



DEERFIELD VILLAGE NEWS

November, 2010

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

Landscape Committee completes landscaping of the north entrance to Deerfield Village

The north entrance to the sub-division is located at Keith Harrow and Danebridge. We hope you will go by and see the work that has been accomplished. Improvements to the appearance of the sub-division improve property values for all of the homeowners.



THERE WILL BE NO BOARD MEETING DURING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER.

Fall Heating Reminders

It is always recommended at this time of the year to have your natural gas heating system inspected and to change the batteries in your battery operated smoke alarms.

Why have your heating system inspected? After all, it worked just fine last year. And, the service people are just going to say something is wrong and try to run up a big bill.

Yes, many of the A/C and heating companies who mail us advertisements or place them at our door, are less than honest. This is why you should use a company you or a neighbor have had a good experience with.

As to why a system that was just fine last year may be dangerous this year, it comes down to two words...heat exchanger. The heat exchanger is a metal box that separates the burning natural gas from the air that will circulate through your home. This prevents carbon monoxide and other dangerous gasses produced by the burning natural gas from going into the air you breathe and instead vents them harmlessly to the outside. Over time, holes will develop in the metal of the heat exchanger because of corrosion, possibly rust or just burn through by the gas burners. When this happens, dangerous gases will enter the air you breathe. These gasses can make you very sick or kill you.

This is why a fall inspection is important. Also, a carbon monoxide detector is beneficial. They can be bought for under \$25.00 at hardware stores.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS:

Any Crime (Constable Contract #87) 281-463-6666
 Curb Damage (No Patio Home Curbs) 281-463-6300
 Flooding 713-684-4000
 Water Outage 713-405-1750

Illegal Dumping 713-920-2831
 Trash Pick-up 281-888-3688
 Power Outage 713-207-2222
 Gas Leaks 713-659-2111
 County Pets 713-999-3191

Important Information...

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.deerfieldvillage.net for more 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

Keep Deerfield Bright at Night...

Please report Street Lights and Greenbelt Lights that are out to the DVCA Office. It is necessary to provide the pole number and the location address of the pole that is being reported. Street Lights that are not on the Greenbelt and not in the Patio Home Section may be reported directly to CenterPoint Energy at the following website:



<http://www.centerpointenergy.com/services/electricity/residential/reportastreetlightoutage>
Under "Residential" section, choose "Report a Streetlight Outage" and fill in required information.

Recycling is Always on Friday

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 281-888-3688 Hours of Operation 7am-7pm Office hours 8am-5pm

Pick-up days are Tuesday and Friday. **Please** do not put your trash out until Monday evening or Thursday evening.

Nothing but water should go down our storm drains.

Please make certain that the grass/yard clippings along curbs are bagged. In case of a heavy rain, these clippings will be swept into the sewer system and block the runoff water; which in turn will flood our streets. Hurricane season is upon us and we will get heavy rains, so please be advised.



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.

Marie Nugent Pet Hotline
281-859-1104



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e-mail: deerfield4@sbcglobal.net www.deerfieldvillage.net

The Office Hours Are: Monday thru Friday • 9:30 - 1:30

Deadline for Newsletter: 18th of the month prior to publication.

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

Security Committee...



John Barber retired from the DVCA Security Committee earlier this year after serving just over 19 years with six of those years as the Security Chairman. We all learned a lot from John's experience from dealing with past issues brought to the Committee. John always came to the meetings with a big smile on his face and was always willing to help. I want to personally thank John for his service to Deerfield and wish him a happy retirement.

Kirk Aden
DVCA Security Chairman

Thursday morning Bible Study will
be at 9:00am in the Rec Center.
Blessings Christine

FOR SALE OR RENT:
Deerfield Village Patio Home (3-2-2)
\$120,000 or \$1,200/month
Call 281-345-9355

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.



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

Katherine Tyra Branch Library @ Bear Creek

Katherine Tyra Branch Library @ Bear Creek is proud to present many exciting events and activities in November. The month will be filled with fun reads and creative programs sponsored by The Friends of Bear Creek Library. All programs are free and open to the public. For more information call 281-550-0885 or log on to www.hcpl.net.

Christmas Snow Party!

December 12, 2 to 4 PM, at the Rec Center

There will be snow!

Crafts, snacks, hot chocolate, a ride on the Christmas Train, and a special visit from the Jolly Old Elf

Bring your camera, your children and grandchildren.



Swimming Pool Committee...

While it's true that the 2010 swim season is over, the Swim Pool Committee remains active reviewing pool rules, party policies, pool maintenance and improvements, and other issues. We encourage you to visit our meetings any second Monday at 7 p.m. at the Clubhouse.

Please remember – and caution your children – that it is a criminal offense to enter the pool area when it is not officially open, and that the area is under video surveillance.

