

DEERFIELD VILLAGE NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2009

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



ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE FOR 2010

11/2009-12/2009	Invoices sent to Deerfield Homeowners by Consolidated Management If you do not receive your invoice by 12/15, contact CMS at 281-296-9775
1/1/2010	All Assessments due to CMS
2/1/2010	Past Due. One time Late fee of \$100.00 and interest applies
3/1/2010	Late notices sent with notice of Certified letter
4/1/2010	Certified letter sent (charged to property address)
6/1/2010	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, 2010



Beer Tasting October 24th

Six Mexican Beers complemented
by Mexican Snacks
Tickets on Sale September 1st for \$15.00.
After 1:30 on Sept. 30th cost is \$25.00.
Ticket sales end October 14th.

Music on Green Neighborhood Night Out!

October 3rd from 6 until 9 pm
Cy-fair Community Band
Bring your beverages, snacks and your
entire family

High School Students Need Service Hours?

Call the Deerfield Office to volunteer. Volunteers are needed to help on Recreation Committee events

Labor Day Pool Party Sept 7th

Pool Slide 3:00—5:00
Games and Fun For All
Ice Cream Sundaes From 3:00—4:00
Cost is \$1.00 per sundae



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

President's Report

By Walt Bohn

First things first. I made a big thing of the commitment by the Flood Control Division that they would begin cleaning the ditch during the second week of August. Wrong. Although they did do preliminary work such as mowing and initial scraping along the edge of the concrete bottom, they didn't start the real cleaning. Normally, I would have been infuriated, but I am mellowing in my old age and have accepted their apology and explanation that there was a glitch in receiving the environmental report that is required by the State. I agree that the need for an environmental study to clean a ditch in a residential neighborhood seems a bit ridiculous, but our Government, in all of its wisdom, requires it. So, please bear with me and be patient a bit longer.

I was standing on the green belt some time ago looking at some graffiti. A resident came up and said, "These rotten Deerfield kids are at it again". Dang, that really ticked me off. Deerfield kids aren't rotten. I make a point of talking to them every chance I can. They actually talk to an old geezer like me. Not only that, they have always been polite even when I have asked them to stop doing something. And then there are our Boy Scouts. Do you know that they cancelled a camping trip to help clear hurricane debris. It wasn't a token gesture either. They made a major contribution in helping us overcome the storms damage. So, don't tell me Deerfield kids are rotten.

Then what about the graffiti and other forms of vandalism. Fortunately, we haven't had any for quite a while, That's particularly encouraging because summer, with its normally high instance rate, is almost over. However, we still need to be proactive. To this end, we have initiated a program to keep vandalism from raising its ugly head. The Security Committee has installed new state of the art surveillance equipment around the Rec. center. Our Constables are on the look out and record suspicious license plate numbers. In addition, the Board has authorized a monetary reward system to encourage people to identify perpetrators and it has adopted a no tolerance policy. This is a warning parents, if your little darlings are caught vandalizing Deerfield, they will definitely be prosecuted, no ands ifs or buts. So you better put the fear of God in them.

Speaking of boy scouts; at the present time, three of them are earning their eagle by making Deerfield a better place to live.

I will keep you apprised on what they accomplish as they finish their projects. One deserves mention now. Conner Sanford is the scout that received permission from the Board and erected the three sets of purple martin bird houses along the green belt. Needless to say; we, and particularly Conner were disappointed in the outcome. He erected the houses on a Saturday, was told of the problem that Sunday and didn't hesitate to remove the most offending portions the following Monday. After analyzing the project, it was determined that although Deerfield didn't want to retain the bird houses, Conner had fulfilled all of the requirements for completing his eagle project. At that point, Conner could have done the easy thing and simply walked away, instead he did the honorable thing and announced that he was, at considerable expense, going to redesign the houses using commercial Purple Martin bird house metal poles. He said that he had a responsibility to those who helped him with the project to see that bird houses were erected. It was agreed that he would erect a set at the Rec. center site for evaluation. If it is pleasing in appearance, two others will be erected. His parents must be proud and we are glad that Conner is part of the Deerfield community.

Board Meeting Updates

The time for all of the Board Meetings has changed to 7:00 p.m.

