



DEERFIELD VILLAGE NEWS

January 2012

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

President's Report...

By Eric Toureilles - DVCA Board President

Dear Neighbors,

Happy New Year, 2012 here we go...I hope everyone had a great Holiday! The lights throughout the neighborhood were fantastic this year...made me think we should have a 'Yard of the Month' for Holiday lights.

Looking back, we had a great year! Our Deerfield Dolphins did an incredible job, we made some nice landscaping improvements, and we continued the tradition with many events that the Recreation Committee organized, including our first Hawaiian Luau. We put Deerfield on Facebook (thanks Leah), and experimented with a second garage sale, for those that could not wait for Spring, or did not wish for shoppers to come to their residence.

For 2012, we are posting all the DVCA policies on our website for everyone's convenience, which will also be filed with Harris County as required by law. This is in addition to the Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws, Protective Covenants (Deed restrictions) by section, and other important documents/forms we have today. We will also be painting the clubhouse and continue our contract with the Constable to patrol Deerfield for all 3 shifts. I am sure the Recreation Committee will dazzle us with some new events, so I hope to see you at one of these new and traditional events this year. We plan to

look at how to cut down utility costs, especially irrigation water, as water costs keep going up and if the water supply does not go back to normal; we may all suffer drought conditions again with more stringent consequences.

We did not have a Board meeting in December, so I don't have much more to report. Remember your annual Assessments are due in January, and there is a late fee if payment is not received in time, including a suspension of the use of Deerfield facilities and events.

Elections are coming up, so please review the candidates and come out and vote between February 28th – March 3rd. Remember that we no longer have secret ballots and you can vote electronically by email, in person or absentee. You can download the ballot form via our website or pick one up in the DVCA office, after January 15th.

I wish you and your family a very happy and prosperous New Year.

Take care!



Please note that the DVCA Office will be closed on Monday, January 2, 2012

THERE WILL BE NO EVENTS OR RENTALS AVAILABLE FOR DVCA CLUBHOUSE SCHEDULING DURING THE WEEK OF JANUARY 2ND THRU JANUARY 8TH AS IT WILL BE CLOSED FOR PAINTING.

Trustee Election Information may be found on pages 3 and 4.

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 a new resident in Deerfield Village, please feel free to stop by the DVCA Office, Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:30am and 1:30pm, to obtain additional information about the community and the DVCA facilities. You may also wish to pick up a key to the Tennis Courts. The keys are \$25.00 each and the deposit is refundable when the keys are returned to the office. If you would like to get involved in your new community, a list of committees and their meeting schedules are available. More help in keeping the community vibrant is always welcome! For inquiries, you may contact the DVCA office at 281-463-2624, or email us at deerfield4@sbcglobal.net. Visit our website at www.deerfieldvillage.net to learn more.

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/repo>.



rtastreetlightoutage 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.



Pet Hotline...

Along with a Rabies tag for ID, the most important is a tag with owner's phone #...since vets are closed on Sat. afternoon and all day Sundays. **Sophie says: "Having an ID will get your pet safely back home even at 3:30am."**

Marie Nugent Pet Hotline
281-859-1104



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 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

2012 DVCA Trustee Elections

Applications are now being accepted for 3 positions on the Board of Trustees. Members are encouraged to apply by using the Application Form provided on the back of this page and submitting it to the Association Office.

Important Dates:

Close of Nominations will be Tuesday, January 10th.

Posting of Nominees:

Applications received by the January 10th deadline will be posted in the February Newsletter and on the Web-site at www.deerfieldvillage.net

Election:

Tuesday through Friday, February 28 through March 2, between 9:30am thru 1:30pm and on Saturday March 3, between the hours of 10:00am and 1:00pm.

Board Meeting:

March 13th at 7:00pm the elected Trustees will be seated.

Position of Trustees:

Only one resident in the same family dwelling may be concurrently nominated to, or serve on, the Board.