We have sold most of the old pool furniture. The remainder will be available at the DVCA Spring Garage Sale event.



And the holidays will not be complete without the Annual Polar Bear Swim, Saturday January 1st. Come take a break, chat with some of your neighbors and see who is brave enough to dive in!

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 September expenses -	\$425443	
YTD September Budget -	\$461313	2010 Budget \$578576
Under / (Over) Budget.	\$ 35870	
Operating Surplus	\$137918	
Designated reserve Expenses	\$ 9303	
Designated reserve.	\$496035	
Undesignated Reserve	\$109564	

Expenditure:

Our Patrol services Contract payment missed the cut for September \$15373, so true under budget expense is about 20K. We spent \$13353 on AC repairs at the Recreation center this month..

Assessments:

We have collected \$626503 (97.2%) of 2010 as of the end of September. Thank you for your support. From 2009 we only have \$9984 outstanding Liens have been placed on outstanding 2010 and prior year assessments.

Budget:

Initial Committee budgets have been received. These have been compiled and will be reviewed for the October Board meeting.. If you wish to have impact on how these numbers are derived, come join a committee.

Audit:

2009 review has been completed.

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

Blessings In Jesus Name

Andrew Jackson

Chairman

Tennis Committee...

The Tennis Committee would like to remind all of the tennis players that use our wonderful courts, that when exiting the courts, please be mindful of how you leave the courts. Are all of your balls picked up, trash off of the courts and put in appropriate trash containers, gates closed and locked? Does your court look as good or even better than how you found it? Are you a person that would tidy up the place even if someone else didn't do their part?

We would like to salute those of you in this neighborhood who take pride in this neighborhood and it's amenities and care how your facilities look. We would also like to encourage any of our neighbors who want to contribute to this neighborhood, to join the Tennis Committee. We meet only once a month on Wednesday night, the first Wednesday of each month at 8:00 in the Rec Center. Come join us will you and show your Deerfield Village pride?



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

Nov. 21st - 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 \$5.00 per skater (including skates). Buy tickets at the Rec Center starting Nov. 1st.

Dec. 12th Children's Christmas Party 2PM to 4 PM, There will be 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.

Jan 1st New Year's Day Polar Bear Swim! It's the traditional first swim of the year, Noon to 1:00PM. The pool will be open only for an hour for those hardy enough to test the waters for a cold dip to welcome the New Year. Come freeze with us!

2011 Garage Sale

Each year Deerfield has a community wide garage sale, typically before Easter. It is time to begin planning for the 2011 event - to select a specific date, decide on advertising and other details. It takes a bit of planning and work to have a great event. Those who have thoughts on how to have a great garage sale are asked to come together at a planning meeting on Nov. 7th, 2:00PM, at the Rec Center. The meeting is open to all, and will be the opportunity to have your ideas included.

Dec. 5th - Pot Luck Dinner

At the Rec Center. Come at 5:30pm to visit, dinner at 6:00pm. Bring your family specialty to share with your neighbors! (Note: This is open to all Deerfield Residents.) There is a \$1.00 charge to cover paper goods. Also, please bring along a \$10 Gift to exchange during our dinner.

Recreation Committee ...

October was a busy month, with so many activities...

The Chili Cook-off had 11 teams creating a delicious variety of chili's. After the judging at 5:45 there was chili for the tasting for all who wanted it, and it was free! And after the chili there was another wonderful Music on the Green.

October 17 was our Ice Cream Social, although we did cancel the swim party part of it because of the coolness of October.

Then on October 30 we had our Texas Beer Tasting, an adult event.

And, finally, the Halloween party on October 31 at the Rec Center for the kids. Four different events made it a fun filled October.

On November 21 we have family ice skating again, at Memorial City Ice Skating Rink. It will be from 1:30 to 4:00. The cost is being underwritten by the

subdivision so it is only \$5.00 a person. Bring your family out and try ice skating, we will have people there to help beginners. It's a great way to try it.

Finally on December 12, 2:00PM to 4:00PM is the Children's Christmas party. There will be treats, Christmas activities, the Christmas train, and of course snow. We're hoping that Santa will make an appearance so bring a camera. This is an event for the kids, parents, and grandparents, so come and enjoy the holiday.

There will be a meeting of those interested in the annual garage sale on November 7 at 2:00 PM at the Rec Center. All those who have thoughts on how it can be a better garage sale are invited to come and help it become a bigger event.

And as we begin planning for the 2011 activities we are looking for more people to help us out. There is some work to make these activities happen, and the more the merrier.

Texas Hold'em Poker

Thursday, June 10th,
At 7:30 pm, we start our regular cash game.

