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Deerfield Village News

THE VOICE OF THE COMMUNITY

Dedicated to the residents of Deerfield Village

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President's Report

By Glenn Sommers

We've made it through March; the Annual Election of Trustees, the Annual Meeting of Members, the Election of New Officers of DVCA and Spring Break. Whew!!

Thanks to all the people who exercised their right to vote! We had significantly more voters (115) than in the past, but we really need more of you to vote. This is your Community!! It was an exciting vote and we had a first for DVCA (to my knowledge) – a tie for the third position. A special thanks to Charlie Jones for withdrawing from consideration after he was made aware of the tie (not wanting us to have to go through another election cycle for a runoff). Thanks to The Election Committee (Don Driggs, Marie Nugent and Rebecca Adams) for doing a great job! And thanks to all the candidates for caring about DVCA and running for Trustee. Everyone who ran got enough votes to have won in many other years.

At the DVCA Annual Meeting we received a positive report from all the Committees. The finances are good, security incidents down, many improvements have been made and the State of DVCA is very good. Thanks to all the people who serve as a Committee Chair or member of a committee. It is YOU who make this such a great community! And I'd be remiss if I didn't thank all the members of the Trustee Board for all their service and support. There have been some tough situations to work through and several long or special meetings, and they all hung in there and did their part.

On a personal note, I'd like to thank all of those who voted for me as a Trustee. I am honored that 86% of those who voted thought I was worthy of their trust. I do not take that lightly and am committed to serving with integrity and to the five points I listed on my application. To that end, I want to let you all know that at the March 26 Board of Trustee Meeting we will begin discussions to develop a plan for:

- 1. improving communications in DVCA and
- 2. reviewing and improving our guiding documents (By-Laws, etc.) for the board and committees

If you have any ideas, skills to offer, or interest in participating in those areas, please give the office a call or contact me directly.

We need YOUR involvement to work through the bumps we've been through and to keep DVCA the great place it is to live. Expect to be asked to get involved in one of the committees or new areas listed above. Better yet, just volunteer before we have to ask you. My commitment is to work to make sure there are better communications so you know what is happening (and we'll need people with time and skills to help us do it better). Thanks to Rebecca for the much more informative newsletters of late!

But improved communications is only the first step; it will make the members aware. The second step is that YOU the members need to get involved and make a difference. I look forward to working with many of you to keep DVCA the great community that it is.





Election Results

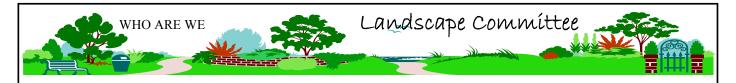
New Trustees:Glenn Sommers99 votesSusan Greer67 votesMike Polk61 votes

There were a total of 115 voters



Contact Information

Committee	Meeting Dates	<u>Time</u>	Board Trustee	<u>Committee</u> <u>Chair</u>	<u>Phone</u>
Community Services	1st Monday	7:30 PM	Dan Karsten	Tim McGhee	281-550-8194
Deed Restrictions	2nd Monday	7:00 PM	Mike Polk	Marie Nugent	281-859-1104
DVCA Board	4th Monday	7:30 PM	Glenn Sommers		
Financial Services	Tuesday before Board Meeting	7:30 PM	Bob Henry	OPEN	OPEN
Landscape	2nd Monday	7:30 PM	Don Driggs	Jay Singleton	281-463-7346
MUD #136	2nd Thursday	6:30 PM		Steve Dornak	281-463-3723
Rec Center	1st Monday	7:30 PM	Dennis Hughes	Rebecca Adams	281-463-2624
Security	2nd Tuesday	7:30 PM	Carolyn Dinger	Kirk Aden	281-855-7103
Swim Pool	1st Thursday	7:30 PM	Susan Greer	Melinda Hughes	281-859-8024
Tennis	1st Wednesday	8:00 PM	Marie Nugent	Mark Tinne	281-463-1258



The word 'landscape' in our name can be misleading. Yes, we are responsible for the upkeep of the common areas, including mowing of the greenbelt, trimming the shrubbery, planting of flowers, trimming of trees, and maintenance of the sprinkler system. But we are also responsible for the maintenance of the greenbelt sidewalks, as well as the benches and trash bins. Playground equipment and picnic tables are our responsibility.

