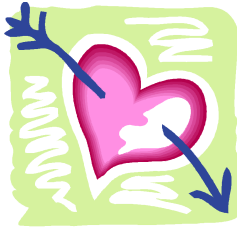


DEERFIELD VILLAGE NEWS



FEBRUARY 2010

THE VOICE OF THE COMMUNITY

Dedicated to the residents of Deerfield Village

March 2nd Primary Update

Glenn Sommers

- Precinct 650 Election Judge
- Republican Precinct Chairman

“Don’t Forget to Vote!”

Don't forget to mark your calendars for March 2 and exercise your right to vote. The 2010 Primary Election will be held on March 2, with the polls opening at 7AM and closing at 7PM. For Precinct 650, both the Republican and Democrat Primaries will be held at the DVCA Club House, but in different rooms.

Also remember that at 7:30 PM, all those who voted in the primary are eligible to participate in the Precinct Convention. This is an interesting eye-opener as to how grass root politics works in Texas. Come join us and get involved in the process.

Early Voting runs from February 16 - 26. For times and locations, check www.harrisvotes.com or call the County Clerks office.

Election of DVCA Trustee

There are four open Trustee positions and four nominations were received by the close of nominations on January 10, 2010. The nominees are:

John Freese
Hugh Hayes
Larry Burkham
Laura Thropp
(applications inside)

Members may also cast votes for write-in candidates for their choice. Voting shall be in person or by Proxy between 9:30 am and 1:30 pm at the Deerfield Office Tuesday, February 23 thru Friday, February 26. Saturday, February 27 voting from 10:00-1:00. Proxies must be in writing and notarized.



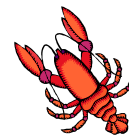
**Deerfield Annual
Garage Sale
March 27, 2010**
(see inside for registration)

**Annual Meeting
MARCH 9 @ 7:00**

Scout mulch will be delivered at the end of this month. Please have the scouts store the bags out of view from the street.



Save The Date....
**Music On the Green
Crawfish Boil
March 27, 2010**



Deerfield Village Community Association, Inc.
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 are 9:30—1:30 Monday thru Friday
Deadline for March Newsletter: **February 15th**
Submit articles and ads to Rec Center Office or email deerfield4@sbcglobal.net

Due to the volume of this months newsletter, there will be no presidents report....NO NEWS IS GOOD NEWS

I am resigning my position as office manager of DVCA effective March 1st. I have thoroughly enjoyed serving the Board and the residents of Deerfield. While I was not looking for a change, I was approached with an opportunity that was too good to turn down. It was a hard decision to make, but a decision that supports my family's goals for the future. I believe in Deerfield and I will remain active in our community, as it is, and will be, the neighborhood I call home.
Lisa

OFFICE MANAGER POSITION

We are now excepting resumes for the position of DVCA Office manager. Please submit your resume to the office ASAP. Training will be provided. Job descriptions are available upon request.

ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE FOR 2010

12/09 Invoices sent to Deerfield Homeowners by CMS

 Single Homes \$600.00

 Patio Homes \$680.00

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

<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	7:00 PM	Sharyn Carpenter	Tara Shockley	281-855-2819
<i>Deed Restrictions</i>	1st Monday	7:00 PM	Eric Tourelles	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	7:00 PM	Mike Polk	Lynetta Morell	281-463-2237
<i>MUD #136</i>	2nd Thursday	6:00 PM	Walt Bohn		281-859-3358
<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	7:00 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

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.
2009 Year End Account (Prior to Audit)

YTD December expenses -	\$ 554,878	
YTD December Budget -	\$ 576,312	
Under / (Over) Budget.	\$ 21,433	
Operating Surplus	\$105,557	
Future Designated Reserve funding	\$100,194	2009 Budget \$100,194
Operating surplus less design. Reserve	\$ 5,363	
Designated reserve Expenses	\$ 48,487	
Net addi tion to Designated reserve	\$ 51,707	
Net addition to Undesign. Reserve	\$ 5,363	from operating surplus.

We are in a financially sound position as an Association. We have been able to finish the year with small surplus after funding the short fall on our disaster account caused by "Ike" (\$14,123) and cover for the problems caused by the summer drought, and the large amount of trees that needed to be removed.

Assessments: We have collected \$156,000 (24%) of 2010 as of the end of December. As of going to press a further \$200,000 (31%) has been received. Thank you for your support. From 2009 we only have \$13,725 outstanding ,
 If you wish to have impact on how these numbers are derived, come join a committee

Andrew Jackson/Chairman

What Does My Assessment Go To...