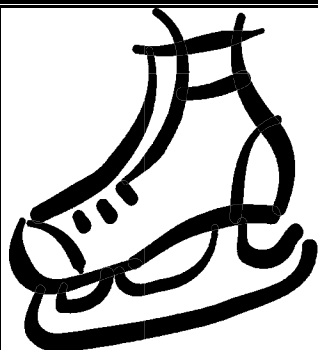
Everyone is welcome to watch or participate.
Contact Bob Shortle, at 281-799-0711,
for more information.



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.

Contact: JoAnne Maruca at 281-550-8162.
Joann.rich@yahoo.com or Pat Rothman at 281-345-9355. RR1texas@earthlink.net



Deerfield Ice Skating Party

Sunday, November 21st
1:30 to 4:00 PM

Memorial City Mall Ice Skating Rink
\$5.00 person, buy tickets at Rec Center

Community Services Committee...

The Community Services Committee continues to work to keep the Deerfield Rec Center and neighborhood services working for you. Here are some of the projects going on:

* A request for proposals is almost complete on the restroom renovations. We hope to get bids completed and have a contractor approved by the end of the year, so construction could start in January and avoid any inconvenience for holiday activities.

* The back staircase that goes to the second floor of the Rec Center has been replaced.

* A leak in the kitchen was repaired and the ceiling has been repainted. We will purchase new ceiling light fixtures as well.

* We will review bids for a new janitorial service for the Rec Center and office.

* We are exploring additional lighting for the greenbelt area between Hastingswood and Manor Haven.

Mosquito spraying stopped as of the end of October. We did not see a reason to extend the contract an extra month, since it has been so dry.

The Community Services Committee is a small, dedicated group, and we would certainly welcome new members. We meet on the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. Please email me at tarashockley@comcast.net if you would like more information.



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	Jeff Youngflesh	
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		281-855-0312
Recreation Center	2nd 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	Amy Lacy	Kenny O'Brien	832-256-8026
Tennis	1st Wednesday	8:00 PM	Marie Nugent	Nan Pye	281-463-8788

* Please read the Committee Reports for Monthly changes in the schedule.

Deeds Committee...

There is to be no building, or improvements, or changes in design (including paint), on any lot; until plans and specifications have been submitted to, and approved by, the Deed Restriction Committee (which also serves as Architectural Control). This includes, but is not limited to, new roofs, pool installation, house additions and patios and porch additions.” Applications for Architectural Approval can be found on our website and can be obtained from the DVCA office.

The Deed Restrictions/Architectural Control Committee meets at 7:00 PM the first Monday of each Month (subject to change) in the Clubhouse of the Recreation Center. Your application may be considered during the meeting. Your presence is not required, but will insure that any questions raised can be answered at that time. Check with office or current newsletter to insure time and date of meeting.

If you are interested in enforcing our DVCA restrictions, come join us as a member on the Deeds Committee. Drop by the DVCA office and complete a member application.

Constable's Report...

Security Stats for September, 2010

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

ACTIVITIES	TOTAL
Accidents	1
Alarms	23
Assaults	0
Burglaries	1
Burg Motor Vehicle	0
Citizens Assistance	7
Citizens Contact	36
Criminal Arrests	4
Criminal Mischief	3
Disturbance Calls	6
Suspicious Vehicles	14
Suspicious Persons	3
Thefts	1
Traffic Citations	6
Traffic Warnings	13
Vacation Watch	232

Emergency telephone stickers available at the
DV Rec. Center office

Landscape Committee...

We're all enjoying the beautiful weather.

We've finished the back entrance. The sod was put down last week. Take the time to drive out at Danebridge. The committee is very happy with the results.

Another job we've completed is having the four new trash can holders installed this week along the greenbelt.

One of our Committee responsibilities is sidewalk repairs. We're going to have some work done on sidewalks. If you'd like to take advantage of a contract rate passed on to homeowners, email your name & phone number to the Office Manager. We'll be in touch with you when our project will start give you the contact information.

Tree trimming on community property will be done sometime in November/December.

MUD 136 Board Report...

HCMUD 136 REPORT- OCTOBER 2010

By Neil Polansky, President

www.hcmud136.org

2010 TAXES: Your HCMUD 136 Board of Directors voted last night to decrease the district's 2010 tax rate from \$.27 / \$100 valuation to \$.215 / \$100, or about a 20% reduction. Coupled with the decline in HCAD appraisals due to the local real estate recession, this will result in a significant decrease in property taxes levied by HCMUD 136 and a lower individual tax bill. This rate adjustment was made possible by the board retiring all outstanding district bonds. We are now completely debt free, primarily due to the efforts of director Harry Price who pushed to make this a reality.

