

# DEERFIELD VILLAGENews

January 2018

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

#### DEERFIELD VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

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The Office Hours are: Monday thru Friday: 9:30 – 1:30

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### President's Report

Greetings Neighbor,

Happy New Year to all! We had an interesting December, as we got snow in Deerfield, in addition to our traditional snow day party for all the kids.

We will also have our New Year's Polar Bear Swim on January 1st, starting at 1PM for the brave. The Swim Pool committee has re-plastering the pool, and it looks great!

We have a new Trustee on the DVCA Board, Doug Landry was voted in on December 13th to fill the vacancy of Brian Harris.

Please be sure that you have mailed-in your Annual Assessment, as it is due by January 1st, and becomes delinquent after January 31st, 2018. Late fees are \$100, and interest will accrue. New residents, if you have not received an invoice, please contact the office immediately, 281-463-2624.

The 2018 DVCA Trustee Elections are February 27 through March 2nd this year (see page 5 for voting times and details), and if you are interested in running for election, the deadline is January 10th. There are 3 open positions for 2018 and the term is for 3 years. Everyone should exercise their right to vote, so please come out and vote. The newly elected Trustees will be announced at the Annual meeting of the Members on March 13th, at 7PM. The 2018 Election Committee is led by Bruce Bott this year, with Alan Vera as Vice Chair and Members Dave Flick, and Tina Mion our Office Manager.

Our Troop 120 boys will be selling mulch, topsoil, fertilizer, etc. for their annual fundraiser to attend Summer Camp and/ or High Adventure. The boys will be delivering to your house on February 23rd, 24th & 25th. Please be sure you have

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them set the mulch in an area not visible from the street, if you do not plan to spread it right away. Cut-off for orders are January 26th, so please call us or visit the Troop 120 website if you do not hear from one of the Scouts, www.bsatroop120.com.

As we make New Year resolutions, I ask you to consider reaching out to one of the Deerfield committees that you would enjoy serving on, and help out as a volunteer. You can decide the amount of commitment. There are one-time events and options to serve more regularly. Having volunteers on our Board and Committees are what allows us to have such a low Annual Maintenance Fee. It is also a great way to meet your neighbors and make new friends.

Please be advised that the Next Board meeting is January 22nd at the Deerfield Clubhouse at 7PM.

Garage sale is coming up in March...see details inside if you are interested!

Take care and have a prosperous 2018!! Eric



# **Important Information**

DEERFIELD HELPFUL NUMBERS	
DVCA Office	281-463-2624
Email: deerfield	
S.E.A.L	
Clay Road Courthouse Annex	281-463-2446
Harris Cty. Sheriff's Non-Emergency	713-221-6000
Fire & EMS Non-Emergency	
State Highway Dept	713-802-5076
Harris County Pct. 3 Commissioner's O	ffice
Must have address to Report	281-463-6300
Grafitti Public Str. Signs & Curb	201 400 0000
Public Str. Repair (NO Patio Homes	s)
Road Damage (NO Patio Home	
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SCHOOLS	204 207 4000
Cy-Fair School District Admin	
Peggy Wilson Elementary (K-5)	281-463-5941
Watkins Jr. High (6-8)	281-463-5850
Cypress Lakes HS	281-856-3800
Bear Creek Library	281-550-0885
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UTILITY INFORMATION	
Report Gas Leaks	713-659-2111
Center-Point & Street Light Repair	
Have 6 digit # from pole & address	
AT&T	
Trash Pick-up	281-368-8397
Water & Sewer Info. MUD #136	742 020 2024
Illegal Dumping	
Flooding	/ 13-004-4000
OTHER NUMBERS	
Harris County Public Health & Environn	nental Services
(HCPHES)	740 074 0000
Includes Public Nuisance Report www.hcphes.org	/ 13-2/4-6300
Harris County Pets (Animal Control)	281_999_3191
Humane Wildlife Removal	281-354-8690
Texas Wildlife Rehabilitation	713-468-8972
MTA Buses (Routes & Schedules)	
Alcoholics Anonymous (24 hours)	
Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse	
Legal Advice & Info	
Battered Women Children	
Battered Women & Children	
Crisis Hotline (Suicide Prevention)	
Children's Protective Svcs (CPS)	713-394-4000
Poison Control (24 hours)	1-800-222-1222
Rape Crisis (24 hours)	713-528-7273

Submit articles, photos and ads to the DVCA office, or email: deerfield4@sbcglobal.net prior to the 18th of the month.

