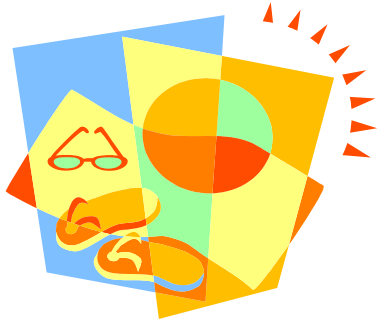


# DEERFIELD VILLAGE NEWS



**MAY 2008**

THE VOICE OF THE COMMUNITY  
Dedicated to the residents of Deerfield Village

## Water Fitness Comes To Deerfield

Looking for a dynamic, no sweat, fun workout that tones your muscles while losing weight in a short amount of time? Water Fitness classes are a great cardiovascular workout that strengthens muscles, decreases joint compression, increases HDL and decreases LDL and improves balance and coordination. These classes are right for any age.

Time: 9:00 pm—10:00 pm Tuesdays and Thursdays

Cost: \$55.00 Per session (8 one hour classes per session)

Session I - June 3,5,10,12,17,19,24,26

Session II - July 10,15,17,22,24,29,31, Aug. 5

Session III - August 7,12,14,19,21,26,28, Sept. 2

Hurry and register for these popular classes as space is limited.

Call 281-463-8790 or email [lin-dadgriffeth@yahoo.com](mailto:lin-dadgriffeth@yahoo.com)



## *Memorial Day Swim Pool Blast!*

*2:00 PM to 5:00 PM*

*Food, Swimming, Games  
Dunk your friends in the  
dunking booth!*

*Slip down the slide – all ages*



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The office hours will be 9:30—1:30 Monday thru Friday

*Deadline for June Newsletter: May 15th*

*Submit articles and ads to Rec Center Office or email [deerfield4@sbcglobal.net](mailto:deerfield4@sbcglobal.net)*

# President's Report

By Glenn Sommers

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We've had a wonderful spring and as of mid-April the weather has been very nice, but summer is almost here. Swim team has kicked off and is in full stroke! The pool opens for members on weekends in May. And the school year is rapidly winding down. From my perspective, the first third of the year has just sprinted by.

With the end of the school year comes lots of parties and recognition. Please keep your yards looking nice as we have lots of visitors to DVCA during this time. And please remember to keep your garbage off the curb until the evening before our pickup days. I've been seeing several houses where the grass clippings have been put out on Friday or Tuesday after the garbage was picked up and it stays out until the next trash pickup. The Easter Holiday was particularly bad. I know that many of you had family and friends over, and it was a bit embarrassing. Please be courteous to your neighbors and keep the curbs neat. You don't want it to be an issue when you have a party, so if we all do our part each week we can all be proud to invite our friends and family to visit. Finally, thanks to those members who do ensure that the bags are off the street until the evening before trash day.

Concerning trash, we had a meeting with Allied Waste to discuss the service issues that have been occurring lately. They were open and responsive, and I expect to see rapid improvement in the service we receive. You can read more on this in the "**Trash Talk**" column.

Last month, with the State of the Association Report using up my allocated space, I was not able to properly recognize and thank our new Trustees. So I will rectify that now. Our three new trustees are Marta Bott, Sharyn Carpenter, and Steve Dornak. Marta will support the newly revitalized Recreation Center Committee, Sharyn the strong Community Services Committee, and Steve the well run Financial Services Committee. They have all jumped in with both feet and are doing a great job. Welcome to the Board!!

Additionally, I need to tell you that the 2008 DVCA officers were elected on March 11. They are:

President	Glenn Sommers
Vice President	Walt Bohn
Treasurer	Steve Dornak
Secretary	Sharyn Carpenter

Activity at DVCA has remained high. We've had the Easter Party, the Annual Garage Sale, a Wine Tasting Party, and all of our committees remain very active and are doing a great job. Our second Communications Forum was a big success. Thanks to the Finance Committee for putting it together. Please look at the new "**Thanks! Corner**" we've started to see some recognition for those who are "stepping up" in support of DVCA.

Speaking of "stepping up" – when are YOU going to? We need YOUR involvement to keep DVCA the great place it is to live. I look forward to working with you.

Have a great May!!

