



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,

I hope everyone has a fantastic Labor Day and if you haven't heard, we will have a Labor Day pool party on Monday, September 4th. There will be lots of fun activities for the kids and a huge water slide, with the Men's group cooking hamburgers, hot dogs and serving snow cones. Party is from 2pm-6pm.

Another quick reminder is that our kids are back in school, so please be cautious of your speed during bus pickup and drop off. Thank you in advance.

Last month I mentioned the unusual heat wave we are having and that we were likely going into a Stage 1 (voluntary reduction) condition, which we did. Due to a continued lack of rain, it is my opinion that we will go into Stage 2 (mandatory reduction) soon. Our MUD #136 follows the WHCRWA drought contingency plan for determining which Stage we are in. If you're interested in the details of the different stages and what it entails, here is a link: whcrwa-drought-conditions. Also, look for signs at the exits of the neighborhood.

I understand there is a delay on putting up the new (36"x24") SEAL Security signs, but I'm hoping to see them all in by mid-September.

Our committees are hard at work on their 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. Our budget meeting is set for October 19th at 7pm in the Deerfield Clubhouse.

Some more good news, in the lawsuit of Art Reyes vs. the Association, and its volunteers, including law enforcement and our lawyer, we all have received a positive verdict by the judge in District Court. We can now begin the process of recovering legal fees, which have been expensive for all parties.

Don't forget to sign up for the Fall Garage sale if you are interested in getting rid of some items that you just don't need or use anymore. Registration has already started online for Saturday, October 14th from 7pm to 2pm.

Did you know that Deerfield has a Boy Scout Troop, and this is the time they ramp up after summer vacation and high adventure trips. If you have a boy interested in joining, go to their website. <https://bsatroop120.com> and click on Contact Us.

Please be advised that the next HOA Board meeting will be on September 25th 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 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

The kids are back in school, but there are a few more weekends to enjoy lifeguarded swimming at the pool. After August 27, the pool will be open for three (3) more weekends, Saturdays and Sundays from 10am to 8pm through Sunday, September 10th which is also the last day of the guarded swim season.

The pool will also be open the full day on Labor Day, Monday, September 4 from 10am to 8pm. Please come out to join us together as a neighborhood for our annual pool party fiesta, complete with food grilled by TMG, a water slide, snow cones and fun pool games. The Labor Day Pool Party will be held from 2-6pm.

Of course, during non-lifeguarded hours, those who have signed up for the Swim at Your Own Risk (SAY-OR) program can still use the pool for a little longer. If you have any questions about SAYOR, or want to sign up, contact the DVCA office. Catherine will assist with registration, which includes signing a current 2023 waiver and a specific pool rule form. You will also have to supply a picture ID. Each year an updated SAYOR waiver is required in the office for this program. No guests are allowed for the SAYOR program, only the person on the waiver. For any additional information about participating in this program contact the office by phone or email.

Final reminder about the new pool safety rule: The state now requires kids under 14 to be accompanied by a parent when visiting the pool. We understand that this was a new, hard rule this year, and I thank everyone who complied with a good attitude about it, especially when interacting with our lifeguards who had to enforce the new guideline.

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 September 12. We would love to see you there.

A Christmas in SEPTEMBER 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:

Chairperson - Connie Corkill 713-542-3428

Treasurer - Debbie Haver 281-541-8061

Secretary - Sandy Landgrebe 281-701-9598



CASINO NIGHT

GET READY FOR A NIGHT OF FUN AND EXCITEMENT
AT THE SECOND ANNUAL CASINO NIGHT!

Net proceeds of this event benefit the programs and services of
MESA-OUTREACH, INC.



Join us for an evening of gaming, delicious food and drinks, and great company. Try your luck at the poker table, roll the dice at the craps table, or spin the wheel at the roulette table. And of course, blackjack tables will be open too!

Date: September 30, 2023

Time: 7 PM - 10 PM

Location: Blackhorse Golf Club
12205 Fry Road, Cypress, TX 77433

EARLY BIRD TICKET PRICE: \$100

Tickets are available at
<https://events.idonate.com/2023-casinonight>

EIN 27-1022537, MESA-OUTREACH is a 501c3 non-profit corporation.