The position of Trustee is for a period of

three years. Trustees are responsible for the direction and management of the affairs and assets of the Association. In addition to attending monthly Board Meetings, each Trustee attends meetings of at least one Standing Committee as a non-voting representative to provide counsel regarding the Articles of Incorporation, By-laws, as well as other matters. Therefore, Trustees need to be familiar with these documents and a complete set will be given to those submitting applications.

Current Trustees:

Term Expires 2012:

Marie Nugent,
Arthur McDanel
Eric Toureilles – President

Term Expires 2013:

Louis Carpenter
Amy Lacy
Larry Burkhan – Vice President

Term Expires 2014:

Stuart Cory – Treasurer
Bruce Bott
Brent Burris

2012 Election Committee:

Brent Burris – Chair
June Stuart – Vice Chair
Amy Lacy – Member

APPLICATION FOR TRUSTEE – 2012

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Constable's Report...

**Security Stats for
November, 2011**
Constable Dispatch:
281-463-6666 Contract # 87
Harris County Precinct #5

ACTIVITIES	TOTAL
Accidents	0
Alarms	18
Assaults	0
Burglaries	0
Burg Motor Vehicle	1
Citizens Assistance	16
Citizens Contact	112
Criminal Arrests	0
Criminal Mischief	0
Disturbance Calls	7
Suspicious Vehicles	12
Suspicious Persons	4
Thefts	0
Traffic Citations	2
Traffic Warnings	6
Vacation Watch	105

Emergency telephone stickers are available at the DV Rec. Center office

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smith.ward@rocketmail.com

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.

Landscape Committee...

HAPPY NEW YEAR

We're all enjoying the efforts of last years landscape projects.

We're working on the Community property dead

tree list.

If you see dead trees on the Community Property please call the office.

Landscape Committee meets the 2nd Monday of the month at 7:00

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Deerfield Events

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

Every Friday - Coffee and Donuts! 8:00AM to 9:30 AM.

Coffee and Donuts! Every Friday Morning -8:00AM to 9:30 AM. Drop by the Rec Center for a cup of coffee and a donut, bring your paper to read, visit with your neighbor, catch up on what's happening in the neighborhood. Note: no Coffee and Donuts on January 6th because the Club House is getting painted!

Jan. 1st Polar Bear Swim!

2:00 PM to 3:00PM. Come freeze at the pool with a quick swim – or with the warm weather being predicted, come swim and catch some sun!

Jan. 13th Coffee and Donuts 8-9:30

First of the year, and of the month. It's paperback book exchange – bring a paperback, and take one – great way to get a new read. And the donuts are free.

Jan. 17th Yoga. 6:30 PM

at the Rec Center, for 3 weeks. Come try relaxing through Yoga. It's free and open to all 12 and older.

Feb. 23 7:00 to 11:00 PM, Mardi Gras Dance.

It's music and hurricanes at our Mardi Gras fete. Who cares if we are a few days late – it's Leap Year and we're having a good time! And it's cheap at only \$15, but tickets are limited; tickets go on sale Feb. 1st

March 24th Deerfield Annual Garage Sale!

March 24th Deerfield Annual Garage Sale, 7:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Our annual neighborhood garage sale, with selling from your home. This is your opportunity to sell off all that accumulated stuff. The registration fee is \$15, and registration begins Feb. 13th . Registration placards must be displayed for all participating homes.

Texas Hold'em Poker

Second Thursday of the month,

At 7:30 pm, we start our regular cash game. Everyone is welcome to watch or participate.

Contact Bob Shortle, at 281-463-4589, for more information.



Deerfield Village Bunco 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



Recreation Committee ...

December was fun – a great snow party for the kids with Santa dropping in. We had 160+ people there, with kids building snow men and having some snow fights. Then we had a blast of a New Year Eve Party on Dec 31 (when else?). The food, the games, and the company were great, and we saluted the New Year Eve with champagne.

Coffee and Donuts will resume on January 13th, 8:00 AM. This is a week later than we planned on, but the club house is getting repainted so it's worth waiting a week. Coffee and Donuts is open to all residents; we especially want to welcome any new residents to come and meet their neighbors. The first Coffee and Donuts of the month (this time on Jan. 13th) is our paperback book swap – it's simple bring a book, take a book. And we hope to have our Home Owners Association President attend to answer questions including issues the Board is facing.