To effectively run a maintenance program, the Landscape Committee needs volunteers to monitor and report on the quality of the mowing work, or to watch for new fire ant mounds, periodically review the condition of trees, or keep track of the condition of the greenbelt sidewalks. Easy assignments, attendance at the monthly meetings not always necessary, and they offer an excellent opportunity to get some healthy exercise while performing a valuable community service. Please consider volunteering.

Deadline for May Newsletter: **April 15**

Submit articles and ads to Rec Center Office or email deerfield4@sbcglobal.net

OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY - FRIDAY 8:30AM -2:30PM

Deeds Committee

If you do not have a copy of the Deeds Restrictions, please feel free to pick up a copy from the Association office or online. These restrictions are to help us keep Deerfield looking well cared for and neat. Some of the most common violations can be easily taken care of with little effort. . .

Trash bags and recycle bins in view - Trash bags should be put out the night before pick-up and put back out of view from the street on trash day. If your lawn man comes on the weekend, have him put your lawn bags at the side of your home until Monday night so that they are not in front of your home for several days.

Mulch bags - Mulch bags should be used ASAP or kept out of view from the street until used.

Patio Street Homes - The Patio Home streets are **PRIVATE STREETS** and there is to be **NO** overnight parking in the street.

Trailers and boats - should not be stored in the driveway.

These are some of the items that can be easily maintained to keep Deerfield looking neat.

Also, don't forget those weeds!!! They seem to be growing at great neck speed.

HAWK ALERT!!!!!!!!

Keep a close watch on all small dogs, kittens, and other pets. There has been a hawk spotted in a tree on Ravenfield Court.



DEERFIELD DOLPHIN NEWS



Registration was held on March 18th and 22nd. We have lots of new swimmers and are very excited about the upcoming season!

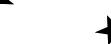
<u>It is not too late to register for the team</u>. You may contact Lisa Walker at 281-550-3558 and she will be glad to sign you up.

Practice will begin on April 16th. Please check the website www.deerfieldvillage.net (link for swim team) for additional information









Security Stats for February 2007 Constable Dispatch: 281-463-6666 Contract #87 Harris County Precinct #5

ACTIVITIES	Total		
Accidents	0		
Alarms	19		
Assaults	0		
Burglaries	0		
Burg Motor Vehicle	1		
Citizens Assistance	27		
Citizens Contact	57		
Criminal Arrests	0		
Criminal Mischief	3		
Disturbance Calls	9		
Suspicious Vehicles	3		
Suspicious Persons	6		
Thefts	0		
Traffic Citations	1		
Traffic Warnings	1		
Vacation Watch	23		

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

Finance Committee

Meets every Tuesday the week before the Board Meeting at 7:30 PM

CALLING ALL RESIDENTS!!!!!

The Finance Committee is looking for volunteers for 2007. If you would like to help determine where YOUR assessment money is going, please join us the Tuesday night before the board meeting..



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!







O O Tennís Committee O O





Meets every 1st Wednesday at 8:00 PM

The Tennis Social is on for April 14th and details about it can be found in this Newsletter**. All levels of Deerfield tennis players are encouraged to come and join in. The weather for playing tennis can be particularly good at this time of year. The locks on the court gates are helping to prevent misuse and abuse of the courts. As a reminder keys for the courts are available from the DVCA office. As a matter of interest for those who do not play tennis the general comment from visiting Ladies League Teams are that our courts are maintained at a very high standard for subdivision courts. With that in mind for 2008 we will be budgeting for the resurfacing of all four courts which is now due to be done again.



DEERFIELD VILLAGE TENNIS SOCIAL Saturday, April 14

This is tennis fun for the whole family. Just bring a snack to share (don't forget your racquet) to the courts by 6:00 pm and the Tennis Committee will supply the balls and soft drinks. It will be a night of fun and socializing with some of tennis' best and worst players. Come and enjoy yourself!! For more information, call Ron Tope at (281) 855-8471

Community Services Committee

Meets every 1st Monday of the month at 7:30 PM

Samples and bids have been collected for the redecorating of the clubhouse area. Community Services is in the process of choosing the best option and will soon begin the process of repainting and re-carpeting the clubhouse.