If you would like to get important updates  
About DVCA business, please email the  
Office at [deerfield4@sbcglobal.net](mailto:deerfield4@sbcglobal.net)



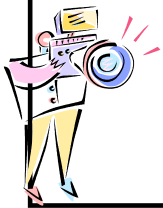
## NEW POOL BADGES REQUIRED

**Pictures will be taken pool side**

May 10th 10:00 - 2:00  
 May 17th 10:00 - 2:00  
 2:00 - 4:00

Pictures will also be taken during office hours beginning May 1st

Completed badges will be available at the pool (at the sign-in table)



**Badges will be required after Memorial Day**

## Managers Corner



- \* Business hours are from 9:30-1:30. There is a locked drop box located next to the office window if you need to drop something off outside of business hours.
- \* Rental and Architectural Approval forms are available on line at [www.deerfieldvillage.net](http://www.deerfieldvillage.net) under resident information
- \* When reporting a street light outage, you must know the pole number and address. Outages can be reported to the office or on line at [www.centerpointenergy.com](http://www.centerpointenergy.com)
- \* The best defense we have against crime is to keep our eyes and ears open. Please report suspicious activity to the constables department at 281-463-6666.
- \* The activity at the Rec Center is picking up. Please talk to your kids about cleaning up the trash when they leave

## May and June 2008 Swim Pool Hours

### MAY 2008:

Day(s)	Pool Times
Monday – Friday	CLOSED (except May 26th & 30th)
Friday May 30th	11:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. Open swim
Saturday *, Sunday and Memorial Day	10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Adult swim 11:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. Open swim
* 17th , 24th - NO ADULT SWIM,	pool opens at 2 p.m. or after swim meet ends
Memorial Day (26th) DVCA Pool Party	2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

### JUNE 2008:

Day(s)	Pool Times
Mondays	CLOSED
2nd, 9th, and 16th	5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Open swim
23rd and 30th	
Tuesday-Friday	
3rd - 27th	11:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. Open swim
24th - 27th	10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Adult swim
Saturdays and Sundays	
	10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Adult swim
	11:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. Open swim

\* 7th - NO ADULT SWIM, pool opens at 2 p.m. or after swim meet ends



Security Stats for February, 2008  
 Constable Dispatch: 281-463-6666  
 Contract # 87  
 Harris County Precinct #5

ACTIVITIES	Total
Accidents	1
Alarms	10
Assaults	0
Burglaries	1
Burg Motor Vehicle	3
Citizens Assistance	15
Citizens Contact	114
Criminal Arrests	0
Criminal Mischief	3
Disturbance Calls	9
Suspicious Vehicles	13
Suspicious Persons	5
Thefts	4
<b>Traffic Citations</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Traffic Warnings</b>	<b>16</b>
Vacation Watch	20

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



## TENNIS

The tennis courts continue to be misused. It was very evident from the marks on the courts recently that courts 1 and 2 were being used as a rollerblade racetrack. This type of non tennis activity will eventually harm the tennis court surface. A few weeks ago a group of six people, who were non residents, parked their car by the swimming pool and tried to play tennis on our courts. Any resident walking by the tennis courts is encouraged to question anyone abusing the courts. You would be surprised what the tennis courts are used for !

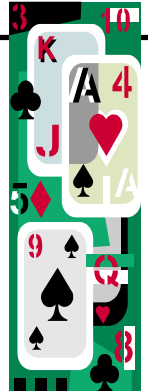
Resident tennis players are reminded that keys to the courts are available from the DVCA office for a refundable fee and players are reminded to close the gates when they have finished playing. We are still planning to have all courts resurfaced in the next couple of months and to make the locks more difficult to bypass without a key.

### Deerfield Bridge Resumes June 6 - Friday at 7:30PM

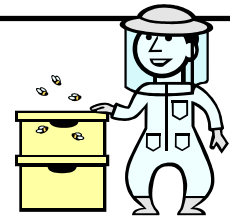
The Recreation Committee will resume the long defunct First Friday of the Month Bridge Game. Flo Horton and Bob Shortle have agreed to organize the Friday Night Bridge. Everyone is welcomed to come and play. There is no cost to play, but there will be a voluntary \$1 winners pool. Beginners are welcome to attend; however, there will not be lessons on how to the play. The Recreation Committee is looking for volunteers to create a Learning Bridge Class.