Security Contract	32%
Utilities	16%
Street Lights	
Green Belt	
Rec Center, Landscaping	
Landscape Contract	18%
Swim Pool Contract	9%
Insurance	5%

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.



Community Services

The Community Services Committee has a number of projects and activities for the rest of the winter. Among them:

- Solicit and review bids for a mosquito control program for 2010.
- Produce a new Deerfield Directory.
- Assess any repairs and improvements that will need to be made to the Rec Center facilities in the coming year.
- Explore renovations to the Rec Center restrooms.
- Develop advertising guidelines for the newsletter and directory.
- Continue to improve the Web site to make it a valuable resource for all residents.

I am please to report that I have received some calls from residents who are considering joining our committee, and I hope to see you at our next meeting at 7 p.m. on February 1 at the Rec Center. We meet at 7 p.m. on the first Monday of each month, so please join us.

Tara Shockley / Community Services Chair

Deed Restrictions Committee

Meets 1st Monday at 7 PM



We hope that 2010 has started off great for everyone! For the month of February we are not going to be inspecting for mold or dead plants. With the freezing temperatures we know a lot of us have lost plants and if you know that they are dead, please remove them or cut back when the temperature starts to warm back up. However, something that needs to be done this month is Christmas lights and decorations should be taken down by now. Also, there are still many fences that are in need of repair or replacing...please take care of these issues.

* Number of violation letters sent in Dec. was 22. Resolved # of issues was 14

Our job is to help enforce the Protective Covenants that we all agreed to live by when we purchased our properties or leased them. All of us have a responsibility to keep Deerfield safe and attractive. If you are interested in joining the Deeds Committee please fill out an application at the office. We are a committee of 11 homeowners that are committed to protecting all of our investments.

Architectural Approval is needed on all outdoor projects regardless if it can be seen from the street (painting, pools, spas, roofs, windows, mailboxes, fences, additions...). It is extremely important to get AA approval...it could save you time and money! We can ask you to cease and desist your project if you did not get AA approval.



It has been brought to the Board of Trustees attention that letters have been mailed representing DVCA and the Deeds Committee that were not sent out by the office or any committee member. The Deeds Committee does monthly inspections and letters are sent from the office once a month. Beginning in December, there will be a corporate impression on any letters sent by Deerfield Village. If you feel that you have been targeted, please contact the office. Sending out letters, pretending to represent Deerfield Village is against the law.

The Tennis Committee is pleased to announce our slate of officers for 2010:

Chairman: Nan Pye

Co-Chairman: Patty Roberts

Secretary: Charlotte Benincasa

Treasurer: Debbie Coselli

Phone/E-mail/Publicity: Leslie Rupard

Men's Tournament Directors: Ron Tope, Don Duhrkopf & Mike Hugel

Maintenance/Sign-up Sheets: Alan Phillips & Mark Tinne

We are committed to keep our tennis amenities some of the very best in the area while getting the most "bang for our buck" on maintaining them. We are a fun and easy going group that enjoys doing our part in the community association. Anyone interested in joining our committee is always welcome to come to our meetings on the first Wednesday night of every month at 8:00pm. We look forward to meeting new friends!!!

WELCOME

If you are new to Deerfield, please stop by the office and pick up a Welcome packet and Recycle 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 info.



Swimming Pool Committee



The Swim Pool Committee is beginning the planning for the 2010 swim season. It is anticipated that the pool will be open for resident swimming on May 1st, the first Saturday in May. The pool will only be open on weekends until school lets out. We will be using A-Beautiful as the pool management company again. And once again pool ID's will be required. Dates will be posted for getting ID's. We are looking at using last year's ID. If you have your ID from last year, drop it off at the Deerfield office. Remember, you must be current on homeowners dues to get a 2010 pool ID.

This year we will be posting and discussing a pool rule in each newsletter. This month it's No smoking, chewing tobacco, or use of any other tobacco products in the pool area. The rationale for this is both public health and cleanliness of the pool. So if you need to smoke, chew tobacco or snuff, you will need to leave the pool area.

Please report Patio Street and Greenbelt lights that are out to the office. We will need to know the pole number and location of the pole.

