

# DEERFIELD VILLAGE NEWS

November, 2012

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

## President's Report...

#### By Eric Toureilles - DVCA Board President

Dear Neighbors,

Good news to report this month, DVCA budgets was approved by the DVCA Board in September and no increase to the yearly Assessment was needed. Thanks to the resident volunteers on the DVCA Committees that donate their time to oversee all the duties needed to run the Association, while keeping expenses down. We sent out the Assessment invoices in October, so if you have not received yours, please let us know immediately. This should give everyone plenty of notice to get this paid timely, as they are due by January 1, 2013. There is a grace period, but any Assessments received after January 31, 2013 is considered late, so late fees will be applied and interest will begin to accrue.

As you may recall from my October newsletter, we had additional law enforcement in the neighborhood assigned to Deerfield in attempt to catch some criminal activity. Fortunately, there have not been any more occurrences to my knowledge associated with the burglars we were attempting to apprehend. Unfortunately, law enforcement has not caught these burglars, and they are suspected to have moved on to another area.

I also stated that I would call a meeting to invite all residents interested in hearing of ways to make your home unattractive to criminals and make you safer. You are invited to attend the Security Committee Meeting on November 13th, from 7:30 to 8:30 to hear from Sergeant Mitch Hunter. He will also offer to come out to your home and do a home inspection (1 on 1) at no cost, which I understand may qualify you for an insurance discount of 5% to 10%, depending on the insurance company. If you can not make the meeting, we plan to set another date this

year, but you can contact him directly at 281- 463-6666.

In an effort to be more environmentally friendly, as of January 2013 the Deerfield Village newsletter will be



available electronically on our website. We will send you a link to the newsletter every month, provided you have signed up for the Deerfield Village Resident email distribution list. If you are not signed up, please call or email the office with the email address you would like to use. For those of you that may not have access to a computer, tablet or iPad, printed copies will continue to be available in the Deerfield office for any resident to pick up. We hope this method will assist in providing you a better experience, as we see newsletters get damaged due to weather, blown away in the wind, and not consistently delivered on time. We will review this method in 6 months to see how it is working, as the intention is to give you a better delivery method, while being conscious to our environment. Please note that this is not the Village Pipeline.

Another quick reminder is that DVCA Board will not meet on December 24, 2012. Our next scheduled meeting is November 26, 2012.

Hope everyone had a safe Halloween and have a fantastic Thanksgiving with family or friends.

Take care

#### **IMPORTANT NUMBERS:**

Illegal Dumping
Trash Pick-up
Power Outage
Gas Leaks
County Pets

## Important Information...

#### Welcome to Deerfield Village

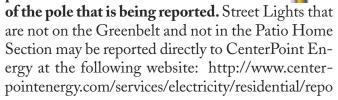
If you are a new resident in Deerfield Village, please feel free to stop by the DVCA Office, Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:30am and 1:30pm, to obtain additional information about the community and the DVCA facilities. You may also wish to pick up a key to the Tennis Courts. The keys are \$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@sbc-global.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



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.



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. A tag with a cell # is the best because the cell phone is usually with the owner when he is not home.



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

## MUD 136 Board Report...

by Jay Singleton, Secretary

At its October meeting, the Board of Directors reviewed the previous month's business activity. Among the items on the agenda was the Tax Assessor/Collector's report, which showed that the current total assessed value in the District is slightly less than \$182 million verses \$185 million last year. After analyzing projected revenue and expenses figures, the Directors voted unanimously to keep the current tax rate of \$0.215 /\$100 for the tax year 2012-2013. Property tax invoices will be mailed in November.

NATIONAL RECYCLE WEEK IS COMING!! It will be the week of November 12-18. In conjunction with this, we are planning for a Special Recycling Day on Saturday, November 17, for specific items not picked in the regular Friday collection, such as TV's, electronics, car batteries, CD's, DVD's and personal documents that you want to have shredded. For more details, including what items are and are not accepted, see the article elsewhere in this newsletter. If in doubt, call Residential Recycling of Texas toll free at 1-866-516-9805. A reminder flyer will also be in you November water bill. Prior to the event, reminder signs will be posted at all of the entrances to the subdivision. If this event proves to be popular, we will schedule another one next year.

