# DEERFIELD VILLAGE NEWS



### OCTOBER 2008

THE VOICE OF THE COMMUNITY

Dedicated to the residents of Deerfield Village

# Music on the Green! National Night Out! October 4<sup>th</sup> 6:00 Pm to 8:00 PM



At the Deerfield Rec Center, for all ages! Enjoy easy jazz of the Robert Wolfe Trio. Also the National Night Out for Deerfield. Come meet your Constables, your neighbors, and enjoy the evening! Bring your blanket or chair, and bring your own snacks. Snow cones only 50 cents! . Come join your neighbors, music, and security. All ages welcome!



# Oktoberfest Beer Tasting!

October 18<sup>th</sup>
7:00 PM
At the DV Rec Center
\$15.00

Tickets on sale now at the Deerfield Office

#### **Hurricane Ike**

- \* Remember that the website will be updated with information on the community. Our webmaster is doing a great job in updating info about Ike cleanup. Mark this site as a favorite on your computer., www,deerfieldvillage.net. Also, email the office if you would like to be put on the update blast that goes out.
- \* Please remember that the office manager does not make the rules and she does not work for the county. She only relays the information that she receives. Please be patient when calling the office
- \* All fences, roofs, and siding that needs to be replaced must be approved. You can email the office or download an Architectural Approval form at www.deerfieldvillage.net under resident information. We have deeds in the office every other day for reviewing and approving.
- \* Help your neighbors and reach out to others
- \* Do not put Debris down the storm sewer, the greenbelt ditch, or the common areas
- \* All debris should be placed on the curb, not in the street
- \* Please remove the plywood from your windows
- \* Be patient. Remember, this was a Hurricane. Directions given by the county and Allied change as the need arises. **Deerfield is very lucky**.

#### Deerfield Village CAI

4045 Deerfield Village Drive Houston, TX 77084
Office: (281) 463-2624 Fax: (281) 463-7679
Email: deerfield4@sbcglobal.net www.deerfieldvillage.net

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

Deadline for November Newsletter: October 15th
Submit articles and ads to Rec Center Office or email deerfield4@sbcglobal.net

# President's Report

By Glenn Sommers

Although all of DVCA has been adversely affected by the Hurricane Ike disaster, we have been very blessed by the relatively minimal impact experienced here. A slight shift to the north just before landfall kept us at the edge of the destruction. If the shift had been to the south our situation would have been much worse. This was my first hurricane experience – and I hope I never have to do it again! I know it has been a trying period for everyone, but the DVCA spirit of "helping one another" was clearly evident in the aftermath. Thanks to everyone who helped a neighbor by sharing a generator, clearing a tree, helping with clean-up and just basically caring! I heard and saw many examples of how neighbors helped one another and am very encouraged by it. I know dealing with the debris was a lot of work and very frustrating. I want to thank all of you who were patient and understood that a disaster had occurred and that there were others much worse off who needed help more than we did. Obviously, we will need to have some different standards on deeds violations with respect to the debris until the cleanup is able to be completed by the county and our trash service. In terms of DVCA, we do not yet have an estimate as of this writing as to what the damage and clean-up will cost and how it will impact the budget. We should be able to report that to you next month.

We had a very interesting and well attended Members Forum on Monday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. The planned topics were "trash pickup" and the perimeter fence". Who could have guessed how appropriate those topics would be when we scheduled the meeting a couple of months ago? The board has a real pulse on what's happening – huh? We modified the agenda a bit to cover the impact of Ike and discuss debris removal and fence rebuilding. We also covered the situation on our trash removal contract and the options available. A straw poll is included in this newsletter, and we would like input from all members before we finalize our next contract (more details in the newsletter). At the Forum an overwhelming majority, after hearing about the projected increased prices for trash service, was in favor of changing to curbside pickup for all of our trash. This will keep our quarterly bills closer to what we pay today. Please respond to the straw poll so we can have your input on the subject. We then discussed the perimeter fence, and several members signed up to be on a committee to review what might be done to address this issue, separate from the DVCA Homeowners Association, as DVCA does not own the land or the perimeter fence. Hopefully the group will come up with some workable ideas!

We still have a Trustee opening that needs to be filled. This is a great opportunity to see what being on the board is like as the term lasts only until March of 2009. Applications are available by contacting the DVCA office.

