

# DEERFIELD VILLAGE NEWS

The Voice Of The Community • Dedicated To The Residents Of Deerfield Village

### Randall's Remains Difficult Over Graffiti On Their Fence and May Tear It Down

Neil M. Polansky, President, Harris County MUD 136 Eric Toureilles, President Deerfield Village Community Association

During the past several months the residents of Deerfield Village, surrounding communities, and commuters have been subjected to

muters have been subjected to continuing graffiti on the 8' fence structure north of the Randall's store at Clay and Barker Cypress. Harris County MUD 136 has attempted to resolve the maintenance and upkeep of this fence by contacting Safeway, the parent company of Randall's. Safeway has resisted all attempts to take responsibil-

ity for their fence, claiming it is not on Safeway property.

#### MUD #136 pays For Survey

At its March 11, 2010 meeting, HCMUD 136 authorized, at its expense, a new survey of the property in question and it was determined via survey that the entire length of fence from Spellbrook Drive to Clay Road, is on Randall's/Safeway property. Copies of the survey are available for viewing or downloading.

Sheriff's Department Takes Action During the week of April 12th, Harris County Sheriff's Abatement Task Force contacted the Deerfield Village Community Association (DVCA) office regarding the graffiti and inquiring as to who or what entity owns the fence. DVCA directed them to Safeway's real estate division



and its representative, Ms. Lan Nguyen. The Sheriff's office was told that Safeway did not own the fence. This is AFTER the survey results were transmitted to Safeway, which clearly shows the property is on Randall's/Safeway property.

### Randall's Threatens To Tear Down Wall

It is our position that Randall's/Safeway owns the property on which the 8' tall concrete fence exists. Randall's/Safeway is therefore responsible for upkeep, maintenance, graffiti abatement, and landscaping of the fence structure. Ms. Nguyen has gone as far as to threaten to "tear the wall down" rather than accept ownership, and has characterized those tagging the wall as "uneducated neighborhood kids" (via email).

Now that the Sherriff's Abatement Task Force has received the survey demonstrating ownership, they will notify Randall's/Safeway to resolve the issue and will offer to paint the fence at no charge, but it will be grey, unless Randall's supplies the paint. Until the proposed new Abatement law is passed, they can not issue a citation to

Randall's/Safeway, and/or charge them for the cost of painting the fence.

The DVCA and HCMUD 136 are in complete agreement that Randall's/Safeway needs to take responsibility for their fence, and maintain it for the aesthetics and safety of the surrounding neighborhood. We appreciate the community support and involvement we have received. Safeway's action in this matter is not neighborly and is very disappointing.

#### IMPORTANT NUMBERS:

llegal Dumping
rash Pick-up
Power Outage
Gas Leaks
County Pets

### Important Information...

### Receive emergency and informational e-mails...



If you would like to be put on an e-mail list to receive emergency or last minute informational e-mails, please e-mail the office with a request and your e-mail address.

deerfield4@sbcglobal.net

### Pet Hotline...

The most important thing you can do for your pet is to have some form of ID with a phone number attached to it.





### Keep Deerfield Bright at Night...

Please report Street lights and Greenbelt lights that are out to the Association office. We will need to know the pole numbers and the location of the pole. Street lights not on the Greenbelt and not in the Patio home section may also be reported direct to center Point Energy.

### Recycling is Always on Friday



### Swimming Pool Photo ID...

Every person must have a current swimming pool Photo ID to enter the pool area. Or, be accompanied by someone who has one. This is for your own safety and to prevent people from outside the Deerfield subdivision



from using the pool. If you do not have a current ID, please contact the Deerfield Association office, during regular office hours, Monday-Friday, 9:30 - 1:30, or call 281-463-2624 to arrange an ID.

### Assessment Schedule For 2010...



with delinquent fees. (Cost charged to property address.)

6/1/2010 Liens filed against homeowner for outstanding balances. Cost charged to property.

