



DEERFIELD VILLAGE *News*

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

DEERFIELD VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

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President's Report

Deerfield Residents,

WOW! This Texas heat is brutal this year...no end in sight. I seem to get an extreme heat notification almost every day. I have talked with MUD #136 directors Eric and Neil to find out if we are approaching stage 1 of a drought situation in our area. Currently Deerfield is not in any stage but given that there is not much rain in the forecast, it is likely that this will be coming soon. Stage 1 is typically a voluntary stage, as our water supply is reduced. Stage 2, 3 and 4 get more serious. If this happens, the MUD will alert the HOA and put-up signs at the entrances. Deerfield will send out an email blast, alerting anyone on the email list. You can sign up to be on the email list by registering on the Deerfield website, if you have not already. I believe the MUD has a system of notifying residents by text, this will give you plenty of options to find out if this happens. In the meantime, visit the community pool or jump in your pool and cool off already.

Speaking of signs at the front entrance, the Security Committee is currently placing large (36"x24") signs at all the entrances to warn people that SEAL is patrolling our neighborhood. As I look at the monthly crime reports in our area, I am thankful that by using SEAL and neighbors reporting suspicious activity, we continue to be a safe island, with crimes happening all around us, yet rarely in Deerfield. Let us know if you have feedback on sign placement.

I would like to welcome two new Board members, Kim Samman and Amy Lacy. Kim was seated at the July Board meeting and Amy will be seated at the August 28th Board meeting. Coincidentally, both are lawyers and active in our community. Amy is an avid tennis player and Kim is a longtime volunteer on the Deerfield swim team and serves on our Recreation Committee.

More good news, we have hired Lisa Gilpin as our new Assistant Manager to help Catherine in the office with administrative duties, including Deeds, elections,

rentals and Pool/SAYOR passes. Lisa will be starting on August 8th, with part-time status. Deborah Plattsmier held the position previously for 6 years, and she will also be training Lisa over the month of August, in-between her work with Mesa-Outreach and church duties. We are truly fortunate to have had Deborah support our community and she will still be around if we need her. I wish her the best in her new volunteer church work.

Roger Wilson has asked that I remind all residents interested in participating in the Fall Garage sale to mark their calendars for Saturday, October 14th from 7 AM to 2 PM. You can sign up on the Deerfield website anytime or through the office beginning September 4th. Also, if you want to know about the annual Shredding and Electronic Recycling event, it will be on Saturday, October 21st at the Community Center parking lot.

Lastly, our committees are hard at work on 2024 budgets, so now is the time to contact any of the Deerfield committees or Cat in the office to let them know any ideas you would like to see addressed.

Please be advised that the next HOA Board meeting will be on August 28th in the Clubhouse at 7PM. I hope to see you there.

Take care, Eric

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Important Information

DEERFIELD HELPFUL NUMBERS

DVCA Office 281-463-2624
Email..... dvcamgr@gmail.com
SEAL Neighborhood Patrol 832-408-0200
Deerfield Pet Hot Line 713-818-5799

GOVERNMENT

County Clerk's Office 16715 Clay Rd 832-927-7230
Justice of the Peace 16715 Clay Rd 713-274-0800
Harris Cty. Sheriff's Non-Emergency 713-221-6000
Fire & EMS Non-Emergency 281-550-6663
State Highway Public Information..... 713-802-5076
Harris County Pct. 4 Commissioner's Office

Must have address to report 713-755-6444
Graffiti, Public Street Signs & Curb Repair and Road
Damage (Except for Patio Homes)
Bear Creek Library 832-927-5590

SCHOOLS

Cy-Fair School District Admin..... 281-897-4000
Peggy Wilson Elementary (K-5) 281-463-5941
Watkins Middle School (6-8)..... 281-463-5850
Cypress Lakes HS..... 281-856-3800

UTILITY INFORMATION

Report Gas Leaks..... (CenterPoint) 713-659-2111
..... or 888-876-5786
CenterPoint (Electricity & Gas) 800-752-8036
Street Light Outages/Repair
Must have 6 digit # from pole & address 713-207-2222
..... or 800-332-7143
AT&T 800-288-2020
Comcast / Xfinity 800-934-6489
Trash & Recycling (Texas Pride) 281-342-8178
Water & Sewer Info (MUD 136) 281-367-5511
..... or 713-651-5151
Harris County Flood Control 346-286-4197
Illegal Dumping.....(Pollution Control) 713-920-2831

OTHER NUMBERS

Harris County Public Health & Environmental Services
(HCPHES) Includes:
Public Nuisance Report..... 713-274-6300
Harris County Pets (Animal Cruelty)..... 832-927-PAWS
Texas Wildlife Rehabilitation 713-468-8972
Metro Buses (Routes & Schedules) 713-635-4000
Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse 713-224-9911
Domestic Violence Hotline 713-528-2121
Crisis Hotline (Suicide Prevention) 800-273-8255
Children's Protective Services (CPS) ... 713-394-4000
Poison Control (24 hours) 800-222-1222
Rape Crisis (24 hours) 713-528-7273
United Way Helpline (Resource for Essential
Community Services) 211

Submit articles, photos and ads to the DVCA office prior to the 18th of the month, or email:

dvcamgr@gmail.com

Please note the email has changed and add it to your contacts.

