

DEERFIELD VILLAGE NEWS

September, 2013

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NOTICE TO RESIDENTS:

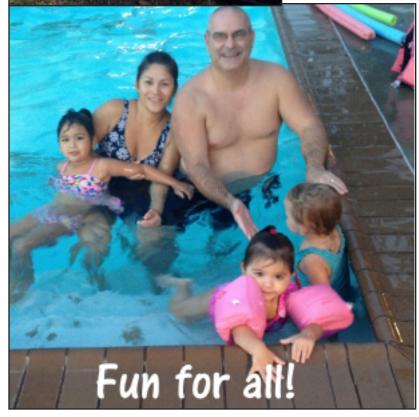
We have had a wonderful Summer in Deerfield. All the great events held by the Recreation Committee have added greatly to the pleasure of the residents.

Despite a lack of rainfall residents have been able to keep their lawns looking really nice. However, the drought made an impact, brought us insects/pests and in some instances destroyed the grass sod growth leaving bare spots in our yards, not to mention the number of weeds that have appeared! With the Fall season upon us, everyone will want their yards to look fresh, manicured and attractive! Timely mowing, weeding and edging does the trick in making us proud of our homes and our community.

On another note, it's the time of year that we all really enjoy walking our pets. However, we need to make sure that we keep our sidewalks, common areas and greenbelt clear of pet poop! Please bring along plastic gloves and baggies when walking your pets and dispose of the waste in the proper manner! Let's all assist each other in keeping these areas clean and let's be pet poop free!



Great
Photos
of the
"BIG
EVENT"
on
Pages
4 & 5.



The DVCA Office will be closed on Monday, September 2nd

"Paper Copies of the Monthly Newsletters can be picked up in the DVCA Office during office hours Mon-Fri, 9:30am to 1:30pm"

| IMPORTANT NUMBERS: | Illegal Dumping |
|---|-----------------|
| Any Crime (Constable Contract #87) 281-463-6666 | Trash Pick-up |
| Curb Damage (No Patio Home Curbs) 281-463-6300 | Power Outage |
| Flooding | Gas Leaks |
| Water & Sewer Sewer Information 281-347-8686 | 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

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.



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

Financial Services Committee...

Meetings: 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm to review the financial status of our community. September meeting is 09/17/2013

Financial status as of July 31, 2013

 YTD expenses
 \$ 372,000
 2013 Budget
 \$609,255

 YTD budget
 374,059
 Designated reserve
 \$700,803

Under/(Over) budget 2,059

Expenditures: Actual expenses continue to be at budgeted levels.

Assessments: We have collected \$638,945 (96.06%) of the 2013 assessments. We are .96% behind last years collection rate.

Committees have started developing the DVCA 2014 budget. The budget will be finalized by the October 2013 DVCA Board meeting.

Mud 136 Report...

by Jay Singleton, Secretary

At its August meeting, the Board of Directors reviewed the District's operations for the month of July. The Directors also discussed the performance of its water supplier, West Harris County Regional Water Authority (WHCRWA)

Our District is one of 118 municipal utility districts that belong to WHCRWA. The Authority was formed in 2008 to acquire and distribute treated surface water to member districts as part of a program to discontinue the withdrawal of water from underground sources. So far 41 of the districts, including ours, have converted to surface water. The Authority has a contract with the City of Houston (COH) whereby COH is to provide up to 28 million gallons of surface water per day (gpd). The peak water demand by the 41 districts this summer has been more than 26 million gpd, stretching the water supply and distribution system to the limit. The current system will never be able to support the addition of the 77 other districts in the Region that will be converting to surface water in the coming years. WHCRWA's plan to supply that future increase in demand is to construct a 96 inch pipeline that will run

from the COH Northeast Water Plant to a new pumping station located at Fry Rd and Keith Harrow (the pipeline will run through Deerfield). The rates that we the consumers pay for water will be increasing substantially in order to cover the construction costs of the new distribution lines. Completion of the new lines is several years away. Meanwhile the existing infrastructure will be faced with increased water demand as more districts are converted to surface water and more homes are built. The only way to manage the increasing demand for water will be to use water wisely.