The 2009 budget process is in full swing and will be finalized by early November. According to what I've heard so far, you should expect a small increase in your assessment, based on the increased costs of doing business (CPI). There are not plans to add any significant new services and functions (like we did in 2008). We will let you know more about this in future newsletters.

Once again I suggest that we all reflect on how blessed we are and try to remember that there are many Houstonians who have been severely impacted by Ike. By the time you are reading this, there still may be many people who don't have power or a home to live in. Hopefully West Houston will have stabilized, our debris will have been picked up, and life be getting back to normal. But if we are not there yet – let's reflect on how good we have it, be patient, and take personal responsibility to resolve our situation. I believe that Ike will end up being one of the largest disasters in the US on many levels, and that there is no other nation that would commit the resources to help its citizens like the US does. We live in a great nation. Let's do our part to keep it that way!!





### Yard of The Month

4611 Farnington Drive The Stern's

If you would like to get important updates about DVCA business, please email the office at deerfield4@sbcqlobal.net

# Poker Meets second Thursdays @ 7:30PM at the Rec Center



BYOB, 25-50 cent blinds, \$25 buy-in, Pot-limit, Texas Hold'em. Contact Bob Shortle at 281-463-4589 or bobshortle@aol.com for more information

#### Recycling

Posted on the window at the office is a letter written by one of our residents on recycling. Please stop by and read it. It gives helpful tips for helping our environment

#### **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.



- \* The County for coming out and clearing out the ditch to avoid flooding 3 times
- \* Matt Locke with Allied for coming to the trash forum when he personally has been affected by Ike
- \* All the DVCA members who helped one another during the ordeal of Hurricane Ike
- \* Thanks to the group that cut and cleared the trees off of the Greenbelt. This truly shows the spirit of Deerfield
- \* Precinct 5 Constables for the extra coverage
- \* Scout Troop 120 who volunteered in our neighborhood in collecting storm debris and performing small repairs wherever needed.. Over 40 member of the troop Participated.
- \* The office manager wants to thank all those residents that came into the office to offer help and to be supportive.
- \* Christine Jackson would like to thank all those caring neighbors on Spellbrook and Harrow Hill who looked out for her during the hurricane

If you would like to recognize members who were especially helpful to you or the community, please let us know and we will recognize them in the next newsletter.

#### **ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE FOR 2009**

11/2008-12/2008 Invoices sent to Deerfield Homeowners by ACMP

If you do not receive your invoice by 12/15, contact

ACMP at 281-855-9867

1/1/2009 All Assessments due to ACMP

2/1/2009 Past Due. One time Late fee of \$100.00 and interest applies

3/1/2009 Late notices sent with notice of Certified letter

4/1/2009 Certified letter sent (**charged to property address**)

6/1/2009 Liens filed against homeowner for outstanding balances. **Cost** 

charged to property

#### Assessment payments will not be accepted at the Rec Center Office

Please start saving today for your assessments. There will be **no payment plans** after February 1st, 2009

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

ACTIVITIES	Total
Accidents	0
Alarms	9
Assaults	1
Burglaries	1
Burg Motor Vehicle	0
Citizens Assistance	0
Citizens Contact	33
Criminal Arrests	0
Criminal Mischief	3
Disturbance Calls	6
Suspicious Vehicles	8
Suspicious Persons	3
Thefts	1
<b>Traffic Citations</b>	4
Traffic Warnings	10
Vacation Watch	26

Reminder: Constable Emergency telephone stickers are available at

the DV Rec. Center office:

281-463-2624

#### **Swimming Pool Committee**

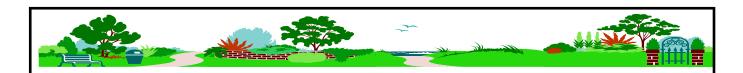
The 2008 Swim Season is over with good attendance at the pool.

The Committee will be reviewing attendance, particularly for this September, as we plan for 2009. If you have comments on the pool, please send them in to the office for committee consideration.

The Labor Day Pool Party, done with the Rec Center Committee, was a great success, with adults and kids all enjoying the pool. Attendance was the best we have seen in the last several years.