#### **Welcome to Deerfield Village**

If you are a new resident to Deerfield Village, please feel free to stop by the DVCA office, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 9:30 am and 1:30 pm to obtain a Welcome Packet. The packet contains information regarding our subdivision. If you wish to have access to the tennis courts and/or bathrooms, you will need to complete the Application for an Access Control Card, available in the DVCA office. Each household can have up to 2 cards at no charge. If you would like to become involved on one of our committees, a meeting schedule is located inside this newsletter. For inquires, you may contact the DVCA office at 281-463-2624 or email deerfield4@sbcglobal.net. Visit our website, www.deerfieldvillageonline.com to learn more and see a complete list of our Deed Restrictions.

# 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 go to our website: www.deerfieldvillageonline.com and Click on "Create a Resident Account." Then fill in the information requested.

#### Keep Deerfield Bright at Night...

Please report Street Lights and Greenbelt Lights that are out to the DVCA Office; phone: 281-463-2624. 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 Center-Point Energy at the following website:

http://www.centerpointenergy.com Click on the "Report a Streetlight Outage" located in the middle of the page. You can then click the "request form" and complete the requested information and submit.

# 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.

#### **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 Waste Corporation of America: 281-368-8397. Hours of operation are 7 am to 7 pm, office hours are 7 am to 4 pm. Pick-up days are Tuesday and Friday. Heavy trash day is Friday, limit 1 heavy item per service day per household. Please do not put your trash out until Monday or Thursday evening.

## **MUD** 136 Report

by Jay Singleton, Secretary

At its December meeting, the Board reviewed the District's water and sewer operations during the previous month. The Directors also discussed the fee increase that the West Harris County Regional Water Authority (WHCRWA) charges for the water it delivers to us. This fee is shown on your water bill next to the letters W.H.C.R.W.A. In 2017 it was \$2.85/ 1000 gal. For 2018, it will be \$3.10. The fee has been increasing annually since 2008, when it started out at \$1.25/ 1000 gal. Revenue from the fee goes toward retiring the bonds used to build the 36 inch pipeline that delivers water to Deerfield. It is also being used to finance the new 96 inch pipeline that will serve western Harris County.

We expect the annual rate increase to continue in the years to come, at least through 2025. Reducing the amount of water you use not only will offset the increased cost, but will also help preserve the very limited natural resource. 75% of the earth is covered with water. 97% of that water is too salty to be used. 2% of it is fresh, but is tied up in glaciers, ice caps and permafrost, or is too far underground to be of use. We humans must deal with the remaining 1% of the world's water.

Conservation of this precious resource is essential. Conservation tip: During the Winter months watering should be done sparingly. St Augustine grass has gone dormant and does not need to be watered unless there has been no rainfall for several weeks. This is true also for trees and shrubs. Let's all make a New Year's resolution to use water wisely.

If you have questions or comments about any District business, plan to attend the next District meeting, which will be held on Thursday, January 11, at the Rec Center beginning at 6PM.

#### **NOTICE: 2018 Assessments DUE!**

\$650.00 for single family homes \$730.00 for Patio Homes

Assessment were due by 12/31/2017 and is considered delinquent and subject to late a late fee of \$100.00 and interest after 1/31/2018. Also, be aware that after 1/31/2018, unpaid accounts will have Access Control Cards deactivated. You will also be unable to rent the facilities, have access to the DVCA pool and participate in the Garage Sale until the account is paid in full.

Consolidated Management Services 128 Vision Park Blvd, Suite 110 Shenandoah, TX 78384

### Financial Services Committee

Meetings are the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm in the Clubhouse to review the financial status of our community. The next meeting will be **January 16**, **2018** 

Financial status as of November 30, 2017

YTD expenses YTD budget	\$610,498 \$601,566
Under/ (Over)/budget Annual Operating Budget	\$(8,932) \$665,138
Annual Reserve Budget	\$87,802

The YTD assessment collection rate is 98.3%. The collection rate is the same as 2016 comparable rate.

Assessment invoices should have been received. If you haven't received one by now contact Consolidated Management Cheryl Beisert (281-296-9775 ext207) to request a copy.