RECYCLE DAY IS COMING!! We are planning for another special Saturday Recycling Day on November 2 for specific items not picked in the regular Friday collection, such as electronics, car batteries, CD's, DVD's. Shredding of personal documents will also be available. More details next month.

If you wish to contribute your suggestions on wise ways to use water or to comment on any of the District's activities, plan to attend the next District meeting, which will be held on Thursday, September 12, at the Rec Center beginning at 6PM.





Deerfield Events

Upcoming Events...

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

Ladies Social

4:00 PM to 6:00PM, 4th Thursday of the month. This month, September 26th. It's at the Rec Center, and is an opportunity for the ladies to get out and relax... It is bring your own beverage, and sorry guys, but it's meant for the ladies...

Coffee and Donuts!

Every Friday in September, starting September 6th, at 8:30 AM to 10:00 AM at the Rec Center. Coffee and Donuts! The last Friday of the month we have the book/dvd/jigsaw puzzle swap - that will be Sept. 27. Coffee and Donuts is open to all human residents – come visit, sip coffee, and share what's happening.

September Pool Hours

The water is warm, the pool is beautiful and the pool is open every day! Pool hours Monday – Friday 5:00p.m. – 8:00p.m., Saturday and Sunday 10:00a.m. – 8:00p.m. Labor Day (September 2nd) 10:00a.m. – 8:00p.m.

Ice Cream Social

3:00PM to 4:30PM, Sunday, September 15th. We will have Ice Cream sundaes from Baskin Robbins - come early to ensure a choice of ice cream and toppings.

Chili Cook Off!

October 5th – Our sort of annual chili cooks off, at the Rec Center. Get your recipe and team ready – details to come. And it includes the last Music on the Green of the year!

Recreation Committee...

The Big Event is history - it was a great time for all those who attended. We did not get a specific head count, but estimated that we had well over 200 people attending. All the committees were present, plus the Deerfield Board, Rotarians, Mud 136, and BSA Troop 120. We had a group of serious bingo players who enjoyed the bingo games, plus we had a rockin' Music on the Green that ran until 9:30. And a good size crowd enjoyed the pool and the pool slide. We want to acknowledge the local restaurants that supported the event by providing gift cards - Clay's, Fiesta Charra, and Thai Chili. If you have the opportunity try them out and thank them. Saturday night was a beautiful night and fun time for all.

Next up is the Fall Ice Cream Social. It will be 3:00PM to 4:30PM, Sunday, September 15th. We will have Ice Cream sundaes from Baskin Robbins - come early to ensure a choice of ice cream and toppings. Unfortunately, the sundaes will be \$1.50 each (\$4.00 if bought at a Baskin Robbins store.) And the pool will be open that day.

Coffee and Donuts starts up every Friday beginning Sept. 6. It's at 8:30, at the Rec Center, and the best place to find out what's happening. So come by and check it out. And don't forget the last Friday of the month we

have the book/dvd/jigsaw puzzle swap - that will be Sept. 27.

The Rec Comm. also sponsors the Ladies Happy Hour, on the 4th Thursday of the month. We seem to be having the problem - the ladies are having a lot of fun and the guys are jealous. So we are looking for a guy to volunteer and see if he can infiltrate it and tell us how they are doing it. Meanwhile ladies, go and enjoy yourself there.