Turns out we have a trained Yoga instructor living in Deerfield who is willing to offer a Yoga class. She will offer beginners classes at the Rec Center starting January 17th 6:30 PM for 3 weeks initially, to determine interest. Classes will last about an hour; they are free, and open to males and females over 12

years old. If you ever had an interest, come try it out. On February 25th we will be having an adult Mardi Gras Dance. Price is a mere \$15; for that you get music, appetizers, and hurricanes. Because we will be having this in the downstairs room of the club house, we have to limit the number of tickets. The will go on sale Feb. 1st, so but your ticket early.

March 24th is the date for our Annual Spring Garage Sale. This will be at your home, so no need to truck stuff to the Rec Center. All participants need to register - the fee covers the cost of security, traffic control, advertising and related costs. Registration begins in February

We are still looking for bands to play at the Music on the Green. We are looking for adult bands that play a variety of music – country, rock, classics, etc. We pay a small stipend in appreciation for the performance. As for teen bands, we are considering a teen Battle of the Bands for next year, if we find the interest.

Look for our Deerfield Activities page in this newsletter – it list events throughout the year. And for the latest news check out the Deerfield Village web page and Deerfield Village Facebook

Deerfield Christmas Bazaar Committee...

Big 'Kudos' and 'Thanks' are being sent out to all of our Deerfield Christmas Bazaar Committee volunteers who took on the task of decorating our subdivision entrances and Rec Center for Christmas. You did an amazing job -Our subdivision looked very festive with the big red ribbons and beautiful shiny globes...

Would like to say,"JOB WELL DONE" to all of Santa's Helpers: Connie Corkill, Nicole Staudenmayer, Sharon Hamilton, Connie Sacco, Sandy Klutts, Marie Nugent, Barbara Choi, Patricia Smith, Valerie and Sam Upton, Tressa Fulmer, Jean Stanek, Gloria Johnson, Karen Anderson, Julie Kokinakakis, Marilea Gibson, Melissa Ford, Ward Smith, Patty Prasad and Nancy Callans

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Date: January 14th, 2012

Time: 10:00 until 3:00

Location:

4045 Deerfield Village Dr.
In the Parking Lot

Financial Services Committee...

Meetings: 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:00pm to review the financial status of our community.

As of November 30, 2011

YTD expenses	\$ 550,052	2011 Budget	\$627,182
YTD budget	583,317	Designated reserve	571,412
Under/(Over) budget	33,265	Undesignated reserves	13,767

Expenditures: Expenses continue to come in below budget with income above budget. The combination of both will give DVCA a larger surplus than originally forecasted.

Assessments: We have collected \$640,845(97.66%) of the 2011 assessments. Collection rate is slightly below the 2010 rate.

2012 Budget: Budget for 2012 was approved by the DVCA Board.

You should have received your assessment invoice by now. Contact DVCA office to request a copy. To avoid late fees and interest assessments must be paid by January 31, 2012.

Always looking for new members if interested come join us for one of the meeting's or give me call 281-859-4504

Date and Time of Committee and Board Meetings...

Community Services	1st Monday	7:00 PM	Bruce Bott	Rick Johnson	281-550-8895
Deed Restrictions	1st Monday	7:00 PM	Brent Burris	Jeff Youngflesh	
DVCA Board	4th Monday	7:00 PM	Eric Toureilles		281-855-0312
Financial Services	Tuesday before Board Meeting	7:00 PM	Stuart Cory	Mike Feeney	281-859-4504
Landscape	2nd Monday	7:00 PM	Arthur McDanel	Beverly Girbach	281-550-8729
MUD #136	2nd Thursday	6:00 PM	Eric Toureilles		281-855-0312
Recreation Center	2nd Tuesday	7:00 PM	Louis Carpenter	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	Rey Sarmiento	281-856-5013

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

MUD 136 Board Report...