If you wish to comment on any of the District's operations, plan to attend the next District meeting, which will be held on Thursday, November 8, at the Rec Center beginning at 6PM.



December 22nd 10:00am until 3:00pm

Deerfield Village Recreation Center

Rabies Vaccination \$9.95 All other vaccinations and medicine at reduced rates.

### Pot Luck Supper

Come to our POT LUCK SUPPER...December 2nd., at the Rec Center. Join us at 5:30pm to meet and visit. Dinner is at 6:00pm. Bring a dish to share with your neighbors. Bringing a Family Specialty Dish to our supper is always a delightful treat. This event is open to ALL Deerfield residents. There is a small \$1.00 charge per person to cover paper goods. See you there!!!

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### Financial Services Committee...

Meetings: Tuesday before the Board meeting at 7:00pm to review the financial status of our community.

As of September 30, 2012

 YTD expenses
 \$ 447311
 2012 Budget
 \$ 597,038

 YTD budget
 468187
 Designated reserve
 639,570

Under/(Over) budget 20876

Expenditures: Based on actual expenses, new electric contact and Committee's managing expenses we will be under budget for the year.

Assessments: We have collected \$645,993(97.12%) of the 2012 assessments. We are slightly behind (.52%) of the last years collection rate.

In January 2013 liens will be filed where only the 2012 balance is owed. To avoid \$157 in attorney and filing fees the 2012 assessments, plus late fees and interest, MUST BE paid by 12/31/2012. State law now requires HOA's to use an attorney to file the lien.

The 2013 budget process has been completed and approved by the DVCA Board. Thanks to the Committees controlling expenses assessments will remain the same as 2012's.

\$699 for Patio Homes • \$619 for non patio homes

Important Assessments invoices were mailed out the week of 10/14/2012. If you have not received yours when you read this newsletter contact DVCA office and request a copy.

## Deerfield Christmas Bazaar Committee...

#### 34th ANNUAL DEERFIELD CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Hi Everybody! Get ready for our 34th Annual Christmas Bazaar. The event will be held on Friday, November 2nd -- 12:00pm till 8:00pm and Saturday, November 3rd -- 9:00am till 4:00pm.

Our 20+ participants have been busily working. We will have a great selection of Christmas goodies, seasonal items & lots of other gift ideas on display. Come early for best selection choices.

Christmas Bazaar admission is free to everyone. However, if at all possible, we ask that you bring along canned goods and other non-perishable food items. These donations will be distributed to needy families throughout Deerfield Village as well as some other neighborhood communities.

Attention Participants: Our remaining scheduled meeting dates are October 10th & October 25th starting at 7:00 PM. All meetings are held in the downstairs Clubhouse at the DVCA Recreation Center. Please call Connie Corkill 281-463-0750 or Sharon Hamilton 281-859-0174 if you have any questions.

#### Texas Hold'em Poker

Second Thursday of the month.

At 7:30 pm, we start our reg-

ular cash game. Everyone is welcome to watch or participate.

Contact Bob Shortle, at 281-463-4589, 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

## Landscaping Committee...

All the flower beds look so nice we're not replacing them this winter. We're not sure how long they'll last if we have cold winter weather.

The lawn service will only be mowing twice this month. As the grass slows down growing they will be here mowing less.



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

Committee	Meeting Dates*	Time	Board Trustee	Committee Chair	Phone
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

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

### **Deerfield Events**

Monthly Events...

#### Social Poker

Something new – dealer's choice poker (no Texas Hold'em), 1st Wednesday of the month, at 7:30PM at the Rec Center.

#### Texas Hold 'em 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

#### **Coffee and Donuts!**

On every Friday, at a new time of, 8:30 AM to 10:00 AM at the Rec Center. And on the last Friday's of the month we have a book/dvd/vhs tape exchange. It's free, open to all residents – come visit and hear what's happening.... Note – no Coffee and Donuts on Nov. 2nd or the week of Thanksgiving, Nov. 23rd.

#### **Christmas Snow Party**

Dec. 9, 2:00 PM. Our annual kid's snow party – with snow for the kids, the Christmas Train, and this year in keeping with the spirit of winter, we will have ice cream sundaes. Come enjoy the season.