### Residential Trash Reminders...

Please know that there is a 15 bag limit in regards to yard debris per service day. Anything over this limit must be negotiated between the home owner

and Texas Trash Service 713-937-9955



### Deerfield Village Community Association, Inc.

4045 Deerfield Village Drive • Houston, Texas 77084
Office: 281-463-2624 •• Fax: 281-463-7679
e-mail: deerfield4@sbcglobal.net www.deerfieldvillage.net
The Office Hours Are: Monday thru Friday • 9:30 - 1:30
Deadline for June Newsletter: May 17, 2010

Submit articles, photos and ads to the Recreation Center Office, or e-mail to: deerfield4@sbcglobal.net

### President's Report...

### By Eric Toureilles - DVCA Board President

Hello Neighbors!

Spring is here and it is great to see so many of you out in the neighborhood, at the playground and walking the greenbelt! The pool will be open May 1st, and our swim team, the Deerfield Dolphins, has already begun their activities.

It is with heavy heart to announce that one of our newly elected board members has fallen seriously ill and will not be able to complete his term. The board has sent the family our sincere sympathies and hopes that he recovers as quickly as possible.

Graffiti is increasingly becoming an issue for our area and as you may have seen, some of the fences of our neighbors and the Randalls' wall/fence on Barker Cypress have become targets. It is extremely important that the graffiti is removed promptly, since once a wall or fence is tagged by one person, another person will tag on top of it, and so on. Although it is of no fault of the property owner, we ask that you remove the graffiti as soon as you notice it or you

are notified by the DVCA. Leaving graffiti on your fence is unsightly, encourages others to spray graffiti on your neighbor's fence and is a violation of our protective covenants.

Speaking of removing graffiti promptly, it is unfortunate that our Neighborhood Randalls, under Safeway management continues to do whatever it can to shake responsibility for removing the graffiti on their fence. Both the MUD and Deerfield have been pushing for action, and requesting that Randalls paint and plant bushes to prevent further tagging. Neil Polanski and I have included an article in this newsletter that explains this in more detail. The article is also available on our website.

We still notice cars that fail to stop at stop signs and speed through the neighborhood. Please, please, slow down and talk to your children. Let's not wait for a tragedy to get this message to hit home.

Believe it or not, we still have a few homes that have not paid



their maintenance dues. If this is you, please contact the DVCA office immediately, since you will not be able to use the Deerfield facilities (pool, tennis courts, clubhouse, functions, etc.) and may not be able to sell your home until dues are completely paid. The good news is 95% of dues are paid in full, and our financial position is strong.

If you haven't had a chance to visit our website, please check it out for community information and events.

The website is HYPERLINK "http://www.deerfieldvillage.net" www.deerfieldvillage.net. Our website is the place to stay connected and inquire about a committee or contact member to sign up! We have a few committees that would love to have you help.

Take care and enjoy the weather before it gets too hot!

Eric Toureilles

### Welcome to Deerfield Village

If you are new to Deerfield, please stop by the office and pick-up a Welcome Packet and a Recycling Bin. You may also want to pick-up a key to the tennis courts. The keys are \$25.00 and the deposit is refundable when the keys are turned in. Want to get involved in your new community? Pick-up a list of committees and their meeting days. More helping keep the community vibrant is always welcome. Please feel free to call the Association office for more information. You can always visit our web site at www.deer-fieldvillage.net for more information.

### Constable's Corner...

Hello,

Just checking in to see if there are any problems we may assist with? If there is anything that we can help address please let us know.

May is a busy month with Proms and Graduations! We at the Precinct 5 Constables Office want to remind you to continue to talk to the young people in your lives about NOT drinking and driving and the consequences of doing so.

We have had some really good success in apprehending and charging several suspects in April in connection with burglaries, THANKS TO YOU THE PUBLIC getting involved and calling us while the crimes were in progress and providing us with good descriptors. These arrests would not have been possible without your help, keep up the great work!

Jeff LeBeau Sergeant Harris County Pct. 5 Constable's Office Patrol II

Office: 281-492-3643 Dispatch: 281-463-6666 Security Stats for March, 2010 Constable's Dispatch: 281-463-6666 Contract #87 • Precinct #5

ACTIVITIES	TOTAL
Accidents	0
Alarms	9
Assaults	1
Burglaries	1
Burg Motor Vehicle	1
Citizens Assistance	14
Citizens Contact	83
Criminal Arrests	1
Criminal Mischief	2
Disturbance Calls	4
Suspicious Vehicles	15
Suspicious Persons	4
Thefts	1
Traffic Citations	8
Traffic Warnings	17
Vacation Watch	82

### Reminder:

Constable's Emergency telephone stickers are available at the Deerfield Recreation Center Office: 281-463-2624

### **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 Playgroup

If you are looking to meet other moms in Deerfield with young

children, this is the perfect opportunity to.