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

ACTIVITIES	Total
Accidents	0
Alarms	8
Assaults	0
Burglaries	1
Burg Motor Vehicle	0
Citizens Assistance	8
Citizens Contact	75
Criminal Arrests	0
Criminal Mischief	4
Disturbance Calls	6
Suspicious Vehicles	32
Suspicious Persons	13
Thefts	2
Traffic Citations	4
Traffic Warnings	14
Vacation Watch	201

Security Update

We ended 2009 kind of on the down-side with a burglary of a habitat that resulted in a stolen truck. Fortunately, the truck was recovered and not much merchandise was taken from the home. We started off January with 3 break-ins of residence homes. One of the instances was bravely handled by a college student home for the holidays that was able to quickly discourage the thief and politely ask him to leave. Other than glass breakage and some tense nerves, nothing was taken from the residence. We think we have some good leads on the suspects involved and will bring this to closure soon.

This past Monday (01/11/2010) two patio homes were broken into and some merchandise was taken from the residence. Our Constables placed a special watch on the patio homes and the suspect attempted a second visit and I am proud to say that the suspect was quickly apprehended by our Constable Department.

Back in November we had some individuals getting their jollies by shooting out rear windows of vehicles parked in driveways and on the streets. There were over 200 windows shoot out during the spree which included Copperfield, Bear Creek, Settlers Village and Deerfield just to name a few. Deerfield came out the best during the spree and I think it was mainly due to the Constable activity we have in our sub-division. The suspects were not Deerfield residents and have since been caught and are hopefully enjoying their new home in Huntsville working the license plate division.

A lot of residents question the value of the Constable Patrol, but as you can tell, they are really making a difference and Deerfield a safe place to live. Most reports that we get on vehicle break-in's and most homes and garages are due to doors and windows being left unlocked with merchandise left in plain view. As I have stated many times in the past, we are not in the country anymore and need to realize the increased dangers of living in the big city. Please keep your doors and windows locked and valuables stored in a secure place in order to avoid you and your family from becoming the next victim.

Next time you see one of the Deputies patrolling your area, you may want to stop them and let them know you appreciate their effort. We have a good talented group of Deputies that are on the ball and looking out for you & your family's best interest! They cannot be everywhere all the time, but with the help of the Neighborhood Watch Program and the Constable Patrol, we are making a difference.

Kirk Aden/Security Chairman

Landscape Committee

We hope the community is enjoying the landscaping of our main entrances. We have a wish list of projects that need attention & updating.

Working within our budget given, this year we'll start planning for those projects.

We lost so many trees last year from the hurricane then the hot summer. Before we can replace them we're asking residents if they would be willing to water new trees until they get established. Please call the office if you'd like to help establish new trees for Deerfield.

We also have an ongoing list of trees to be trimmed on Deerfield Community property. If you see an area that needs trimming please call the office so it can be added to the list. We make sure & have a days work for the tree service, we get better rates. We also work within a tree budget to do all the trimming for the community.

Most Committees only take between 1-3 hours a month of your time. We're in need of new members to join our committee as do other committees here in Deerfield.

We meet the second Monday of the month at 7:00 at the Rec Center. We welcome anyone that would like to join us.

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



Patio home for lease. 3 bed/2 bath. Partridge Green Drive. References and credit check. jlenders@bpblaw.com or 713-865-3460

Recreation Committee

The Recreation Committee is off to a great start for the new year with two new events. The first one, a Ladies Night Out on January 22nd will be history by the time you get this newsletter. It was the ladies having fun together seeing "Breakfast at Tiffany's". It's part of our theme of new events for a new decade.



Our next event on March 6th is another new event – a ladies event, for charity. The theme is the Housewives of Deerfield, and tickets are \$20. Tickets cover wine and hors d'oeuvres. There will also be a charity auction. So ladies, bring some money and have some fun. Tickets go on on sale Feb. 15th.

Bob Shortle has been hosting Texas Hold'em Poker on the second Thursday of every month for some time. This next poker night (Feb. 11th) he will host a beginners hour from 7PM to 8PM, for those of us not yet comfortable playing Texas Hold'em. While some think this is a guy's event, women can join in. So here is your opportunity to learn the game and then try your luck at 8PM.

March 27th is the neighborhood garage sale for 2010. A registration form is included in this newsletter, and starts Feb 15th and is \$15. It goes up to \$25 starting March 16th. The proceeds are used to pay for the signs and security, and any profit support the Recreation Committee.

Also on March 27th will be our first Music on the Green at 6PM. It's free. And for those who don't want to cook, we will be having our 2nd annual crawfish boil, at \$10 per adult, \$5 for children under 12. Tickets need to be bought in advance, starting Feb. 15th, at the Rec Center office.

The Committee is considering some more new events for 2010 that we are excited about. In doing them we will most likely not have the Wine Tasting this Spring. These events have been brought to you by the Committee volunteers who are your fellow residents. We can always use more help to keep having great events. So join us on the first Tuesday of the month, 7:00 PM at the Rec Center.

