean up after your dog!

SECURITY STATS FOR October 2015

Assistance	6
Alarm	1
Animal	4
Burglary of Habitation	0
Burglary of Motor Vehicle	0
Calls to Call Center	92
Damage/Defacing of Property	1
Dispute	0
Disturbance	0
Emergency Medical Services	0
Information	0
Solicitors	3
Suspicious Activity	3
Suspicious Person(s)	1
Suspicious Vehicle(s)	8
Theft	0
Vacation Watches	20
Vehicle Collision	1



*The Deerfield Donut Devil's Gang
Residents Marie Nugent (left) and Pat Jones
at the Krispy Kreme Grand Opening Party.*

Deeds Committee

If you are considering any work outside of your home, please be sure to complete and return an Application for Architectural Control to the DVCA Office. Your Application will then be forwarded to the Deeds Committee for their review and approval. As soon as approval has been received, you will be notified.

Applications can be found on the website: www.deerfieldvillageonline.com then click on DVCA Forms.

The Deeds Committee is in need of more members to help with the review of the Architectural Applications and monthly inspections for Deed Restriction Violations. The neighborhood is divided into smaller, workable Sections (no one does their own.) Deerfield Village Residents are very responsible and protective of their neighborhood and keeping the Protective Covenants enforced. However, there are those few that need reminders occasionally, and then some that need a little more pressure applied before deciding to comply with the Deed Restrictions.

The next meeting for the Deeds Committee will be on Monday, December 7, 2015 at 7 pm at the Clubhouse.

Financial Services Committee

There will be no meeting in December. The next meeting will be January 19th.

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

Financial status as of October 31, 2015

YTD expenses	\$ 488,587	2015 Operating/Reserve Budget	\$727,314
YTD budget	\$ 556,191		
Under/ (Over) budget	\$ 67,604	Designated reserve	\$797,245

Expenditures:

Actual expenses are in-line with budget.
Major favorable variances are security and pool management expenses are under budget.

Assessments:

YTD collections are at 98.32% which is .99% **ahead** of last years rate

By now you should have received your assessment invoice. If you have not received it contact the DVCA office and request a copy be sent.

Assessments remain the same as last year, \$630.00 for single family homes and \$710.00 for patio homes. Payment is due 1/1/2016 and is past due after 1/31/2016 and will be subject to a late fee of \$100.00

Swim Pool Committee

The next Pool event will be the annual Polar Bear Swim on January 1 at 1pm. Come join us dive into the New Year with a splash!

At the January meeting, the Swim Pool Committee will begin the work of getting ready for the 2016 swim season. If you use the pool and want it to continue to be a great amenity, please consider joining the Swim Pool Committee and help us out. We need you!

The Swim Pool Committee meets at 7pm on the 2nd Monday of the month. Our next meeting will be on January 11. Please come out and join us.

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: Pat Rothman at 281-345-9355.
patrothman@att.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.

THINKING ABOUT OWNING A PET???

You may not consider owning a pet IF:

You don't have time to get it's shots and check for heartworms.

You don't have time to get a collar with ID and a phone # on a tag.

You don't have the time to walk it on a leash and pick up the poop.

You just don't have the time.

Marie Nugent: 713-818-5799

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	Anastasia Hepler	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	Lynetta Morrell	
MUD #136	2nd Thursday	6:00 PM	Eric Tourelles		281-855-0312
Recreation Center	1st Friday	9:30 AM	Louis Carpenter	Peter Howell	281-463-1360
Security	1st Tuesday	7:00 PM	Larry Burkham	Glenn Sommers	
Swimming Pool	2nd Monday	7:00 PM	Sigmund Potocki	Kenny O'Brien	
Tennis	1st Wednesday	8:00 PM	Brian Harris	Ray Sarmiento	281-954-5133

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

Landscape Committee

Members of the Landscape Committee, Jennifer Endicott, Martha Gonzalez, Jay Singleton and Lynetta Morell wish all in Deerfield Village:

*A Blessed Christmas
and
Happy New Year
May you find happiness though out the coming year*

DVCA NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH



Are you aware that Deerfield Village has a "Neighborhood Watch Program"?

The Security Committee has installed important information related to the Neighborhood Watch Program on the Deerfield Village Website, (www.deerfieldvillageonline.com). The Neighborhood Watch program contains information that can help keep your home and family safe and secure.

The Security Committee is in the process of updating the Neighborhood Watch Program with current block captain and section leader information. This information will be updated on the Deerfield Village website soon.

The committee needs your help. It is our desire to be able to communicate with the block captains and section leaders as efficiently and quickly as possible. Therefore, we would like for all block captains and section leaders to provide us with their email addresses. These addresses will be used only for the purpose of communicating Security Committee related business and will not appear on the Deerfield Village website. Also, we are still in need of block captains and section leaders. If you would like additional information on how to become a B/C or S/L, please contact George Hintz, preferably by email (grhintz@att.net).

Thanks for your help,
George Hintz,
Vice Chairman of DVCA Security Committee
Phone: 281-398-0533
Email: grhintz@att.net

QUILTING

Janie McIntosh 713-705-3569
2nd Wednesday 12PM - 4PM

BONJOUR DEERFIELD!

If you would like to learn to speak French, NOW is a perfect time! Meet with Christine, who is a retired French teacher with 30+ years experience! You will enjoy the weekly fun sessions! **Friday from 6:00 to 7:00 pm**

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



Coffee & Donuts

Every Friday in
May 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.



No Ladies Happy Hour
November & December.



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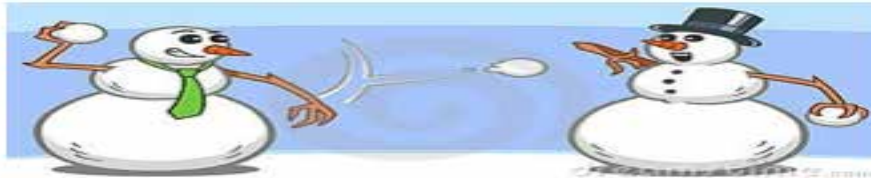
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Snow Party

When: Sunday, Dec. 6th

Time: 2:00 PM

Where: Recreation Center

There will be snow, train rides,
cookies & hot chocolate and



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