### Deed Restrictions Committee...

We are receiving a lot of complaints about dogs not on leashes. This is a violation not only of our Protective Covenants but also the County Leash Law Part 1 Article 1: "...All animals or pets MUST be leashed or restrained within and adequate enclosure..."

The below information is taken directly from our website.

LEASH LAW

Animals that are not properly restrained pose a threat to all our residents. While you may know your pet is friendly, an animal running at someone who is walking by is very scary for that person. Many children are afraid of animals and become frightened, which could result in the child getting hurt trying to avoid the animal.

Harris County Animal Control advises, "All dogs and cats must be kept under restraint while in the unincorporated areas of Harris County, Texas. The custodian of a dog or cat is not authorized to have, harbor or keep any unlicensed dog or cat, nor to allow any dog or cat to become a stray."

Restraint is defined as "the control of a dog or cat under the following circumstances:

- 1. When it is controlled by a line or leash not more than six (6) feet in length, if the line or leash is held by a human being, who is capable of controlling or governing the dog or cat in question
- 2. When it is within a fully enclosed vehicle
- 3. When it is on the premise of the custodian and the animal does not have access to sidewalk or street."

While it may be nice to have your animal out in the yard while you work or play, it is against the law, un-

less the animal is properly restrained.

Let's all help keep our community a safe and comfortable place for all our residents by being responsible pet owners. This will not only protect anyone who may be walking or bicycling in the area, but also the pet owner who could be held legally responsible or possibly sued for failing to properly restrain their pet.

To make a complaint or report an animal that is not properly restrained please contact:

Harris County Precinct #5, Contract #87: 281-463-6666

Harris County Animal Control: 281-999-3191 Harris County Health Department, Rabies/Animal Control Section

2223 West Loop South, Houston, Texas 77027-3588

http://www.countypets.com/

Architectural Approval is needed on all outdoor projects regardless if it can be seen from the street (painting, pools, spas, roofs, windows, mailboxes, fences, sheds, 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.

The Deeds Committee's goal is to help insure that our neighborhood stays attractive and a desirable place to live. Please help us by keeping your property maintained. If you need a copy of the Protective Covenants or an Architectural Approval form visit the website: www.deerfieldvillage.net.

Deed Restrictions Committee Meets 1st Monday at 7 PM

### HELP - Need GE ELECTRIC OVEN Handle Assembly

GE no longer makes some replacement parts for older ovens. If any Deerfield resident is in the process of replacing their original GE oven, I am in need of the black handle assembly, top or bottom. It doesn't matter for a double oven, they are both the same. Model number starts with JKP366

Deerfield Resident Oscar Sicola • 281-463-0911 • e-mail: racso5169@sbcglobal.net

### MUD 136 Board Report...

by Jay Singleton, Secretary

At its April meeting, the Board reviewed the District's operations. During the previous month, over 9.5 million gallons of water were provided to customers. This water meets or exceeds all quality standards for potable water. In May you will be receiving the annual Drinking Water Quality Report. Please take the time to read it, as it contains very important information about the water we provide. If you have a question about this report or about your water bill, call the District's operator, Southwest Water Co. at 713-405-1750. Calling the Deerfield office with your questions will only delay getting them answered.

Concerning the precast concrete fence along Barker that belongs to Randall's, we have provided to the real estate department of Safeway a copy of a survey showing that they are the owner of the fence. A copy of the survey will be put on file at the DVCA office. For more information, see the joint DVCA / MUD

136 community statement elsewhere in this month's newsletter.

March definitely was the month for Spring cleaning and pruning and it put exceptional strain on our trash hauler. Normally, a day's worth of trash can be handled in two truck loads. However, in March there were three weeks when it took 3 loads to handle everything and one week when it took 4 loads. Each load has to be hauled to the landfill which is located in Arcola. Needless to say, there were delays in getting everyone's trash picked up. We appreciate everyone's cooperation and understanding during that unusual period.