Did you know that it is illegal to blow your grass clippings and dump household items down the storm drain. Did you know that you can be fined. Call 713-920.2831 to report illegal dumping. It is helpful to take pictures.

Financial Services Committee

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

YTD expenses;

2009 expense budget -	\$ 576,312
YTD July expenses -	\$ 359,610
YTD July Budget -	\$ 357,063
Under / (Over) Budget.	\$ (2,547)
Reserve expenses todate	\$ 25,633



Assessment 2009. We have received \$612,856 out of \$630,318 . Collection are now 97% for 2009. Outstanding balances are with our Attorney for collection.

tAudit for 2008 will be complete this month.

Budget 2010. Committee budget preparations are in progress. These are due back for review Mid September. Come join a committee and help with the budget preparations, and help us keep Deerfield a very special place in which to live

Andrew Jackson
Chairman



If you would like to be put on an email list to receive emergency or last minute informational emails, please email the office at deerfield4@sbcglobal.net

WELCOME

If you are new to Deerfield, please stop by the office and pick up a Welcome packet and Re-cycle Bin. You may also want to pick up a key to the tennis court. The keys are \$25 and the deposit is refundable when the key is turned in. Want to get involved? Pick up a list of committees and their meeting days. Please call the office for more information.



SEPTEMBER 2009 LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER



Ah, how wonderful it was to finally get some much needed rain in August. It's amazing isn't it how refreshing Mother Nature's sprinklers are to plants and people. Of course all the weed seeds sprung up with a sip of water too. Hope your lawns and gardens are bringing you pleasure and not too much work in the heat. Mulch, mulch, mulch, oh glorious mulch helps a lot. We are happy and optimistic to report irrigation problems we have struggled with all summer seem to be resolved. We're keeping our fingers crossed and continuing to ask for more rain. Progress is moving forward with landscaping plans for the Danebridge and Keith Harrow entrance with the goal of having this work completed when it cools a bit. Track of dead trees in the common areas are definitely being kept and a day to have them removed is planned. It is such a pleasure to drive through our beautiful neighborhood and see all the beautiful yards. Keep up the good work and we'll continue to try to do the same. Come join us, we would love to have your input.



Deed Restrictions Committee
Meets the 1st Monday of the month @ 7PM
Exception due to Labor Day Holiday we will meet on Aug. 31st

The Deed Restriction Committee appreciates homeowners who report violations or concerns since we can't be everywhere. However, we would like you to respect our privacy and direct all calls to the office manager not at our homes. Lisa is there to take your calls and always relays the messages to the appropriate committee members.

With the extreme heat we have had and no rain we do understand that there are a lot of dead trees, shrubs and grass. We do expect though that residents will begin to have the dead landscaping removed and grass replanted as the weather starts to improve. There are many dead pine trees throughout Deerfield that could pose a danger to residents. Please have these removed promptly.

Please remember **ALL OUTSIDE WORK** (painting, pools, windows, siding, any construction...) needs approval. The Architectural Approval forms can be found on our website or at the office. Please **DO NOT** start a project without approval. It is better to be safe than sorry!

All outside work needs Architectural Approval.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Please report problems to the following...

Any Crime	281-463-6666 (#87)
Flooding	713-684-4000
Water Outage	713-405-1750
Trash Pickup	713-937-9955
Power Outage	713-207-7777
Gas Leaks	713-659-2111
Curb Damage (no patio Home curbs)	281-463-6300
County Pets	713-999-3191
Illegal Dumping	713-920-2831

The next meeting of the Tennis committee will be September 2, 2009.

Ladies Tennis Leagues will start in late August. All captains are asked to leave a copy of their Tennis schedules at the Rec Center so that courts may be reserved for their leagues. Have a great season, Ladies.



BACK TO SCHOOL TIME!

