

DEERFIELD VILLAGE NEWS

June, 2014

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

Presidents Report

Greetings Neighbor,

First, I'd like to wish all the fathers out there a Happy Father's Day, enjoy your day!

The County is making an improvement by installing a Guard Rail along Clay Road, starting west from Deerfield Village entrance to Randalls, along their easement. This is in response to the safety issue facing the residents living along that side of the road. There has been an unusual amount of incidents of cars coming through the fences of these residential properties, with one going into a resident's pool. Luckily, there were no children playing in the back yards or families in the pool. The busier Clay Road gets, the more potential incidents. The County will be installing this in June, probably within the next two weeks.

Please note we have replaced the Greenbelt sign in the Rec. Center area, which illustrates the Greenbelt Trail, notating certain distance markers and added the exercise station areas. We have also added the same sign on the other side of the Greenbelt. These signs were in desperate need of replacing.

With summer upon us and children out of school, remember that the pool is open during the week and weekends, so come cool off and enjoy time with your family or mingle with other residents. See pool schedule inside the newsletter.



With all the rain, we were not able to enjoy the Memo-

rial Day party, but our thoughts are with those who died in active military service.

Upcoming is the 4th of July party, and with Deerfield tradition, we will start with the children's parade, slide will be open and plenty of pool games. If you are new to Deerfield, come enjoy this event and meet your neighbors.

Go Deerfield Dolphins and congratulations on 36 years!!

Take care.

MOBIL VET CLINIC

Need to have your pet shots/vaccinations up-to-date???

For your convenience, the Mobil Vet Clinic will be at the

Deerfield Village Recreation Center Parking Lot on:

DATE: SUNDAY JULY 13TH

FROM: 10:30- 2:30



The rained out Memorial Day Party has been rescheduled as a special party celebrating the end of school: June 6, 1 to 3PM. There will be hot dogs and games!

IMPORTANT NUMBERS:

ANY Police, Fire or Ambulance Emergency 9	ון Flooding
S.E.A.L Neighborhood Patrol 832-408-02	200 Gas Leaks
Trash Pick-up	14/ 1 0 0
Curb Damage (No Patio Home Curbs) 281-463-65	0 1 5 1
Power Outage	

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. 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

Plastic, paper, cardboard, metal

Prearranged Pick Up: All other items, hazardous household materials. Weather permitting.

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 7am-4pm

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

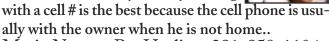
Nothing but water should go down our storm drains.

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. A tag



Marie Nugent Pet Hotline 281-859-1104



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

Security Committee...



DVCA NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

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 Deerfield Village Website, (www.deerfieldvillage.net). The Neighborhood Watch program contains information that can help keep your home and family safe and secure.

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. 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, preferably by email (grhintz@att.net).

Thanks for your help,

George Hintz,

Vice Chairman of DVCA Security

Committee

Phone: 281-398-0533 Email: grhintz@att.net.com

Security Stats for

April, 2014 ACTIVITIES

Assistance	0	Information	1
Alarm	1	Disturbance	2
Animal	2	Solicitors	1
Burglary of a Habitation	1	Susp. Activity	1
Burglary Motor Vehicle	0	Susp. Person(s)	4
EMS	0	Susp Vehicles	5
DWI	0	Resident Interactions	100
House Watch	23	Call Center Calls	82
Vehicle Theft	0		

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

Tennis Committee...

Great way to meet Deerfield Village Tennis Players! If interested, please email: deerfieldvillagetennis@yahoo.com along with your name, telephone number and skill level (USTA Rating or Beg/Inter/Adv).

Ladies Tennis Anyone?

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

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



Harris County MUD 136 At Your Door Special CollectionSM Service **How To Prepare**

For Your Hard-to-Recycle Materials Collection Day

Harris County MUD No. 136 and Waste Management are proud to announce a New At Your Door Special Collection Service to your community. Thank you for choosing this environmentally friendly option for proper management of your home generated hard-to-recycle materials. Please take a moment to read these instructions. If you have any questions, you can call TOLL FREE (800) 449-7587 Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. CST Leave a message after hours, weekends and holidays.

There are three easy ways to schedule a collection and receive Kit Bag for Collection!

Email: ATYOURDOOR@WM.COM Go to: WMATYOURDOOR.COM

Call 1-800-449-7587

MATERIALS ELIGIBLE FOR COLLECTION.