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 or Pat Rothman at
281-345-9355. RR1texas@earthlink.net



Deerfield Village Playgroup

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

Please contact Rebecca Tindel Bivens
at 713-899-9837 for more information
on dates, times, and meeting places.



Texas Hold'em Poker

Thursday, February 11, 2010

We will offer lessons and a chance to prac-
tice/play for fun and free from 7-8pm. At
8pm, we will start our regular cash game.
Everyone is welcome to watch or participate.
Contact Bob Shortle at 281-799-0711 for
more information.

Qigong

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



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

REWARD BEING OFFERED

The Board of Trustees is offering a reward for information
leading to the arrest of the persons involved in the graffiti on
the perimeter fence along Windsong and Partridge Green

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, con-
tact Bob Shortle at 281-463-4589

Bunko! 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

March 6th Ladies Night Black tie event for charity with the theme of "The Housewives of Deer-
field Village", tickets @ \$20 each and a silent auction with donated services and items from local
businesses and anyone that would like to donate to the cause. Wine and Hors d'oeuvres will be
served. Tickets go on sale Feb 1.

March 27th Deerfield Annual Garage Sale, 7:00 Am to 2:00 PM. Our once a year garage
sale in the neighborhood, giving you the opportunity to clean up and sell off all that accumulated
stuff. Participants must register and pay the registration fee which is used to pay for security for
the event. Registration placards must be displayed for all participating homes. Registration be-
gins Feb. 15th

March 27th Music on the Green and Crawfish Boil! What better ways to end a successful
garage sale then go catch a "Music on the Green" and dine on crawfish. Mark the date, details to
follow. Tickets go on sale Feb 15.

**Black Tie Cocktail Evening
For the "Housewives of Deerfield"**

**All proceeds will be donated to the
Lymphoma Society**

**Save The Date
March 6, 2010**

Donations accepted for the Silent Auction



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Polar Bear Swim 2010

Deerfield's first event of the New Year was the New Year's Day Polar Bear Swim. Brave residents gathered at high noon with an air temperature of 47 degrees and the water temperature at 51 degrees, slightly cooler than last year. The event was better attended than last year and, in fact, drew more numbers than many regular summer hours. We had 19 courageous swimmers and 24 spectators, and A-Beautiful's lifeguard Kyle Uran. Swimmers and spectators alike enjoyed hot chocolate and cookies. In light of such community enthusiasm, look for the swim pool to officially reopen for the 2010 season the first weekend in May.

Watch future newsletters for info on obtaining or renewing your pool IDs, required for using the pool.

Polar Bear Awards:

Hal G. Wolff, Glenn Sommers, Ben Sommers, Christian Martin, Graeme Martin, Margo Martin, Katie Hooker, Theo Hooker, Christine Walters, Todd Hooker, Ben Lajole, Noah Mapstead, Emily Henry, Sarah Henry, Stacie Reyes, Keegan Bush, Conner Sanford, Thomas Harper, and Lexis Williams



FREE TRAVEL SHOW!!!



When: Saturday February 27th, 2010
From 12:00pm - 2:00pm

Where: The Deerfield Recreation Center
4045 Deerfield Village Dr.
Houston, TX 77084

Hosted by: Travel Max Consultants
Bryan Duncan & Jeanie Andresen

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Deerfield Dolphins 33rd Year!

Come swim with us!

Online Registration starts March 1st
www.deerfieldvillage.net/dolphins/

Onsite registration and party April 11th
Last chance registration April 14th

Practice starts April 26th and the season ends June 27
Cost: \$90.00

Eligibility Ages 4-18

Any swimmer who does not have a subdivision swim team is eligible to swim for Deerfield. Swimmers should be relatively confident in the water, but do not need to know the strokes. They will be taught.

<http://www.deerfieldvillage.net/dolphins/>

*Two children are \$115 and three are \$135. High school age kids are only \$45. Non-residents will pay an additional one time fee of \$10 to cover pool maintenance costs. Cost includes pizza party and end of season ice cream party as well as team gift.

"We lived in DF for 13 years before we finally joined last summer. My son met a lot of new friends. It's a great way to get involved in your neighborhood."
--New Family from 07

2010 Voter Registration Update



Glenn Sommers

- Precinct 650 Election Judge
- Republican Precinct Chairman

If you are currently a registered voter, you **should have received your new light blue and white Voter Registration Certificate**. If you haven't, you may want to call the Harris County Voter Registrar at 713-368-2200 and check on your status. New cards are mailed to all current registered voters every two years before the Primary Election, but they will not be forwarded if you have moved.