# Community Services Committee

The Community Services Committee handles a variety of duties including building maintenance, Greenbelt lighting, pest control, vandalism repair and much more. This mainly includes sharing of ideas, meeting with vendors, contract negotiation, and decision making. The most recent project was the installation of acoustical panels in the Clubhouse. By the time you receive this newsletter, some adjustments will have been made to the panels, so we hope this will help with the noise reduction even more.

So many things go into making Deerfield a safe, attractive, and fun place to live. The ongoing requirements and improvements of the neighborhood are paid for by your yearly assessment. Our committee only consists of 3 members. We would love to hear your fresh new ideas to Keep Deerfield Great, so won't you please consider joining our committee.

We meet the 1st Monday of the month. Due to the holiday, January's meeting will be held on January 8th, in the Small Meeting Room (across from the office). Future meetings are: February 5th and March 5th.

Help Community Services Keep
Deerfield Great in 2018!

### **Recreation Committee**

Recreation Committee wrapped up the year with a December Adult Social and the annual Snow Party. The Adult Social was very well attended with 56 people. We have found our maximum indoor feasible attendance is 60, so this was almost capacity. Lesson learned, our events have become very popular, so get your tickets early. The next Adult Social is planned for Feb. 24th. The Snow Party had crafts as well as snow, Santa, and refreshments. The crowd was very good, perhaps slightly less than normal but very close, and they seemed to stay longer than past years. We will be considering how to refresh the party again next December.

We are looking forward to 2018, working to make the events even better. Currently we plan on our minimum 14 events – 3 family/children pool parties, 3 seasonal children's parties, 4 family Music on the Greens, and 4 adult socials. In addition, we support the Ladies' monthly social, coffee and donuts, poker, bunco, and other Deerfield social events. We also support the Men's Group which has moved forward on helping the neighborhood on many small things.

In December, there was work done on the downstairs meeting room at the Clubhouse to address sound issues —especially noise clutter. The changes seemed to improve the sound situation, but not as much as we had hoped, so we will be working with Community Services to do further improvements. Sound baffling has been added as well as new and bigger carpets. Still sound bounces of the walls and makes social events very noisy. We know some people still do not enjoy the remaining noise. Hopefully you will notice the improvements so far, and understand we will be doing more.

And something new we are trying –Men's Group members will be organizing a Deerfield Village Talent Night. See the article elsewhere in the newsletter. It will be 7PM, on January 27th, for adults. If you have talent, come share it with us.

Lastly, mark your calendars for the 2018 Garage Sale on Mach 24th. It's that once a year chance opportunity to unload treasures you no longer want to move on to someone else. Registration forms will be in the February and March newsletters.

Happy New Year to all & we hope to see you soon!

QUILTING

Janie McIntosh 713-705-3569 2nd Wednesday 12PM - 4PM

# **Landscape Committee**

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We are all probably still sorting out which of our New Year's Resolutions are feasible and doable, right? To diet, exercise, eat healthier, you know the drill.

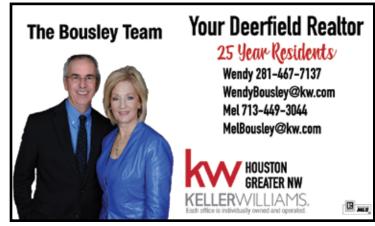
There is one resolution that would be easy and make a world of difference for our community. You live here and hopefully enjoy some of the perks. Participate in one of the HOA Committee's. It's a one meeting a month commitment, usually for Landscape one hour. Next Landscape meeting is January 8, 2018 at 7:00pm main meeting room at the recreation center. If Landscaping is not your thing, although it isn't just about planting flowers folks... It's about a lot more:

Tree Trimming
Maintenance of common grounds
Planting Flowers, yes, you're right, sometimes it is about planting flowers
Sidewalk maintenance
Any and everything to do with common areas.

You live here, you pay homeowner dues, aren't you interested, and wouldn't you like a say in your community? We are not interested in having a management company take over and our committee is down to 2 members.

THINK ABOUT IT! IT'S A PAINLESS DECISION!





# Applications are now being accepted for 3 positions on the Board of Trustees.

Members are encouraged to apply by using the Application Form provided on the back of this page and submitting it to the Association Office.

#### **Important Dates:**

Close of Nominations will be Wednesday, January 10th.

#### **Posting of Nominees:**

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

#### Election:

Tuesday through Friday, February 27 through March 2, between 9:30am thru 1:30pm and on Saturday March 3, between the hours of 10:00 am and 2:00 pm.