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 inquiries, you may contact the DVCA office at 281-463-2624 or email dvmgr@deerfieldvillageonline.com. 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:
<https://www.centerpointenergy.com/en-us/residential/customer-service/electric-outage-center/report-streetlight-outages>

Nothing but water should go down our storm drains

Do not dump chemicals down our storm drains, as they will make their way to the greenbelt ditch and be poisonous to our pets/animals drinking the water and/or children playing. 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

Our waste collection vendor is Texas Pride and trash pick-up is on Tuesdays and Fridays, with recycling pick-up on Fridays. Please do not put your trash at the curb earlier than the night before collection day. If you experience a problem with your trash service, please call Texas Pride first, and then the office if you are unable to get results.

Swim Pool Committee

Hi neighbors. We are well into this hot and steamy Texas summer, and I've been thrilled to see so many of you taking advantage of our pool. I'd like to remind everyone that the pool is open daily from 10am until 9pm with the exception of Mondays, when lifeguards are NOT on duty. The current pool schedule is located on the website.

Another reminder about the new "pool safety rule" update: As stated in last month's article, we would like to inform our residents of a significant pool rule change for this summer. Over the past years, children 10 and older were allowed to come to the pool without parental supervision. However, the state is now requiring the age to be 14 years old. In addition, our pool management company reports Harris County will NOT be approving any waivers to allow any communities to have a different age limit.

Please remember every homeowner must have a Pool ID card registered through the Deerfield office to swim. If you already have one set up, there is no need to redo them yearly. The pool ID cards must remain in the pool office during the swim season. Please do not take pool cards home. Residents swimming when the pool is open are allowed to bring up to three guests and must remain with their guests during their time at the pool.

The Swim At Your Own Risk (S.A.Y.O.R.) program is available and residents can sign up to swim during non-life guarded hours from 6am to 9pm. Residents must register through the office by signing a current 2023 Waiver & SAYOR pool rules including bringing a picture ID. Each year an updated waiver is required for this program. No guests are allowed for the SAYOR program. For more information to participate in the program contact the office by phone or email.

We had a recent situation where we closed the pool down while we had a large swarm of bees removed from an overhanging tree. The bees were safely relocated, and I appreciate all those residents who were understanding of the situation when we were forced to turn them away when they came to the pool looking forward to a swim.

As always, the SPC loves to hear any suggestions from the community, and we welcome new members to our group. SPC meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7pm in the Clubhouse. Our next meeting is scheduled for August 8th.

Tennis Committee

The Tennis committee is always pleased to see many new residents enjoying the tennis courts. All residents are reminded to **legibly** sign up for court time with a FIRST and LAST NAME on the Sign-up sheets located on the office window at the Recreation center. The player themselves must sign up for the courts. Players can now sign up for 2 hours at a time and no more than 3 guests per resident and household when playing.

All players are reminded to be respectful and considerate of other players during and after play on the courts. Once again, we remind everyone that profanity, loud noises, radios, music and/or unsportsmanlike behavior is not allowed on the courts. Please remove any trash from courts immediately after playing.

Reminder: ALL tennis and pickle ball players are respectfully reminded to ensure that the gates are closed after they have finished playing. By doing this it reduces the possibility of the courts being misused.

The next Tennis Committee meeting will be at 7pm on Wednesday, August 2, 2023.

Pickle Ball

Pickle Ball play is staying strong and so much FUN! You can reserve the Court #4 on the signup sheets posted just outside the DFV office. Please use your access card for entry card to the tennis courts. Please treat the portable nets with care and remember to dispose of your trash when done. You can text Mario Zamora at 832-618-5835 for more information or if you are new to the sport and would like some information getting started. We can provide extra paddles and balls if requested. Come out and join us!

Bocce Ball

Come and join the fun of playing Bocce Ball. It is a game that can be played by young ones and old ones! Very simple rules and easy to learn. We will be playing at the Bocce ball court located on the back side of the tennis courts. There is a new concrete pathway to make it easier to get to the bocce ball court. The time we meet may change as the weather gets warmer & closer to summertime. Please Contact Walter (Scottie) Scott at 832-593-4724 for more information to come play with a group.