POOL PARTY!

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

Food for sale by The Men's Group

Water Slide & Games Too!

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 the residents who, despite the heat, came to the Ice Cream Social, and those who attended the Teen pool party. The teens had a blast before returning to school! All were a big success!

ONGOING ACTIVITIES-

Weekly:	Monthly:	Monthly (cont'd)
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 September 11-16. 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.

LABOR DAY POOL PARTY – MONDAY, September 4, there will be a **Water SLIDE from 2-6pm**. TMG will grill some hot dogs, hamburgers and have SNOW CONES from 3-5pm. FUN pool games also. Bring some \$\$ for the concessions and meet new neighbors.

MUSIC on the GREEN - Saturday, September 9 from 6-9 pm. Grilled hot dogs and burgers will be available for sale. A new band will be playing. Come out and enjoy the music and the food.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST - Saturday, September 30 from 8:30-10 am. It's FREE. Donations accepted. Come enjoy and meet a new neighbor.

UPCOMING OCTOBER EVENTS LISTED BELOW:

MUSIC on the GREEN – Saturday, October 7 from 6-9 pm. Back by popular demand the band "Electric Pony". We will grill burgers and dogs for sale \$. Bring a chair, enjoy and meet a neighbor.

GARAGE SALE – Saturday, October 14 from 7am-2pm. Seller participant cost -\$15 payable at the DVCA office or our website online.

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 September 7. We are always looking for new volunteers to help with these events and bring us new ideas & new energy!

ON-LINE
GARAGE SALE SIGN UP SHEET
[Click here!](#)

Community Services

The Community Services Committee is responsible for the maintenance and repairs of the Recreation Center facilities. Our most recent projects were power washing the breezeway, replacement of the breezeway lights, and painting & wood repairs on the exterior of the Annex and the Clubhouse. We have frequently been assisted by the Men's Group (TMG), who have made electrical repairs, washed the main room windows, replaced the basketball rim, repaired the Annex back stairs, and performed numerous other community tasks.

TMG's latest project is recycling plastic grocery bags. But wait, there's more than just that! They also accept bubble wrap, overwraps of paper goods and bottled water, bread bags, dry cleaning bags, food storage bags (not plastic food containers) stretch film wrap and bark mulch bags that have been turned inside out and dusted off. All of these items can be deposited in the recycling boxes that are in the caged area next to the ice machine. Please keep the grocery bags separate from the other items. The Men's Group bundles the grocery bags and donates them to Katy Christian Ministry, MESA food bank, and Meals on Wheels. The remaining items are bundled and taken to Randall's, who have agreed to combine our materials with their own plastics for recycling.

On the Recreation Center grounds there are blue recycling containers furnished by the Landscape Committee. Acceptable items to put in them are the same as for the weekly curbside recycling. **It is very important not to put food items in these bins.** Squirrels can smell the food and have been chewing through the bottom of the container to get it. Food items must go in the black trash containers which are also furnished by the Landscape Committee.

The other vital participant in the Recreation Center maintenance is you. Please do your part to help us keep the grounds in top shape and consider joining the Community Services Committee. We meet on the first Monday of the month. There will NOT be a meeting held in September. The next meeting will be on October 2nd at 7pm in the Clubhouse.

MUSIC ON THE GREEN

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH

6PM TO 9PM

LISTEN TO THE BAND

"COME MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS"

WE'RE GRILLING

HOT DOGS & BURGERS

Men's Group

SERVICE PROJECTS:

This past month TMG held another successful Food Drive to benefit our local food pantry, Mesa Outreach, and participated in their school supply drive. We installed a receptacle in the tennis courts for used tennis balls that will be given to the Dog park or Special Pals. TMG installed automatic paper towel dispensers in both kitchens, installed new door stops and replaced the net on the volleyball court. "It's amazing what a team can accomplish when no individual wants the credit!"