Many household, automotive and garden chemicals can be accepted but not all. Items most commonly accepted have been listed below. All items must be placed inside the bag except those items listed as acceptable for outside the bag. If you have any questions about what may be placed in your bag, please call (800) 449-7587.

Examples of Acceptable Materials that				Unacceptable Materials*			
		<u>IUST</u> be place side the Kit Ba				Items Improperly Packaged for Transportation	All Medicines
Automotive Products Antifreeze Cleaners Motor Oil	Garden Chemicals Insect Sprays Weed Killers Other Poisons	Household Cleaners Bleach Cleaning Compounds	Flammable & Combustible Materials Gasoline and diesel fuel	Mercury Thermostats Thermometers Switches Other Devices		Biological Waste Construction Materials	Empty Containers Asbestos
Oily Rags Polishes Waxes Used oil filters	Fertilizers Paint Latex	Floor Stripper Drain Cleaner Tile Remover Tile Cleaners	Certain Cleaners/ Waxes	Cleaners/ Household Waxes Batteries —	Smoke Detectors	Tires	
Fluids: Transmission,	Oil-based Thinners Artist's paint	Rust Remover Sharps	Swimming Pool Chemicals Pool Acid Chlorine: Driveway S (max. 5 g Other poiso flammable combust	rps Pool Chemicals Pool Acid Chlorine: Swimming Pool (max. 5 gal.) Other poisonous, flammable and combustible		Unknown Materials	Radioactive Material
Windshield washer, Brake and	Spray Stripper Stains	(In a sealed, rigid container)				Pressurized Cylinders	Fire Extinguishers
Hydraulic	Caulking Acceptable I	Materials for Out	tablets, liquid side the Bag*	materials		Ammunition Leaking	Explosives Unlabeled
Vehicle	Fluorescent Tubes and	Televisions	One	Peripheral Items with Circuit Boards:		Containers	Containers
Batteries	CFL's	Lin to 1	Computer System: One each-			Items in Containers Over 5 Gallons	Business supplies from homes
Up to 4	Keyboard, Mouse, CD Players Cords	CD Players, Phones, Related		Commercial Products	Trash, including bulky items		
			Printers	Up to 25#			
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Photos from our last Music on the Green...









Community Services...

The Community Services Committee meets the 1st Monday of each Month.

We encourage new members to join us.

Mud 136 Report...

By Jay Singleton, Board Secretary

At its May meeting the directors reviewed the results of April's business including the report from the District's tax assessor/collector, which shows that 98.5% of property taxes due have been collected. We thank all of you who paid your taxes promptly, and for those few of you who have not, a warning that, as of June 1, a 20% penalty is assessed in addition to the monthly interest charge. Your taxes go toward the maintenance and operation of the District. MUD 136 serves 1059 single family residences in Deerfield Village. It also provides, under commercial contracts, water and/or sewer services to Wilson Elementary, Randall's, Chevron, Walgreens, Pine Forest Country Club, Deerfield Park, Clay's Restaurant, and Stacey Plaza. The District is managed by a board of directors. Administrative and operational functions are contracted to outside consultants or contractors. Those functions include bookkeeping, engineering, legal counsel, tax assessor/collector, and facility operator. More information about the District is available at its website, www.hcmud136.org.

In the past we have held special recycling days to recycle electronic equipment and other items not taken in the weekly pick up. We now have a new, more convenient way to recycle those special items as well as hazardous household chemicals. See the insert in this month's newsletter for complete details. This special program is handled, not by our weekly recycler, but by Waste Management Corp. Questions about this program should be directed to them at 800-448-7187.

If you have questions about any aspect of the District's operations, you can ask them during the resident comment period at the beginning of our monthly meeting. The next meeting will be held on June 12, beginning at 6:00 PM at the rec center. The meeting agenda is posted at the rec center bulletin board several days before the meeting.

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. See you June 26th, 2014. 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!

Friday Morning - Coffee and Donuts @ 8:30AM - Every week, and the last one of the month is paperback/dvd/jigsaw puzzle exchange. Bring one, take one. Bring a friend, make new friends, come have a cup of coffee or tea and visit with your neighbors.

July 4th Party -

Come join the fun - first with our July 4th Bicycle/wagon/car parade, starting at the Rec Center, a pool party and pool slide, and more. And there will be food available, all in keeping with the July 4th festivities. More information in next month's newsletter.

Adults Only Night at the Rec Center

Saturday, August 9th from 7-10PM BYOB and Snacks. 60's and 70's music by DJ Chip Conner

Come to our POT LUCK SUPPER on Sunday September 7th, 2014 at 5:30pm at the Rec Center Clubhouse.

