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A publication dedicated to the residents of Deerfield Village

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Deadline for June issue: May 15

Submit articles and ads to office at Rec Center.

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(Karen Duhrkopf)

*May 2005* 

### President's Report

By Dennis Hughes

Almost every President of Deerfield Village has requested that more residents volunteer to help out on one of the many committees charged with keeping the subdivision running well and looking nice. I want to congratulate the current committee chairs and their members for the excellent job they have done and continue to do. We all have ideas about how things should work, but many times those ideas are skewed because of a misunderstanding of the facts. Gossip, rumor, and personal viewpoint sometimes cloud the facts and create an atmosphere of apathy. One way to combat apathy is to become involved. Hear the facts for yourself at the monthly committee or Board meetings. Two or three hours a month would cover most of the committee member's obligation, and that is usually one committee meeting each month. Failing to participate in the governing of the neighborhood allows the vocal minority to determine many of the decisions made. Speak up and be heard.

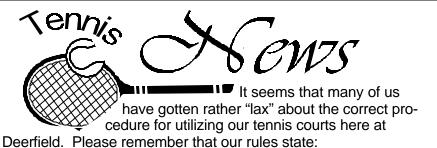
There have been several incidents on the greenbelt over the past few months. The sheer number of unleashed dogs is cause for alarm, so please become familiar with the Leash Law. Also, shooting birds, dogs, cats, people, lights, etc. is not an appropriate use of a BB or pellet gun. One of the lights on the greenbelt was shot out and it cost the neighborhood over \$400 to replace. If you see someone participating in these activities, please report it to the constable.

We live in a very nice neighborhood, let's all keep it that way.



Attention all Deerfield Village 5th Graders

On Friday, May 20, you are invited to a Graduation party, complete with a band! It is open to all Deerfield resident 5th graders, regardless of which school you attend. The time is from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at the Deerfield Village Rec Center. We will serve dinner from 6 until 7:15 then open the pool until 8:45. All 5th graders must be dropped off by a parent. A permission slip must be signed before your child can participate. Each 5th grader will be asked to contribute a food item. Please call Debbie Fredette at 281-859-8252 to RSVP and to find out what you are supposed to bring. We do need a head count in order to secure the proper ratio of lifeguards.



- Courts are for residents of Deerfield Village.
- Courts will be utilized by reservation only, by use of the signup sheets which are posted on the office window.
- Courts are reserved by listing first and last names.

Please keep these rules in mind and remember to sign up when you are using the tennis courts. It will make it easier for all Deerfield residents, as we are approaching that time of year when more adults and children are outdoors and wanting to enjoy some time out on the courts!

#### The truth about trash

All single family homes pay for "back door" garbage service. That means you don't need to drag your cans or bags or household garbage to the curb. Simply leave household waste up by the garage—in view from the street. You will need to take any grass or mulch clippings as well as tree limbs to the curb.

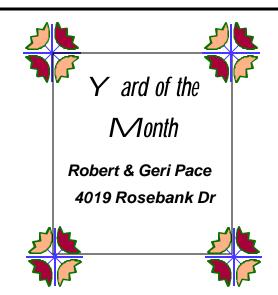
If you have any questions, please call the office at (281)-463-2624.

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ACTIVITIES	Total
Accidents	0
Alarms	15
Assaults	1
Burglaries	1
Burglary of Motor Vehicle	3
Citizens Assistance	14
Citizens Contact	36
Criminal Arrests	0
Criminal Mischief	2
Disturbance Calls	8
Suspicious Vehicles	4
Suspicious Persons	4
Thefts	3
Traffic Citations	5
Traffic Warnings	11
Vacation Watch	67

Reminder: Constable Emergency telephone stickers are available at the DV Rec. Center office: 281-463-2624

Constable Dispatch: 281-463-6666

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#### Classified Ads

Gracie's Babysitting Service—Responsible Deerfield Resident—Available afternoons, weekends, & holiday—Red Cross Certified—Gracie Henry, age 12—cell-281-352-0543 house-281-856-7041 graciecarrigan@yahoo.com

**Spring is in the air** and with all of the rain we have had you may need some pressure washing.... Driveways, walkways, or porches. Call for an estimate... 281-855-9034 and ask for Ryan or Robby.