The resumption of the Friday Night Bridge will have a slightly different invitation format from that in the years past. There will not be a host/hostess. No one will call you to confirm if you will play. (The old game died with this format because some people would never be hosts, and there were insufficient hosts to keep the game going.) Flo and Bob will arrange to open the room and ensure that the cards are ready. The process will be that the first 4 people who arrive will form the first table. The next four will form table two and so on until it's time to start the game at 7:40PM. The last people arriving who don't form a four-square table will be unable to play that night. So arrive on time. We will play 4-hand party bridge scoring with the winning partners moving up to the next table and the losing partners splitting and moving to the lower table (as we did in the past). We plan to play 7 tables and not starting a new table after 10:30PM

As there is no host/hostess, there will be no organized refreshments. You are welcome to bring your own. We will play downstairs in the original clubhouse. Call or email Flocaptainhorton@sbcglobal.net at 281-463-4014 or Bob at 281-463-4589 for details. We will create a list for e-mail and or text message reminders.



## Community Services



### Mosquito Control

Cypress Creek Pest Control began the mosquito spraying/larvaciding program in Deerfield Village the first week of April. In order to make this program effective, it is still important for each resident to keep their own yard free of standing water and damp areas that will continue to breed mosquitoes. Please check your yard for empty flower pots, bird baths and other containers that can accumulate standing water.

### Athletic Field

In order to make usage policies consistent for all Deerfield facilities, changes have been made in the Athletic Field reservation policy. In the revised rules, a coach and/or assistant coach and at least 50% of the players on a team reserving and using the field must be Deerfield Village residents. In addition, an adult must obtain a copy of the rules and must agree to comply with the rules prior to reserving the field. The revised rules are printed below:

### *Athletic Field Reservation Policy*

The athletic field is for the use of Deerfield residents. The following criteria are to be used to determine the schedules and use of this facility:

1. The field may be reserved for any sports activity.
2. The coach and/or assistant coach and at least 50% of the players on the team reserving and using the field must be Deerfield Village residents and present during the time of use of the field.
3. An adult must, prior to reserving the field, obtain a copy of these rules and agree to comply therewith.
4. The coach and/or assistant coach is responsible for damage to the property and all related amenities on site.
5. After each scheduled use, the property is to be free of litter (cans, paper, debris, etc.).
6. The field may be reserved by two (2) teams at a time. The reserved time shall not exceed two (2) hours and no team may reserve the field for more than two (2) times per week. If both teams require the use of the backstop at the same time, then the coaches must agree to share the facilities.
7. Parking shall be limited to the parking lot only. No cars shall be parked on the street or cul-de-sacs. The school parking lot should be used if additional parking is required.
8. If the sports field is reserved to two (2) teams at the same time, coaches shall coordinate with each other and share the backstop/goals, facility and cleanup.
9. Reservations shall be coordinated through the Community Association Office Manager.

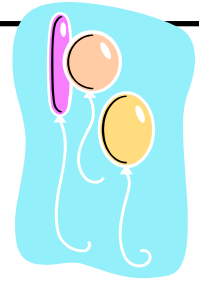


### Allied Waste Billing

On your next quarterly bill from Allied Waste, you may notice a slight price increase due to fuel and environmental recovery fees. These fees will rise and fall with the current market, so that if fuel goes down, the bills will adjust accordingly.

An Allied representative recently met with members of the Community Services Committee, Deerfield president Glenn Sommers and office manager Lisa Walker to discuss service issues. Allied has been very responsive, and we believe they are working hard to address resident complaints.

## Recreation Committee Meeting



By the time you get this the Wine Tasting will be history... 100 people enjoyed it, far exceeding our expectations. We are already thinking about a beer tasting in October and another wine tasting next year. Many thanks to Belinda Bath for coordinating the event.

On Memorial Day, Monday May 26<sup>th</sup>, the Swim Pool Committee will put on a fine Swim Party for the family. They are working to make it an event that adults and people of all ages will enjoy by having a dunking booth and an adult size water slide.

The Committee is still looking for people to help us with a teenage event this summer. One idea is a teenage band competition. Anyone know of any teenage bands in the neighborhood? If so, please contact Peter Howell.