Our annual Chili Cook off AND a last Music on the Green is Oct. 5. If you have a chili receipe you want to share, come participate. This year the chili entries can be in either of two categories - traditional or free style. The basic rule for both categories is it has to be cooked there. Come on by and taste the chili, then stay for the Music on the Green at 6PM

Finally the Committee has been discussing the kids Halloween party. While we want to have one, we need a volunteer to step up and lead it. We are thinking it could be easy - we can repeat the parking lot event from last year. But, we need a leader... contact Peter Howell, or come to the Rec Committee meeting on Sept. 10, 7PM

4th ANNUAL DEERFIELD VILLAGE CHILI COOKOFF - OCTOBER 5 - 5PM

Your favorite chili chefs will be preparing their best recipes for your tasting on October 5. Fun starts at 5 PM. Music by "Get Back Ten" will entertain with Deerfield Village's last Music on the Green concert of the season beginning at 6 PM.

Sign up to enter by contacting Harry Thomson at 281-463-3959, and attending the Head Cook meeting at Clay's restaurant on September 17 at 7 PM. There are two categories: a traditional and a freestyle. Yes, it is

Texas chili. Please attend the meeting to learn the rules, preparation guidelines, and general setup considerations.

As always, this is the best of times to see all of your neighbors.

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 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.

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

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Because of the Labor Day Holiday, the Deeds Committee will not meet in September, 2013. Our next meeting will be Held Monday, October 7th, 2013, at 7:00 pm in our regular meeting location.

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 | | |
| DVCA Board | 4th Monday | 7:00 PM | Eric Toureilles | | 281-855-0312 |
| Financial Services | 3rd Tuesday of the month | 7:00 PM | Stuart Cory | Mike Feeney | 281-859-4504 |
| Landscape | 2nd Monday | 7:00 PM | Arthur McDanel | | |
| 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 | 7:00 PM | Larry Burkham | Kirk Aden | 281-855-7103 |
| Swimming Pool | 2nd Monday | 7:00 PM | Sigmund Potocki | 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.

Pet Hot Line News...

FOR ALL NEW RESIDENTS WITH PETS:

Please call me for a Pet Hotline tag for your pet. If your pet gets lost and has the tag the finder can call me and I will call you and arrange to return your pet. Tags from another city or state make it hard to get your pet back as quickly asap. The Pet Hotline tag has my home and cell #. I keep a log with a photo, breed, pet's name, your name, address and phone contact numbers. A rabies tag is great for ID, but, many Vets are not contactable 24/7 and, the finder may not be able to keep your pet several days.

SPECIAL SUMMER INFORMATION:

Pet owners: make sure the sidewalk does not burn your hand when you touch it... your dog's paws walking on the sidewalk will feel the heat and make him very hot. Also, keep your eye on your pet and pick up his "poop". Residents will appreciate it..

"In Loving Memory".. Dan and Edwina Klepac's Sophia and Glenn and Nike Sommers, Mick... best friends, bar none.

Marie Nugent: 281-859-1104



Security Stats for July, 2013

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

| Accidents: | 1 ' | Criminal Mischief: | 1 |
|----------------------|-----|----------------------|-----|
| Alarms: | 12 | Disturbance Calls: | 4 |
| Assaults: | 0 | Suspicious Vehicles: | 0 |
| Burglaries: | 0 | Suspicious Persons: | 5 |
| Burg Motor Vehicle: | 3 | Thefts: | 1 |
| Citizens Assistance: | 6 | Traffic Citations: | 0 |
| Citizens Contact: | 174 | Traffic Warnings: | 1 |
| Criminal Arrests: | 0 | Vacation Watch: | 171 |
| | | | |

Emergency telephone stickers are available at the DV Rec. Center office 281-463-2624

Pool Committee...

2013 POOL SWIM SEASON SCHEDULE

We hope you are having a great summer! The days are really heating up but, we encourage people to come to the pool, especially in the evening after dinner. It is a great way for the entire family to cool off and unwind.

SEPTEMBER 2013: Full Time Day(s) Monday – Friday Saturday and Sunday Labor Day (2nd)

Pool Times 5:00p.m. – 8:00p.m. 10:00a.m. – 8:00p.m. 10:00a.m. – 8:00p.m.

