

DEERFIELD VILLAGE NEWS

THE VOICE OF THE COMMUNITY



SNOW DAY



December 16th

2:00-4:00PM

Deerfield Village Clubhouse

If you would like to help, please call the office. We need volunteers!

The Christmas light judging will be decided by December 13th this year. Judging will be Best door, 1st, 2nd & 3rd place for best yards.

Deerfield Village CAI

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Please note the office hours will be changing temporarily. Please call for hours

*Deadline for December Newsletter: **December 15th***

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

President's Report

By Glenn Sommers

The Holiday season is upon us! Deerfield will likely become very well decorated and festive as it normally is. Maybe we'll get snow on Christmas Eve again. That sure was fun!

Most of our committees and the board will be taking December off due to the Holidays. Thank you for your patience about the DVCA office during our transition, working to hire a new Office Manager. We are still accepting candidates, so if you know of anyone please have them give the office a call to get the details. Thanks!

The board listened to your input from the straw poll and approved including a 3rd Shift Constable and reinstating Mosquito Control in the DVCA 2008 Budget. The existing cost of running the Association has also gone up (the existing Constable contract went up 5.4%) and to keep our other services from being impacted, a basic inflationary increase was approved as well. The net effect is that the 2008 assessment has been increased by \$90 per year (or \$7.50 per month) per household. I know this is a significant increase, but please note that a large percentage of it is due to the additional Constable services and Mosquito control that the members overwhelmingly asked for. We did not have any extra reserves to use this year to buy down the increase, as they were used last year for the pool renovation project. DVCA's assessment is still a bargain for the amenities that we offer, and this action allows DVCA to be fiscally sound for the future. There should not be a need to have an assessment increase greater than the change in the Consumer Price Index in the future, unless the members choose to have increased services or there is a major disaster with our facilities. I'm hoping to have a Member Forum in February or March to explain and discuss DVCA's budget and services.

I am happy to report that involvement in most of our committees continues to improve. Back in May I reported that we needed help with Community Services and in November there were eight people present. They continue to work on improvements to the Club House (the new flooring should be installed by now) and will be getting a new Directory out early next year. Thanks to all those who participate in making DVCA great! Have you considered doing your part in 2008? We're waiting for you!

One area to consider is the Trustee Board. We are kicking off the election process for the three Trustees that will be finishing up their term in March. We need strong candidates to become part of the board and help us continue the positive steps that have been made this year. Is it your turn?

Hopefully, by the time you read this we will have passed a "Code of Ethics" for the DVCA Board in our November meeting. It has been reviewed and approved by our Attorney, and I am optimistic it will be passed.

Have a safe and joyous Holiday season! Don't forget the Polar Bear swim on January 1st! It's a cool way to start the year!!

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Meeting Dates</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Board Trustee</u>	<u>Committee Chair</u>	<u>Phone</u>
<i>Community Services</i>	1st Monday	7:30 PM	Dan Karsten	OPEN	
<i>Deed Restrictions</i>	2nd Monday	7:00 PM	Carolyn Dinger	Robert Serradilla	
<i>DVCA Board</i>	4th Monday	7:30 PM	Glenn Sommers		
<i>Financial Services</i>	Tuesday before Board Meeting	7:30 PM	Bob Henry	Andrew Jackson	281-463-7665
<i>Landscape</i>	2nd Monday	7:30 PM	Mike Polk	Jay Singleton	281-463-7346
<i>MUD #136</i>	2nd Thursday	6:30 PM			
<i>Rec Center</i>	1st Monday	7:30 PM	Dennis Hughes	OPEN	
<i>Security</i>	2nd Tuesday	7:30 PM	Walt Bohn	Kirk Aden	281-855-7103
<i>Swim Pool</i>	1st Thursday	7:30 PM	Susan Greer	Peter Howell	281-463-1360
<i>Tennis</i>	1st Wednesday	8:00 PM	Marie Nugent	Mark Tinne	281-463-1258

2008 DVCA TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

Applications are now being accepted for three positions on the Board of Trustees. Members are encouraged to apply by using the Application Form provided on the reverse of this page and submitting it to the Association office.

Important Dates:

Close of Nominations: Monday, February, 3rd.