And if you are in town on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, we will be having a big event to celebrate the day. Look for details in next month's newsletter.

We still need people with great ideas willing to help. Come join us on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7:30 at the Rec. Center.

<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	Sharyn Carpenter	Tara Shockley	281-855-2819
<i>Deed Restrictions</i>	2nd Monday	7:00 PM	Carolyn Dinger	Deanna Miciotto	281-463-7328
<i>DVCA Board</i>	4th Monday	7:30 PM	Glenn Sommers		281-855-7716
<i>Financial Services</i>	Tuesday before Board Meeting	7:30 PM	Steve Dornak	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>	2nd Tuesday	7:30 PM	Marta Bott	Peter Howell	281-463-1360
<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

**\* Please read the Committee Reports for Monthly changes in the schedules**



### DEERFIELD DOLPHIN SWIM TEAM

For more information visit our Website at [www.deerfieldvillage.net](http://www.deerfieldvillage.net)  
or call Rick Johnson at 281-550-8895

### West Houston Aglow Lighthouse



West Houston Aglow Lighthouse, part of Aglow International, a network of caring women, meets each Thursday morning at 10.00am for bible study, prayer and fellowship. Meetings are held at Deerfield Village Recreation Center. Beginning on May 1st we will be doing Beth Moore's study of the Psalms, 'Stepping Up'. For more information, call Christine Jackson, 281-463-7665, or email christinejackson@peoplepc.com  
Blessings, Christine

### 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.



### YARD OF THE MONTH

18223 Longcliffe  
Paul and Frances  
Aaronson

### Pet Hotline

What happens to your pet when it gets out without identification ( owner phone number)

- \* When found, your pet will go to the pound and be destroyed within 72 hours.

The pet hotline will try to locate the owner and in some instances provide a foster home for your pet (depending on availability and pet size)

281-859-1104  
Marie Nugent



### TRASH TALK

- \* If you are new to the neighborhood you must call Allied Waste to set up new service 713-635-6666
- \* We pay for backdoor pickup. You are not required to carry your cans to the curb. (exception is Patio Homes)
- \* Report dissatisfaction to the Office Manager by email
- \* Please report large pickups from your house to Allied Waste in advance. This would include move in/ move out and heavy landscape days. This helps them with their scheduling.
- \* Branches and tree trimmings need to be bundled in 4 foot lengths and should not weigh more than 40 pounds

### Thanks! Corner

If you would like to recognize someone for something they've done to help DVCA, contact Lisa in the office and let her know who and the details.

Let's thank Walt Bohn for being such a good neighbor. He power washed all the brick fences in the estate section which back up to Deerfield Village Drive

Jay and Carole Singleton for their selfless service to the beautification of the Deerfield grounds

Financial committee, Andrew Jackson and Lisa Walker for a great communications forum.

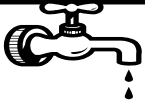
Glenn and Nike Sommers for all the extra time they put in to make this a great place to live

Cub Scout troop 1135 for picking up trash around the Rec Center

Marie Nugent for all the time she spends on multiple committees and the pet hotline.

Belinda Bath for organizing the wine tasting.





## HARRIS COUNTY MUD 136 APRIL MEETING REPORT Neil Polansky, President

The HCMUD 136 Board met in regular meeting Thursday, April 10 at the DVCA Recreation Center. We discussed items from the posted agenda, but I want to talk about a few items in particular.

We have asked Southwest Water (formerly ECO Resources) to add updated information to our website ([www.hcmud136.org](http://www.hcmud136.org)), including signature copies of district documents and updated agendas, minutes, and other reports. Our 2007 Consumer Confidence Report will be posted shortly as well as a regular posting of our Bookkeeping reports and audit. HCMUD 136 has been an online leader in providing information to its customers, and has one of the most comprehensive and informative MUD websites in Texas. **Check us out!!!**

Directors Hewlett and Polansky were unopposed for re-election this May, therefore there will be no MUD election. Should they decide to continue serving, their new terms will expire in 2012. New officers will probably be installed at our May meeting.

We continue to monitor the progress of construction of the massive 36 inch water line bisecting the northern half of HCMUD 136, and serving western Harris County. The installation of this water line adjacent to the abandoned Exxon pipeline easement (running from Windsong Trail to Barker Cypress, south of Wilson Elementary) should commence from mid-late summer.