### Recreation Committee ...

In October we had the Chili Cook-Off along with the last Music on the Green for the year. Both events were successful with people enjoying the 5 different chili's as well as the country western music. We also had a different type of Halloween Party, trying a Trunk or Treat, in the parking lot. It was a change and the kids seemed to enjoy it.

What we did not have was the October Ice Cream Social. Due to the bad weather that day, we have deferred it to Dec. 9th, when we will have it with the Christmas Snow Party. So if the kid's don't get the feel of winter from the snow, the ice cream will chill them out.

In November we are starting a new monthly event social poker. This is dealers' choice poker, and is for those who are not overly serious about poker. It complements the Texas Hold 'Em by offering an alternative for those who want to play any game the dealer can describe. Beginners are welcome! If you don't know what you have the group will help you decide. It begins in November on the first Wednesday of the month, 7:30PM, upstairs at the Rec Center; Texas Hold'Em continues on the 2nd Thursday of the month.

As stated in last month's newsletter, we will be reducing the number of planned events in 2013: a Spring and Fall Music on the Green, only one pool party on Memorial Day, and two children's parties – Easter Egg Hunt and a Christmas Snow Party. Doesn't mean we can't do more – we will have funds to support additional events if interested residents have ideas and energy to put them on, but it will depend on Deerfield residents coming forward.



## THE LANDSCAPED AREAS WITH THE ROCK ARE NOT PLAY AREAS.

PARENTS
PLEASE
WATCH
YOUR
CHILDREN.



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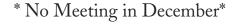
The Pool Committee would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!

We are thankful to have so many wonderful people in our neighborhood.

Early reminder: Our annual Polar Bear Swim will be held on New Years day! Time will be posted in the December Newsletter

Pool Committee Meetings held the 2nd Monday of the month.

We encourage new members to join us.



#### Residential Recycling of Texas

<u>www.residentialrecyclingtexas.com</u> 1-866-516-9805

Residential Recycling of Texas and Deerfield Village are excited about providing your community a day for Electronic Recycling and Document Shredding. This allows residents to recycle electronic items that are not accepted with your weekly "household" recycling service and to shred/destroy any important documents. Documents will be placed in our recycling truck which will be locked until it is transported to Greenstar North America's shred unit. Documents will go from the locked loader into the shredder. If you have any questions regarding this event please contact our office at 1-866-516-9805.

#### **Details for Event**

Saturday, November 17, 2012

DVCA Recreation Center Parking Lot

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

#### **Items We Accept:**

- Personal computers
- TV's (\$25.00 disposal Fee)
- Keyboards, mouse, and speakers
- Cameras
- Switches & routers
- Cords & cables
- Game consoles
- Small kitchen appliances
- Computer monitors (including: CRT, LCD, LED, Plasma)
- Laptops
- Hard drives
- Car batteries
- Memory chips

- Hubs and routers
- Tape drives
- Printers, copiers, and plotters
- Fax machines
- PDAs
- Projectors
- Rechargeable batteries
- Telephones
- Cell phones
- Toner cartridges
- Paper Documents For Shredding
- If item not on list call us we'll find out for you and let you know prior to November 17<sup>th</sup>.

### TV's accepted – but fee of \$25.00 each for disposal

### NOT ACCEPTED:

CFL/flourescent light bulbs Major appliances

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### Pet Alert...

"KEEP ID AND PHONE # ON PETS SO WE CAN GET THEM BACK TO YOUR HOME"



PLEASE HAVE AN ID TAG ON YOUR PET.

Marie Nugent: 281-859-1104

#### Deerfield Village Playgroup

If you are looking to meet other moms in Deerfield with young children, this is the perfect opportunity to.



Please contact: Amy Zimmerman at 512-762-9262 for more information on dates, times and meeting places.