Among the issues to be addressed by the Committee are how to make the Pool ID system more effective as we continue to ensure the pool is used by Deerfield residents. We still have some non-residents trying to use the pool. Also, the pool management contract expires this year. Resident comments on the management company, the life guards, or pool policies are welcome, as we consider renewing or looking for a new management company.

And the Committee needs new volunteers for the new year. The Committee meets the first Thursday of the month and all residents are welcome to join us.



#### DO YOU HAVE LICE By Landscape Committee

#### Our next meeting will be changed to Monday, October 20th

It's just possible you do if you have a live oak or pecan trees. The lice in question are bark lice. Actually, they are not lice at all. They are a beneficial small soft bodied insect of the species Archipsocus nomas. They spin a fine silky web around trees to make a temporary home. They are scavengers that perform a valuable function in consuming excess accumulations of fungi, algae, dead bark and other materials that accumulate on tree bark, sort of a Molly Maid for trees. Unlike tent caterpillars and bagworms, they don't eat the leaves or harm the tree in any way. Once they are finished, they will leave and your tree will be better for having them visit.

Thanks to everyone who cleaned up along the greenbelt after the hurricane. A special thanks to Scott and Jason Sitzman and their friend Zak for cleaning up around the Rec Center. Keeping the common areas of Deerfield looking good is an ongoing process and the Landscape Committee will continue to need of volunteers to help. Please consider joining our committee.

#### **Recreation Committee**

Upcoming events in October are the Missus on the Green on Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> – free to all. It will be done with the Security Committee having our Constables there for you to meet and to enjoy Deerfield's National Night Out. Also on October 18<sup>th</sup> is the

Beer Tasting, an adult party; tickets are on sale at the Rec Center. October 31<sup>st</sup> is the kids Halloween Party with the popular cake walk. We ask families to bring small cakes for the walk; cupcakes are great since we know the kids will get lots of sweets already.

In December we have the kids Christmas Party. It has been moved from Saturday to Sunday Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>. It was moved because the Committee has decided to have snow again, and the price was much more affordable on Sunday rather than Saturday. Also in December, we will be trying our first adult New Year's Eve party – a Casino Party at the Rec. Center. Tickets go on sale on October 17<sup>th</sup>. Get them early and make your plans to enjoy New Years' Eve in Deerfield!

We are looking at the possibility of sponsoring adult dance lessons in the spring. They will be offered at the Rec Center. We also are planning several more Music on the Green events in 2009. The key to our success is our volunteer committee members, and we are looking for more people who want to help us bring fun to Deerfield. Please join us on the second Thursday of the month at the Rec. Center.

#### Community Services Trash Talk

Thanks to all of the people who came to the Rec center Monday evening to talk about trash, among other topics. Matt Locke, district manager for Allied Waste, was there to address us regarding the contract proposal Allied has submitted for the new contract period starting Nov. 1. Here's a summary of the situation:

- In round numbers, residents in the patio homes section of Deerfield currently pay about \$35/ quarter for curbside trash service.
- All other residents pay about \$60/month for backdoor service.
- Starting Nov. 1, backdoor service will go to \$95 \$100/quarter, depending on the cost of diesel fuel, and curbside will go to \$55 \$60/quarter.
- Recycling is on top of these numbers, and will cost about \$12 \$13/quarter.
- The numbers above reflect twice/week service, as we have now, and once/week recycling.
- There is another option, called automatic pickup. Each resident would get a single 96-gallon wheeled container provided by the waste company, and they would only pick up whatever fits in that can. Cost for this service would be about \$52 \$55/quarter, again, depending on the cost of diesel fuel.

To summarize, if we want to maintain the same level of service for all residents that we have now, cost will increase significantly. We can go to all curbside service, and cost will increase for the patio homes to about the level of the rest of Deerfield, while the cost to everyone else will stay the same. Alternatively, we could go to automated pickup, and cost will decrease a little for those who currently have backdoor pickup, but will still go up for the patio homes.

The Community Services committee of DVCA has obtained one competitive bid from another company, and their proposal is very close to the costs summarized above. We are hoping to obtain one more proposal, though the process was disrupted by Ike.

There are a number of reasons for the big increase, according to Matt. Increased costs for fuel, equipment and labor figure in. The biggest reason, though, is historic mismanagement of contractual increases, which means that we have enjoyed low prices for the last several years. New management is charged with returning the business to profitable operations. Comparable prices in the competitive proposal bear out the explanations.