This West Harris County Regional Water Authority (WHCRWA) project is part of the delivery system for surface water, and is NOT under the control of HCMUD 136. WCHRWA has assured us they will have a public meeting and provide adequate public notification in the coming weeks. HCMUD 136 is pressing to have this public meeting out in our district rather than the WHCRWA offices. We are not scheduled to start receiving surface water until 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2009, at the earliest.

If you have questions about the water line alignment or specific questions about pedestrian re-routing, please contact see [WWW.WHCRWA.COM](http://WWW.WHCRWA.COM). We are trying to get pipeline drawings for the DVCA office- and the directors- so we can answer basic questions as well. See you all next month!!!

### Swimming Pool Committee

Our next meeting will be **May 1st at 7:30pm** and will include finalizing our plans for activities for the Memorial Day Pool Party. If you have ideas or would like to volunteer to help, please come to this meeting.

It is almost time for the pool to be open. "A-Beautiful Pools" will again be providing maintenance and life guards at our pool this season, and the pool will be open beginning the 1st Saturday in May (May 3rd) 11 am-9pm. Sunday general swim is 11am-9pm. **Everyone will need to get a new 2008 swim ID.** We have volunteers who will be at the Pool to take pictures for new IDs on May 10th from 10am to 2pm and on May 17th from 10am-noon and 4pm-6pm.

After a contract review and open bidding process, the Swimming Pool Committee recommended to the board that Linda Griffith be given the contract to offer water aerobics again at our pool. The board approved this recommendation. Look for her ad for times, dates and fees in the newsletter.

By the time you receive this newsletter, the swim team will already be a couple of weeks into their practices. We wish them a great, safe, and fun season.

Please come enjoy our beautiful newly painted pavillion, pool house and of course, the pool. Come have a great start to your summer at the pool.





## Deed Restrictions Committee

Meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 7:00 PM



The Deeds Committee appreciates those who have received a violation letter, have responded to the committee quickly and have remedied the violation in a timely manner. If you receive a violation letter, please contact the committee per instructions in the letter. Communication between the parties leads to a better understanding of the issues.

Below are some reminders to keep Deerfield a beautiful neighborhood

**ARCHITECTURAL APPROVAL.** Architectural Approval forms can be obtained from the office manager or from the website [www.deerfieldvillage.net](http://www.deerfieldvillage.net) (go to the "Resident Information and Forms" link). Architectural drawings and bids should be submitted to the office manager who will forward your plans to the Deeds Committee.

Do **NOT proceed** with any painting, fence replacing, new roof, or any addition including storage sheds and play equipment, etc. until Deeds responds to you with an approval. Turning in the approval form **does not** mean you have a green light to proceed. Approval of or requests for changes to your improvements in order to adhere to any Deed Restrictions will be made as quickly as possible.

After you have received approval from the committee, please **do not change** the design or paint color that was submitted with your approval form. If you must change your original, approved design or improvement, you must obtain approval from Deeds again. Any deviations to your original plan without approval may result in your having to re-do the work to meet Protective Covenant guidelines.

Extensive mold, both black and green, continues to be noted throughout Deerfield. Everyone, please check your homes from top to bottom including chimneys and fences. This is an on going nuisance in Houston and must be dealt with on a regular basis. Spraying concentrated Outdoor Clorox and a little scrubbing with a hard-bristled brush, if necessary, should remove most mold. Follow the instructions on the bottle.

Trash (especially leaf bags, tree and shrub clippings and boxes) continues to be put out on the curb several days before trash pick-up, most often on weekends. This gives an overall unkempt appearance to the neighborhood. Please ask your yard crews to place the landscape trash bags and clippings out of view if trash pickup will not be the same day. Trash cans and landscaping debris are not to be in view or put out until the night before trash pickup.

Conducting a business out of your home is prohibited.

Please do not store ladders, fence pickets, wooden beams/posts, metal poles or other large items against the side of your house or garage where they can be seen from the street.

The Deeds Committee is excited to see so many residents making improvements to their homes. We thank all our neighbors who adhere to the covenants of Deerfield Village and work to make this a beautiful neighborhood and a community we are proud to call home.