There is a director's position open on our Board. Persons interested in serving on the Board should submit a brief resume to any of the Board members. A selection will be made at the next meeting, which will be held on Thursday May 13 at the Rec Center beginning at 6PM. Residents are encouraged to attend. Swim Pool Committee

### Date and Time of Committee and Board Meetings...

Committee	Meeting Dates*	Time	Board Trustee	Committee Chair	Phone
Community Services	1st Monday	7:00 PM	Sharyn Carpenter	Tara Shockley	281-855-2819
Deed Restrictions	1st Monday	7:00 PM	Hugh Hayes	Trish Yatauro	
DVCA Board	4th Monday	7:00 PM	Eric Toureilles		281-855-0312
Financial Services	Tuesday before Board Meeting	7:30 PM	Steve Dornak	Andrew Jackson	281-463-7665
Landscape	2nd Monday	7:00 PM	Laura Thropp	Lynetta Morell	281-463-2237
MUD #136	2nd Thursday	6:00 PM	Eric Toureilles		281-859-3358
Recreation Center	1 st Tuesday	7:00 PM	Marta Bott	Peter Howell	281-463-1360
Security	2nd Tuesday	7:30 PM	Larry Burkham	Kirk Aden	281-855-7103
Swimming Pool	2nd Monday	7:00 PM	John Freese	Jen Wertz	
Tennis	1st Wednesday	8:00 PM	Marie Nugent	Nan Pye	281-463-8788

<sup>\*</sup> Please read the Committee Reports for Monthly changes in the schedule.

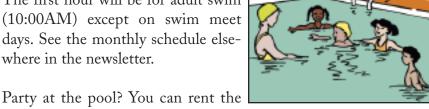
### Swimming Pool Committee...

The pool opens to the residents on Saturday, May1st. In May the pool is only open on Satur-

day/Sunday's, and Memorial Day. The first hour will be for adult swim (10:00AM) except on swim meet days. See the monthly schedule elseparties can not use more than half the pavilion. Please contact the Deerfield Manager if you are planning on a party.

> Homeowners and their families living in Deerfield can use the pool. Homeowners who are renting will need to write a letter authorizing the renters/leasers to use the pool.

Homeowners renting out their homes who authorize the renters to use the pool can not also use the pool. In all cases the homeowners must be current in their Deerfield assessments.



pool for use after normal hours (typically 9:00 PM), or you can have your own small party at the pool. Depending on the amount of people you may have to pay for additional guards. During normal hours,

### May - June 2010 Pool Schedule

During May, the Pool is only open on the weekends and Memorial Day.

The Pool is open from 10:00 - 11:00 am for adult swimming only.

The Pool is open from 11:00 am - 9:00 pm for all to swim.

### During June, the Pool is open as follows:

The Pool is open Tuesday - Sunday from 10:00 - 11:00 am for adult swimming only.

The Pool is open Tuesday - Sunday 11:00 am - 9:00 pm for all to swim.

Monday June 7th & 14th, the pool is closed. Monday June 21st & 28th the pool is open from 5:00 - 9:00 pm.

During Swim Team competitions the pool is closed to resident swimming

### **DEERFIELD DOLPHIN SWIM TEAM**

### 2010 Swim Team Calendar

Friday, May 7th - Team pictures and pizza party -3 life guards will be needed.

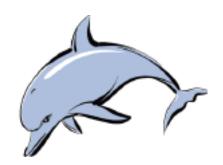
Saturday, May 8th - Time Trials

Saturday, May 22nd - Home vs. Concord Bridge

Saturday, May 29th - Home vs. Winchester

Saturday, June 12th - Home vs. Jersey Village

Monday, June 20th - End of year party, 7-9pm.



Come cheer us on at our home swim competitions - we want to have a successful season and you can help us do it. Concessions will be available for your snacking enjoyment.

### 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.

March 2010 Report (Prior to Audit)

YTD March expenses -	\$101,755	
YTD March Budget -	\$121,740	2010 Budget 578,576
Under / (Over) Budget.	\$ 19,985	
Operating Surplus	\$427,907	
Designated reserve Expenses	\$ 5,183	
Designated reserve.	\$505,156	
Undesignated Reserve	\$109,544	

Assessments: We have collected \$607,194 (95%) of 2010 as of the end of March. Thank you for your support. From 2009 we only have \$13,334 outstanding We fund the DVCA expenses out of the operating surplus..