We hope all residents will respond to the straw poll in the newsletter to give us an indication of the way you would like to go.

Thanks and we'll keep you updated.

#### HARRIS COUNTY MUD 136 JUNE MEETING REPORT

By Jay Singleton, Secretary

<u>Thank you</u> to everyone who has been conserving water. Even though August was hot and dry, consumption of water was 30% lower than July. By the time your read this, the replacement pump will have been installed, again providing water to residences from our wells.

Hurricane Ike put our emergency action plan to the test and it passed that test. At the water plant, the back up generator, powered by natural gas, kicked in immediately when the power went out. The two sewer lift stations do not have back up generators in place. A portable generator, which is stored at the water plant, is used to run the lift station pumps. As soon as Ike passed, the District's operator moved the generator to the stations and pumped them out. No District facilities were damaged by the hurricane. The District's August meeting was rescheduled to August 24 because of Ike. At the meeting work began on the tax rate for 2009. The new rate will be published in the Cy-Fair section of the Chronicle in October.

If you have questions about any aspect of the District's operations, you can ask them during the resident comment period at the beginning of our monthly meeting, which is held on the second Thursday of the month at 6:00 PM at the rec center. Information about the District is also available at its website, www.hcmud136.org.

#### Managers Corner

- Visit our website at www.deerfieldvillage.net. Most of the information requested can be found on the website. Ex. Architectural Approval Form, Rental Forms, and the newsletters. You can also find the minutes to all the past Board Minutes and any last minute updates for the community
- \* Need to drop something off at the office after hours? There is a locked drop box for your convenience.
- \* Please report vandalism, suspicious persons, or any other related security issue to the constables office at 281-463-6666 contract # 87.

Committee	Meeting Dates *	<u>Time</u>	Board Trustee	Committee Chair	<u>Phone</u>
Community Services	1st Monday	7:30 PM	Sharyn Carpenter	Tara Shockley	281-855-2819
Deed Restrictions	1st Monday	7:00 PM			
DVCA Board	4th Monday	7:30 PM	Glenn Sommers		281-855-7716
Financial Services	Tuesday before Board Meeting	7:30 PM	Steve Dornak	Andrew Jackson	281-463-7665
Landscape	2nd Monday	7:30 PM	Mike Polk	Jay Singleton	281-463-7346
MUD #136	2nd Thursday	6:30 PM			
Rec Center	2nd Tuesday	7:30 PM	Marta Bott	Peter Howell	281-463-1360
Security	2nd Tuesday	7:30 PM	Walt Bohn	Kirk Aden	281-855-7103
Swim Pool	1st Thursday	7:30 PM	Susan Greer	Peter Howell	281-463-1360
Tennis	1st Wednesday	8:00 PM	Marie Nugent	Mark Tinne	281-463-1258

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

#### **West Houston Aglow Lighthouse**

West Houston Aglow Lighthouse, part of Aglow International, a network of caring women, will meet Tuesday Oct 7th at 10.00am. Our special guest speaker will

be Jennifer Campbell, a missionary to Indonesia, who has participated in numerous miraculous healings, both here and overseas. She will be showing slides and describing her most recent Indonesia trip. She will also be available to pray for healing for those attending the meeting, which will be held at Deerfield Village Recreation Center.

Aglow has joined the Wednesday Bible Study group for its new study. Katy Night Aglow, for women who work outside the home will hold its next meeting on October 6th.

For more information, call Christine Jackson, 281-463-7665, or <a href="mailto:christinejason@peoplepc.com">christinejason@peoplepc.com</a>

#### TRASH TALK

Backdoor Pickup trash must be in view from the street. Trash will not be picked up if it is behind a fence.

- \* If you are new to the neighborhood you must call Allied Waste to set up new service 713-635-6666
- \* 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



We have a platoon of soldiers in Iraq!