CLICK THIS LINK FOR THE POOL SCHEDULE
<https://deerfieldvillageonline.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/2022-Swim-Pool-Schedule-r.5.pdf>

Recreation Committee

The EVENT CALENDAR is on the DV website www.deerfieldvillageonline.com. Click on any red number on the calendar and it will show you details of the event, and info on the next 6 upcoming events. The 2023 budget has been developed, submitted, and approved for 32 events this year.

We thank all of the residents who participated in our Pancake Breakfast, and those who, despite the rain, attended the July 4th pool party. All were a big success! ONGOING ACTIVITIES-

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<u>Weekly:</u>	<u>Monthly:</u>	<u>Monthly (cont'd)</u>
Coffee & Donuts	Bunco	MESA Food Drive
Mahjong	Day Trippers	Mex Train Dominos
The Men's Group	Ladies' Happy Hour	Quilting
Yoga	Malties	Sewing Bees
Bocce Ball	Men's Book Club	TX Hold 'em Poker

Some Pickle Ball groups play on Sundays, Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

UPCOMING EVENTS ARE LISTED BELOW:

FOOD DRIVE- This month the MESA-Outreach Food Drive will be held the week of August 14-19th. Drop off your non-perishable donations in the box outside the office. No glass containers or items more than one year past their expiration date. **MESA's food pantry especially needs jelly, cereal, canned beans, and pasta sauce.**

ICE CREAM SOCIAL "Sundae" - August 20 from 2-4 pm. **Baskin Robbins-4 flavors \$1/scoop.** Come out and enjoy a good time the day before school starts.

LABOR DAY POOL PARTY – MONDAY Sept. 4th **The SLIDE from 2-6pm.** We will grill some hot dogs, hamburgers and have SNOW CONES from 3-5pm. FUN pool games also.

MUSIC on the GREEN- Saturday, Sept. 9 from 6-9 pm. Come and enjoy the band "**Just Us.**"

NOTE the Change: The Recreation Committee will now begin to meet on the first Thursday of the month at 7pm. The next meeting will be on August 3. We are always looking for new volunteers to help with these events and bring us new ideas & new energy!



Community Services

Happy August everybody! Maybe by the end of this month Houston will start to cool off. If not, be careful with the heat – stay inside! June and July in 2022 set records for average Houston temperature. This year, the average humidity (and therefore the heat index) has been higher, and the nights have been hotter. According to the weather gurus, both of these are due to unusually high water temp in the Gulf – which is also bad news for potential hurricanes later in the season. Let's hope we start getting some rain and some cooler temperatures!

In July, we had a contractor do extensive wood repairs and painting on the exteriors of the clubhouse buildings. It has been ten years since the last makeover, and the results are very nice. There will be more work over the next couple of years to keep our aging buildings in good shape. All residents can do their part: when you use the buildings for an event or just to hang out, please don't nail, tack, tape or fix anything to internal or external walls. Not only do you mark the finish, but holes and missing paint open the door for moisture and insects, leading to problems down the road.

We have had a series of problems with the plumbing in the Annex building, leading to drain line overflows, drippy ceilings under the building, and backed-up sinks. We are working with a plumber to find long-term solutions. We are starting with installation of more inspection points so we can do in-line camera inspections to find the problem areas, whether inside or outside the buildings. We expect to have these problem behind us by the time you are reading this.

New LED lights are going up on the walkways and breezeways around the Rec center. They will be more energy-efficient, brighter, and will have sealed bodies that will not make nice nesting grounds for birds, squirrels, and wasps. The new lights should be installed by the second week of August. We hope you like the new look!

The Community Services Committee is a small group of resident volunteers working on the upkeep of our facilities and other facets of Deerfield life such as pest control and keeping the greenbelt lights on. If you would like to help with this effort, please come to our next meeting on Monday, August 7th at 7 pm at the Recreation Center. We hope to see you there!



POOL PARTY!



Monday, Sept 4th 2:00-6:00PM

Food for sale by The Men's Group

Water Slide & Games Too!

Architectural Guidelines Committee

The AGC (Architectural Guidelines Committee) was established by the Board as a special committee to create Guidelines for Deeds and Homeowners to use and reference when considering or submitting an AA (Architectural Application). This would ensure that decisions made my Deeds would be consistent and fair over time, as volunteers come and go. These guidelines would also serve as a reference for any homeowner, as to what is approved or not approved. These guidelines are supported by the existing PC's (Protective Covenants), current state laws (Texas Property Code), and Policies and Guidelines approved by the Board. We have completed our review of the amended document. It is currently undergoing legal review to verify compliance with state laws and our governing documents. Once that edit is completed, it will be presented to Deeds and Homeowners. We anticipate holding a Town Hall to discuss the document, which will be eventually presented to the Board for approval in 2023. Our next meeting is currently scheduled for August 2th at 4:30 in the Clubhouse.