by Jay Singleton, Secretary

At its December meeting, the Board reviewed the District's operations during the previous month. On December 3, the Directors did an inspection tour of the water plant and sewer lift stations and concluded that, other than for a few minor repairs items, the facilities are in excellent condition. Also included in the tour was a visit to the West Harris County Regional Water Authority (WHCRWA) pumping station on Hwy 529, just east of Eldridge Rd. This plant receives from Houston and delivers to the Authority's utility districts over 30 million gallons of water per day. But, only 30% of the Region is on surface water. By 2020, state law requires 70% of the districts to have converted from well to surface water. To meet that huge increase in demand, the Authority will construct a new 8 ft diameter pipeline, which, like the current line, will run through Deerfield. For information about the new line, log on to www.whcrwa.com/index.html. To pay for construction of the pipeline distribution network, WHCRWA has is-

sued revenue bonds. To pay the bond interest, they levy a fee on the water supplied to each district. Effective January 1, 2012 that fee will increase from \$1.85 to \$2.10 per 1000 gallons. That fee increase will first appear in your February bill next to the words "Regional Water Authority". The Authority has increased its fee annually for the past several years and there is no reason to doubt that they will continue to do so. In another bit of bad news, experts predict that the current drought conditions will continue at least through Spring. A great way to offset the fee increase and deal with the continuing drought is to conserve more water. The website www.wateruseitwisely.com offers many useful tips for doing this. If you have any other suggestions for reducing water consumption, please submit your ideas to any of the Directors. If you wish to offer your ideas in person or to comment on any of the District's activities, come to the next District meeting, which will be held on Thursday, January 12 at the Rec Center beginning at 6PM. The Directors of MUD 136 wish you a most prosperous and water wise New Year.

BSA TROOP 120 FALL FUNDRAISER BEGAN ON DECEMBER 13 2011!!

GET YOUR MULCH AND FERTILIZER AT GREAT PRICES

(with gas-saving free home delivery!! And no taxes!)

We had no price increases this year on any of our products!!

Boy Scout Troop 120 (Deerfield Village) is sponsoring the 2012 Mulch and Fertilizer Fundraiser to benefit scouts in BSA Troop 120.

Scouts earn money for their individual "camp accounts" from which they underwrite high adventure trips and related camping and training activities. Recent expeditions have been to Canada, Philmont, Sea Base (Florida) and other exciting scout destinations!

This is a great opportunity for Scouts to learn salesmanship skills and gives them an opportunity to sell great lawn and garden products at good prices, DELIVERED FREE RIGHT TO YOUR DOOR. Scouts can also spread the mulch for a nominal fee per bag. No more lugging bags of mulch and fertilizer around- let the scouts do it for you!!

--OVER 95% OF ALL PROFITS GO DIRECTLY TO THE SCOUT WHO TOOK YOUR ORDER, FOR HIS SCOUT ADVENTURE ACCOUNT. IT DOES NOT GO TO THE TROOP OR BSA OF

AMERICA.--

This year Troop 120 will be selling 2 cubic foot bags of: PINE BARK MULCH, BLACK VELVET MULCH AND CEDAR MULCH supplied by Landscapers Pride.

Troop 120 will also be selling ORGANIC and SYNTHETIC lawn fertilizer blends, manufactured by San Jacinto Environmental Supplies, as well as TOPSOIL and POTTING SOIL.

Scouts will be selling door-to-door in our communities December 13th through January 24th, with delivery of the product scheduled for February 23-25, 2012

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Ladies Tennis Anyone?

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COME JOIN
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TEAMS!!!

The Tennis Committee
officers for 2012 are:

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Secretary - Charlotte Benincasa
Treasurer - Debbie Coselli
Communications - Leslie Rupard
Social Organizer - Martha Jones
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Alan Phillips
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Boy Scout Troop 120...



Hello again Deerfield!