- **SCHOOL ZONES! SCHOOL ZONES! SCHOOL ZONES!**
- TRAFFIC IS SUDDENLY GOING TO GET HEAVIER, BE PATIENT
- THE FINE FOR PASSING A STOPPED SCHOOL BUS WHILE IT'S FLASHERS ARE ON IS \$999.00
- WATCH OUT FOR CHILDREN RIDING BICYCLES, WALKING, AND CROSSING STREETS (THEY ARE SMALL AND QUICK SO KEEP A SHARP EYE OUT)
- BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1ST, IT IS A CITABLE OFFENSE TO USE A CELL PHONE IN A SCHOOL ZONE (UNLESS IT IS AN EMERGENCY) UNLESS YOU **ARE STOPPED OR USING A HANDSFREE DEVICE**
- TALK TO YOUR CHILDREN REMIND THEM IF THEY SEE OR HEAR OF ANYONE JOKING, PLANNING, OR COMMITTING VIOLENT ACTS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY TO TELL A TEACHER OR CAMPUS POLICE RIGHT AWAY.
- WRITE AND RECORD THE SERIAL NUMBERS OF YOUR CHILD'S CELLPHONE, THERE ARE NUMEROUS LOST CELL PHONE REPORTS MADE DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR, THE SERIAL NUMBER WILL AID IN POSSIBLE RECOVERY.
- TALK TO YOUR CHILDREN ABOUT STRANGERS AND TO NEVER LEAVE WITH ANYONE THEY DON'T KNOW. **REPORT IT IMMEDIATELY!!!!!!**

HAVE A SAFE AND WONDERFUL SCHOOL YEAR

Safety First

Children will be walking and riding their bikes to Wilson this year due to the cut of the school bus routes. Please use caution while driving and help our kids stay safe.

Swimming Pool Committee

Fall hours started on August 25th. The hours are 5PM to 8PM. The September schedule is posted elsewhere. Remember pool IDs' are required and are being checked. We suggest you leave your ID at the pool so they will be ready for the 2010 swim season.



We continue to monitor end of season use. Deerfield is unusual in having the pool open evenings and weekends after Labor Day, and we want to ensure use justifies it as one clever observer said, 'use it or lose it!'

The Committee is looking at the ID process for next year. If any resident has comments, please call the office and share your thoughts. We will also be evaluating our Pool management company for next year; again, any resident feedback is welcome.

The Pool Committee is looking for new members with new ideas. We need input on what residents want. Come help us out, second Monday of the month, at 7:30,

Security Stats for July, 2009
Constable Dispatch: 281-463-6666
Contract # 87 Precinct # 5

ACTIVITIES	Total
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Accidents	3
Alarms	6
Assaults	0
Burglaries	2
Burg Motor Vehicle	1
Citizens Assistance	25
Citizens Contact	70
Criminal Arrests	0
Criminal Mischief	10
Disturbance Calls	18
Suspicious Vehicles	18
Suspicious Persons	5
Thefts	0
Traffic Citations	8
Traffic Warnings	23
Vacation Watch	298

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

Deerfield Village 2009 Swim Pool Hours

September

Sun.	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat.
		1	2	3	3	5
						10-11 Adult Swim 11-8 Open Swim
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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MUD 136 BOARD REPORT

by Jay Singleton, Secretary

At its August meeting the directors reviewed the results of July's business.

The District's engineer reported that the construction work to tie in the surface water line to our water plant is complete. By the time you read this, we may be receiving surface water. However, we still be using some well water. The District has both a primary and a secondary well. We will be pumping from the primary well to keep it in operating condition. It will serve as a back up source for water should surface water delivery be interrupted. The secondary well will not be used. We will be looking at options for its disposition.

So far this year we have collected 98.8% of the real property taxes due. Our average over the previous 5 years is 99.7%. However, we do not ignore the uncollected taxes. At our August meeting we authorized our tax attorney to initiate proceedings against delinquent tax accounts.

Because the fence between the water plant and Randalls continues to be tagged with graffiti, we are looking at ways to hide the fence with shrubbery. Until that is done, we will continue to paint over the graffiti.

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. The meeting agenda is always posted on the Rec Center office window several days in advance of the meeting. Meeting minutes are posted on the District's web site www.hcmud136.org

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.

- Connor Sanford for all his hard work on his Eagle Project with the Martin houses

Recreation Committee



We had more Movies at the Pool, and adult party – Oasis at the Pavilion, and a Back to School Party for Teen's in August, plus a rockin' Music on the Green. Hopefully you came to one of these event and enjoyed your neighborhood.