TAKING A BREAK Each year TMG takes a break from doing large outdoor projects during July and August.. Below is a list of things/events, other than HOA projects, that we have planned for this year.

- Weekly meetings, guest speakers
- A couple more Pancake Breakfasts
- Grilling for pool parties and Music on the Green events. Chili cook off.
- Work with Boy Scouts, CFISD schools, CERT, St. Vincent de Paul and the VA.
- Monthly Astro watch parties
- Monthly Book Club
- Weekly plastic collection for TREX
- Used eyeglass collection/donation
- Grocery bag collection for Mesa, KCM, and Meals on Wheels
- Paper shredding and electronics recycle on Oct. 21
- Carpentry and paint projects at Special Pals animal shelter.
- Trips, outings, movies and meals
- Monthly Food Drive
- TMG members drive weekly routes for Meals on Wheels
- Luggage collection for Desplechin youth
- Christmas Stocking project for Meals on Wheels clients
- Collect pill bottles for Special Pals animal shelter, and used tennis balls for the Dog Park

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 September 11-16. 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"



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, September 6, 2023.



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 September 19, 2023.

Financial status: Report for the month ended July 31, 2023.

SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY: JULY 2023		
	This Month	Year to Date
Income: Better/(Worse) than Budget	\$ (3,617)	\$ 3,774
Operating Expenses:		
Actual	76,452	575,639
Budget	64,663	530,344
Better/(Worse) than Budget	(11,789)	(45,295)
Net Operating Income:		
Better/(Worse) than Budget	\$ (15,406)	\$ (41,521)
Less budget timing differences (see Comments)	10,400	6,000
Net Operating Income:		
Better/(Worse) than Budget after adjusting for timing differences	\$ (5,006)	\$ (35,521)
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	13,894
Tree Service	10,400
Reduction of Loan Principal	3,619
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Total	\$ 27,913
Spent from Reserves this month:	
Paint and Repair of Rec Center Building	23,850
Clubhouse Furniture	726
A/C Repair	221
Greenbelt Trash Can	60
Total Reserves Spent	\$ 24,857

Note: 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 July 31, 2023 is 96.3% (vs 97.3% 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. We encourage you to pay your assessment to end delinquency and further accrual of resultant late payment penalties and interest.

As of the end of July, 73 new assessment payment plans have been established and 50 of them have been paid in full. One payment plan remains from prior years.

2024 Budget:

The Financial Services Committee is working with the other committees to develop the 2024 DVCA budget and will send the proposed budget to the board for review in September.

Landscape Committee

Landscape Committee activity has been at a low lately. As we wait for it to cool off a bit here are few interesting apps and web sites from Texas A&M AgriLife program and Texas A&M Forest Service that may be of interest to suburban property owners. Texas A&M (tamu) offers an app called Water My Yard Lawn that provides personalized watering recommendations specific to your yard. Tamu Forest Service offers web-based apps to help identify a tree or to help decide what tree to plant and where. They also have an app called TreeMD to diagnose issues with struggling trees. The apps are available at the App Store or Play Store. There is lots of interesting stuff at both sites; Water My Yard Program - Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service (tamu.edu) and Urban and Community Forestry | Services for Residents (tamu.edu)

The 2024 budget process is underway. The Landscape committee manages maintenance of common area lawns, annual gardens, trees, sidewalks, playgrounds, exercise apparatus and sprinkler systems. We have recently formally taken on responsibility for Christmas decorations. This year we have a long list of deferred maintenance items to catch up on due to the heat. In particular, we plan on focusing on freshening up the plantings around the recreation center, replanting a lot of missing hedge along Clay Road and improving sidewalk drainage among things.

The Landscape Committee meets the second Monday of every month at 7PM 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, September 11th and October 9th. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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!