A Christmas in August Reminder!



Deerfield Village Christmas Bazaar 2023

November 3rd & 4th Friday & Saturday
Crafters, Bakers, Picasso's and Artisans, it's that time again to start crafting those new ideas and creations for the upcoming 2023 Christmas Bazaar.

There will be 2 mandatory meetings:

September 13 & October 16, 2023, at 7pm in the DVCA Clubhouse downstairs.

Booth fees must be paid at the September meeting. After October 1st, there will be a \$10 late fee. You must be a Deerfield resident to apply for a booth.

Hope you all have had a great Summer and we'll see you in September. If you have any questions just call or text. Let's make the 45th Annual Christmas Bazaar the best ever!

Our chairpersons:

Chair: Connie Corkill #713-542-3428

Vice-Chair: Smitty Haver #281-541-8061

Treasurer: Sandy Landgrebe



Help MESA "STUFF THE BUS"!



MESA-OUTREACH is supplying 1000+ students @ 6 Elementary schools in CyFair ISD & Katy ISD with school supply packets, in order to make this happen **MESA-OUTREACH needs YOUR help!**

SPONSORS NEEDED: **\$25** per student will cover the cost of one student's school supply packet. Also, in-kind donations of Kleenex, individually wrapped snacks (such as cookies, crackers, pretzels, cheese crackers, fruit snacks, popcorn or granola bars – **NO nuts or peanut butter allowed**), and new or gently used backpacks for Pre-K thru 5th are needed.

In-kind donations may be dropped off at the Deerfield Office or call Deborah at 832-341-3124 for a pick-up.

DONATIONS: Accepted online at [mesa-outreach.org](https://www.mesa-outreach.org) or mail us a **check** payable to MESA-OUTREACH designated for Stuff the Bus – Back to School Drive to MESA-OUTREACH, INC. P.O. Box 841075 Houston, TX 77284-1075. Questions or to sign up to volunteer, email: lisa@mesa-outreach.org.

VOLUNTEERS: Gather donations at your work, church or civic organization. Bring these items to MESA-OUTREACH on Sunday, August 13, 1-3 pm @ Bear Creek United Methodist Church Worship Center. Helpers needed Monday, August 14, 10am – 2pm to sort, count, load and deliver supplies. **Great opportunity to earn Service Hours!**

For over 10 years, MESA-OUTREACH has been helping children in need within our community start the school year with the supplies needed for their success!

Join MESA-OUTREACH's "STUFF THE BUS" event, so that students in need may be "Blessed for Success" this year!

MESA-OUTREACH, INC is a 501c3 Non-Profit Corporation EIN#27-1022537 MESA-OUTREACH, INC. P.O. Box 841075 Houston, TX 77284-1075
MESA's Food Pantry is located at 16000 Rippling Water Dr. Houston, TX 77084 Phone 281-599-8536 Website: [mesa-outreach.org](https://www.mesa-outreach.org)

Financial Services Committee

Meetings to review the financial status of our community are generally held in the clubhouse on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM. The next scheduled meeting is planned for August 15, 2023.

Financial status: Report for the month ended June 30, 2023.

SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY: JUNE 2023		
	This Month	Year to Date
Income: Better(Worse) than Budget	\$ 14	\$ 7,391
Operating Expenses:		
Actual	146,945	499,187
Budget	114,782	465,881
Better(Worse) than Budget	(31,264)	(33,506)
Net Operating Income:		
Better(Worse) than Budget	\$ (31,249)	\$ (26,115)
Less budget timing differences (see Comments)	-0-	-0-
Net Operating Income: Better(Worse) than Budget after adjusting for timing differences	\$ (31,249)	\$ (26,115)
Annual Operating Expense Total Budget		\$ 846,028
Board Approved Additions		
Sidewalk to Bocce Ball Court		5,000
Power Washing Main Entrance Walls		907
Total Authorized Expenditures for 2023		\$ 851,935

Noteworthy Expenses this Month:	
Legal Expenses	12,237
Reduction of Loan Principal	3,531
Tree Service	7,498
Flower Planting	6,000
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Total	\$ 29,266
Spent from Reserves this month:	
PH Road Electrical Repair	9,785
Replace Pool Pump	2,730
Tennis Court Locks	1,271
Clubhouse Furniture	865
Total Reserves Spent	\$ 14,651

Comments: Financial statements often include certain expense items that had been budgeted but have not yet been expended. As these expenditures are expected to occur later in the year, we make budget timing corrections where/when appropriate to present a more realistic estimate of Net Operating Income.