On Labor Day, September 7th we will have our last pool party, 3 to 5 PM. To make the end of summer celebration even more special, we will be having ice cream sundaes 3 to 4 PM. There will be a \$1 charge, and be available only for an hour, so come to the pool, have fun, and enjoy an ice cream sundae. Look at the Fun in Deerfield article for other upcoming events.

Our bus trip to a casino has been postponed until early spring due to scheduling issues. Keep it in mind we have to have 40 people as a minimum to make this happen.

Beer tasting tickets go on sale Sept. 1 for \$15. It's Mexican beers and Mexican food! Note the price goes up to \$25 on October 1st, so we can better plan the event and do last minute shopping, so buy early.

We are already planning events for 2010, and we need help. We have moved out meeting to the first Tuesday of the month and our meeting to 7:00 PM to give us more planning time. If you can spare a few hours to help the community, come join us on the 1st Tuesday of the month 7:00, at the Rec. Center! Have ideas? Come join the Committee.

Teenagers need service hours? Call the Deerfield Office. We can use help on working the parties – make snow cones, run games, and just help us have a better neighborhood.

Qigong

Qigong integrates the training of the mind and consciousness with bodily relaxation, a system of breathing, concentration and visualization.



Wednesday nights
7:30 - 8:45 pm
Deerfield Village Annex

Deerfield Village Bunko Group

Meets the 3rd Thursday of the Month
7:00—9:00 Deerfield Clubhouse
Bring a Potluck dish and \$5.25
Contact: JoAnne Maruca at 281-550-8162. Joann.rich@yahoo.com
Pat Rothman at 281-345-9355.
RR1texas@earthlink.net



Poker



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

Contact Bob Shortle at 281-463-4589 or bobshortle@aol.com

Fun In Deerfield...!

Upcoming Neighborhood Events of the Deerfield Recreation Committee

Monthly Events...

Poker! 2nd Thursday of the month, 7:30 PM, at the Recreation Center... Players welcome, contact Bob Shortle at 281-463-4589

Bunco! 3rd Thursday of the month, 7:00 to 9:00 at the Recreation Center... Bring a potluck dish and \$5.25, contact Pat Rothman at 281-345-9355

Aug. 29th , Music on the Green! Saturday, 6 to 9 PM. This time it's classic rock and roll! Come join your neighbors on the Green for music, friends, and snow cones.

Sept. 7th , Labor Day Pool Party. Fun for all, games and pool slide, 3:00 PM to 5PM. Also, something special - Ice Cream Sundaes from 3PM to 4PM!

Oct. 3rd Music on The Geen! 6 to 9PM, at the Rec Center. Join your neighbors for an evening of Music on the Green with the CyFair Community Band. Also, this is Deerfield Village Neighborhood Night Out!

Oct 24th Beer Tasting. It's Mexican beers complemented by Mexican food! Try 6 different beers, find a favorite! Tickets go on sale Sept. 1st at \$15 per person, \$25 after the Deerfield office closes at 1:30 on Sept. 30th. Ticket sales end Oct. 14th.

Oct. 31st Children's Halloween Party at the Recreation Center. Cake walk and crafts.

Nov. 8th – Ice Skating Party 1:30-4:00, an event for the whole family at the Memorial City Ice Skating Rink. Deerfield Village will have the party room for part of the time. Cost is discounted to \$7.00 per skater.

Dec. 13th Children's Christmas Party 2 to 4 PM, crafts, snow, and Santa, all at the Recreation Center. Come ride the children's train, have Mom or Dad take your picture with Santa, and have some hot chocolate.

Dec. 31st New Year Eve Party for adults. Mark the date, details coming soon!

BSA Troop 120 News



If you want to start the school year with excitement, think about joining the Boy Scouts for adventure and leadership. We meet every Tuesday except the 3rd Tuesday of the month at Wilson Elementary from 7:00 to 8:00 pm. We also camp once a month between September – May, and attend a high adventure trip and summer camp in June-July.

Eagle Project

Chris Mocerri did an awesome project related to clean water waste and environment. He taught the Deerfield resident not to dump waist into the rain storm drains.