Posting of Nominees: Tuesday, February, 19th. - Received Applications will be posted at the office and on the Web-site (www.deerfieldvillage.net)

Election: Tuesday, March, 4th through Friday, March 7th - 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Saturday, March, 8th - 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Annual Meeting: March 11th. - 7:30 p.m.- Recreation Center

Position of Trustee:

Trustees must be Deerfield Village resident homeowners in good standing, i.e. no outstanding assessments. 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 2008

Bob Henry, Treasurer
Dennis Hughes
Dan Karsten

Term Expires 2009

Walt Bohn
Carolyn Dinger
Marie Nugent, Secretary

Term Expires 2010

Susan Greer
Mike Polk
Glenn Sommers, President

2008 Election Committee:

Walt Bohn, Chairman
Bob Henry, Asst. Chairman
Deanna Miciotto, Member



Office Manager for DVCA Office

We are seeking resumes from interested individuals for the position of Office Manger. The position requires computer, administrative, office management and great communication skills. You need to be very organized, a self starter and able to work independently. Prior experience is preferred.

Inquiries and resumes should be directed to the DVCA Office. Resumes can be:

- * dropped in the DVCA Office Lockbox;
- * emailed to deerfield4@sbcglobal.net; or
- * mailed to: DVCA Office Manager, 4045 Deerfield Village Dr., Houston, TX 77084



Financial Services Committee
Meets every Tuesday the week before the
Board Meeting at 7:30 PM
to review the financial, status of our community



The financial services committee needs you!
If you would like to be a part of determining where your dues are going,
please join the Financial Services committee.
Call the office for meeting dates and time

Deed Restrictions Committee
Meets every 2nd Monday at 7:00 PM

Deerfield is an established development where sidewalks have aged and deteriorated with wear, settlement, and upheaval. It is each homeowner's responsibility to repair and maintain his/her sidewalks so they are not a hazard to pedestrians and to avoid potential legal action.

The Deerfield Village Community Association only maintains sidewalks on the green belt and around the recreation center. Where sidewalks have subsided, the problem may possibly be corrected by raising the sidewalks as DVCA has done on the greenbelt.

The Deed Restrictions Committee contacted Harris County Precinct Three regarding repairing sidewalks. Precinct Three does not repair or maintain neighborhood sidewalks except in very special circumstances, such as storm sewer system repair. This further emphasizes that each homeowner is responsible for repairing and maintaining his/her sidewalks.



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

ACTIVITIES	Total
Accidents	2
Alarms	21
Assaults	0
Burglaries	0
Burg Motor Vehicle	2
Citizens Assistance	17
Citizens Contact	45
Criminal Arrests	0
Criminal Mischief	4
Disturbance Calls	14
Suspicious Vehicles	5
Suspicious Persons	2
Thefts	0
Traffic Citations	3
Traffic Warnings	8
Vacation Watch	22

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

Swimming Pool Committee
 Meets every 1st Thursday at 7:30 PM



Reminder...there will be no December committee meeting due to the holidays.
 Next meeting of the committee will be
Thursday, January 3rd

Remember to mark your calendar for our
Polar Bear Swim
Tuesday, January 1st
noon to 1pm

Come take the plunge for the New Year or encourage your family or neighbors to take the plunge.

Wishing all a wonderful holiday season with family and friends.

Security Report
 (Neighborhood Watch Program In Action)
 By: Kirk Aden, Security Chairman

Please read the message below from our 1st shift Constable Patrol (Deputy Jeff Patrick) about an incident that happened this past Monday in Deerfield. I would like to point out this is the 2nd incident where the Neighborhood Watch Program and the Constable Patrol have worked together leading to three solid arrests. I encourage everyone, not already involved, to participate in the Neighborhood Watch Program to make Deerfield an even safer place to live. I would like to extend a big "Thank You" to Deputy Patrick and the Deerfield resident for reacting so quickly and executing the Neighborhood Watch Program to perfection. For more information on the Neighborhood Watch Program, please contact George Hintz @ 281-398-0533.

Jeff's Message

On 11-12-07 around 1100 a.m. Pct. 5 Constables were called by a Deerfield resident in reference to someone trying to break into his neighbors' house. This concerned and observant resident shows that watching out for your neighbors really does work. The resident watched and relayed vital information to the constable's dispatch as deputies approached the criminals. This information allowed the deputies to be put into the best position to take the would be burglars into custody without incident. As all of the individuals involved with the security of Deerfield have said in the past, getting involved in your neighborhood and being observant of your surroundings, calling the constables office when you see something that just does not seem right, will always prevail. This is a perfect example of how your neighborhood watch program should work. Again to the Deerfield resident (you know who you are) Thanks.