Audit: We have received the draft audit and Tax return for 2009 and these are currently being reviewed. The Focus this year is on improving our methodologies for establishing the replacement times and values for our facilities. If you wish to have impact on how these numbers are derived, come join a committee...

Please help us keep Deerfield a very special place in which to live.

Blessings In Jesus Name Andrew Jackson - Chairman

### Community Services...

The sounds of spring often include the pesky buzz of mosquitoes, but Deerfield Village has begun its annual mosquito control program. Cypress Pest Control is again providing services to the neighborhood from April through October. This includes weekly spraying, as well as larvaciding and fogging the greenbelt.

The best mosquito control, however, is being aware of places in your own yard where mosquitoes can breed. Watch for standing water in bird baths, fountains, pots and planters, gutters, damp leaves and other places where mosquitoes can lay eggs. Hand foggers work great to provide relief for outdoor activities for several hours. We hope the cold winter will reduce our mosquito population, but that remains to be seen.

Repairs will be made to the marquee at the front of the neighborhood, so we can continue to post helpful information for residents.

If you have questions about the use of Deerfield facilities, the guidelines are available on the Web site, www.deerfieldvillage.net. You'll also find a lot of other helpful information there. If you would like to be included on regularly scheduled neighborhood email updates, please provide your email address to the Deerfield office.

Finally, the new directories are out and were delivered with your last newsletter. We hope you find them useful for getting to know your neighbors and your neighborhood. If you have any questions about community services, or if you would like to join the Community Services Committee, please email me at tarashockley@comcast.net.

Tara Shockley Chair - Community Services Committee

## Landscape Committee & Cornelius Good Neighbor Program...

### Yard of the Month May 2010

### Janie & Tom Wilson 18035 Mountfield



### Landscape Committee...

Spring is here along with warmer weather and some rain to green everything up again. Check the Deerfield Website Cornelius has a \$5.00 coupon that can be printed off to use in their stores. Our newsletter gives helpful monthly garden tips from Cornelius.

The Committee has some ideas we've been working on as our continuing project to improve our Rec Center grounds. You'll be seeing some of those ideas take shape in the next few weeks.

We're always looking for new members to join the committee, you don't need a green thumb just an interest to help.

We meet the second Monday of the month at 7:00. Beverly Girbach

Landscape Committee

### Swimming Pool Rules...

- 1. This is a private community pool. The pool grounds will be restricted to bona fide residents of the Deerfield Village subdivision who have paid their assessments in full. Any guest must be accompanied by a resident. Residents must have a current pool ID.
- 2. No person will be admitted to the pool that has sores, open abrasions, a cold or other physical conditions, which might contaminate the pool or jeopardize another person's health. Extra clothing over bathing suits will not be allowed in the pool except in cases of severe sunburn or for the protection of persons highly susceptible to sunburn. The decision of the management will be final.
- 3. Dress Code: Only swim suits/swim trunks may be worn in the pool. The guards will ask any person in improper attire to leave the pool. (NO THONGS OR DENIM SHORTS IN THE POOL).
- 4. The pool will be closed at any time it is deemed necessary by the management in order to safeguard the health, safety, and well being of all persons using the pool.
- 5. No glass containers of any kind will be permitted within the pool grounds.
- 6. No running or rough playing will be permitted within the pool grounds or restrooms. Undue loud noises or loud music will not be permitted.
- 7. Diving from the sides of the pool will only be permitted in the deep end. Diving from either side of

the board will not be permitted.

- 8. Excessive bouncing on the diving board will not be permitted. No flips or back dives will be allowed off the side of the pool.
- 9. No children under the age of 10 will be allowed in the pool area unless they are accompanied by a parent, guardian, or person 18 years of age or older who accepts responsibility for their safety. All children 10 and older who are unattended must be prepared to demonstrate to the lifeguard their ability to swim one length of the pool, or they will be asked to leave the pool grounds.
- 10. No dogs or pets of any kind will be permitted within the pool grounds or restrooms.
- 11. Children over 6 are not allowed in the baby pool. A parent or guardian must supervise all children in the baby pool at all times.
- 12. There will be a ten-minute break each hour. At this time, only those persons 18 years of age or older will be allowed in the pool. All others must leave the pool. The guards will whistle when the break time is over.
- 13. There will be no roller blading, skating, or skateboarding within the pool grounds.
- 14. No firearms or weapons permitted.
- 15. No smoking in the pool area.
- 16. Lifeguards have the ultimate poolside decision.