I invite you to check out our website at www.bsatroop120.com and view all the troop adventures. Please come and join us, from 7-8pm on Tuesday's at Wilson Elementary during the school year, or email us at scouttroop120@yahoo.com for more information. Stay tuned for more news next month!!! J

Michael Powell Troop 120

TRASH TALK
All Residents now have
curbside trash pickup.



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

Discover the glory of Jesus. Join us as we study Phillipians 2 and related passages. Class meets each Thursdays at 10.00 am in the Rec Center for Bible study and prayer. For more information contact Christine at 281-463-7665.



Gracie Henry Babysitting Service and Pet Sitting

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<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>	1st Monday	7:00 PM	Eric Toureilles	Trish Yatauro	
<i>DVCA Board</i>	4th Monday	7:00 PM	Walt Bohn		281-859-3358
<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	Lynetta Morell	281-463-2237
<i>MUD #136</i>	2nd Thursday	6:00 PM	Walt Bohn		281-855-7716
<i>Rec Center</i>	1st Tuesday	7:00 PM	Marta Bott	Peter Howell	281-463-1360
<i>Security</i>	2nd Tuesday	7:30 PM	Glenn Sommers	Kirk Aden	281-855-7103
<i>Swim Pool</i>	2nd Monday	7:30 PM	Susan Greer	Peter Howell	281-463-1360
<i>Tennis</i>	1st Wednesday	8:00 PM	Marie Nugent	Nan Pye	281-463-8788

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

The Breakfast Club (a Ladies Bible Study) will begin a new study called, "A Woman After God's Own Heart" by Elizabeth George. They meet at the Deerfield Village Clubhouse on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 AM. This session will begin Wednesday, September 2 at 9:30 AM with an introduction to the bible study and a breakfast. Study books will be available for \$15.00. For more information, please contact Nancy Hatton at 281.463.6711.



SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

Please send stocking stuffers to our Army Platoon of 36 men who will be heading home December 1. We are giving our young female Marines a Pedicure Party. Our young Marine men are in for a cold, cold winter and need hand warmers and battery heated socks. You can donate these items or contribute money for me to shop. They will be happy with hand-held games, double decks of playing cards, and any games, puzzles, and puzzle books. You neighbors are always more creative in selecting Christmas gifts than I am. Gerry Archibald at 4046 Heathersage Drive. Thanks so much.

Pet Hotline



Please be sure to have ID with a phone # on your pet at all times. If the pet gets taken to the Pound without an ID they will "Kill" the pet right away since they are so overloaded with animals. This happened to a resident's pet cat recently.

Note: When walking your dog on the green-belt please clean up after it. Also, in the heat of the day place your hand on the sidewalk and if it burns your hand it is burning your dog's pad.. marie Nugent 281- 859 -1104



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Timely Tip for September Gardeners at Cornelius Nursery



Fall Lawn Care

Research has proven that your Fall lawn feeding is one of the most important ones of the year! Your lawn has just gone through the stressful Summer months and needs food for rebuilding. **Calloway's Premium Lawn Food** supplies three sources of nitrogen. The first source provides a quick shot of nitrogen to give your lawn a nice greening effect. The other two are control-released to provide a consistent supply of nitrogen over the next several months. The 21-5-10 formula also supplies the needed nutrients to stimulate root development, make your grass hardier for the Winter months and provide food for next Spring's growth!

Apply it this month or the first of October. For those who are organic gardeners, **Calloway's Organic Fertilizer** contains seven food grade meals and can also be applied now.

This is also the time to apply pre-emergents to prevent broadleaf and grassy weed seeds from sprouting over Winter and Spring. Apply **Nitro-Phos Barricade Preemergence Herbicide** for selective control of grassy and broadleaf weeds. For our organic gardeners, use **Corn Gluten Meal** as a natural pre-emergent.

So, don't kick back and settle into football season quite yet-apply your fertilizers and pre-emergents now and enjoy your own green field next Spring!

Must Know Information from the Manager.....