Join us at 5:30pm to meet and visit. Dinner is at 6:00pm. Bring a dish to share with your neighbors...a Family Specialty Dish is always a delightful treat! This event is open to ALL Deerfield Village residents. (Note: there is a small \$1.00 fee per person to cover paper goods.) We are looking forward to seeing you there!!!

Recreation Committee...

At the last minute a volunteer came forward to do the Memorial Day Pool Party. So we had the slide, food arranged, games planned, extra life guards scheduled, and boy, did we ever get rained out. So it seems it was not meant to be. We are renting a new slide this year – it's bigger than last year's slide. We still have the hot dogs ready for cooking, and some soft drinks, so we have a make-up date, celebrating the end of school: June 6, 1 to 3PM. There will be hot dogs and games! Watch the Deerfield Village Facebook page and the email blasts for information.

Two volunteers have come forward to plan and run a great July 4th Party. There will be a parade – this time with cars going through the neighborhood. If you have a classic car, or a motorcycle, or a convertible, or anything else, come join our July 4th Parade, from the Rec Center about 1:00PM. After the parade there will be some games, a pool party, music and more. The event is still being planned and we expect it will be the best July

4th Celebration in recent years. See the information article elsewhere in the newsletter for more details.

Speaking of motorcycles – a few residents have asked about starting a motorcycle riding club in the neighborhood. The initial idea is once a month they would get together for a ride through the country. We still are not sure how much interest there would be. If you have interest, come join us for the July 4th parade so we know if we have enough riders to try the idea out.

In May we had the second Music on the Green. While it got off to a late start, it was great music and the crowd enjoyed it. We are adding another Music on the Green in September, since these seem to be very popular events. Also, in August we will have an evening adult social. More on that and other events in next month's newsletter.

We meet the 2d Tuesday of the month at 7:00PM. The meetings are short but effective. Come join us.



CAN YOU STILL PARTY AND DANCE TIL YOU DROP?

COME JOIN US FOR <u>ADULTS ONLY</u> NIGHT AT THE REC CENTER CLUBHOUSE ON

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9TH FROM: 7:00PM TO 10:00PM

60's and 70's Music brought to you by popular DJ Chip Conner!

BYOB AND SNACKS!

Celebrate the best music in decades! No admission fee!

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.

THINKING ABOUT OWNING A PET???

You may not consider owning a pet IF:

You don't have time to get it's shots and check for heartworm.

You don't have time to get a collar with ID and a phone # on a tag.

You don't have the time to walk it on a leash and pick up the poop.

You just don't have the time.

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	Lynetta Morrell	
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	Ben Sommers	281-855-9235
Swimming Pool	2nd Monday	7:00 PM	Sigmund Potocki	Glenn Sommers	281-855-7716
Tennis	1st Wednesday	8:00 PM	Marie Nugent	Ray Sarmiento	281-954-5133

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

2014 POOL SWIM SEASON SCHEDULE

JUNE 2014: 1st then Full Time beginning JUNE 3rd

<u>Day(s)</u>	Pool Times
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Saturday (Swim Team Meet: 14th) 2:00p.m. – 9:00p.m.

Monday (2nd, 9th, 16th) CLOSED

Tuesday – Thursday (3rd - 5th) 11:00a.m. – 4:00p.m. Friday (6th Last day of School) 11:00a.m. – 9:00p.m.

Tuesday – Friday (6th – 19th) 11:00a.m. – 9:00p.m.

Adults Only Swim 11:00a.m. – 12:00 Noon

Tuesday – Friday (beginning 20th) 10:00a.m. – 9:00p.m.

Adults Only Swim 10:00a.m. – 11:00a.m.

Monday (23rd and 30th) 5:00p.m. – 9:00p.m.

Saturday and Sunday 10:00a.m. – 9:00p.m.

JULY 2014: Full Time

<u>Day(s)</u> <u>Pool Times</u>

Monday 5:00p.m. – 9:00p.m. Tuesday – Sunday 10:00a.m. – 9:00p.m.

Adults Only Swim

10:00a.m. – 11:00a.m.

AUGUST 2014: Full Time

Day(s) Pool Times

Monday (4th, 11th, and 18th) 5:00p.m. – 9:00p.m.

Tuesday – Friday (1st – 22nd) 10:00a.m. – 9:00p.m.

Adults Only Swim 10:00a.m. – 11:00a.m.

Monday – Friday (25th – 29th) 5:00p.m. – 8:00p.m.