COLD WEATHER LANDSCAPING

Landscape Committee



It's been a while since we have had freezing weather in Houston. But, if it does happen, the statistics say it will most likely be in December. The cold air will be very dry and will pull moisture from the soil. Be prepared for a freeze by thoroughly watering plants and making sure the soil is covered with one to two inches of mulch. Foliage can be protected with freeze cloth or freeze protection sprays. However, winter-time does not mean you can't have a colorful yard. Such flowers as Pansies, Dianthus, Snapdragons, Alyssum, Johnny Jump Ups, Petunias, Lobelia, and Cyclamens are cool weather plants that will provide color until warm weather returns. The Landscape Committee chose Lobelia and Dianthus for the beds at the Clay Road entrance and the Patio Home entrance. To see many examples of cool weather plants, visit the demonstration gardens at the Extension Service in Bear Creek Park. For more information contact the Master Gardiner hotline at 281-855-5600.

Tennis Committee

Meets every 1st Wednesday at 8:00 PM



The Tennis Committee budget for 2008 was approved by the Board. The big project for next year will be the necessary resurfacing and repainting of all 4 courts which has not been done for 5 years. Residents walking the green belt will notice that a tree overhanging the corner of Court number 1 has been trimmed. This should hopefully reduce the amount of damp and mildew caused by the branches which were overhanging that area. Residents are reminded that the tennis court gates are locked for which keys are available from the DVCA office. Players are asked to ensure that the gates are closed after they have finished playing.



MUD 136 BOARD REPORT FOR THE BUSINESS MONTH OF OCTOBER, 2007

By Jay Singleton, Secretary

At the October meeting the directors adopted the tax rate for 2008 of \$0.27/\$100 assessed valuation, this rate is approximately 7% lower than last year. The tax rate is composed of 5.5 cents going to debt reduction, 21.5 cents going to maintenance and operations. If you do not receive your tax bill by December 15, contact the Districts tax collector, Bob Laird Interests at 713-932-9011. You can also find your bill on their website www.bli-tax.com. Click on Records and enter your street address. Then click on the account number that appears in the left hand box.

The District's engineer continues to work with the West Harris County Regional Water Authority on the design of the surface water connection. Under the current plan, WHCRWA's water line will run south along the west side of Barker Cypress. A connecting line will run under Barker Cypress at Spellbrook and then south along the road to the water plant. Construction should begin in late Spring, but no firm date has been set at this time.

The continued dry weather has caused the demand for water to remain high. In October the District produced 17,186,000 gallons of water. While this is well within the production capacity of our wells, it is good reason to look for ways to conserve water. Watch for more information on conservation in the insert with your December water bill.



A BIG thank you goes out to Cristina Zermoglio and her family as well as Troop 120 for throwing a very successful Halloween Party!



THANK YOU!



Deerfield Villagers,



As we approach the upcoming holiday season and pause in November to give thanks for the good life we enjoy and start the mad rush of Christmas shopping, let's remember to pick up some items to send to Deerfield Village servicemen and women and others in their units serving now in our military services in Iraq. We can thank them for their efforts to protect our nation by sending travel size toiletries such as shampoo, lotion, body wash or soap, and small first aid items such as band aids and antibiotic ointment. We like to include individually wrapped snacks, gum, beef jerky, cigarettes and Copenhagen. Paperback books and puzzles are great. I am certain that you also have your own personal touch to add. Postage for each package is \$8.95, and in October we were able to send 9 packages, so monetary donations are also appreciated. I live at 4046 Heathersage Drive in the Patio Homes section. I am in the first cul-de-sac to the left. Thank you for all your prayers and well-wishing for those who keep us safe all year. Happy Holidays to your home from Carol Neal and Gerry Archibald, representing Memorial Drive Christian Church



Go-Kart For Sale - Asking \$250

Living room pieces include: matching sofa, chair and ottoman (Dillard's); Queen Anne-style coffee table and matching cherry wood end tables plus two lamps (Star Furniture). Make offer for grouping or select pieces.