- * Reporting criminal activity to the office is helpful and appreciated, but **please call the constable first to file a report.**
- * Visit our website at www.deerfieldvillage.net. Most of the information requested can be found on the website. Ex. Architectural Approval Form , Rental Forms, newsletters and even the Protective Covenants. You can also find the minutes to all the past Board Minutes and any last minute updates for the community
- * To report a street light, you must know the pole # and address. You can log on to Centerpoint or email the office with the information. Lights on the Greenbelt or in the patio homes needs to be called in to the office.
- * There is a locked drop box for your convenience located next to the office windows. Rental forms and Architectural Forms can be put in the box as well as any correspondence you have for the office manager.
- * Office hours are from 9:30 to 1:30. If you can't make it to the office during those hours to pick up a key etc., please email the office to make arrangements with me to meet after hours. Please do not call me at home for Deerfield Business. I typically do not get the messages.
- * One of the reasons Deerfield stays desirable is because of the Protective Covenants and the Deeds committee that tries to enforce them. If you would like to report a violation, please call the office and I will get the information to the committee. They are volunteers and most have full time jobs and families. Respect their privacy and do not call them at home.

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31st Annual Deerfield Christmas Bazaar

Our 31st Deerfield Christmas Bazaar will be held on Friday, November 6th & Saturday, November 7th. We invite any interested Deerfield Resident (female or male) to join us as a participant in this exciting community event.

Our meeting dates this year are: August 27, September 16, October 6, October 22 & November 3. All meetings are at 7pm and are downstairs except the November 3 will be upstairs. The August meeting will be a great chance for interested residents and former participants to meet and see what all the Bazaar entails. Refreshments will be served. One of our by-laws is that you have to attend three meetings in order to participate.

Hope to see you all there. Any questions, call Sharon Hamilton at 281-859-0174

Hurricane Preparedness

It's that time of year again . Here are some suggestions to be prepared:

- If you have more than one vehicle, fill them all up with gasoline before the storm.
- If you choose to evacuate, do so early,. Put your house on watch while you are gone as well.
- Make sure you have batteries for your flashlights and radios, propane for your stoves and grills, and charcoal, matches, and lighter fluid.
- Take out a reasonable amount of cash to last a few days
- Make sure prescriptions are filled and you have your first aid supplies on hand.
- Make sure you have extra diapers and baby food if you have infants.
- Charge up your cell phones and laptops, we well as the kids handheld video games (to keep them occupied if power goes out).
- Pick up any items that may be blown about and could cause damage or injury in high winds from your yards and store them away.
- After the storm, try and avoid all unnecessary driving until you know the infrastructure situation.
- Do laundry before the storm
- Make sure you have food, water and pet food
- If you use a generator, make sure to do so in a well ventilated area.
- If you use a nebulizer etc., you may look into getting a power inverter to plug into the car for emergencies.

These are a few suggestions. Analyze your needs and plan accordingly. Be safe and vigilant.

Cypress Lakes High School Band to Sell Entertainment Books for Fundraiser

Cypress Lakes High School Band is selling copies of the popular Entertainment 2009 coupon book to raise funds to offset the cost of needed supplies and equipment to allow the band to operate at a truly competitive level. The fundraising campaign will kick off **August 1, 2009** and continue through **September 10, 2009**.

Each Entertainment book contains thousands of dollars in 2-for-1 and up-to-50%-off discount offers from local and national restaurants, hotels and resorts, entertainment venues and much more.

Books cost **\$20.00**, with a portion of the proceeds from every book supporting **Cypress Lakes High School Band**. To order a copy of the Entertainment Book, contact Celeste Heath at 281-855-3608 of the Cy Lakes High School Band.

Volunteer Opportunities in the Cy-Fair School District

Research shows that students whose parents are involved in their education and schools show a marked improvement in their academic and social skills.

For those of you who work or have a restrictive schedule, there are many ways that you can help out that are not time consuming and much of the work can be done at home during the evenings or on week-ends. And, remember that you do not need to be a parent or family member to be involved.

If you have a little extra time in your schedule, please consider becoming a school volunteer. To find out how to become a CFISD volunteer, go to the district website at www.cfisd.net. Press on the Quick Link drop down and go to Volunteer in CFISD. For more information about global volunteering, please contact the CFISD Partners in Education Department at pamela.scott@cfisd.net or 281-894-3950 or Kim Nash at krnash1@sbcglobal.net or 281-550-2685

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