It's been a quick 2 months for us Scouts and we have had a wonderful time at our last campouts! We spent 2 nights at Enchanted Rock in November, and had lots of fun rock climbing! Mid-December we spent time at the Aaronson's place and the Cub Scouts (including my brother) from Pack 1135 came Saturday morning to camp overnight with the Troop. We had a huge (real) bonfire and performed skits. All in all we had fun at the campouts.

We also kicked off our mulch sale again!

We are raising money for us Scouts to go on our summer campouts, the high adventures Camp Florida Sea Base and the merit badge campout (TBA)!

If you are wanting to buy mulch, check the separate add for all the details or ask a Scout.

Cya!

Morgan Kennon, Troop 120 Scribe

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Deeds Committee... Community Services...

Top 10 New Year's Resolutions for Deerfield Village Residents

1. I will make repairs to my fence to match the existing fence line.
2. I will remove any Graffiti from my property (especially if I have any fencing on Deerfield's perimeter) promptly so our neighborhood stays graffiti-free.
3. If I buy mulch from the Boy Scouts, I will either spread it immediately; or I will have them put it behind my fence, or in my garage, out of view.
4. I will not park my RV, boat, trailer, etc. in my driveway or street for more than 72 hours.
5. I will keep my garbage cans, trash bags, etc., out of view between trash pick-up days.
6. I will remind my contractor, roofer...that they may not place any signs in my yard at any time.
7. I will keep my property in a sanitary, healthful, safe and attractive condition at all times.
8. I will complete, submit, AND obtain approval for, any/all exterior improvements/modifications to my property, using the Application for Architectural Approval form, BEFORE any work is commenced on any/all exterior improvements/modifications projects at my property.
9. I will help my Community by Volunteering: We have many committees that could use help.
10. And most of all, I will be a good neighbor and help do what I can to keep Deerfield Village an attractive and great place to call home!!

Thank you to all the residents who comply with our protective covenants – that makes our jobs easier! Also, thank you to those who respond and rectify their violations in a timely manner. All the DVCA residents appreciate it!

The Deeds Committee would like to wish everyone a safe and Happy New Year!!

We will meet the 2nd Monday of January (9th) due to the Holidays @ 7PM. All other months we meet the first Monday

I hope everyone had a great holiday break, and is ready to get back to work in a new year. The Community Services Committee will start the year off with some refurbishment - a makeover and fresh coat of paint for the interior of the clubhouse! Tara Shockley led the effort to get bids on the painting, and the contract was awarded in December, with painting to take place during the first week of January. So by the time you read this, the main part of the clubhouse should have a bright new look.

We continue to work on contracting external repairs, including handrails and siding, as well as some security lighting enhancements for the neighborhood. The Committee will not meet in January, but will continue to work on our projects. If you have comments or questions about what is going on, contact the Committee through the Deerfield office. Better yet, make a New Year's resolution to get involved in the Deerfield Village Community Association by joining Community Services or one of the other committees. Community Services meets on the first Monday of each month at 7 pm in the clubhouse - come on down!

All the best in a new year -
Rick Johnson, chair

Pet Alert...

Alert to pet owners:

If your pet has been "chipped", be advised that the computer "chip" may "travel" over time. I recently took one dog to 2 different vets and no "chip" could be located. I then called the "chip" company and they advised me that the "chip" may have gone dead or had "traveled" to another part of the animal's body.

After taking the dog to get a new "chip" at Farm and Ranch Free Chipping last month - and scanning her whole body - it was determined that the chip had indeed traveled to the side of her upper right leg. Every time you visit the vet, have them scan the whole body for that "chip".

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FILING FOR HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION: NEW RULES FOR 2012

For all New homeowners in Deerfield Village that want to file for the Homestead Property Tax Exemption in 2012, there are more rules to follow. In Sept. of 2011, the State Legislators made having the new address on your Driver's License or State ID and on your Vehicle Registration a requirement and you have to send in the receipts for the changes along with the exemption request. Call me for the details on how to get the receipts for these changes and the form to send in for your tax exemption, at 713-857-7426. You can file between Jan. 1, 2012 through April 30, 2012, for the exemption, but getting these receipts takes time, so don't delay.
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