## Financial Services Committee

**Meetings.** 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month to review the financial, status of our community. We are always looking for new members and you are welcome attend.

**2008 Assessment.** As of 3/31/08 we had received \$557582 of the assessment of \$600202 for 2008. This leaves us with \$43282 to be paid. We are still owed 19700 from 2007 and before. Last reminders have been sent.

### January/ February expenses;

2008 expense budget -	\$ 133701
YTD February expenses -	\$ 95501
YTD December balance -	\$ (38200) under budget.

Unlike last year, the electricity bills are understated at this time. The 3rd shift on security was late starting, and we are still under budget on the landscape contract.

We will be reviewing the revised assets list this month to conclude our budget process.

Capital expenditure procedures will be reviewed next month.  
Come help us keep Deerfield a very special place in which to live.



## CALLING ALL COOKS



HELP US!!! We need recipes from Deerfield's residents for our Bazaar Cookbook. We know that there are hundreds of mouth-watering recipes hidden here in Deerfield Village. Our goal is to receive at least one recipe per Deerfield household. We want our cookbook to be filled to the brim with all kinds of yummy & delicious recipes.

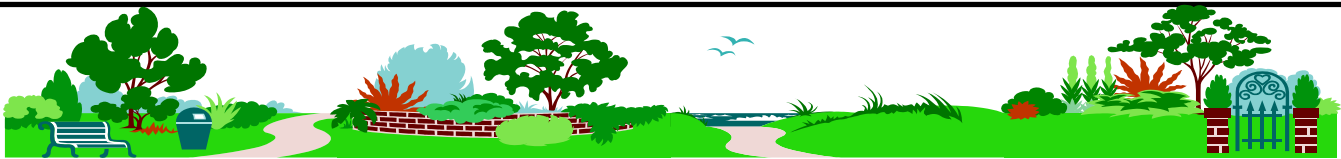
If you are a Deerfield Resident, current Deerfield Bazaar participant or former Deerfield Bazaar participant, you can email your recipe to [dvc08.cookbook@gmail.com](mailto:dvc08.cookbook@gmail.com) If you don't have internet access, call Elaine Mills 281-550-2760 and she will make arrangements to get your recipe from you.

Part of the proceeds from the cookbook sales, will be donated to the Rec Committee to use for new Christmas decorations for the subdivision. Our cookbook will be on sale at our 30th Annual Christmas Bazaar on November 7th & 8th. Deadline for recipe submission will be July 31st. Help us fill the pages with wonderful and special dishes and goodies.

## SUPPORT OUR TROOPS



Thanks to all the Deerfield residents who provided us names to send care packages to and also to all who dropped by to donate toiletries, books, puzzles, and money for postage. Once again Memorial Drive Christian Church is seeking new names of our troops overseas any where. Please ask around in the neighborhood and at work if those you know can supply us with new troops in need of a few handy items and a lot of love. Please continue to come by 4046 Heathersage Drive in the Patio Homes section to contribute in any way you can. The names will come. Bless all of you as we enjoy another beautiful Spring in Deerfield



## ANTS IN YOUR PLANTS by Landscape Committee

Recent rains have produced a lot of fire ant mounds. Fire ants are difficult to control because they mate year-around. Rainwater will float a mated pair from the mound. The female queen starts a new mound. The queen can produce up to 1,000 eggs per day! Old time remedies for controlling fire ants include pouring boiling water or cow urine on the mounds. A more effective way to treat the mounds is to use one of the ant baits on the market, which are made of defatted corn grits, soybean oil, and poison at a lower level than other insecticides, making them less toxic to wildlife, pets, and people. The bait should be applied when the ground and grass are dry and there is no rain expected for at least 24 hours. Treat the mounds in the early morning or late evening, their usual feeding times. Any uneaten bait will eventually degrade into the soil. Since mounds can have more than one queen, more than one treatment may be necessary to eliminate the mound. For those who prefer not to use chemicals, there is fire ant tea developed by Texas A&M. (In a 1 gal container add 4 tsp orange oil, 4 tsp molasses, a squirt of liquid detergent, 1 gal of water). For more natural ant killers get a copy of Joey Green's book Gardening Magic.