Once again Carol Neal and I represent Memorial Drive Christian Church in asking you to join us in sending care packages to a platoon in Iraq. In the past you have been so generous in your contributions, and I know you

will join us once again. We need travel size toiletries, socks, paperback or puzzle books, magazines, writing paper, diaries, journals, address books, pens, pencils, gum, snacks of any kind individually wrapped, one-use cameras, sun block, first aid packs, and small packages of Kleenix. I know that you will put your thinking caps on and come up with many more items to send. If you cannot shop, I will gladly take your money and shop for you and we also hope you will donate money for mailing. Mailing the Flat Rate Boxes has now gone up to \$9+! I am Gerry Archibald, and I live at 4046 Heathersage Drive in the Patio Homes. My neighbors have put an American flag on the walk up to my house to help you find me. Deerfield Village often mailed more packages than the church. Let's get started on the project again!

### Deerfield Village Play group



Please contact Julie Kokinakis at 281-859-2551 for more information on dates, times, and meeting places.



#### DEERFIELD COOKBOOKS ARE HERE

We have received our shipment of the Deerfield Village Bazaar Cookbooks

with recipes from Deerfield Bazaar participants and Deerfield

Residents. They are so wonderful and are perfect for giving. There are

so many great recipes in them. We will be preselling before the

Bazaar. The cookbooks are \$12.00 each. Call Elaine Mills 281-550-2760

or Sharon Hamilton 281-859-0174 if you are interested in purchasing or

looking at them. We will be selling them at our 30th Annual

Christmas Bazaar on November 7th and 8th.

#### **DEED RESTRICTIONS COMMITTEE**

Meets 1<sup>ST</sup> Monday of each month 7:00 PM



- \* Architectural Approval is required for all fence construction. Because of the large number of fences down on the perimeter, communication is the key. Please talk to your neighbors. A uniform fence would be the objective.
- \* Please remove the plywood from your windows

#### Cy-Fair ISD & Volunteers in Public Schools (VIPS)

VIPS center the attention of their service on supporting students and staff and making a significant contribution to the education of children. The volunteers, who give freely of their time and resources, impact the academic and personal development of students. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact Pam Scott, Partners in Education Director at 281-894-3950

#### **Boy Scouts**

Join the boy Scouts of Troop 120 for a day of demonstrations of our scouting skills—lashings, cooking and camping. This event will take place November 1st at the Deerfield Recreation Center



#### CYPRESS LAKES BAND Drive-Thru Dinner Tuesday, October 21, 2008 4:30pm to 6:30pm

Join us for a delicious Drive-Thru Dinner by Texas Roadhouse. Texas Roadhouse will provide 1/2 slab of ribs, mashed potatoes, green beans plus those wonderful rolls with cinnamon butter for only \$10! You also get a bag of peanuts with each order and a coupon for a free "Cactus Blossom" appetizer (a \$5.99 value).

#### But wait... it gets BETTER!!

Texas Roadhouse will be in the Cy-Lakes parking lot grilling this dinner for you and your family. Beginning at 5pm drive thru the back parking lot and someone will bring your Texas Roadhouse order directly to your car. It's that simple! So place your order today!!!

Contact Stacy Coleman 281-550-3570 colemsr@mail.com for more information Susan Wolf 713-858-8511

Michelle Pate 281-463-4524 michelle.pate@earthlink.net

# "CALLING" ALL RESIDENTS! 2009 Deerfield Village Directory

It is time to submit/update your information for the 2009 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 **January 1**.

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

(please list last name and addre	ess below)	
Please list the following informati	ion in the 2009 Deerfield Village Directory	
Last name:	Phone number:	_
Address:		_
Residents in the order you would like them	listed:	
1	4	
2	5	
3	6	

\*Please note: If you do not return this form, we will use the information listed in the 2008 Directory



2 Large Truck Inner Tubes, great for rivers, lakes, and fun, too big for a pool. Only \$20.00 each. Call the DV Office.

Deerfield Village home for sale by owner. Beautifully maintained and updated 4 bedroom home. Call 281-859-6630 for details.

Patio home for lease. 1900 sq. feet, cul-de-sac, new kitchen, 2 bedrooms plus study. two full baths large master suite with high ceilings. (refrigerator, W&D and lawn care included.)

Respond to ileeenders@gmail.com

Ladies, it's time to get ready for Bible Study. We will be starting on Wednesday, September 10, at 9:30 in the Deerfield Clubhouse. This semester we will be doing a

brand new study by Beth Moore, Priscilla Shirer, and Kay Arthur taken from their "Deeper Still" conference about the life of David. This is a 7 week study, so please come and join us for breakfast and check this one out. We look forward to seeing you there! For more info, please call Nancy @ 281-463-6711.