#### **Annual Meeting of the Members:**

March 13th at 6:30pm announce the election results

#### **Annual Board Meeting:**

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

#### **Position of Trustees:**

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

#### **Current Trustees:**

#### Term Expires 2018

Eric Toureilles - President Mark Klodzinski – Vice President Open Position

#### Term Expires 2019:

Dave Flick Geri Hudson Louis Carpenter

#### Term Expires 2020:

Brent Burris Bruce Bott Open Position

#### 2018 Election Committee:

Bruce Bott – Chair Alan Vera – Vice Chair Dave Flick – Member Tina Mion – Non-Member

#### **APPLICATION FOR TRUSTEE – 2018**

Please fill out this application and mail or return to: Deerfield Village Community Association, Inc.

> 4045 Deerfield Village Drive Houston, TX 77084 Office: 281-463-2624 Fax: 281-463-7679

> Deadline: January 10, 2018

NAME:
LENGTH OF RESIDENCY:
ADDRESS:
PHONE NUMBER:
EMAIL ADDRESS:
EXPERIENCE:
COMMUNITY SERVICE:
WHAT DO YOU HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH AS A
BOARD MEMBER?

# 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	
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		Mike Feeney	281-859-4504
Landscape	2nd Monday	7:00 PM	Mark Klodzinski	Lynetta Morrell	
MUD #136	2nd Thursday	6:00 PM	Eric Toureilles		281-855-0312
Recreation Center	1st Friday	9:30 AM	Geri Hudson	Peter Howell	281-463-1360
Security	1 st Tuesday	7:00 PM	Dave Flick	Glenn Sommers	281-855-7716
Swimming Pool	2nd Monday	7:00 PM	Louis Carpenter	Glen Brosch	
Tennis	1st Wednesday	8:00 PM		Mark Tinne	

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

# **Deerfield Village January 2018**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 1 pm Polar Bear Swim	2 1 pm Maj Jongg (C/H) 7 pm Security (C/H)	3 8 pm Tennis (C/H) 6:30 pm Yoga (A)	9 am Men's Group C/H 7 pm Bridge (C/H)	5 8:30 am C&D (C/H) Rec. Comm Mtg	6
7	7pm Landscape C/H 7 pm Pool Com. (A) 7 pm Com Svc (SMR)	9 1pm Maj Jongg C/H 7 pm Deeds (C/H)	10 DEADLINE: TRUSTEE APPL. 12 pm Quilting (C/H) 6:30 pm Yoga (A)	9 am Men's Group C/H 6 pm MUD 136 (C/H) 7:30 pm TX Hold 'em Poker (A)	12 8:30 am C&D (C/H)	13
14	DEADLINE: Talent Show Apps.	16 1 pm Maj Jongg (C/H) 7 pm Finance Com C/H	17 6:30 pm Yoga (A)	9 am Men's Group C/H 7 pm Bunco (C/H)	19 8:30 am C&D (C/H)	20
21	7 pm Board Mtg (C/H)	23 1 pm Maj Jongg (C/H))	9:30 Angel Gowns by Diane 6:30 pm Yoga (A)	9 am Men's Group C/H 4 pm Ladies Happy Hr (C/H)	26 8:30 am C&D (C/H) Exchange Day	27 Talent Show

30 31 LEGEND:

1 pm Maj Jongg (C/H))

2018 ASSESSEMENT DUE 6:30 pm Yoga

A Annex
C/H Clubhouse
SMR Small Meeting Room
C&D Coffee & Donuts
Exchange Day: book/dvd/puzzle exchange



lanuary 27th - Dearfield Talant Show. Deerfield residents showcase their talents, music, humor, acting(?) and more. Limited seating so get your tickets early. See the article elsewhere in the newsletter. Last day to sign up: Jan. 15th.

Pabruary 24th 6:30PW - 9:30PM Adult Social, Tex-Mex Dinner with R&B music provided by Ki, the Artist, & her Sax player. Only 60 tickets will be sold beginning mid-January.

March 277 Deerfield Board Annual Weeting – with installation of new directors.

March 24th 7:00AM Garage Sale! Deerfield Village annual neighborhood garage sale. Let go of your treasures that you no longer need. Registration is as follows: Feb. 12th – Mar. 16th - \$15.00 and Mar. 17th – Mar. 24th - \$25.00

March 24th 6PM - Music on the Green - 1st one of the year. A great way to relax and unwind after a day of S&S (shopping & selling)!