Members of the Landscape Committee continually survey the common areas for ant mounds. Resident Haley Schuetzle, as part of her community service work, will be doing the next survey. Then the list of mound locations will be given to the landscape maintenance contractor for treatment.

Common area maintenance is a big job and we invite you to join the Committee and help in the effort to keep Deerfield nice and green, and fire ant free.

## BSA Troop 120 News



I am excited to announce that Jon Karsten is our new Troop 120 Scribe and he will be writing the future news articles for your enjoyment.

I want to give a big thank you to the Scouts and Scout parents that helped with this years Deerfield Garage sale and the Wilson Elementary carnival. Our boys earn valuable service hours when helping their community and often have a great time working together. Our leadership works closely with Deerfield leadership and other organizations to identify where we can contribute. If you have any thoughts on where we can help, please send us your ideas through the Troop website

The troop really showed our stuff at the Blue Bell Fun Run on April 12! We had a great turnout, with 8 Scouts and 11 adults/siblings taking on the challenge. It was a nice, cool morning (great for a run), and the course takes the runners through some rolling hills around Brenham. For once, the adults outdid the Scouts, winning two age group awards (congratulations to Chris Legg and Peter Schipperijn). I guess the Scouts minds were more on the ice cream at the finish.

### April campout:

We canoed the Neches River this month, where we traveled about 18 river miles. Our campsite was a fantastic sand bar, where we spent the night listening to the sounds of the river. The youth leaders did a fantastic job of keeping us safe throughout our voyage and making sure some of the younger Scouts were paired in a canoe with an older Scout with more canoeing experience. This was a great warmup for some of the older Scouts and adults going on the High Adventure trip this summer to the Atikokan Canoe Base (Ontario, Canada).

### Upcoming campouts/events

May 9<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> Troop Campout - Mertz's Property (shotgun shooting)  
June 21<sup>st</sup> – July 2<sup>nd</sup> High adventure trip - Ontario, Canada (Atikokan Canoe Base)  
July 19<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> Buffalo Trails Scout Ranch - Fort Davis, TX.

### Rank Advancement

We would like to recognize a few scouts achieving rank advancements...Congratulations!

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>
Kameron Bush	1 <sup>st</sup> Class	Jason Sitzman	Star
Joe Peterson	Star		

I invite you to check out our website at [www.bsatroop120.com](http://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!!!

Eric Toureilles  
Troop 120

## Water Walking

Wake up early birds! Beat the heat and come to a fun Water Walking Workout. Why walk the greenbelt when you can walk in the Deerfield pool with added bonuses like not sweat, 800 times more resistance than air making it a dynamic muscle workout for the whole body, strengthen muscles and bones, and improving posture, balance and coordination.

One greenbelt lap of land walking (1 1/2 miles) is equal to 3 1/2 miles of water walking in the same amount of time. No need to get your hair wet. Water shoes are highly recommended as this is a shallow water workout.

Time: 8:00 am - 9:00 am Saturdays

Cost: \$25.00 per session (4 one hour classes per session)

Session I - June 7,14,21,28

Session II - July 12,19,26, Aug 2

Session III - August 9,16,23,30



\* some dates might be changed to Sundays at 8:00 due to Swim Team conflicts of weather  
To register Call 281-463-8790 or email [lindadgriffeth@yahoo.com](mailto:lindadgriffeth@yahoo.com) (must have 15 participants)

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Sharon Hamilton, Bazaar Chairman



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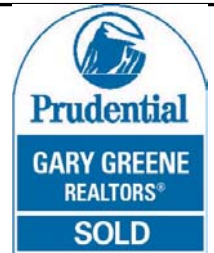


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**Property Tax Protest Time**

Deerfield is still being hit with large property value increases that do not reflect true market values. You must protest your property taxes to bring these values down. HCAD has developed a new online program to help, called iSettle at www.hcad.org. You need your ifile number and property account number, both on your notice of valuation, to do the online version of the protest. You must also declare a value for your house. If you need help with this you can call me on my cell number and I can send you sale comparisons for your specific house. The TX Legislature has moved the protest deadline up to April 30, **but for this year only**, you can send in a protest until May 31. Don't delay, you have the legal right to protest, so exercise your rights!!

Equal Housing Opportunity, Information is deemed reliable, however, we can not guarantee accuracy.