Rates starting
at \$20.00
Mowing
Weed Eat
Edge
Fertilizing
Tree Trimming

Call: Danny 281-201-7561

### Recreation Committee ...

We have had some great activities in the last few months. The Music on the Green on March 27th, with the Crawfish, was well attended and enjoyed by all. We want to thank the Optimist Club for the pop corn. Based on the tremendous feedback, the next Music on the Green on June 5th will be from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM. This will allow people to stay a bit later and enjoy the comradeship of their neighbors longer. If you have not attended one of the Music on the Green, please join us. Just bring your lawn chairs, some snacks and come relax.

We also had a great Easter Party on Saturday before Easter. The Easter Bunny made a brief appearance and there were eggs for all the kids to scoop up. This was a great kid's party and enjoyed by the kids as well as parents and grandparents.

Our next event is the Neighborhood Pot Luck on May 1st. This is the same day the pool opens. It's a mixer from 6PM to 7PM with dinner at 7PM. Bring a dish to share. Tea and water will be provided.

We are looking forward there is the Memorial Day Pool Party. We will have a pool slide, games, and snow cones. The next Music on the Green is June 12th, 6PM to 9PM. 5th after that, the July 4th party, Music on the Green in August, and we are still working on other new events.

We need more help to keep putting on these events. If you can spare a few hours to help the community, come join us at 7:00PM, on the 1st Tuesday of the month at the Rec. Center!

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.

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

Monthly Events...

Poker! 2nd Thursday of the month, 7:30 PM, at the Recreation Center...

Bunco! 3rd Thursday of the month, 7:00 to 9:00 at the Recreation Center

May 1st Pool Opens for the 2010 season. Pool opens at 1:00 PM. The pool will be open on weekends in May!

May 1st Deerfield Spring Social. At the Rec Center. BYOB Social Hour 6 to 7 PM, followed by a Pot Luck Dinner at 7:00. Come meet your neighbors and have a great time.

May 30th Memorial Day Pool Party 3:00 to 5:00 PM, at the pool. There will be games and snow cones and the pool slide.

June 12th Music on the Green, 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Bring your lawn chair and some snacks, sit back and enjoy the music and the company of your neighbors. It's a great evening out in the neighborhood. (Home swim meet that morning, so come relax after wards at Music on the Green!)

July 4th - Pool Party 3:00 to 5:00 PM, at the pool.

### **Texas** Hold'em Poker

Thursday, May 13,

At 7:30 pm, we start our regular cash game.

at 281-799-0711, for more information.



### Deerfield Village **Bunko Group**

Meets the 3rd Thursday of the month, 7:00 - 9:00 pm at the Deerfield Clubhouse. Bring a Potluck dish and \$5.25.



The Cy-Lakes Science National Honor Society has started an Ink Cartridge Recycling Program. You can drop off your used cartridges at the Deerfield Office.

# CY-FAIR BEAR CREEK OPTIMIST CLUB...

We are a non-profit community service organization which advocates "Bringing Out the Best in Kids" and our main focus is supporting children's events and needs in the community. In keeping with our creed, our club is pleased to donate our annual contribution of \$150 to the Deerfield Village Community to be used for children's events in the subdivision.

We have also supplied popcorn for Music on the Green and Family Movie Night. Our club provides an opportunity to make a difference while building new relationships.

We are always seeking new adult members of all ages with a wide variety of abilities and life experiences to help us plan and implement service projects. Projects can include needs/duties such as attending charitable events, networking, promotions, planning, publicity, web maintenance, working with youth and more.

We have partnered with Boys & Girls Country, Brookwood Community, Mission of Yahweh, Childhood Cancer Campaign, as well as awarding local schools with scholarships/sponsorships and assisting with festivals, carnivals, Catch and Release Book Program, FFA Craft Shows and more.