May 2nd Pool opens for general swim! Come and enjoy the beautifully re-plastered neighborhood pool.

May 28th 3:00PM Memorial Day Pool Party - Fun at the Pool!!

#### Ongoing....

Friday Morning – Golfee and Donuts B:30AM –the last one of the month is paperback/dvd/jigsaw puzzle exchange.

Thursday Morning — Men's Group 9:00 AM- Opportunity for men to gather for fellowship, discuss service projects and social events.

Tuesday - Mah Jongg 1 PM – At the Rec Center

1st Thursday of the month - Bridge 7PM-9PM.

2nd Wednesday of the month – Guilling. Noon, at the Rec Center.

2nd Thursday of the month - Texas Hold em Poker 7:36PM, \$25 buy-in, pot limit, unlimited buy-ins, 25/50 cent blinds, 7:30pm to 11:30pm approximately. You can join and leave at any time. Bob Shortle 281-463-4589

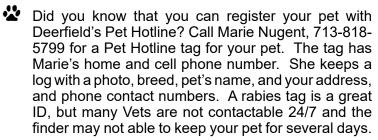
3rd Thursday of the month - Deerlield Bunco. 7PM newcomers welcome. Contact Pat Rothman 281-345-9355 for details.

4th Wednesday of the month – Angel Gowns by Diane - Clubhouse, 9:30AM -This is a new group so for full details, please see inside this newsletter.

4th Thursday of the month – Ladies Happy Hour 4PM.

### **Pet Hotline News**

by Marie Nugent



If you are going out of town and have a pet sitter, let Marie know your pets name, what it looks like (a picture is also great), and a contact number.



#### **Deerfield has Talent!**

I know there are adults with hidden talents within Deerfield.

If you play an instrument, sing, do comedy, have a skit, etc. join us for an evening of fun and sharing.

What: Variety Show (Free! Free! Free!)
When: January 27<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm
Where: Deerfield Clubhouse

Requirements: Deerfield resident (or one of group resident)

Age 18 and up 2 minute set up time

Time alloted determined by how many sign-up

To sign-up for a performance slot

Please respond to Judy Ridenour for questions or to sign-up
at: 281-463-8409 or <u>jride138@gmail.com</u>

If you don't have talent to share, come and enjoy the show!

We need an audience!

See you on the 27<sup>th</sup>!



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#### **BALLOT FOR BOARD OF TRUSTEE ELECTION**

, Texas ( , Section )

INSTRUCTIONS:	26	an owner of the above-described property cast
my Ballot ( <b>choose/circle one</b> ) as follows:	(1) in person at the meeting: (2) by Abse	an owner of the above-described property, cast entee Ballot; OR (3) I hereby revoke any previous
DEERFIELD VILLAGE COMMUNITY AS	SOCIATION, INC., a Texas non-profit	end the 2018 Annual Election of the Members of corporation (the "Association"), to be held at the
		9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p. m. on Tuesday, February 27,
	•	een 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 pm., and any continuation
		ith the same effect as if I were personally present.
		erein). I hereby vote in the following manner one (1) candidate for each Trustee Position:
(note: place a clieck ill the For space	, and vote for trustees - choose only	one (1) candidate for each trustee Position.
	<b>ELECTION OF TRUSTEES</b> :	
<u>Position</u> :	Name of Candidate(s)	<u>For</u> :
Trustee:	Eric Toureilles	
Trustee: Trustee:	Mark Klodzinski	<del></del>
rrustee.	Open Position	<del></del>
	OTHER (Write-in):	<u>For</u> :
	Trustee:	
	Trustee:	
DATED:, 20	Signature:	
	Printed Name:	