## Constable's Report...

### Security Stats for September, 2012

Constable Dispatch: 281-463-6666 Contract # 87

Harris County Precinct #5

ACTIVITIES	TOTAL
Accidents	0
Alarms	15
Assaults	0
Burglaries	4
Burg Motor Vehicle	0
Citizens Assistance	0
Citizens Contact	125
Criminal Arrests	2
Criminal Mischief	0
Disturbance Calls	4
Suspicious Vehicles	11
Thefts	4
Traffic Citations	0
Traffic Warnings	0
Vacation Watch	85

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

## Ladies Tennis Anyone?

WELCOME,
DEERFIELD
RESIDENTS!
COME JOIN OUR
TENNIS TEAMS!!!

If interested, please contact:
Leslie Rupard at

Leslie Rupard at sunshine4631lr@gmail.com



#### Mark your calendar!

Would you be interested in playing a tennis tournament?

We plan on having singles & doubles.

Where:

Deerfield Village Recreation Center

When: Saturday, Dec 8th

If interested please email deerfieldvillagetennis@yahoo.com for details.



### **Neighborhood Watch Program**

Are you aware that Deerfield Village has a "Neighborhood Watch Program"? The Security Committee has installed important information related to the Neighborhood Watch Program on the "http://www.deerfieldvillage.net" HYPERLINK (HYPERLINK Deerfield Village Website. "http://www.deerfieldvillage.net/"www.deerfieldvillage.net). The Neighborhood Watch program contains information that can help keep your home and family safe and secure. There is a section that lists all the block captains and section leaders and maps showing where each block is located. A Crime Watch information-reporting sheet is included. This sheet can be used when reporting or receiving information on suspicious or criminal activity. It is very important that correct information be recorded and passed on regarding any incident that has occurred.

The Security Committee is asking everyone to go to this website and look up your street. Please check the maps and list to see if your street has a block captain. If your street does not have a block captain, please consider becoming one. If your name is listed as a block captain or section leader and you no longer want to serve in that capacity please contact the Security Committee. The lists and maps have not been updated to reflect recent changes, therefore, we would like to encourage everyone to check the list and report any appropriate changes to the Security Committee.

Block Captain Goals:

Goal is to have at least one block captain per street block.

Block Captain Responsibility:

To contact each neighbor on his or her assigned street and complete a "Neighborhood Watch" form, including names, phone numbers, vehicle descriptions, license plates, children, etc.

To inform block neighbors of any security activities that has been passed down from the section leader.

To receive reports of security related activities from block neighbors and relate that information to their section leader.

All Section Leaders and Block Captains are members of and are encouraged to attend the Deerfield Village Security Committee meetings that are held on the second Tuesday of each month at the Deerfield Village Recreation Center at 7:30PM; however, attendance is not mandatory.

George R Hintz

Security Committee Vice Chairman

Home Phone: 281-463-1244

Email: HYPERLINK

"mailto:GRHintz@gmail.com" mailto:GRHintz@gmail.com

#### **Attention Block Captains and Section Leaders**

The Security Committee is in the process of updating the Neighborhood Watch Program with current block captain and section leader information. This information will be updated on the Deerfield Village website soon. The committee needs your help. Please review the information as presented on the website and contact George Hintz, preferably by email ( HYPERLINK "mailto:grhintz@gmail.com" grhintz@gmail.com), with your updated information.

It is our desire to be able to communicate with the block captains and section leaders as efficiently and quickly as possible. Therefore, we would like for all block captains and section leaders to provide us with their email addresses. These addresses will be used

only for the purpose of communicating Security Committee related business and will not appear on the Deerfield Village website.

Also, we are still in need of block captains and section leaders. If you would like additional information on how to become a B/C or S/L, please contact George Hintz.

Thanks for your help,

George Hintz

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#### KEEP HEALTHY ALL WINTER LONG

The average adult catches 2-4 colds each year in part because the cold virus thrives in lower humidity and multiplies fast when people are in closer contact with one another. Here are six steps that may help you and your family be healthier and mitigate some of the symptoms. 1) Wash your Hands—lather for 30 seconds. 2) If you have been sick, change your toothbrush. 3) Get outside 10-15 min./day or get Light Therapy and take extra Vitamin D. 4) Keep Hydrated, even if not thirsty, this can flush toxins out of your system. 5) Get a Flu Shot, they do provide some immunities. 6) Consider Nasal Irrigation with a Neti Pot, distilled water and saline nasal sprays or solutions to address congestion and allergens.

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