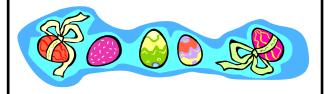
Rec Center Committee

Meets every 1st Monday of the month at 7:30 PM

EASTER PARTY

DEERFIELD VILLAGE CHILDREN'S EASTER CELEBRATION AND EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 7, 2007



Swimming Pool Committee

Meets every 1st Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM



Swimming Pool Passes

We will begin making swim pool passes April 2, 2007. You can have one made during office hours or on the following dates:

Monday, April 2 7:00 -8:00 PM

Saturday, April 7 10:00 - 12:00PM (during the Easter Party)

Tuesday, April 17 6:30 -7:30PM

SUMMER WATER FITNESS CLASSES AT DEERFIELD

COME CHECK OUT THE NEW DEERFIELD POOL AND TRY

<u>Water fitness classes</u> that will give you a great cardiovascular
workout while strengthening and lengthening your muscles.

Come join us for a non-impact aquatic workout to tone your body
and increase your range of motion through various movements of
yoga, Pilates and aqua jogging. No need to know how to swim.
You won't get your hair wet. Guaranteed to improve your tennis
or golf game by challenging the core muscles.

Time: Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Cost: \$50 per session

To register call: Linda Griffeth (281) 463-8790 or

Email: lindagriffeth@yahoo.com



<u>SESSION I:</u>
JUNE 5,7,12,14,19,21,26,28
<u>SESSION II:</u>
JULY 17,19,24,26,31, AND
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Next Board Meeting: April 23, 2007 7:30PM

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HARRIS COUNTY HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF DAY

Saturday, Apr. 28, 2007 8 AM to 2 PM only

HC Annex 13 & Sport Complex, 17423 Katy Freeway (Enter via Barker-Clodine), Houston, TX 77094 http://www.cleanwaterclearchoice.org/downloads/HHWflyer%2004807%20English.pdf

Residents may bring household quantities of paint products, pesticides, fertilizers, motor oil, gasoline, pool chemicals, household cleaners, aerosols, batteries and automotive tires (5 per household).

Used electronics such as televisions, computers, word processors, printers, scanners, fax machines, cellular phones, VCRs, stereos and other small personal electronics are also accepted. Residents may bring up to five (5) of each of these items.

A mercury thermometer exchange is also held in conjunction with each of the events. Residents may bring a mercury fever thermometer for proper disposal and receive a FREE, non-toxic replacement.

Participants will receive information on less toxic alternatives to common hazardous household products and can also shop for FREE items at the reusable products booth located near the exit of the drop-off site!

While you are cleaning out for the March 31, Garage Sale day, collect Household Waste to drop off in April



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FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY Katherine Tyra Library

Friends of the Library meet the second Monday of each month at the Bear Creek, Katherine Tyra Library.

The next meeting will be April 9

Meetings begin at 6:00 pm and end promptly at 7:00 pm. The next event will be a Book Sale, April 21. The library is looking for donations of gently used books to be sold. If you have any books to



donate, bring them to the Bear Creek library. Also, mark your calendars and come see what great selections the Friends of the Library book sale offers. Hope to see you there!

Aglow Lighthouse

The West Houston Aglow Lighthouse will meet

Thursday, April 19th at 10:00am

at the Clubhouse. It will be a time for women to fellowship in the Lord and listen to Martha Middlebrook, a long time member of Aglow and a great inspiration. The weekly bible study The Truth Project from Focus on the Family, will continue. For more information, call Christine Jackson 281-463-7665

Please reply to: christinejackson@peoplepc.com or call 281-463-7665 if you are able to come to the April meeting or would like to be kept informed.



ATTENTION RESIDENTS!



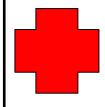
Residents, it has been noted that some bikers are riding their bikes on our streets on the wrong side of the road. This is extremely dangerous and poses a risk for both bikers and auto traffic. All bikes should be ridden on the right side of the street, moving in the same direction as auto traffic, and as close to the curb as possible. Many of us probably have been told by our well meaning parents that we should ride facing traffic. This is incorrect and creates a problem for auto traffic as it forces them to actually have to stop to avoid bikers if the passing lane is occupied. While auto traffic approaching from the rear of a biker can simply slow down until the passing lane is open and then safely pass the biker.