#### \* CONDITIONS:

**Property Address:** 

- A) <u>Appointment of Proxy Holder</u>: If you are appointing a Proxy holder, in order to be validated, this Proxy must be completed, signed and delivered to the Proxy holder (designated above) AND delivered by the Proxy holder to the Association at the 2018 Annual Election of Trustees [i.e., at the Association's Office, 4045 Deerfield Village Drive, Houston, TX 77084, between 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 27, 2018 through Saturday, March 3, 2018, inclusive].
- **B)** <u>Limitation(s) of Absentee Ballot</u>: By casting your vote via Absentee Ballot (if applicable) you will forgo the opportunity to consider and vote on any action from the floor if a meeting is held. This means that, if there are proposals or amendments to proposals at the Annual Meeting of Members, your vote(s) will not be counted on the final vote on any such measure(s). If you desire to retain this ability, please attend any meeting in person or by proxy. You may submit an Absentee Ballot and later choose to vote in person, in which case any in-person vote will prevail.
- C) <u>Instructions for Delivery of Completed Ballot:</u> A completed Ballot may be cast by placing the completed Ballot in a locked Ballot Box at an Association sponsored and supervised balloting poll held at the Association's Office (at 4045 Deerfield Village Drive, Houston, TX 77084), scheduled for <u>9:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. on each of the following days: Tuesday, February 27, 2018 through Friday, March 2, 2018 and Saturday, March 3, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Ballots <u>must be</u> hand delivered in person and ballots received by mail, email, fax, or dropped into the lockbox (outside the DVCA office) will <u>not</u> be counted.</u>
- **Additional Information:** The Proxy provisions herein shall terminate after the March 13, 2018 Annual Election of Trustees; provided, however, that this Proxy/Ballot or Absentee Ballot (if or as applicable) may be used for the purpose of establishing a quorum, at the Association's 2018 Annual Meeting of Members scheduled to take place at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 13, 2018 or any continuation or adjournment of the Association's 2018 Annual Meeting of Members.
- **E)** Regardless of whether a Member has voted during the 2018 Election of Trustees concluding on March 3, 2018, all Members are invited to attend the Association's 2018 Annual Meeting of Members scheduled to take place at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 13, 2018.

## **Security Committee**

As of this article being written, a week before Christmas, the nights have been silent, the neighborhood is calm, and the lights are bright (and look great!) From a security standpoint, things continue to remain pretty quiet. Thanks for all of your efforts watching and reporting suspicious activity. It continues to work!

Speaking of the great lights, people have asked about the laser lights with respect to being so close to an airport. From what I have read the laser light displays are legal, but you need to be careful about how you use them. Here is an FAA response:

"The FAA's concern is that lasers -- regardless of the source -- not be aimed at aircraft where the beams can threaten the safety of a flight. Consumers who buy laser light displays should take precautions to make sure that the lights are hitting their houses and not shining off into the sky. In situations such as this, we would start by asking the person to either adjust them or turn them off.

The laser light displays are supposed to be essentially eye-safe, and not cause direct interference (glare) with a pilots' vision after about 400 to 800 feet (based on the report). However, a single beam can be a distraction to pilots at least 3/4 of a mile away, and possibly further away due to the large number of laser dots aimed into the sky causing a flashing effect. Since we are so close to an airport any of your displays could be within 400-800 feet of a plane taking off or landing.

By the time you read this, the children will be back in school so watch out for them in the morning and afternoons.

The Security Committee meets at 7PM on the 1st Tuesday of the month. We are always looking for more volunteers to help keep Deerfield safe. Maybe 2018 is the year for you join! Our next meetings will be January 2nd and February 6th. We look forward to seeing you.

Have a Safe 2018!



### BOY SCOUT TROOP 120 Annual Fertilizer and Mulch Sale

If you need fertilizer or mulch for your yard this spring, please visit our website: <a href="https://www.bsatroop120.com">www.bsatroop120.com</a>

Sale ends: January 30<sup>th</sup> Delivery: February 21<sup>st</sup>-23rd

### **Security Stats November 2017**

Alarm	5
Animal	1
Assistance	5
Burglary of Habitation	1
Burglary of Motor Vehicle	0
Calls to Call Center	59
Damage/Defacing of Property	1
Dispute	0
Disturbance	1
<b>Emergency Medical Services</b>	0
Information	3
Solicitors	1
<b>Suspicious Activity</b>	2
Suspicious Person(s)	8
Suspicious Vehicle(s)	7
Theft	0
Vacation Watches	15

### **Deeds Committee**

Reminder: All outdoor holiday decorations should be removed by January 31.

Trash cans and recycle bins need to be out of view from the street at all times except for collection day, which is Tuesday and Friday.

Per the Protective Covenants for Deerfield Village, all other items must remain out of view from the street at all times.