2023 Assessments and Collections:

Yearly Assessments are the source of funds for operation of the Deerfield Village Community Association to the benefit of Deerfield residents. Assessments Invoices were mailed in November of last year and were due January 1 of this year. By now you should have made payment. If you have not received your invoice or are unable to locate it, please contact Cheryl Beisert at Consolidated Management Services, 281-296-9775, to request a duplicate.

Collection rate as of June 30, 2023 is 95.4% (vs 96.9% same-month-average for the previous 5 years). If you have not yet paid your assessment, your account has already incurred late fees and interest charges have been imposed and are accruing. Collection notices have been sent to those who have not yet paid. We encourage you to pay your assessment, either in-full or via a payment plan (contact the office to set one up), to end delinquency and further accrual of resultant late payment penalties and interest.

As of the end of June, 72 new assessment payment plans have been established and 44 of them have been paid in full. One payment plan remains from prior years.

Men's Group

SERVICE PROJECTS: This past month TMG held another successful Food Drive to benefit our local food pantry, Mesa Outreach, and we completed some misc. carpentry and electrical jobs. In addition, we rebuilt a trash can that was totally consumed by fire on July 4th, and made a spare set of 16 slats. TMG has made major progress on a couple of our big jobs—the GB exercise equipment and trenching to relieve sidewalk flooding at the north end. It's amazing what a team can accomplish when no individual wants the credit!"

TAKING A BREAK Each year TMG does not do any work on big outdoor projects during July and August. We use the time to plan for the jobs we will do in the fall.

What we did this spring:

- Trenching along the sidewalks by the pipeline to remove puddles
- Major repairs/painting for the greenbelt exercise equipment
- Shrub removal and new sod in the pool area
- Maintained the sandbox.
- Made and installed a desk in the pool office
- Maintained the poop bag dispensers along the greenbelt.
- Repaired the Purple Martin houses
- Survey of environmental tags on storm drains-50 of 160 are missing
- Washed the clubhouse windows
- Surveyed and mapped greenbelt lite locations-installed missing numbers
- A truckload of mulch on the playground
- Filled sinkholes as they appeared
- Trash cleanup around the perimeter and along the greenbelt
- Trimmed trees along the ditch/removed dead ones
- Replaced the broken basketball goal.
- Misc. paint, electrical and carpentry jobs

COMMUNITY SERVICE TMG members volunteer with Meals on Wheels, at the Special Pals animal shelter, at hospitals, including the VA, CERT (emergency response), and at food pantries including Mesa Outreach. Several members mentor at schools, help with the Boy Scouts, and work with St. Vincent de Paul to aid the needy. Words that guide us, "You can't help everyone, but everyone can help someone."

USED EYEGLASSES We have a new project to collect used eyeglasses. Just save them up for now and soon we will tell you how we will collect them for donation.

FOOD DRIVE This month the Food Drive will be held August 14-19. Please drop off your non-perishable donations in the box outside the office. Please, no glass containers or items past their expiration date.

The Men's Group (TMG) meets weekly on Thursdays at 9:00 AM at the Rec Center. Besides our projects for DFV, and the community at large, we mix in some fun and fellowship which includes a monthly book club. In the coming months we are looking forward to eating out a few times and taking a couple of "road trips." We usually have a monthly Astros watch party. If this sounds like fun, then come and join us.

Our Motto is simple:

"DO WHAT YOU CAN, WHEN YOU CAN"

MUD 136 Report

At its July 13th meeting, the Harris County Municipal Utility District (HCMUD) 136 Board met in person at the Deerfield Recreation Center. HCMUD 136 meetings are normally scheduled the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:00 pm. Meetings are open to the public, with the agenda posted at the Deerfield Recreation Center and on the District's website www.hcmud136.org. Directors reviewed the District's water and sewer operations during the previous month. The annual audit report was presented, a copy of the audit may be found on the HCMUD136.org website. Harmony Schools engineer did request HCMUD 136 consider operating a proposed privately owned sewer main, however the Board again informed them that MUD 136 will decline to operate their sewer line. Trash service was discussed, including the smoking trash load on June 30th. The leading cause of fires in trash/recycling is Lithium batteries. Please do not place lithium batteries in the trash or recycling! Dispose these batteries at Home Depot, Lowes, or other battery recycling location.