Club meetings are held the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm at the Deerfield Village Recreation Center. For questions contact Susan at 281-463-3567 or Leslie at 281-859-7752 or email Leslie at HYPERLINK "mailto:ilaj1451@sbc-global.net" ilaj1451@sbcglobal.net.

### Swim Lessons for children 8 and under!

Taught by Gracie Henry and
Emily Cartwright
(17 years old, Red Cross certified,
and experienced swimmers)



Call or e-mail for more information! 832-418-3034

Gracie.henry@st-agnes.org
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### BSA Troop 120 News...

Come check out the exciting adventures we've planned for the Spring months to get out and enjoy the outdoors. Here is what we are doing . . .

### **Upcoming Events**

May 7-9 Matagorda Bay fishing/kayaking June 20-26 Summer Camp @ Sid Richardson

### Rank Advancements

We would like to honor our scouts achieving rank advancements . . .

Andrew Aziz - Tenderfoot

Drew Parsons - Star

Jonathan Riter - Tenderfoot

Chris Schunk - Star

Johnny Vallesteros – Tenderfoot

Alex Cone - Life

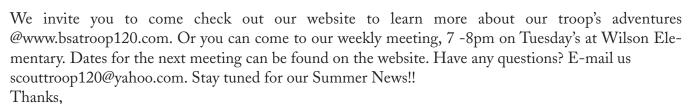
Jonathan Hans - Tenderfoot, Second Class

Nick Parsons - Life

Aaron Legg – Eagle Scout

Conner Sanford - Eagle Scout

Congratulations!



Troop 120

# It's time to sign up to have a flag posted in your yard.

Troop 898 will be putting out those great-looking flags in Deerfield yards beginning with Memorial Day (May 31), then on Flag Day (June 14), July 4th, Labor Day (Sep 6) and Veteran's Day (Nov 11). I'm sure you saw the flags last year, and how they can instill a spirit of patriotism in the neighborhood. The fee for an annual subscription is \$30, and the troop will store, set up and take down the flags on each of those holidays. All funds will be used to send boy scouts to summer camp and for troop equipment. To get your flag subscription, send a check to:

Boy Scout Troop 898 P.O. Box 841471 Houston, TX 77284

Make the check payable to BSA Troop 898. Questions can be emailed to jim.cline@clinesys.com. Please be sure to indicate your name, street address, phone number and an email address in the letter.

Thank you for your support!





### Katherine Tyra Branch Library @ Bear Creek...

### Houston, TX – June 2010 – Programs & Events

Katherine Tyra Branch Library @ Bear Creek is proud to present several exciting upcoming events and activities. This month will be filled with fun reads and creative programs sponsored by The Friends of Bear Creek Library.

### SPECIAL EVENTS Bear Creek Book Club

Wednesday, June 2nd 7:00 PM Join the Bear Creek Book Club to discuss Shanghai Girls by Lisa See.

#### **New Volunteer Orientations**

Tuesday, June 8th at 4:30 PM and Monday, June 21st 6:30 PM

Interested in volunteering at the library? We have periodic orientation sessions to introduce you to our library and what kinds of work you could do. Applications are available at the Information Desks (must be signed by guardian if volunteer is under 18).

### The Friends of the Bear Creek Library

Monday, June 14th 6:30 PM Planning Meeting: The Friends of the Library, a non-profit organization that raises funds for library programs and materials, is actively seeking new members. Did you enjoy a program at the library? If you did, thank the Friends. Better yet, join the Friends. Come to the meeting and see what it is all about!

### The Bear Creek Library Mystery Book Club

Wednesday, June 16th 11:00 AM Bear Creek Library is hosting a mystery book club! All sleuths and amateur Sherlocks heed this call! Come to this lively group and share your passion for mysteries!

#### **WEEKLY PROGRAMS**

#### Sunday @ the Movies

Every Sunday 2:00 PM Every Sunday, the library offers a free fun film starting at 2:00 PM. Snacks are served.

Enjoy an action packed film with big

sound and big screen; a deal that can't be beat!! Check with the library staff regarding title and ratings information.

#### **ESL Classes**

Every Monday and Wednesday 6:00 PM

Come learn with our ESL classes! All classes are free of charge. Anyone is welcome to attention

#### **Teen Programs**

Every Friday 4:00 PM

Want to do something fun and interesting after school? The Katherine Tyra Branch Library @ Bear Creek is hosting weekly Teen events every Friday. You can watch an anime, take part in a book or movie critic club, and so much more!