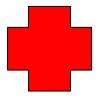
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BSA Troop 120 News



April fools! Well it more like <u>April fun</u> for Troop 120 this month. As always, we are looking forward to great camping and lots of fun this month. A trip to Enchanted Rock is scheduled for April 27-29th, and we will be backpacking, hiking and some of the boys will be rock climbing. This trip is going to rock. J

Troop 120 will hold the annual Bill Skinner Memorial Breakfast on Saturday, April 6. This great event honors a former Assistant Scoutmaster for his inspiration and contributions to the spirit of Scouting. Current Scouters and Troop 120 alumni look forward to this chance to see old friends and find out what the troop has been up to in the past year. Email Gary Epperson, Scoutmaster, (gary_epperson@ofdeng.com) for more details.

Did you know that Troop 120 Scouts sold nearly 7000 bags of mulch, over 700 bags of topsoil, and about 300 bags of fertilizer for this year's fundraiser. Great job Scouts and thank you Deerfield!!

March highlights

March 23rd-25th, we camped in Tyler, TX, on private property owned by the Epperson family. The Scouts all worked on the Wilderness Survival merit badge. We left behind our tents and usual cooking gear and honed our survival skills by making shelters, starting fires without matches, and cooking over an open fire. Scouts earned extra food and comfort items by demonstrating their knots, first aid, and orienteering skills.

March 16-18th, some of the boys went to Hondo Airport (40 miles West of San Antonio) to work on the Aviation merit badge. The course is taught by a long time Cessna test pilot, a United States air force combat pilot, a commercial airline pilot and instructors that are active in the airline industry. Some boys had the opportunity to take flight in a small aircraft.

Eagle Scout projects

We have two scouts continuing work on their Eagle projects. Sebastian Powell, which plans to make upgrades/refurbishment to the Simple Machines exhibit at the Cy-Fair Science Resource Center, and Kyle deKay which will be collecting and cleaning used band instruments and music stands. Sebastian should have completed this requirement by the time you read this newsletter.

I invite you to check out our website at <u>www.bsatroop120.com</u> and view all the fun and adventures. Please come and join us, we usually meet from 7-8pm on Tuesday's at Wilson Elementary.

Stay tuned for more news next month!!!

Chris Moceri Troop 120 Scribe



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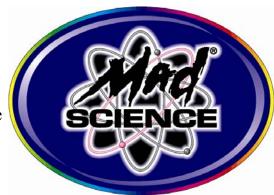
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MAD SCIENCE

is coming to Deerfield

Did you know that you have a wonderful opportunity right in your backyard; Mad Science of Houston's phenomenal one week, half day or full day summer camps are coming to the Deerfield Rec Center! Our camps are for children whose parents are looking for

some "edu-taining" enthrilled we are able to hands-on science exwhich include several families (and you may) 200+ schools where we and in-school workdreds of birthday pararea. Our camp is one hours for school-agers



richment programs. We are provide you with quality periences for children take-homes weekly. Many already know us from the provide after school classes shops as well as the hunties we provide in your week and are typically 6 and 3 hours for preschool-

ers. We stay with the children during lunch and their 30 minute playtime break; we even provide a daily themed "snack-tivity"! Registration is ongoing by phone (713.663.7623), fax (713.663.7664), mail or online at www.madscienceofhouston.com. Discounts apply through May 15. Register now! Turn on your BRAIN, not your TV!

August 6 - 10, 2007 9am - 3pm

The Chemistry Mystery (Ages 6-11) - Campers will take an incredible journey from classic codes to modern forensics. Campers will spend an entire day studying and exploring a crime scene and find out who stole the ice cream. Other days will focus on chemicals, reactions, and cool codes. Take-homes will include a Mad Science Child I.D. Kit, Morse Code Bracelets, and Bath Bombs.

August 6 - 10, 2007 9am - 12pm

My First Lab (Ages 3-5) - Preschoolers will journey through the basics of science exploration and discovery. We'll study the basics of light, color, and the world around us. Through story telling and even some sing-alongs, we'll travel step-by-step through awesome experiments. Take-homes will include a Sun Catcher, a Body Apron, and a T-Rex Tooth.