District operations reports are posted on the District's website, www.hcmud136.org. The link to the 2022 "Annual Drinking Water Quality Report" found in your monthly bill is also available on the HCMUD 136 website. The report includes detailed information on water quality and shows that our drinking water MEETS OR EXCEEDS all federal and state drinking water requirements. We encourage all customers to sign up for HCMUD 136's text alert system by texting "hcmud136" (without quotation marks) to 74121 or create an account at <https://mobile-text-alerts.com/hcmud136>. Customers will receive alerts about interruptions to water, sewer, and trash service; drought conditions, weather emergencies, and other pertinent information. This is especially important during the upcoming hurricane season. If you have questions or comments about District business or water issues, you can email through the District's website or attend the HCMUD 136 meeting. The next meeting is scheduled on Thursday, August 10th, at the Deerfield Recreation Center beginning at 6:00 PM.

SEWING BEES OF TEXAS

Come join us on the 4th Wednesday of the Month.

Enjoy some sewing, knitting and crochet. We sew for charities and we are very busy bees!



FIRE & SMOKE in Trash Truck

by Brent Phelps

On June 30th in Deerfield near Spruce Creek, a Texas Pride trash truck was smoking from a fire in the trash. Prompt action from a resident helped control this "hot load" and Texas Pride was able to make it to the landfill. But on other occasions Texas Pride has had to dump the entire load in the street to save the truck!

Lithium batteries are the leading cause of both garbage/recycling truck load fires and fires at disposal and recycle facilities. Even if they make it to the disposal site in the trucks, there is still a high probability that they can mix with other materials at disposal sites and cause fires or get buried with other garbage causing potential environmental hazards.

Some links to useful websites about this problem and the proper disposal are below.

EPA website with info on hazards of lithium batteries is below:

<https://www.epa.gov/recycle/used-lithium-ion-batteries>

There are many locations in the metro Houston area which recycle batteries, found at the link below, including Home Depot and Lowes :

<https://www.call2recycle.org/locator/>

PLEASE, do not place lithium batteries in the recycling or the trash! Lithium batteries present serious safety issues, in addition to environmental damage.

Pet Hotline News

by Marie Nugent

- 🐾 Make sure your pet has a form of ID on their collar. Key tags are available 3 for \$2.00 at most hardware stores and work fine for pet ID's.
- 🐾 Did you know that you can register your pet with Deerfield's Pet Hotline? Call Marie Nugent, 713-818-5799 for a Pet Hotline tag for your pet. The tag has Marie's home and cell phone number. She keeps a log with a photo, breed, pet's name, and your address, and phone contact numbers. A rabies tag is a great ID, but many Vets are not contactable 24/7 and the finder may not be able to keep your pet for several days.
- 🐾 If you have your pet microchipped, make sure you register on the database and keep your information current. Pets have been found wandering around the neighborhood and, when taken to the vet, found they were micro-chipped but the information was obsolete, thus making it harder to contact the owner.
- 🐾 Please make sure your fence is secure so so your pets don't escape.
- 🐾 PLEASE remember your pets, DON'T leave them in your hot car!
- 🐾 PLEASE be a responsible pet owner, both cat and dog, and pick up their poop, thank you.

Security Committee

July was another quiet month in Deerfield. Calls into SEAL for suspicious vehicles doubled this month. Residents are keeping their eyes on our neighborhood, and it is good to see. Please call SEAL at 832-408-0200 if you see anything out of the ordinary or need assistance.

Just as a reminder, listed below are the parking laws that apply for Deerfield Village. If not followed, law enforcement (HCSO) can ticket you. Please abide by them.

You are not allowed to park or stand your vehicle:

- In front of a public or private driveway
- Within 30 feet of a stop sign, yield sign or other traffic signal
- Within 20 feet of a crosswalk or intersection
- Within 15 feet of a fire hydrant
- If your vehicle obstructs another's driveway
- In a driveway if the vehicle extends into the street
- Double parked on the roadside of another legally parked vehicle

Parallel parking is required on the streets of Deerfield Village. This means you must:

- Park WITH the direction of the traffic
- With both right-hand wheels parallel to and within 18 inches from the right-hand curb

Straight in or angled parking in the cul-de-sacs is not allowed.

Commercial Vehicles and Trailers are not allowed to be parked for long periods during the day or overnight.

Your neighbors have the right to call HCSO if they see these not being followed. Please don't give them a reason to do so.

These are for all of our safety. Children can be hit and killed by a car driving 25 miles per hour because the parked cars have blocked off the line of sight for the driver. Emergency equipment may not be able to get to the houses they need to get to, and lives and property could be lost.

Please be a courteous and considerate neighbor. Be safety conscious for both you and your neighbors.