If you are not currently registered and **want to vote in the March 2 Primary, you must be registered by February 1**. Registering to vote is easy! Get an application card from the Voter Registrar's office, the Clay Road Courthouse, the DVCA office, or give me a call at 281-855-7716. Fill it out and mail it in. It's that easy!

The Salon and Spa at Pine Forest is taking donations for Dayna Robinson's daughter Katelyn. Dayna worked as a hairstylist at the salon and was killed earlier this month in an act of domestic violence. Her daughter Katelyn was also injured in the attack. A benevolence fund has been set up for the family.

The Robinson Benevolence Fund
Comerica Bank
15701 Kingsfield Dr.
Houston, TX. 77084
or at

The Salon and Spa at Pineforest
17811 Keith Harrow Blvd.
Houston, TX. 77084
Checks should be made out to:
Robinson Benevolence Fund

Pet Hotline

- Please keep ID on all pets.
- Please call Hotline for lost and found pets.
- Pick up you doggie's poop on the greenbelt.
- Obey Harris Co. leash law or have your pet under voice control.



Thanksgiving holidays are near. All pets should have ID to keep them safe if they get out while company is visiting. Marie Nugent.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Please report problems to the following:

Any Crime (#87)	281-463-6666
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



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The Cy-Lakes Science National Honor Society has started an Ink Cartridge Recycling Program. Not only is this good for the Environment, but it will help this new club get on its feet. You can drop off your used cartridges at the Deerfield Office.



Timely Tip for February Gardeners From Cornelius Nursery

Remember your Valentine with fresh, living flowers. Give roses which can be planted and enjoyed year round or a container of cool season color for an immediate impact on your porch or patio. Houseplants in attractive ceramic pots provide long lasting enjoyment for indoors. Gloves, tools and wind chimes all make great gifts. The list is endless, let your imagination "grow green"!

Also, please join us for **FREE** in-store clinics on timely gardening topics. These clinics are held in every store.

Saturday, February 6th at 10:15 am-Color Creations with Orchids-*Create a beautiful, living Valentine's gift which will last and last.*

Saturday, February 13th at 10:15 am-Gardening with Roses-*Give your Valentine roses that will provide blooms from Spring until Fall. Select from Earthkinds, Knock-Outs, Patented and Non-Patented varieties.*

Saturday, February 20th at 10:15 am-Organics 101-*Learn how to garden the organic way!*

Saturday, February 27th at 10:15 am-Lawn Care-*Be the envy of your neighbors. Learn what it takes to have a beautiful, healthy lawn.*

For more gardening information for Texas, visit www.mytexasgarden.com.

Christian Crusaders

Join us in the fight to bring God back to our schools, community, and government. Meets 1st Tuesday of the month at 10:00 am at the Rec Center. Contact Colleen Vera at colmatver@yahoo.com



Special Event

*Who is trying to take God out of our lives?

*Where is the battle?

*How can you fight back?

Come see a special presentation on Tuesday, December 15th at 7:00 pm at the Deerfield Rec Center. Refreshments will be served.

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High School Students, Need Service Hours?



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

Would you like to get involved to assure fair elections in Harris County. Contact Coleen Vera at colmatver@yahoo.com for more information on training.

Tea Party Patriots

1st Thursday 7-8 pm
Next meeting, February 4th
Deerfield Rec Center

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. To report a street light, you must know the pole # and address. Lights on the Greenbelt or in the patio homes need to be called in to the office.
- * There is a locked drop box for your convenience located next to the office windows.
- * 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.

January Check In

I hope everyone is off to a great 2010.

Keep in mind that we are in for more cold weather this season protect your pipes, pets, and plants.

School is back in session watch for the school zones and buses

Remember now that the winter holidays are over to cut up and dispose of in garbage bags etc. any boxes that may alert criminals of items that are now in your home.

Record the serial numbers of any electronics, firearms, bicycles, etc. that you and your family received this year

Keep calling in any suspicious vehicles or persons you see in the neighborhood and do not hesitate to ask for identification and permit paperwork of any solicitors that come to your door.

Let's take a bite out of crime in 2010.



To: Residents of HCMUD 136

Garbage

Collection provided for each residential unit two (2) times per week on (Tuesday/ Friday) of garbage & rubbish. Household garbage is unlimited.

Bulky waste will be picked up if placed at the collection point on any pickup day of the week.