WELL #2: Last night the Board authorized the capping of water well #2, located about 1,200' south of Kieth Harrow on Barker Cypress. Shutting down well #2 was made possible by last year's switch to WHCRWA surface water. We'll continue to maintain our primary water well, as it augments surface water during high demand periods and acts as an emergency resource. The underground pipe connection between wells 1 and 2 will be cut and capped.

REIMBURSEMENT: The Board also signed a "Receipt and Release" with the WHCRWA, facilitating their reimbursement to the District of \$485,000 due for system conversion to surface water. We should be receiving the payment from WHCRWA within the next few weeks, and the money will go into our Operations and Maintenance fund.

PROACTIVE BOARD: Your Board has been regularly attending meetings of the West Harris County Regional Water Authority (WHCRWA) and the Jackrabbit Road PUD (operators of our sewage treatment plant). Attendance at these meetings is critical if we wish our voices and concerns to be heard. Very few MUDs send representatives to these meetings, wherein they spend district money and make decisions impacting all of us. We are a proactive board!

WATER QUALITY: Please let us know if you experience any issues related to water quality or pressure, including smell, taste, and color. With the majority of our water coming from Lake Houston it's critical that we test and provide feedback to WHCRWA when appropriate. During the next few months we'll be performing additional comprehensive water quality tests at district expense in an effort to insure we're receiving the safest water possible.

FACILITY TOUR: Preliminary date for a tour of District facilities is Saturday, November 13 at 9am. This will include a tour of our main water plant, one or both district lift stations, the JRPUD sewage treatment plant (on Pine Forest Dr.) and the WHCRWA water plant off FM 529, east of Eldridge. Tour date and time is subject to change, so keep looking at our website for details. The public is welcome to attend!

Our next meeting is Thursday, November 11 @ 6pm in the DVCA Rec. Center. It is free and open to the public.

**32nd Annual
Deerfield Village
Christmas Bazaar & Market**

**Friday, Nov. 5th • 12 - 8pm
Saturday, Nov. 6th • 9am - 4pm**

**Recreation Center at Clay Road
Between Barker-Cypress and Highway 6**




For more detailed map -- www.deerfieldvillage.net

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Cypress Lakes Spartan Band Drive-Thru Dinner Tuesday, November 16, 2010 4:30pm to 6:30pm

Join us for a delicious Drive-Thru Dinner. You have a choice of 1/2 slab of ribs or an 8 oz. BBQ chicken breast, mashed potatoes, green beans plus wonderful rolls for only \$11.00. Each family will also receive cinnamon butter for your rolls, a bag of peanuts. Grilling will be in the CyLakes parking lot, beginning at 4:30pm drive thru the back parking lot. Your order will be brought directly to your car. It's that simple! So place your order today!!! Order deadline is November 5th.

Email or call for an order form and more information: Celeste Heath, 281-855-3608, casheath@comcast.net
Michelle Pate, 713-504-9939, michellemcpate@yahoo.com *Thanks for supporting CyLakes Spartan Band!*

December Gardening from...Cornelius Nursery

Working in your garden is an excellent escape during the holidays. It is a perfect time to plant trees and shrubs so they can develop a strong root system for next Spring. Cool weather color such as Pansies, Snapdragons, Cyclamen, Flowering Cabbage and Kale add splashes of color to your landscape. Spring flowering bulbs can be planted now once they have been properly chilled.

Prune summer flowering shrubs and vines now. They will bloom on new growth. Remember-do not top your Crapemyrtles! Simply prune to remove seed heads and shape. Trim evergreens only to re-shape.

Prepare for the cold weather before it hits! One of the best things you can do for your landscape plants is to provide a 2-to 3-inch layer of mulch. Mulching

is necessary year round but during the colder periods it provides a layer of insulation for the roots. Secondly, water your landscape well before a cold spell. A drought stressed plant is more susceptible to freeze damage. Thirdly, for more tender plants, purchase frost cloth for extra protection. Frost cloth is a fabric which adds 3 to 4 degrees of warmth. Cover the plant completely allowing the edges to come all the way to the ground. We are utilizing the heat which radiates from the ground.

Become a member of our Garden Club and you will receive email notices prior to any weather crisis. Visit www.mytexasgarden.com to join.

This is also an excellent time to start planning changes or additions to your landscape. Bring a sketch or photo and let our Texas Certified Nursery Professionals assist you!

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Now that November is upon us and the Holidays are around the corner, it is time to say Thank You to all the Deerfield Residents for their continued support to myself and Prudential. Prudential has represented over 10 percent of the listings or sales in DV this year and we want to express our sincere appreciation. I have spoken to many of you and am here to answer what ever kind of real estate questions you may have as a service to our community. Calendars for 2011 will be mailed to each resident during the holidays as my way of saying Thank You for your Support. I'm just a phone call away for your real estate needs.

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