Kellie Kares—Baby-sitting and Pet sitting Services— I'm 12 years old, and Red Cross certified. I'm pretty good with kids. Also, I was a pet owner for the past 8 years. A resident of Deerfield my whole life and I love animals, almost any! Give me a call, I'll take care of them all! I have great rates too! 281-550-4121.

I would love to live in a one story, 3-4 bedroom patio home in Deerfield Village. If you are interested in selling please call Cecilia at 281 497-6049. I am not a realtor.

<u>Michael's Pet and House Sitting:</u> Services: walk, feed, water, play with dogs, care for cats, fish and other domestic pets, water plants, take in mail/newspapers, water lawns. Michael Henry, Deerfield resident, 281-856-7041

## These plants are doomed

By Landscape Committee

Do you have Oleanders, Indian Hawthorn, or Red Tip Photinias in your yard? If so, you should start planning their replacement. Leaf Scorch is attacking Oleanders and Leaf Spot is attacking Indian Hawthorns and Red Tip Photinias. There is no effective treatment to cure these diseases. There are no disease resistant varieties of these plants to use as replacements. Here are some alternatives: Cedar or Juniper shrubs, Glossy Abelia, Carolina Cherry Laurel, Nandina, Nellie Stevens Holly, Sweet Viburnum. For more ideas contact the Harris County Master Gardiner Assoc at 281-855-5600 or log on to http://hcmga.tamu.edu. Another good source is Texas A&M at http:/aggiehorticulture.tamu.edu. Please limit you planting to confines of your property. Planting on DVCA common area must be coordinated with the Landscape Committee. Planting anywhere below the greenbelt side walks (the ditch) is never permitted. That area is the property of the Flood Control District and must be kept clear for access by their equipment.

The Landscape Committee welcomes suggestions for enhancing the appearance of our community. We are also in need of new members to help implement those suggestions.

<u>Committee</u>	Board Trustee Chair Committee Chair		Phone(281)
Community Svcs.	Den Karsten	Tim McGhee	550-8194
Deed Restrictions	Don Driggs	Mike Nunez	861-8080
DVCA Board	Dennis Hughes		
Financial Svcs.	Bob Henry	Rollie Volker	550-3958
Landscape	Mike Polk	Jay Singleton	463-7346
MUD #136		Steve Dornak	463-3723
Rec Center	Amber Basinger		
Security	Larry Burger	George Hintz	463-1244
Swim Pool	Swim Pool Jim Boarman		859-8024
Tennis	Marie Nugent	Steve Ward	859-1043

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#### **Harris County Animal Control ordinance**

Residents of Harris County must be aware of the regulations adopted by Commissioners Court to meet the standards of the "Texas Rabies Control Act of 1981." This ordinance, enforced by Harris County Rabies/Animal Control is designed to protect the health and welfare of Harris County residents.

Requires the annual vaccination and registration of all dogs and cats four months of age and older.

Requires dogs and cats to be physically restrained at all times, without access to the sidewalks and streets.

NOTE: As of April 15, 2003, Harris county commissioners Court has approved an amendment to the Harris County Regulation on rabies vaccinations for dogs and cats. The regulation now state the following: Currently vaccinated is defined as: An animal that has either (1) been vaccinated for rabies within the last 12 months; or, (2) received 2 rabies vaccinations within 12 months of each other and the latter of these 2 rabies vaccination having been with a 3-year vaccine.

Sets a REGISTRATION FEE for all dogs and cats:

\$15 LIFETIME: for neutered dogs and cats. Proof of neutering required.

\$15 LIFETIME; for dogs and cats belonging to persons 65 years of age or older.

NOTE: All pets with lifetime registration must be vaccinated yearly against rabies.

\$15 ANNUAL: fee for all other dogs and cats.

\$3 REPLACEMENT fee for Harris County tag.

Sets an IMPOUNDMENT FEE plus a boarding fee to be charged for each animal picked up. Owner may also be issued a citation for allowing the animal to run loose.

#### OTHER

Impounded animals shall be kept three days to allow the owner time to redeem them.

The occupant/head of household of any premises on which a dog or cat remains for a period of seven days is presumed to be the owner of that animal.

All animals suspected of rabies, or animals that bite, scratch or otherwise attack any person shall be impounded at the discretion of the County Health Officer, for a period of ten days under veterinary observation.

Violators of any provision of this order are guilty of a misdemeanor and are subject to a fine of up to \$200 in a Justice of the Peace Court.