Limit on bulky waste shall be one item per week, 15 bags or bundles of tree limbs & yard waste per service day not exceeding 45 pounds in weight per item. Anything over these limits shall be negotiated between Texas Trash & the homeowner.

Bundled no more than 45 lbs per bundle (& no one piece no greater than four (4) inches in diameter) & no longer than (4') feet in length must be placed at curbside & as close to the road as possible without interfering with or endangering the movement of vehicles or pedestrians. When construction work is being performed on the road, containers, bags & bundles shall be placed as close as possible to an access point for the collection vehicle.

Containers, bags & bundles shall be placed at their collections points by 7:00 A.M. on the designated collection day.

All residential refuse shall be placed at the Curbside. Curbside pick-up is household garbage & is defined as waste generated inside the home.

Recycling

When: Recycling pickup is once a week curbside on Friday. A recycling bin will be provided.

Items Accepted:

Paper: Newspaper, magazines, catalogs, annual reports, **clean** pizza boxes, soda & beer boxes, envelopes, junk mail, paper bags, white or colored & fax paper, telephone books, paper egg cartons, carbonless forms, tissue role cores, shredded paper strips.

Tie tightly in plastic bag

Glass: Glass bottles - coke, beer, wine, food jars, etc.

Cardboard: Corrugated cardboard boxes, cereal, food, detergent, pet food, etc.

Breakdown larger boxes

Metal: Soda, juice, & beer aluminum cans Tin/steel food & pet food cans Aluminum foil, pie pans, & trays Metal jar lids.

Rinse out prior to placing in bin, food contaminates recycling

If you crush these items there's more room in bin

Plastic Containers: Milk, juice & cooking oil jugs Soda & water bottles Dish, shampoo, lotions, soap bottles Bleach & detergent containers Household cleaning containers Butter & ice cream tubs Yogurt cups & microwave trays Clean plastic flower pots Prescription pill bottles **Thin Plastic:** Grocery store bags, dry cleaning bags, produce bags, plastic sleeve from newspaper.

If you crush these items there's more room in bin

Check for recycling seal #1 thru #7 (exclusing#6), rinse & remove the lid +lid can go in bin

Recycling Exception list:

Styrofoam, computer parts, batteries, medical waste biohazard, syringes & needles, mirrors, porcelain, pottery or commercial glass

Paper items not accepted: Disposable diapers, food-encrusted pizza boxes, cereal box liners, food/seed bags, photographs, foil greeting cards, slick-coated, frozen food boxes, tissue paper, foil gift wrap, hardback books, Tyvek envelopes, food contaminated paper plates, cups & napkins.

Metals not accepted: Paint & aerosol containers, pesticide & chemical containers, oil filters & batteries,.

Plastics not accepted: Anti-freeze & motor oil containers, pesticide & chemical containers, plastics with no recycling symbol, toys, laundry baskets, & unsanitary containers.

Holidays: New Years Day, Labor Day, Memorial Day Independence Day, Thanksgiving Day, & Christmas Day. There will be no pick-up on these holidays (garbage or recycling). Services will resume on the next scheduled pick-up day.

Hours of Operation: 7am to 7pm **Office Hours:** 8am to 5pm **Office Phone:** 281-888-3688

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**The cost of Garbage Collection will be included in your MUD
136 Water Bill**

Applications For Trustee Positions

John T. Freese

Length of Residency: 26 years

Experience:

Head Electrical Engineer, Exxon Pipeline
Head Electrical Engineer, Alyeska Pipeline
Pipeline Engineer, Dixie Pipeline
Project Manager, Seadock
Engineering Design Manager, Esso Standard Italiano
Project Manager, Aramco
Deerfield Security Committee, 5 years

Community Service:

Civil Air Patrol, various positions including Chief of Staff
Aerial Law Enforcement Response Team, Administrative and Personnel Officer
Katy Amateur Radio Society, Treasurer
Bear Creek United Methodist Church
Army Air Corps, WWII Veteran, 8th Air Force, European Theatre

What do you hope to accomplish as a board Member:

At this point in time, I can't say exactly what I hope to accomplish. First I will converse with past and present Board members, Committee chairs and members to find out what the actual problems in Deerfield are and what the needs of Deerfield are, then work to that end.

Hugh C. Hayes

Length of Residency: 4 years

Experience:

42 years as a Teacher/school administrator including 20 years as a school superintendent and 2 years as Deputy Commissioner of Education for Texas. I have also taught at the university level and serve as an independent consultant for school boards.