The Swimming Pool Committee meets the 2nd Monday of the Month We encourage new members to join us.



Community Services...

I hope everyone is surviving the last dog days of summer! With luck, we'll start to see some cooler weather in September. Don't forget to keep fighting the mosquitoes as we move into fall: be on the lookout for standing water - blocked gutters that don't drain, old tires and flower pots, standing water in ditches or birdbaths are all breeding grounds.

I also hope you got a look at Community Services and the other DVCA committees at the Big Event on August 24th

and are thinking about how you can contribute to life in our beautiful neighborhood. The Rec Center is looking great, and we are looking forward to more improvements next year.

Join us and help out! The Community Services Committee meets the first Monday of each month at 7:30 pm at the Rec Center. See you there!

Rick Johnson, Chair

Landscaping Committee...



Residents have ask or assumed Deerfield planted the trees a couple years ago along the greenbelt. Those were done by Harris County, they water and maintain them. Deerfield does no maintenance of these trees.

Our Committee appreciates along

with our Ground Maintenance crew the residents that keep their vines trimmed along the perimeter fence. It makes it easier for them to mow not having to dodge the branches etc hanging over the fences. It makes our Community look nicely manicured when your driving by.



BONJOUR DEERFIELD!

If you would like to learn to speak French, NOW is a perfect time! Meet with Christine every Thursday at 4:30pm at Deerfield Village Recreation Center Clubhouse for FREE French learning classes. Our instructor, Christine, is a retired French teacher with 30 years experience. Come enjoy the fun sessions!

Any books and/or materials will need to be paid by the participating resident. For questions and information, please call 281-859-1883 or 281-841-7554, email: ctoureilles@live.com





My name is Tori Walker and I am a Deer Teen that would like your help in prov those that are less fortunate than our collecting new pajamas for any age chi and new children's books to be distrik Houston area.

If you would like to help you can compared 281-468-6346 (text or call).

Tennis Committee...

Ladies Tennis Anyone?

If interested, please contact: Leslie Rupard at sunshine463lr@gmail.com

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



DEERFIELD VILLAGE TENNIS SOCIAL

OCTOBER 12TH FROM 6:00PM TO 9:00PM Have fun! Meet your neighbors! Door prizes!

Tennis Balls and Beverages Provided! • Just please bring along a snack dish.

Deerfield Christmas Bazaar Committee...

D VILLAGE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Looking for new participants!!

The Holidays will be here before we know it. The date for this year's 35th Deerfield Christmas Bazaar is November 8 & November 9. It is a fabulous show and great community event.

We have 4 meetings scheduled for this year. Dates are Sept. 18, October 1, October 16 & October 29 at 7:00pm. All meetings are at the Rec Center - Downstairs. To participate in the Bazaar, you must be a Deerfield Village Resident and attend 3 of the scheduled meetings.



If you need additional information, call Connie Corkill at 281-463-0750 or Sharon Hamilton at 281-859-0174. Hope to see you at the first meeting.

Come to our POT LUCK SUPPER...December 1st, 2013 at 5:30pm., 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!!! There will be no September event.

Mosquitoes Beware!!!

Basic spraying of the subdivision, will be once a week, between Thursday and Sunday. starting after 9:00 PM, ending before 6:00 AM, weather permitting. Spraying will end the first weekend of November..

Larvicide treatment of the storm drains on a monthly basis April - October, weather permitting.

Green Belt fogging as needed April - October, weather permit-

Chemicals used are free of carcinogenics and safe to be used around pets and children. However, don't let children run behind the spray trucks breathing the fumes, that would not be good for anyone.

LADIES! COME JOIN US! **LADIES HAPPY HOUR!**

Where: DVCA Recreation Center Clubhouse

When: Thursday, September 26th

Time: 4:00pm to 6:00pm

Please bring your own beverage!

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Center. We have a book/dvd/vhs tape/ jigsaw puzzle exchange the

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