#### **Beginning Computer Classes**

Every Tuesday 10:00 AM

Beginning Computer Classes: These classes are designed for people looking to learn about computers at a very introductory level. All classes are free of charge. The first twelve patrons will be accommodated.

Bear Creek Knitting Club Every Thursday 4:00 PM

The Bear Creek Knitters Club is a place to share ideas, to learn new knitting techniques or to teach someone else a new knitting skill. Don't miss out on the weekly fun!! Make sure to bring your needles and yarn. All ages welcome!

#### Family Saturdays

Every Saturday 1:30 PM

Our weekly program will feature help for your everyday questions, a book & movie club, a social needlework group, and crafts designed with the family in mind. Come join us!

#### Children's Activities

Tuesdays 10:15 AM Preschool Story Time for children ages 3-5 years.

#### Tuesdays 11:15 AM

Infant Story Time for children ages 0-18 months.

#### Wednesdays 10:15, 10:45 & 11:15 AM

Toddler Story Time for children ages 18 months-3 years.

#### Wednesdays 4:30 PM

Kid's Korner for school-aged children.

### 1st Thursday of every month 10:30 AM

Process Craft: All materials are furnished. Recommended for children ages 0-36 months.

### 2nd Thursday of every month 10:30 AM

Free Play for All. Recommended for all ages.

### 3rd Thursday of every month 10:30 AM

Preschool Picassos: All materials are furnished. Recommended for children ages 3-5 years.

### 4th Thursday of every month 10:30

Super Why! Recommended for children ages 3-5 years.

#### Thursdays 1:00 PM

Summer Reading Program. Join us every Thursday for special Summer Reading Program Activities. Call the branch for program information.

#### Fridays 1:00 PM

Family Movie. Join us for a movie that is fun for all ages! Call the branch for title and rating information.

#### Saturdays 11:00 AM

No School Today! program for children. Watch for more information to come.

All programs are free and open to the public. For more information call 281-550-0885 or log on to www.hcpl.net.

# Harris County HHW Facility Now Open to Receive Hazardous waste...

The Harris County Multiuse Facility, which houses the Residential Environmental Services Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility located in Houston, Texas, opened on March 10, 2010 and is the first permanent household hazardous waste (HHW) facility to open for the County.

The HHW Collection Facility serves approximately 1.3 million residents in unincorporated Harris County Who resided outside the incorporated City of Houston limits.

This facility allows the County to serve more residents annually while decreasing the disposal cost per pound per pound collected. This is a FREE service to residents of unincorporated Harris County.

Previously, this site was a precinct four maintenance facility. The location was recycled into what now serves as a multiuse facility. Some of the space is intended for storing equipment and supplies for other County departments and Precinct 4. The Multiuse Facility will also be used as a point of operations for disaster management in the event of a hurricane, flood, tornado or other type disaster. The 4.59 acre facility will more often be utilized for HHW collection and is expected to serve approximately 9,400 households annually. Approximately 75-100lbs pounds of HHW per vehicle and other non-hazardous recyclable items may be collected within this time frame. It is anticipated that approximately 70%

of all items collected can be sent for recycling or energy recovery.

Items accepted at the HHW facility include, but are not limited to household cleaners, yard/automobile products, paint and paint related products, batteries, tires, items containing mercury (e.g. mercury thermometers, Compact Fluorescent Lights (CFLs), and fluorescent tubes), aerosols, and propane cylinders.

Unaccepted items include electronics, any waste used for business purposes, medical and biological waste, PCBs or Dioxins, ammunition, explosives, compressed gas cylinders, radioactive waste (including smoke detectors), household appliances such as washers, dryers, freezers, air conditioners, or household trash.

Hours Open to Public: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Wednesday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 2nd Saturdays of each month

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- 4 Are now Pending, 1 Foreclosures from \$129K to \$207K @ \$52-\$78 Price/SF from \$124K to \$230K @ \$59-\$78 Price/SF 10 Sold this Quarter, 1 Foreclosure
- Average Days On the Market for the Sold Homes was 39 Days (Most 412-Least 5)

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