Community Service:

I currently serve on the Board of Directors for Region IV Education Service Center. I have previously served on numerous state and national boards and advisory committees or organizations related to education.

What do you hope to accomplish as a board member:

I have been asked by a few friends and neighbors to consider running for a position on the board. I have no personal agenda but would pledge to continue the excellent work done by our previous boards to keep our community a great place to live. I would hope that my experience in working with numerous and other professional groups would prove useful in addressing our future needs as a community.

Applications For Trustee Positions

Larry Burkham

Length of Residency: 16 years

Experience:

I have 12 years experience managing four large technical support teams at Sysco Corporation. This responsibility requires organizational skills, patience, customer service skills, managing associates to adhere and follow corporate policy and procedures, development of corporate policy, vendor relations, contract reviews, and budgetary responsibilities of \$5.3 M.

Community Service:

I served 3 years on the Yard of The Month Committee at Villages of Pheasant Run prior to moving to Deerfield. I was responsible for updating the Deerfield marquee in front of the Recreation Center of about 12 months. Additional community service includes coaching soccer in the Fun Fair Positive Soccer for 3 seasons and instructing Karate Classes at Super Kicks Karate for the past 12 months.

What do you hope to accomplish as a board member:

I plan to keep Deerfield Village a self managed community. This will involve community involvement to help our residents understand the value and importance of a self managed community compared to a managed community. I deal with Return on Investment daily with my position at Sysco, and I can speak to the ROI of a self managed community compared to the waste and overhead associated with a managed community. In addition, I will bring a logical, fair, and realistic approach to issues at hand facing our various committees and board members.

Laura Thropp

Length of Residency: 19 years

Experience:

- Over 20 years in an accounting back office environment
- 10 years as Director of Finance in the Controller's office at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center

Community Service:

- Hearthstone country Club – Board of Governors 2001-2003
- Hearthstone Women's Golf Association President 2009-2010, Board positions 2000-2008

What do you hope to accomplish as a board member:

- Ensure the quality of life we have come to know in Deerfield Village
- Increase participation in committees and events

Deerfield Village Annual Garage Sale

Saturday, March 27, 2009

8:00 AM - 2:00 PM (Please abide by these times)

Location: Each resident's house

Rules and Regulations:

We will have the same traffic pattern as last year and a total of 3 constables on duty to help alleviate congestion.

Garage Sale must be **confined to participant's property**. Do not use the street or cul-de-sac as cars need to have access to them.

The official Deerfield Garage Sale Sign must be at the **end of the driveway in plain view**. Stakes should be brought to the Community Association immediately following the sale. Please store Stakes in appropriate containers provided.

No food or beverages may be sold at the garage sale. Someone could get ill due to food and beverages stored at improper temperatures.

Please make arrangements to dispose or store any unsold merchandise directly after the sale.

Registration dates:	February 15-March 15	\$15.00
Late Registration:	March 16-March 27	\$25.00

Rain Date: April 3, 2009

Forms and payment may be dropped off at the office during regular office hours. You may also put completed forms and checks in the drop box next to the office door.

I, _____ have read, understood, and will abide by the above rules and regulations for the March 27, 2009 Deerfield Village Garage Sale.

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Signature of participant: _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY : Garage Sale # _____ Amt paid: _____ cash/check

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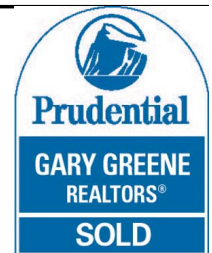
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- The Federal expansion of the Homebuyer IRS Tax Credit should stimulate home sales, more than the original tax credit. It is not limited to first-time buyers and increased the income limits to \$225K.
 - Houston's diverse economy of energy, health and the Port of Houston should see a resurgence in 2010.
 - The inventory of homes for sale has dropped to less than 6 mo. and builders have cut back production leading to a reduced housing supply that will create higher demand. **Good News for Sellers!**
 - More wealth is created when you buy at the bottom of a market w/low rates. **Good News for Buyers!**
- Equal Housing Opportunity, Information is deemed reliable, however, we can not guarantee accuracy.

HCMUD 136 FEBRUARY 2010 REPORT

Neil M. Polansky
www.hcmud136.org

HAPPY NEW YEAR to all of you! Hopefully 2010 brings you good luck and better health! I'd like to discuss two issues that will have a significant effect on your upcoming March 8 bill from HCMUD 136 (via SouthWest Water).

TRASH COLLECTION

Beginning February 1, 2010 the MUD took over solid waste collection services from the DVCA. *This was at the request of the DVCA and not initiated by HCMUD 136.* Your first curbside collection under terms of the new contract is Tuesday, February 2. First recycling pickup is Friday, February 5.