### Gracie Henry Babysitting And Pet Sitting Service

I love kids and very responsible. Red Cross Certified. 15 years old 281-352-0543



Steve Gibson A Deerfield Resident 281-497-0404

sgibson@farmersagent.com ww.farmersagent.com/sgibson

#### **Pet Hotline**

Please, please put a phone # on your pets collar.

Hint: If your dog tends to dig out, get a roll of 15 inch chicken wire and staple half of the 15 inches up from the grass, the rest fold into a right angle and lay if on the grass and let the grass grow. The pet will never dig out..

Marie Nugent Pet Hotline 281 859 1104

Deerfield Village Resident looking for a 3 bedroom Deerfield Patio Home for Parents. Needed in 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of this year. If you are interested in selling please contact Dianne Burger evenings at 281-856-7368.



### Flags Over Deerfield

Boy Scout Troop 898 will be sponsoring a flag raising fundraiser in Deerfield Village. We will be placing 3' x 5' American flags on 10' poles in the yards of residents who subscribe to this service. The cost of the service is \$30 per year, and we will place flags on five days during the year (Memorial Day, Veteran's Day, Labor Day, Flag Day and Fourth of July). The scouts and parent volunteers will place the flags in the morning and take them down before dusk on the same day. Sometime before the first flag is placed, an adult volunteer will submerge a 1' PVC pipe below the grass line on the resident's lawn approximately 18" from the curb and 18" to the left of the front walkway. The flag poles will use these pipes as flag stands. The scout troop will be responsible for maintaining and storing the flags. We will be showing sample flags and selling subscriptions for this service in front of the Deerfield Village clubhouse on October 4 and again on October 25. Our plan is to have the flags ready for this upcoming Veteran's Day on November 11. If you would like more information about the service or would like to subscribe in advance, please contact Carlos Abaraca at csabarca@sbcglobal.net.



#### **Still Serving Deerfield**

Owner-over 30 years experience. Remodeling, Patios, Decks, Hardi-plank, fences, Painting, etc.

1020 Kristi Ct. Cat Springs, TX 78933 979-992-3056 281-744-0437 (c)



#### Flip's Irrigation Service

Flip Thompson **832-474-6066** 

www.flipsirrigation.com Licensed Irrigator 6327 flip@industryinet.com Specializing in commercial & residential repair on all brands. 20 + years



Office 979-992-3815

#### **DEERFIELD VILLAGE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**

We are excited about our 30th Annual Christmas Bazaar and we are looking for new participants to join us. The Bazaar will be held November 7th and 8th at the Rec Center.

Our meeting dates are as follows at 7pm at the Rec Center either in the club house or upstairs.

Thursday, October 2; Tuesday, October 14 and Wednesday, October 29.

Please come and check us out if this something that you might enjoy.

Questions regarding the Bazaar, call Sharon Hamilton 281-859-0174 or Allison Maddox 281-859-7152

### Fun In Deerfield...!



#### Upcoming Neighborhood Events of the Deerfield Recreation Committee

Oct. 4th - MUSIC ON THE GREEN on Saturday (6:00 - 8:00 p.m.) The entire family is invited for Deerfield Village's observance of National Night Out – a great opportunity to relax and visit with your neighbors! Bring your blankets or chairs and enjoy the Robert Wolfe Trio as you savor a hot dog or snow cone. Our local constables will be on hand to talk about security in the community.

Oct. 18th \_ OKTOBER BEER TASTING on Saturday, (7:30 - 11:00 p.m.) Adults only! Sample beers of the world, accompanied by German fare. Tickets can be purchased now for \$15 at the Rec Center of fice.

Oct. 31st - CHILDREN'S HALLOWEEN PARTY on Friday, (5:30 - 7:00 p.m.) Games — including the return of the Cake Walk — await kids on the spookiest night of the year. Costumes are encouraged.

Dec. 14th - CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY on Sunday, (2:00 - 4:00 p.m.) Kids 11 years and younger are invited for refreshments and fun in the annual snow on the grren. Parents, there's yet another reason to bring your cameras! A popular bearded gentleman in a red and white suit will be our special visitor.