Kitchen table - round glass/wrought iron with 4-6 chairs. Asking \$700

For info please call 281-855-8122 or email: trstgd@juno

POWER WASHING!! GREAT PRICES!!

Call for free estimates on pressure washing. We'll clean (and bleach if you'd like) most driveways, sidewalks, pool decks and brick walls. No job is too big or too small. Neighborhood references provided upon request.

E-mail us at dp91990@yahoo.com, or call 281-550-2682. Ask for David or Kyle.

Ladies Bible Study

Ladies Bible Study will be on break until January 9th, 2008.

A new Bible Study will begin January 30th. Introduction to the Patriarchs by Beth Moore. Join us Wednesday mornings at 9:30 a.m.



Breakfast will be served and you are invited. We would love to see you. For more information call Kelly @ 281.861.9455.

Deerfield Village Playgroup

If you are looking to meet other moms in Deerfield with young children, this is the perfect opportunity for you.

Please contact Leah Williams at 713-480-9564 for more information on dates, times, and meeting places.



Friends of the Library

Meets every 2nd Monday of the month
Time: 6:00PM

Katherine Tyra Bear Creek Library
16719 Clay Road



HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

West Houston Aglow Lighthouse

West Houston Aglow Lighthouse, part of Aglow International, a network of caring women, will meet each Thursday at 10.00am at the Clubhouse for bible study, prayer and fellowship.



For more information, call Christine Jackson, 281-463-7665, or email christinejackson@peoplepc.com

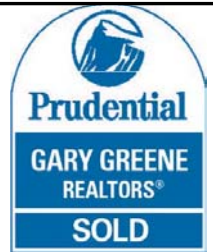


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HOUSTON'S MARKET LEADER

Per H.A.R. for # of Listings, # of Sales and Dollar Volume Sold in 2007

**JUST SOLD in 18 Days: 18207 Heaton
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DEERFIELD VILLAGE STATS FOR 2007

- Active Listings: 14 in the price ranges of \$150K—\$270K @ Ave. \$64.92/SqFt
 - Pending Listings: 3 in the price ranges of \$123K—\$230K @ Ave. \$63.54/SqFt
 - Patio Homes Sold: 7 in the price ranges of \$95K—\$167K @ Ave. \$66.47/SqFt
 - One Stories Sold: 6 in the price ranges of \$150K—\$182K @ Ave. \$68.28/SqFt
 - 2 Stories w/ Pools: 12 in the price ranges of \$118K—\$334K @ Ave. \$72.03/SqFt
 - 2 Stories no Pools: 11 in the price ranges of \$123K—\$241K @ Ave. \$63.02/SqFt
- Equal Housing Opportunity. Information is deemed reliable, however, we can not guarantee accuracy.

BSA Troop 120 News



Thanksgiving has come and gone and the Holidays are right around the corner. The Halloween party was a big success and Troop 120 was there to help with the cleanup.

Please remember that our troop will begin selling mulch, fertilizer, and topsoil in the middle of December. We appreciate all the support we receive from Deerfield.

On our campout in November, we will be focusing on backpacking at Lost Maples. We will hike approximately 12-15 miles while carrying our gear. We are all looking forward to great weather and perfect scenery.

Upcoming campouts

December 7-9 Bastrop (Webelos will visit and camp with us)
Next year's campouts will be determined in January

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

Stay tuned for more news next month!!!

Tanner Walker
Troop 120 Scribe

Boy Scout Troop 120 Fertilizer/Mulch Fundraiser Sales Begin December 21st!

BSA Troop 120 (Deerfield Village, Windsong, Lakes of Pine Forest, Amesbury Park) is sponsoring the 2008 Mulch and Fertilizer Fundraiser, to benefit scouts in BSA Troop 120. Scouts build their "camp accounts" from which they pay for high adventure trips and related camping and training activities. Nearly 95% of all profits from product sales go to the Scout who took your order, for his scout account.

This fundraiser is a great opportunity for Scouts to learn salesmanship skills and gives them an opportunity to sell great lawn and garden products at very competitive prices, DELIVERED RIGHT TO YOUR DOOR. In some cases the scouts will spread the mulch for a nominal fee per bag.

Pine Bark Mulch will again be sold in easy-to-handle 2 cubic foot bags (volume discounts will be available), while three blends of professional grade fertilizer will be sold in 50 pound bags. Topsoil is also offered, and all products are delivered to your home and stacked carefully out of sight. NEW this year are Premium Red Mulch and Cedar Mulch, in handy 2 cubic foot bags. We're excited to offer these new products!!