If you would like to join the Security Committee, please contact the office and attend our next meeting, if you are interested. We meet on the 1st Tuesday of the month and our next meeting will be held at 7pm on Tuesday, August 1.

**THE DVCA OFFICE
WILL BE CLOSED
ON FRIDAY AUGUST 18th**

Security Stats - June 2023

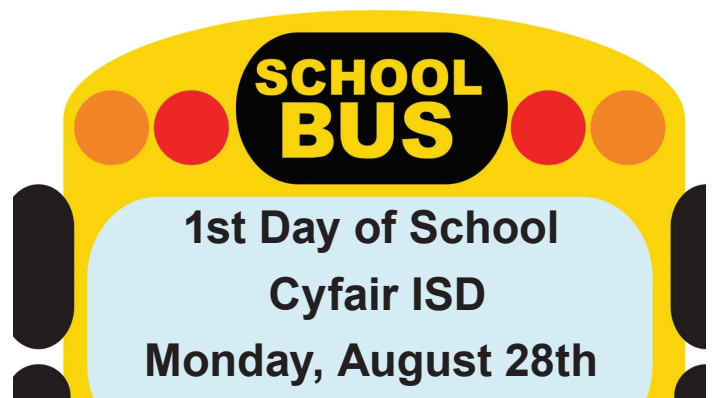
Alarm	0
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Assistance	0
Burglary of Habitation	1
Burglary of Motor Vehicle	0
Calls to Hotline	0
Damage/Defacing of Property	0
Dispute	2
Disturbance/Noise	3
EMS / FD / PD	1
Information	2
Solicitors	8
Suspicious Activity	1
Suspicious Person(s)	3
Suspicious Vehicle(s)	10
Theft	2
Vacation Watches	24
Vehicle Collision	0

Landscape Committee

Whoa it's hot. Lawns and flower beds will need extra attention until the heat wave breaks. The Landscape Committee is doing our best to manage the added stress to our lawn and plants. We wish to extend a special thanks to the Thursday Morning Men's for the great job they did this Spring refurbishing the exercise equipment. Truly a job well done.

August starts the 2024 budget planning season. The Landscape committee manages maintenance of common area lawns, annual gardens, trees, sidewalks, playgrounds, exercise apparatus and sprinkler systems. This year we have a long list of deferred maintenance items to catch up on. In particular we plan on focusing on freshening up the plantings around the recreation center and improving sidewalk drainage among things.

The Landscape Committee meets the second Monday of every month at 7:00 PM in the air conditioned small conference room across from the office. Help keep our neighborhood beautiful and join our committee. Our next two meetings will be on Monday, August 14th and September 11th. Everyone is welcome to attend.



Deeds Committee

The July newsletter article regarding fences erroneously stated that a fence may be painted. Painting of wood fences is NOT permitted. Sincere apologies for any confusion this error may have caused.

1. **ARCHITECTURAL APPLICATION:** Please submit an Architectural Approval (AA) to the office PRIOR to the start of any repair, improvement, or addition to the exterior of your home or property. Forms, found on the DVCA website, should be submitted well in advance (7-10 days) of the project so the committee has time to review and approve. The website is: <https://deerfieldvillageonline.com/deeds/> or contact the office at 281-463-2624.
2. **LANDSCAPE:** All lots shall always be kept in attractive condition. Grass, including shrubs and trees should be well maintained.
3. **FENCES:** Please submit an AA prior to the project for approval. When replacing or installing a new fence that faces the street or is visible from ANY public area, no fence railings should be visible. The smooth, flat side of the fence must face out towards the street or public area. See Fence Policy Non-Perimeter document on the DVCA website under Deeds tab. If you wish to stain your fence, submit an AA with a sample color for approval.
4. **MOLD and MILDEW:** The heat and humidity of Texas summers provides the perfect environment for the growth of mold and mildew. If your home has black or green mold or mildew growing on it, please remove it.
5. **PARKING:**
 - a. No boats, trailers, campers, vehicles, etc. may be parked or stored on your driveway or public or patio home street for over 72 hours.
 - b. There should be NO HEAD-IN parking in cul-de-sacs.
 - c. Be considerate! Please do not block your neighbor's driveway, especially in Patio Homes.
6. **TRASH CANS and RECYCLING BINS:** TRASH CANS, RECYCLE BINS and PLASTIC YARD DEBRIS BAGS SHOULD BE STORED OUT OF PUBLIC VIEW and placed curbside the EVENING BEFORE pick-up and removed from view the same day after pick-up.
7. **DUMPSTERS AND/OR PODS:** If your home project will require a dumpster and/or POD on your driveway for more than 72 hours, please submit an AA for approval. Any project requiring a dumpster or POD for less than 72 hours, does not require an AA.