Saturday and Sunday 10:00a.m. – 9:00p.m.

Adults Only Swim 1 0:00a.m. – 11:00a.m.

SEPTEMBER 2014: 1st-14th; 20th, 21st, 27th, and 28th

Day(s) Pool Times

Monday – Friday 5:00p.m. – 8:00p.m. Saturday and Sunday 10:00a.m. – 8:00p.m.

Adults Only Swim 10:00a.m. – 11:00a.m.

Labor Day (2nd) 10:00a.m. – 8:00p.m.

Financial Services Committee...

Meetings: Meetings are the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm to review the financial status of our community. The next meeting will be June, 17, 2014.

Financial status as of April 30, 2014

YTD expenses \$ 171,275 2014 Operating/Reserve Budget \$676,882

YTD budget \$ 167,731

Under/(Over) budget \$ (3,544) Designated reserve \$766,909

Expenditures: Actual expenses continue to be inline with budget. Variance is caused by the spreading . of the budget.

Assessments: Through April 2014 we have collected 94.81% of the 2014 assessments. The YTD collection rate is .16% ahead of the 2013 rate.

Note: On July 1 liens will be filed on properties that have unpaid assessments. To avoid lien and attorney fees please pay outstanding balance.

PLEASE do not discard or leave food out for animals on the Greenbelt.

It has come to our attention that residents of homes along the Greenbelt are intentionally and increasingly placing leftover food items outside near or on the Greenbelt. Whether they are intended for the birds, squirrels, loose cats, or stray dogs, it is not healthy for the animals, could cause choking, and is considered littering. This food is also creating havoc for the owners of leashed dogs as the dogs are enticed toward the food and it is not known whether the food has been poisoned.

DEERFIELD RESIDENTS AND PET OWNERS!

Folks, we have a PET POOP problem

OUR Community needs your help! If you are able to take your dog for a walk on the Greenbelt, you are also able to take a plastic bag that weighs less than an ounce in order to pick up the poop.

For those of you that let your pet run along with you, do so, AFTER your pet has pooped and you have scooped. Letting your pet walk behind you does not let you see when the pet poops.

Let's be more mindful of others. Please be a responsible pet owner and CLEAN UP THE POOP when walking

your pet outdoors! When your pet poops on the Deer-field Village Common Areas/Greenbelt, it stinks, it's easy to step on, but somehow you just can't make your-self pick it up! Poop also pollutes your environment and contains bacteria that pose a health risk to people. When it rains or storms, the poop get washed into the streets and flows down the storm drain into area bayous and waterways where people may come into contact with it. Consider buying a handy pooper scooper, bring along a grocery bag or newspaper bag, tie it off to seal it and throw it in the trash. This will make the task easier!

BONJOUR DEERFIELD!

If you would like to learn to speak French, NOW is a perfect time!

Meet with Christine, who is a retired French teacher with 30+ years experience! You will enjoy the weekly fun sessions!

Tuesdays from 6:00pm to 7:00pm Wednesdays from 11:00am to 12:00noon

For venue, questions and information, please call 281-859-1883 or 281-841-7554,

email: ctoureilles@live.com

Phone: 713-303-1018



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.



Coffee & **Donuts**

Every Friday in June from 8:30 AM to 10:00 AM at the Rec Center. We have a book/dvd/vhs tape/ jigsaw 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.

Landscaping Committee...

luvfurpets@gmail.com

Landscape needs volunteers! One meeting a month at 7:00pm 2nd Monday of the month at the recreation center. Sidewalks are being repaired as this newsletter is being prepared. A tree trimming session has just been completed. Come to our meetings so we can brain storm with you how to accomplish what we all want; a wonderful community to live in!



LADIES! COME JOIN US! LADIES HAPPY HOUR!

Where: DVCA Recreation Center Clubhouse

When: June 26 th, 2014

Time: 4:00pm to 6:00pm

Please bring your own beverage!



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1) Livable Outdoor Spaces: Think comfort with oversized chairs/sofas/tables made for outside; Enhancing your patio with brick pavers or decks and the Lighting with LED or solar units and don't forget that Home Value is Increased with Outdoor Kitchens. 2) Low-Maintenance Landscapes: Utilizing drought-tolerant native plants helps when water is rationed. 3) Gardening for Wellness: Consumers say that homegrown vegetables taste better, are better for you and the activity can burn calories while you get better nutrition.

Equal Housing Opportunity, Information is deemed reliable, however, we can not guarantee accuracy.