Scouts will be selling door-to-door in our communities December 21st through January 21st, with delivery of the product scheduled for Mid-February 2008.

Please consider purchasing your landscaping supplies from our neighborhood Boy Scouts instead of the big box store. Thanks!!

For more information contact Neil Polansky at 281-550-2682, or log on to www.bsatroop120.com for details and how to contact a scout.

The Mobile Vet Clinic is coming to Deerfield

Date: January 12th Saturday
Time: 10:00 - 3:00
Location: Pool area

Dog and Cat Vaccination and Health Clinic
Rabies Vaccination \$ 9.95

All other vaccinations, medicine and laboratory
at reduced rates.



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Deed Restrictions Summary

Attention Homeowners and Residents: Please save this information for reference.

1. Each lot must have on it one single family residence on no less than one full lot.
2. Houses may not exceed two stories, garages for no more than three cars.
3. There is to be no building or improvements or changes in design on any lot until plans and specifications have been submitted to and approved by the Deed Restriction Committee which also serves as Architectural Control. This includes, but is not limited to, new roofs, pool installation, house additions and patios and porch additions.
4. No structure may be placed on utility easements.
5. No business activity, for profit or not, shall be permitted on any lot.
6. No noxious or offensive activity of any sort shall be permitted. Patio Homes specifically forbids motor vehicle and machinery repairs, etc., anywhere within its sections.
7. No temporary structures may be used as a residence (in Patio Homes, no temporary structures are permitted at all).
8. Any structure other than main residence and garage must be limited to eight feet in height and must be approved in advance of construction by the Deed Restriction Committee.
9. No boats, trailers, campers, inoperative vehicles, etc., may be parked permanently or semi-permanently on street or driveway.
10. No animals except dogs or cats or other common household pets are permitted, and those may not be kept for commercial purposes or in unreasonable numbers. ALL PETS MUST BE LEASHED OR RESTRAINED WITHIN AN ADEQUATE ENCLOSURE. No animals may be kept which result in an annoyance or are obnoxious to residents in the vicinity.
11. No side or rear fence greater than six (6) feet high is permitted; no fence may be constructed of wire or chain link.
12. Drying clothes in public view is prohibited.
13. All lots shall be kept at all times in a sanitary, healthful, safe, and attractive condition, with all weeds removed and grass cut. Accumulation of garbage is not permitted, nor is burning. Yard equipment, etc., shall be screened from public view. (Please keep garbage cans concealed except on collection days - this includes the blue recycle bin - and do not place bags of clippings curbside until the night before collection).
14. No signs are permitted to be displayed except one (1) For Sale or Rent sign.
15. No antennas except normal TV are permitted, and those must be in rear of house or otherwise hidden from sight. (Certain sections allow the resident to apply for a variance in this matter or even permit a satellite dish, etc., - check your own section's covenants or ask a Deed Restriction Committee member).
16. No overnight parking is allowed on the Patio Home streets.

“CALLING” ALL RESIDENTS! 2008 Deerfield Village Directory

It is time to submit/update your information for the 2008 Deerfield Village Telephone Directory.
If you would like to be listed in the directory, please return the form below to the
Deerfield Village Community Association Office by **Tuesday, January 1.**
For questions, please call Rebecca at 281-463-2624

Three ways to return your form:

1. Drop the form off during office hours (M-F 8:30AM – 2:30PM)
2. Leave the form in the drop box outside the office anytime
3. Mail the form to: Deerfield Village
4045 Deerfield Village Drive
Houston, TX 77084

I do not wish to be listed in the 2008 Deerfield Village Directory
(please list last name and address below)

Please list the following information in the 2008 Deerfield Village Directory

Last name: _____ Phone number: _____

Address: _____

Residents in the order you would like them listed:

- | | |
|----------|----------|
| 1. _____ | 4. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 5. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 6. _____ |
- _____

*If you have a 2nd phone line you would like in the directory, list number and names here:

***Please note: If you do not return this form, we will use the information listed in the 2006 Directory and the update forms we have from last year..**

APPLICATION FOR TRUSTEE-2008

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: _____

EXPERIENCE:

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

WHAT DO YOU HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH AS A BOARD MEMBER: