

# DEERFIELD VILLAGE NEWS

October, 2013

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

Greetings Neighbor,

Good news to report this month regarding Annual Assessments and Security!

The DVCA budget was approved by the DVCA Board on September 23, 2013 and no increase to the Annual Assessment was needed. Thanks to all our volunteers on the DVCA Committees that donate their time to oversee all the duties needed to run the Association, while keeping expenses down. We will be sending out the Assessment invoices shortly, so be on the look-out for them. If you do not receive one by November 15th, please let us know. Remember that Assessments are due by January 1, 2014.

The Association has contracted S.E.A.L. Security Solutions to patrol Deerfield, in lieu of the Constable, effective October 18th, 2013. Contracting with S.E.A.L. will give us an increased coverage schedule, more visibility, and slightly lower our operating costs. S.E.A.L. will be 100% dedicated to the Security of Deerfield residents and homes and will be participating in every monthly Security Committee meeting. S.E.A.L. performance, resident concerns and success stories will be discussed at these meetings. I appreciate the residents that made it out to the Town Hall meeting, Board meetings, and the Deerfield festival to let us know how you feel on the subject. It was obvious that a change was needed, so we will see how this new contract works. Please note that the Association has entered an agreement for 1 year, and has the ability to terminate our relationship after 30 days without cause, if we are not happy with the service.

IMPORTANT – As a result of the change, instead of calling the Constable, you need to call 911 if it is an emergency or S.E.A.L. Security at 832 408-0200, which is a dedicated hotline for Deerfield residents only.

Calling S.E.A.L. may also result in a call to 911 and they will assist you during the call. A S.E.A.L. officer in the neighborhood will also come to assist and will likely arrive before the police, based on the patrol schedule. If you have the Constable's phone number, please remove it after October 17th, 2013, as this



number will no longer be valid. We will be sending out fridge magnets to all residents, so you can have an easy reference to the Deerfield S.E.A.L. Security Hotline. To be sure everyone gets this information, we are delivering a paper copy of the Newsletter to every home, as well as the electronic version available on our website and by email.

We have been working closely with Fred Garcia from the Flood Control and making sure that the Greenbelt ditch and grate continues to be maintained during this year's hurricane season. You might have seen them out cleaning several times over the past 60 days, a critical time for heavy rainfall from the tropics. So far this season, the activity has been low, and we are thankful. Don't forget that if you have standing water in your street, the County will come out and fix it at their expense. If you need more information, don't hesitate to call June in the DVCA office.

I hope to see some of you at the Chili cook-off on Saturday, October 5th with your families.

Take care.

#### **IMPORTANT NUMBERS:**

Flooding	713-684-4000
Gas Leaks	713-659-2111
Water & Sewer Sewer Information	281-347-8686
County Pets	.713-999-3191
Illegal Dumping	. 713-920-2831

## 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. deerfield 4@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.

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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.

October meeting is 10/15/2013

Financial status as of August 31, 2013

 YTD expenses
 \$ 410,380
 2013 Budget
 \$609,255

 YTD budget
 421,273
 Designated reserve
 \$700,803

Under/(Over) budget 10,893

Expenditures: Actual expenses continue to be at budgeted levels.

Assessments: We have collected \$642,850 (96.64%) of the 2013 assessments. We are .42% behind last years collection rate.

2014 Budget: Committees have submitted their budget for 2014. Budgets were presented to the DVCA Board on 9/23/2013. DVCA Board approved the Budget as presented.

## Mud 136 Report...

by Jay Singleton, Secretary

At its September meeting, the Board reviewed the District's operations during the previous month. In August, the District delivered 27,400,000 gallons of water. Normally, up to 95% of that water would be coming from the West Harris County Regional Water Authority (WHCRWA). However, they have been having difficulty keeping up with demand. In August, the amount they provided to us was reduced to 15 million gallons (57%), forcing us to pump almost 12 million gallons from our backup well.

In light of this we felt it was necessary to initiate Stage I of our Drought Contingency Plan, which calls for voluntary reductions in water use. Once WHCRWA returned to normal operations, we cancelled the Stage 1 alert. Since the long range weather forecasts do not look promising, and WHCRWA will continue to struggle in times of high demand, we will undoubtedly be using our

Drought Contingency Plan many times in the future.

The demand for water in our area, as well as in all of Texas, continues to grow, but the supply does not. Something needs to be done to improve the supply situation. A good first step is covered in Proposition 6 which will be on the November ballot. It will provide a mechanism for financing future water supply projects. Please study the Proposition and give it your support.

Special Recycling Day, Saturday, Nov. 2. See elsewhere in the newsletter for specific details. New this time is on-site document shredding, done while you watch. Reminder signs will be posted at all entrances several days before the event.

If you wish to comment on any of the District's activities, come to the next District meeting, which will be held on Thursday, October 10 at the Rec Center beginning at 6PM.

## Residential Recycling of Texas

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

Residential Recycling of Texas and Deerfield Village will be providing Electronic Recycling and Document Shredding. This allows residents to recycle electronic items that are not accepted with the weekly "household" recycling service and to shred/destroy any important documents. Documents will be shredded <u>on sight</u> while you watch. If you have any questions regarding this event please contact Residential Recycling at 1-866-516-9805.

#### **Details for Event**

Saturday, November 2, 2013
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 October 30.

TV's accepted – but fee of \$25.00 each for disposal NOT ACCEPTED

CFL/flourescent light bulbs Paint
Major appliances Aerosol Containers

## Trunk and Treat

Residents help us out – we will be having a Trunk or Treat at 5:00 PM n Halloween Eve. We need residents who want to provide treats to the tricksters to come down to the Rec Center



parking lot before 5:00, park and the provide treats from their trunk or pick-up bed, or bike or whatever. The event is from 5:00PM to 6:00PM. This is our way to have a safe trick or treat event for the kids. The more participants the better, so please come join us. And

if you don't want to provide treats, come join the event to admire the children in their costumes.



## Pool Committee...

We want to thank our Deerfield residents for making our Pool the fun place to be this 2013 season. We also want give a special thank you to our fantastic Life Guards for providing a fun and safe place for all. Happy Fall holidays to everyone!



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

## Community Services...

The Community Services Committee meets the 1st Monday of each Month. We encourage new members to join us.



## YOGA IN OCTOBER!

2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th Wednesdays at 7:00pm.
All residents are welcome!

Come out to the Rec Center Annex (upstairs) and treat yourself to a strength building and deeply relaxing class.

Bring water and a mat. Classes are donation based.

Feel free to contact Kimberly at 512-529-8948, if you have any questions. Hope to see you there!



## **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, 8:30 AM – it's Coffee and Donuts! It's open to ALL residents – and is a great place to visit with your neighbors, share experiences with different repairmen, and hear the news in the neighborhood. On the last Friday of the month we have a DVD/Book/Jigsaw puzzle swap – bring one, take one..

#### Chili Cook Off!

October 5th – Chili Cook Off! Our annual chili cooks off, at the Rec Center. Get your recipe and team ready. General chili tasting is at 5:00PM, and the last Music on the Green of the year follows at 6:00PM!

#### Halloween Trunk or Treat

October 31st Halloween Trunk or Treat. At the Rec Center parking lot, 5:00PM to 6:00PM. Residenst are encouraged to come and provide treats from their cars to our neighborhood children.

### Children's Snow Party!

December 8th, 2:00PM the annual Children's Snow Party! Come play in the snow, and visit wth Santa!

#### **New Year Eve Party**

December 31st adult New Year Eve Party. It starts at 8:00PM. There will be live music for those wanting a time to be with their partner, and a casino upstairs for those wanting some action. Details to follow.

## Recreation Committee...

In September we did not have a Labor day pool party – for lack of volunteers – but we did have a nice Ice Cream Social on Sept. 15th. We sold virtually all the ice cream – people really liked chocolate. We survey'ed the people attending to see what events they like and are interested in; we will be doing that again at the Chili Cook Off/Music on the Green on Oct. 5.

Speaking of that – we are still welcoming teams. Cooking will be through the afternoon, with judging about 5PM when the tasting starts. The tasting is free, so come on down and try out the chili's. This year there are two categories: traditional chili, and open class chili. The chili cook off will be followed at 6:00PM with the last Music on the Green. It will be classic rock, rockin' into the evening.

Halloween – we have had a couple of people volunteer to lead the event! We will be repeating what we did last year – a "Trunk or Treat" in the Rec Center parking lot. We are hoping residents will volunteer and show up to provide treats for the kids, from the trunks of their cars. This makes for a safe trick or treating especially for

younger kids. And there will be a cake walk and other surprises (parents bring your cameras). This year we will be having a prize for the best 'trunk' decoration, and best adult costume. However, there is no need to either dress up or decorate. The event will be from 5:00PM to 6:00PM on Halloween. (Sorry – no prizes for best kids costumes – there are too many good ones...)

You may have noticed our newest approach to publicize events – we are putting more street signs everywhere we can. Our survey information suggests this is the most effective way to communicate an event. We are being careful to have the signs out only for the few days immediately before an event, and to take them down immediately afterwards. We appreciate the support of those residents who have allowed us to put signs in their yards, and all of the residents who have not removed the signs prematurely.

We are working on the Children's Snow Party in December, and an adult New Year Eve party. The New Year Eve party will be a cocktail party with music, and casino games upstairs for those who want to gamble. Plan on attending – it's Dec. 31!

# 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.

1 **COOK-0** 

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 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

#### 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

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

Committee	Meeting Dates*	Time	Board Trustee	Committee Chair	Phone
Community Services	1st Monday	7:30 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

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

## Tennis Committee...

# Interested in playing more tennis and meeting your neighbors?

Join the Deerfield Tennis ladder! Please send your name, contact information, skill level (USTA rating or Beg/Inter/Adv) to deerfieldvillagetennis@yahoo.com.





## DEERFIELD VILLAGE TENNIS SOCIAL All Ages

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

Tennis Balls and Beverages
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along a snack dish.

#### TENNIS COMMITTEE:

We are committed to keeping our tennis amenities some of the best in the area, while getting the most "bang for our buck" on maintaining them. We are a fun group that enjoys our part in the Community Association. Anyone interested in joining our Committee is always welcome to come to our meetings on the first Wednesday night of every month @ 8:00pm. We look forward to meeting new friends!!!

Contact:

Deerfieldvillagetennis@yahoo.com

## Ladies Tennis Anyone?

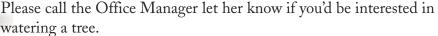
If interested, please contact: Leslie Rupard at sunshine463lr@gmail.com

## Landscaping Committee...

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We've survived another summer without much rain. We did have some sprinkler issues, repairs were done.

We've had to remove some dead trees. We'd like to plant some new trees if any resident would like to volunteer to water a tree to get it established.





## 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 Deerfield Teen that would like your help in providing for those that are less fortunate than ourselves. I am collecting new pajamas for any age child or teen and new children's books to be distributed in the Houston area.

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

#### Security Stats for August, 2013

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

Accidents:	1	Burg Motor Vehicle:	1	Criminal Mischief:	1	Thefts:	1
Alarms:	6	Citizens Assistance:	1	Disturbance Calls:	2	Traffic Citations:	6
Assaults:	0	Citizens Contact:	151	Suspicious Vehicles:	0	Traffic Warnings:	18
Burglaries:	0	Criminal Arrests:	0	Suspicious Persons:	3	Vacation Watch:	120

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

## 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 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 still have 3 meetings scheduled for this year. Dates are 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!!!

## 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, October 24th

**Time:** 4:00pm to 6:00pm

Please bring your own beverage!

## Coffee & Donuts

Every Friday in October from 8:30 AM to

10:00 AM at the Rec Center. We have a book/dvd/vhs tape/ jig-

saw puzzle exchange the last Friday of the Month.

**Coffee and Donuts is** 

open to all human residents - come visit, sip coffee, and share what's happening.



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#### HAVE YOU CONSIDERED SELLING, BUT DON'T WANT THE HASSLE?

This is not a solicitation to list your home. I have a qualified buyer who is interested in Deerfield Village. Nothing on the current market has appealed to them, so I'm actively looking for a home owner who is wanting to sell, but may not want the hassle of being on the market; timing could be worked out so relocation is not a problem. There is a simple agreement between my company and the owner that would allow me to show it to my buyer. Please call for details. This buyer prefers a one story, 3-4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, SF from 2100-2700; will look at 2 story if master is down.

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