#### SOURCE

Harris county Health Department, Rabies/Animal Control Section, 2223 West Loop South, Houston, Texas 77027-3588, www/countypets.com.



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### S wimming Pool U pdate

The swim season is upon us! Do you have your 2005 pool ID? If not, contact Nora at the Community Center office and have your ID made. The number is 281-463-2624. The pool is open beginning May 1st on the weekends and will open daily on May 26. The season will last through September 30. Included in this newsletter is May and June's calendar. The entire swim calendar is posted on Deerfield's website.

If you are interested in swimming lessons, call Sweetwater Pool Management for information. Their phone number is 281-988-8480.

Water aerobics are offered once again this year. Call Linda Griffeth if you are interested in signing up. Her phone number is 281-463-8790 and e-mail is <a href="mailto:lindagriffeth@yahoo.com">lindagriffeth@yahoo.com</a>.

The Swimming Pool Committee is offering residents an opportunity to earn Community Service hours this summer. We need assistance in checking pool ID's on the weekends in May and when the pool opens full time on May 26. If you would like to sign up, call Nora at the Community office – 281-463-2624. The minimum age for participation is 14 years of age and a minimum sign up is one hour.

Following is a partial summarization of many restrictions. (Not inclusive; see Protective Covenants for all restrictions).

~No building or improvements or changes in design on any lot until plans and specifications have been submitted and approved. (This includes but is not limited to new roofs, pool installations, house additions, new siding, exterior painting, patio additions, etc.) ~Maintain all structures, including fences, in safe and attractive condition. ~No structure may be placed on utility easements. ~No business activity, for profit or not, shall be permitted. ~No noxious or offensive activity of any sort, nor shall anything be done on any lot which may be or become an annoyance or nuisance to the neighborhood.

Were you wondering why there was no water in the pool for a couple of weeks in March? The pool had a crack in a corner that was leaking underneath the adjoining deck. This leak was causing the deck to degrade and crumble. The existing crack was repaired along with the portion of the deck that was affected by the leak. The pool will be swim ready in time for swim season.

Calling all party planners! We need help with planning and implementing the Memorial Day party. If you are interested in helping, please call Melinda Hughes at 281-859-8024 or e-mail at home@angeloproductions.com.

#### **Swipe Card System needed**

The Pool Committee would like to know of anyone that sells the Swipe card system or had contacts in the business. A few suppliers have been contacted, but we would like some more information and possibly a neighborhood con-

tact if possible. If you have information, contact Jim Griffeth at 713-685-6224 wk, or 832-428-0986 cell.

The Committee is always needing members. We meet the third Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Club House.

Have a safe, fun summer! Melinda Hughes, Chairperson

#### Deerfield Playgroup – Come and Join the Fun!

If you are looking to meet other moms in Deerfield with young children, this is the perfect opportunity for you. Dates and time may vary depending on the weather. Contact Angela Burris for a calendar of meet-



ing places. 281-463-8065 or aburris@houston.rr.com.

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#### **LEASH LAW**

Animals that are not properly restrained pose a threat to all our residents. While you may know your pet is friendly, an animal running at someone who is walking by is very scary for that person. Many children are afraid of animals and become frightened, which could result in the child getting hurt trying to avoid the animal.

Harris County Animal Control advises, "All dogs and cats must be kept under restraint while in the unincorporated areas of Harris County, Texas. The custodian of a dog or cat is not authorized to have, harbor or keep any unlicensed dog or cat, nor to allow any dog or cat to become a stray."

## Restraint is defined as "the control of a dog or cat under the following circumstances:

- 1. When it is controlled by a line or leash not more than six (6) feet in length, if the line or leash is held by a human being, who is capable of controlling or governing the dog or cat in question
- 2. When it is within a fully enclosed vehicle
- When it is on the premise of the custodian and the animal does not have access to sidewalk or street."

While it may be nice to have your animal out in the yard while you work or play, it is against the law, unless the animal is properly restrained.

Let's all help keep our community a safe and comfortable place for all our residents by being responsible pet owners. This will not only protect anyone who may be walking or bicycling in the area, but also the pet owner who could be held legally responsible or possibly sued for failing to properly restrain their pet.