After an exhaustive study and comparison of rates and services we decided to contract with Texas Trash, Inc. to provide solid waste and recycling collection. Texas Trash is a start-up company owned and operated by waste industry veterans, and we have been assured of high quality service and support. Our contract protects the MUD and its residents in such case the company cannot perform as advertised.

Admittedly, we could have contracted with either Allied or some other well known company (at higher cost to customers) and not worried as much about poor performance. The Board has opted to allow this entrepreneurial company, Texas Trash, a chance to serve us. Texas Trash, Inc. does not currently have a website and should you happen to try and reach them by phone without success you can always call one of our HCMUD 136 Board members and we'll assist you or answer questions if possible.

Your March 2010 bill will reflect a new residential sewer rate of \$28.05 instead of the current \$13.00. This now **INCLUDES** the \$15.05 monthly waste and recycling collection rate with the \$13.00 monthly sewer rate. **YOU WILL NO LONGER RECEIVE A QUARTERLY BILL FOR TRASH COLLECTION.** The \$15.05 solid waste collection fee is NOT subject to state sales tax, and is a significant reduction over the current quarterly (pro-rated monthly) solid waste bill. Plus, the recycler is picking up all plastics #1-7 as well as newspaper and glass (see their flyer elsewhere in the newsletter).

WATER BILL

Beginning with your March 2010 bill, you will see a dramatically increased fee for water charged by the West Harris County Regional Water Authority (www.whcrwa.com). The 2009 fee for surface and groundwater charged to the district was \$1.25 and \$0.95 respectively per 1000 gallons. We had no choice but to pass this fee on to our consumers and this is the line item you see on your current bill. Until December 31, even though we were being charged \$1.25 by WHCRWA (for surface water) we still billed our customers at the \$0.95 (\$1.01 w/markup) rate.

Starting January 1, 2010 HCMUD 136 has been charged \$1.55 per 1000 gallons by WHCRWA because we are now exclusively on surface water. HCMUD 136 has absorbed this increased cost during the first 2 months of 2010 because we wanted to analyze the cost savings to the district by not running our water wells. Consultant feedback tells us that there is minimal routine operation and maintenance cost savings realized by the district at this time, and as a result our "pass through fee" is 100% of the WHCRWA fee instead of 106%. (over)

For a typical customer using 20,000 gallons the 2009 WHCRWA fee was \$19. As of March 2010 the cost for 20,000 gallons will be \$31. This is IN ADDITION to the rates HCMUD 136 charges for water.

A few observations:

WHCRWA's fee is charged to every water district in their jurisdiction. If you are on surface water you are paying \$1.55 / 1000 gallons. **THIS IS NOT A HCMUD 136 FEE- WE HAVE NO CONTROL OVER THIS FEE.**

HCMUD 136 customers are now paying both for WHCRWA's delivery of surface water and the operation of their system as well as HCMUD 136's administration of local infrastructure and water delivery to homes and businesses. This two-tier water system requires separate billing, whereas in the past all water delivery was handled inside the boundaries of HCMUD 136.

HCMUD136 is in WHCRWA Precinct 4. Your elected representative is Mr. Stacey L. Burnett. He can be contacted through the **WWW.WHCRWA.COM** website. A map of voting precincts for WHCRWA is on their website, as is their 2010 rate order.

HCMUD 136 is no longer charging a "mark-up" on the WHCRWA fee (or 106% of the WHCRWA fee). This was implemented to help recover costs associated with unmetered water and operations. Because we are realizing minimal maintenance and operations cost savings related to surface water (versus pumping our own ground water), there is no longer a need for this mark-up.

As resident directors (and taxpayers) of HCMUD 136 we are as frustrated as you about the size of this increase. WHCRWA rates will continue to escalate into the foreseeable future as the entire western half of Harris County moves to surface water. But water is a finite resource and since the legislature mandated we move away from groundwater we're all subsidizing the infrastructure and delivery systems for surface water.

The best way to beat the effect of the price increases is to conserve our most valuable resource - water. By installing low-flow toilets, faucets and sprinkler systems, monitoring water usage, and watering during evening hours you can maximize the resource and maybe even save a few dollars. Water is no longer "cheap".

As usual, if you have any questions or comments, please let us know. Please visit our website at **www.hcmud136.org**.

OUR REGULAR MEETING IS THE 2nd THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH @ 6PM IN THE DVCA RECREATION CENTER. MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.