Other Important Information:

- Any changes to the outside of your home, according to the Protective Covenants, require and Architectural Application be submitted and approved (in writing) by the Deeds Committee before any changes are begun.
- You may get the Architectural Application at the office or on the website, www.deerfieldvillgeonline. com, click on "Documents" then click on Architectural Application.
- Once completed, submit the Application to the DVCA office. You will be notified if any further information is needed or when your Application has been approved.
- Any painting requires a paint sample, even if you are using the same color.
- Any modifications to the property such as: fences, pergolas, patio covers, outdoor kitchens, swimming pools, require a copy of your survey or plat with a clear indication of where the modification will be located.
- Trim branches overhanging sidewalks and curbs to prevent injury and damage to tall vehicles that pass by.

Deeds Committee meets every 1st Monday of the month. The next meeting is scheduled for January 9th (rescheduled due to New Year's Day holiday), 7 pm in the Clubhouse.

Have a Great 2018!

### **Swim Pool Committee**

November and December were busy months for the Swim Pool Committee. If you had a chance to walk by the Deerfield pool you were able to see that major work took place. In a little less than a month, we were able to get all of the plaster, tile, and coping replaced with new material, with the new plaster being a QuartzScapes upgrade. These much-needed maintenance and repair projects will help keep our Deerfield pool looking beautiful and allow for easier maintenance for many years to come. We are also working hard to complete a few more repair projects before the pool season begins later this year.

Remember, the Swim Pool Committee (SPC) meets on the second Monday of the month. Our next three meetings are on January 8th, February 12th, and March 12th. All meetings are held in the Annex and begin promptly at 7 pm. We would love for you to join us and get involved.

# Angel Gowns

Angel Gowns by Diane (Angel Gowns Foundation is a 501(C)3 Corporation), provides burial gowns for families who lose a child before, during, or shortly after birth at no cost.

We seek donations of wedding dresses, bridesmaid dresses, and other formal wear in suitable, clean condition which we deconstruct, and the material is used to create angel gowns.

We meet on the 4th Wednesday of the month from 9:30 am to about 3:00 pm at the Clubhouse. Our next meeting will be January 24th. Check the Deerfield Village calendar for future meeting dates. If you enjoy sewing or you are interested in learning more about this organization, please join us.

http://www.Angelgownsbydiane.org



## Men's Group

The Men's Group meets weekly on Thursdays at 9am at the Rec Center. We have an ambitious plan mapped out for 2018. We participate in projects that benefit Deerfield Village and its' residents, and others that service the community at large. In addition, we mix in some fellowship activities, such as restaurant lunches, cookouts and various other outings. So, come join us.

#### **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

In December, we filled and delivered Christmas stockings to 38 of our Meals on Wheels clients. Extra drivers are always needed, so please consider volunteering. Many thanks to the Angel Gowns by Diane for preparing the stockings. (See the separate article in this newsletter.) A MG member, code name EIEIO, donated a large, new rug for the main room at the Rec Center. A matching rug has been purchased and delivered.

Early in the new year we will start stenciling street names along the Greenbelt and painting the picnic tables under the Annex. We will also assist with getting the new directory finalized and doing a survey to upgrade the electrical system at the Rec. Center. As in past years, MG members will be cooking for various Deerfield events, such as Music on the Green and holiday pool parties, as well as other events throughout the year.

Happy New Year to all Deerfield residents, from the Men's Group.

#### Meals on Wheels Stocking Project

The Deerfield Village Men's group and Angels Gowns by Diane volunteers collaborated on a project which put smiles on a number of senior citizens. Three people in the men's group have regular routes that deliver Meals on Wheels around NW Harris County. The people that receive these meals are in many cases without comfort of relatives or visitors. Angels Gowns by Diane fabricated 38 Christmas stockings and the Men's Group purchased items, stuffed the stockings, and delivered them to the Meals on Wheels recipients. Needless to say, each recipient was very surprised and appreciative for remembering them at this time of the year. Meals on Wheels is very short on volunteer drivers, and only takes 2 hours or less whenever you can volunteer. Anybody interested, contact Shannel Vance at (832) 816-5966.







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#### **MARKET INSIGHTS 2018**

Home sales have started to rebound after Hurricane Harvey and are ahead of 2016's year to date sales volume. Nationally, home prices and values are expected to rise modestly and that is what we are seeing in Houston, post Harvey. The slightly higher interest rates in 2017 may have kept some buyers on the sidelines, however, the combination of economic recovery, comparatively low interest rates and job growth may bring buyers back. Real Estate plays in important role on our overall economy, so staying up-to-date helps you understand how the market can affect you and your home's value.

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