TO THOSE HOMEOWNERS WHO SUBMIT ARCHITECTURAL APPLICATIONS FOR APPROVAL OF PROJECTS AND WHO MAINTAIN THEIR PROPERTY, THE DEEDS COMMITTEE WHOLE-HEARTEDLY THANKS YOU!

Deeds meets on the 2nd Monday of the month at 7:00 PM at the Clubhouse. The next meeting will be August 14, 2023.

NEWS FROM THE DEERFIELD WOMEN'S DAY-TRIPPERS



Ladies, you're invited to don your walking shoes and join the Deerfield Women's Day-Trippers **Wednesday, August 30**, when we check out two of Houston's most popular attractions.

Our first stop will be **Minute Maid Park**, the home of the Houston Astros, where we'll enjoy a private, guided "Ultimate Fan" two-hour tour. Highlights will include the Upper Deck, Gallagher Club, Bank of America Suite Level, Honda Club Level, Press Box, and Houston Methodist Hall of Fame Alley. Trippers will also have the opportunity to stop by the Field Club, Michelob Ultra Club, the Union Station Roof Deck, and --because it is a non-game day -- the Diamond Club and the Astros Dugout!

After working up an appetite, our itinerary calls for lunch at **Saint Arnold Brewing Company**, the oldest craft brewery in Texas. In addition to a full beer menu, its **Beer Garden & Restaurant** features a variety of imaginative sandwiches, salads, pizza, and surf and/or turf specialties as well as fun appetizers and mouth-watering desserts. Checks will be separate and every person is responsible for payment of her own meal.

Please note that closed-toe shoes are mandatory to go on the brewery tour, which begins at 3:00 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE: Kindly RSVP no later than Sunday, August 13, to Leslie Denney at 281-705-0237. As of this printing, space for these trips is limited to 25 and advance reservations are required.

The cost is \$20 per person and must be paid prior to the trip after sign-ups have ended. No refunds will be given unless someone takes your spot.

The bus will depart from the Deerfield Village Rec Center at 8:45 a.m. and return around 4:30 p.m.

Those who register will be notified if plans change.



Date and Time of Committee and Board Meetings...

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

Committee	Meeting Dates*	Time	Board Trustee	Committee Chair	Phone
Community Services	1st Monday	7:00 PM	Kim Samman	Rick Johnson	
Deed Restrictions	2nd Monday	7:00 PM	Hak Dickenson	Janelle Meyer	
DVCA Board	4th Monday	7:00 PM	Eric Toureilles		281-855-0312
Financial Services	3rd Tuesday of the month	7:00 PM	Terry Gray	Tom Choate	
Landscape	2nd Monday	7:00 PM	John Murphy	Tom Gerrity	
MUD #136	2nd Thursday	6:00 PM	Eric Toureilles		281-855-0312
Recreation Center Youth Events Subcommittee	1st Friday 1st Tuesday	10:00 AM 7:00 PM	Brent Burris	Roger Wilson Rebecca Bivens	281-381-9303 713-899-9837
Security	1st Tuesday	7:00 PM	Brent Burris	Simon Spiller	
Swimming Pool	2nd Tuesday	7:00 PM	Bill Wilkinson	Carissa Lamkahouan	
Tennis	1st Wednesday	7:00 PM	David O'Brian		
Architectural Guidelines	See schedule below	4:30 PM	Eric Toureilles	Terry Gray	

Deerfield Village August 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 1pm Mahjong-CH 7pm Security-CH	2 7pm Tennis-CH	3 9am TMG 7pm Recreation-CH	4 9am C&D-CH	5
6	7 7pm Community Svcs-CH	8 1pm Mahjong-CH 7pm Swim Pool-CH	9 12pm Quilting-CH 4:30pm Architectural Guidelines- CH	10 9am TMG- 1pm Dominos- CH 6pm MUD 136-CH 7:30pm Poker -A	11 9am C&D-CH	12
13	14 7pm Deeds-CH 7pm Landscape-SM FOOD DRIVE BEGINS	15 1pm Mahjong-CH 7pm Finance-CH	16	17 9am TMG 7pm Bunco- CH	18 9am C&D-CH Office Closed FOOD DRIVE ENDS	19
20 2pm-4pm Ice Cream Social	21	22 1pm Mahjong-CH	23 9am DV Day Trippers 9:30am Sewing-CH	24 9am TMG 4pm Ladies Hour-CH 7pm Malties- A	25 9am C&D-CH	26
27	28 7pm Board Mtg-CH	29	30	31		LEGEND: A Annex CH Clubhouse SM Small Mtg Room C&D Coffee & Donuts



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