## To make a complaint or report an animal that is not properly restrained please contact:

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

Harris County Animal Control: 281-999-3191
Harris county Health Department, Rabies/Animal
Control Section

2223 West Loop South, Houston, Texas 77027-3588, <a href="https://www.countypets.com">www.countypets.com</a>

## F rom the Manager:

Thank you to all who helped with the **Garage Sale**. We couldn't have done it without you:

The Taranto's, Boy Scout Troop #120, Kendy Gullette, Shari Jones, Bob and Collette Fahrig,

Corky and Wally Boutilier, Darik Gobson, Nick Barnes, and Peter Hatton.

Coyote Alert: A coyote was recently spotted around 11:30 PM running along the ditch from Mountfield to Oakhampton-where he turned and headed toward Barker Cypress. With all the building around us, these animals are losing their habitat and food supply. It is not uncommon for them to come into our area and hunt at night.

If you have any small pets that stay out at night, they are in danger. We have already seen at least one animal carcass in the ditch. Cats that wander are at great risk.

Please make sure you have ID on your cat or dog. Your phone # is most important because if your pet gets out on the weekend, the rabies tag is of no use until Monday morning. If you lose your pet, you may post it on the Deerfield Village website, contact Nora at the Association Office, or Marie Nugent at 281-859-1104.

If you still need an ID for the pool, you may come to the office from 5:45-6:15 during the first (2) weeks of May. If you have an ID from last year, and your picture has not changed significantly, you may call the office with your ID number and I will print up an new ID for 2005.

I still need volunteer(s) for the Children's Halloween and Christmas Parties. If you are interested, please call the office for more information.

I just received a new supply of blue bins. If you would like a new one, come on down.

Office Hours: thru the end of school are MTRF 8:30-2:30 and Wednesday from 8:30-11:00. Please call the office to confirm that I am in-- due to health reasons I may be out during scheduled hours. I will apologize in advance for any inconvenience.

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## pool Calendara

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### 2005 Water **Fitness** Classes in **Deerfield**



Tuesdays and **Thursdays** 9-10 p.m.

\$50/session

#### **Session 1**

June 2,7,9,14,16, 21,23,28

#### **Session 2**

July 5,7,12,14,19, 21, 26, 28

#### **Session 3**

August 2,4,9,11,16, 18, 23, 25

Call Linda Griffeth at 281-463-8790 or email: Lindadgriffeth@yahoo.com to sign up.

11:00 AM -9:00 PM Open

10:00 AM -11:00 AM Adult

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## DEERFIELD VILLAGE 'HAPPENINGS' MAY 2005

Don't forget the 5th grade graduation party on Friday, May 20. See page 1 for details.

#### **Committee Meetings:**

Community Services	Monday, May 2	7:30 PM
Tennis Committee	Wednesday, May 4	8:00 PM
Deeds Committee	Monday, May 9	7:00 PM
Landscape Committee	Monday, May 9	7:30 PM
Security Committee	Tuesday, May 10	7:30 PM
MUD #136	Wednesday, May 11	7:30 PM
Swim Committee	Monday, May 16	7:30 PM
Financial Services	Tuesday, May 17	7:30 PM
<b>Board Meeting</b>	Monday, May 23	7:30 PM
Community "Game" Opportunities:		
Ladies Bridge	Thursday, May 5	1:00 PM
Ladies Bunko	Thursday, May 19	7:00 PM
Other Community Meetings/Events:		
Optimist Board	Wednesday, May 11	7:30 PM
Optimist Club	Thursday, May 19	7:30 PM
Qijong	Every Wednesday	7:00 PM
Spanish at Deerfield	Every Tuesday	6:00 PM
Scout Troop Meetings:		
Walker Troop	Monday, May 2 & 16	5:00 PM
Wall Troop	Monday, May 9 & 23	6:00 PM
Kidder Troop	Tuesday, May 3 & 17	5:30 PM
Schunk Troop	Tuesday, May 10 & 24	7:00 PM
Thomson Troop	Monday, May 16	7:00 PM
Thomson Troop	Tuesday, May 17	7:00 PM
Burger Troop	Wednesday, May 18 & 25	6:00 PM
Burton Troop	Thursday, May 5 & 12	4:00 PM
Swim Team:	•	
Time Trial vs. Windsong	Saturday, May 7	8:30 AM
Meet vs. Wortham	Saturday, May 28	8:30 AM
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If you would like more information on any "happenings", or would like to participate in any of the activities listed above, please call the Association Office at (281) 463-2624.

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