Dec. 31st - NEW YEAR'S EVE CASINO PARTY on Wednesday, (7:30 p.m. until ...) Who needs Times Square? Wrap up 2008 and cheer in 2009 without ever leaving the neighborhood. Don't miss the chance to try your luck at craps, blackjack, roulette and poker. Admission includes hearty snacks, wine, beer, set-ups, and of course, a champagne toast! Each couple should bring a creative and tasteful unwrapped gift (\$20 - \$25 value) for the auction at the party's end. Volunteers are currently needed to operate the games. Please sign up at the Rec Center if you would like to help. Training will be provided. Starting October 17, tickets will be on sale for \$25 per person at the Rec Center office.

# CRADDOCK ROOFING BY

RESIDENTIAL REROOFING SPECI

REROOFING THE BEAR CREEK AREA FOR 23 YEARS

**INSURED FOR YOUR PROTECTION** 

FREE ESTIMATES

713-465-8090

DEERFIELD VILLAGE RESIDENT





### The Door Pro

### 281 855-8247

#### **Entry Door Refinishing**

- \* Strip door to bare wood
- \* Detail and stain door
- \* Six coats of urethane applied
- \* Two Year Warranty

#### **Garage Doors and Openers**

- \* Repair of existing doors & openers
- \* Installation of new doors & openers
- \* Broken springs and door maintenance
- \* Evening appointments

Free and honest estimates. 27 years of experience. A resident of Deerfield Village.

email: thedoorpro@comcast.net website: www.thedoorpro.net



Lynne Wilbar, Realtor
Direct: 713-857-7426
Lwilbar@garygreene.com
www.garygreene.com
Deerfield Village Resident
Over 18 years
Your Profit is Our Utmost
PRIORITY!

# Become a High Profit Home Seller! **HOUSTON'S MARKET LEADER**

As ranked by H.A.R. across all sold categories in 2008 Call for a Free Market Analysis of Your Home

DEERFIELD VILLAGE MARKET NEWS



#### PRUDENTIAL REAL ESTATE

Ranked "Highest Satisfaction for Home Sellers Among National Full Service Real Estate Firms" by J.D. Power and Associates

We're Proud of this recognition because it reflects the real-life experiences of the people we value most: our clients. Discover how Prudential Real Estate's exceptional knowledge, innovative marketing strategies and commitment to service can make selling your home faster and easier.

#### ROCK SOLID. MARKET WISE.

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

# DVCA Members Straw Poll -October, 2008-

Please fill out this straw poll and return it to the DVCA Office by October 15, 2008. You can return it during office hours to the DVCA Manager or after hours by depositing it into the box just outside the office. This is your opportunity to provide input into the running of DVCA about the two topics below. We look forward to receiving your input.

#### One vote per member household. Original Ballots Only. DO NOT COPY

Due to the upcoming renewal of the waste contract and the increase in prices for those services, we need resident feedback on the various options available. Below is a summary to better help you understand the situation. More information about the service and contract situation is in an article in the newsletter.

#### Currently we pay:

- Patio homes pay approximately \$35/quarterly for curbside service
- All other homes pay approximately \$60/quarterly for backdoor service
- Recycling adds \$12-\$13/quarterly to the above pricing for all homes

A separate fuel and environmental fee that will fluctuate and probably keep increasing

#### Beginning November 1, 2008:

- Curbside service will increase to approximately \$55-\$60/quarterly
- Backdoor service will increase to approximately \$95-\$100/quarterly
- The fuel and environmental fees will continue as a variable amount each month Automatic pickup is another option available and is a little cheaper at approximately \$55/quarterly, but with reduced flexibility. This is a curbside service where one 96 gallon container would be supplied, and **ALL** waste and yard debris would need to be placed inside this container. No additional bags or other debris would be allowed.

Trash	Disposal (Please select one of the following):
	I want backdoor service at a cost of approx. \$95-\$100/quarterly. (does not apply to patio homes)
	I want curbside service only at a cost of approx. \$55-\$60 quarterly
	I want curbside automatic pickup service for a cost of approx. \$55/quarterly
Recy	cling Program (Please select one of the following):
	I want to continue recycling at a cost of approx. \$12-\$13 a quarter
	I want to discontinue the recycling program