MUD 136 Report

At our August 10th meeting, Harris County Municipal Utility District (HCMUD) 136 has triggered Stage 1 of our Drought Contingency Plan. Stage 1 requests all Customers to voluntarily reduce total water use by 10% with increased Conservation and that outdoor sprinkler watering be limited to before 10:00 am and after 6:00 pm. West Harris County Regional Water Authority has also triggered stage 1, due to the climate and weather conditions. The entire drought plan and links to the West Harris County Regional Water Authority plan are found on the Districts web site www.hcmud135.org

The Harris County Municipal Utility District (HCMUD) 136 Board met in person at the Deerfield Recreation Center August 10th. 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. As stated above, Stage 1 of the HCMUD 136 Drought Contingency Plan has been triggered. Selected sanitary sewer lines have been inspected in August as part of HCMUD 136 preventative maintenance program. Results of the video inspections are pending.

The Board discussed and will support a paper shredding and electronic recycling event, scheduled for Saturday, October 21, 2023. The time will be 9:00 am – 2:00 pm. In addition, there will be a drop off for old eye glasses. So if you have old eye glasses lying around, gather them up and bring for them for recycling.

District operations reports are posted on the District's website, www.hcmud136.org. 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, September 14th, at the Deerfield Recreation Center beginning at 6:00 pm.

**THE DVCA OFFICE
WILL BE CLOSED
ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4th**

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.



Free! Free Italian lessons with Maria Roberts.



Contact: maria@wt.net cell: 281-650-7755

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 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

Security Committee

Last month was quiet again from a security standpoint. Calls into SEAL were mostly for suspicious vehicles and noise disturbances. Here are a few key points to maintain our quiet and peaceful neighborhood. Work with your neighbors to keep your neighborhood clean and orderly. Keep spare keys with a trusted neighbor or nearby shopkeeper, not under a doormat or planter, on a ledge, or in the mailbox. Set timers on lights when you're away from home or your business is closed, so they appear to be occupied. Illuminate or eliminate places an intruder might hide: the spaces between trees or shrubs, stairwells, alleys, hallways, and entry ways. There has never been a more important time for citizens to work together to prevent crime.

We have had a few instances of cycling related incidents so I looked up the rules and regulations for Texas that may now prevent these issues from happening again. Texas Bicycle Laws – 8 Things to Know

These "rules of the road" are based on Texas Transportation Code statutes (aka: Texas bicycle laws). Find the complete bicycle code at the bottom of the page. Laws are designed to improve the safety of everyone who uses the roadways. Don't become a statistic! Remember to always use hand signals and body actions to communicate with motorists and other bicyclists.

1. Bicyclists have the rights and duties of other vehicle operators: (551.101)

Yes, this means you have to stop at stop signs and red lights, but cars are required to yield right-of-way to a bicycle when appropriate, just as to any other vehicle.

2. Ride near the curb and go in the same direction as other traffic: (551.103)

Near the curb is subjective (we recommend leaving a cushion of about three feet) but the law gives a cyclist the right to take the lane when necessary for safety.

3. At least one hand on the handlebars (two are safer): (551.102c)

One when signaling but two when turning works well.

4. Use hand and arm signals: (545.107)

Point the way you are going, let the other operators know what you want to do.

5. One rider per saddle: (551.102a)

Don't let your friends share your bike while riding unless you're both on a tandem.

6. You may ride two abreast as long as you don't impede traffic: (551.103c)

Racing and taking the lane are special cases.

7. Must have a white light on the front and a red reflector or red light on the rear (for riding at night): (551.104b)

The light is primarily so people can see you coming from the side, where their headlights do not shine on your reflectors. The law, effective as of Sept. 2001, states that [a red light can replace a red reflector](#).

8. Brakes capable of making the braked wheel skid: (551.104a)

Don't test that front brake to see if the wheel will skid while riding, especially down hill.

The Security Committee meets on 1st Tuesday of the month. Our next meeting will be on September 5th at 7PM. Come join us and help keep Deerfield safe!

Security Stats - July 2023

Alarm	0
Animal	0
Assistance	4
Burglary of Habitation	0
Burglary of Motor Vehicle	1
Calls to Hotline	0
Damage/Defacing of Property	0
Dispute	0
Disturbance/Noise	5
EMS / FD / PD	2
Information	6
Solicitors	0
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Deeds Committee

To those homeowners who submit Architectural Applications for approval of projects and who maintain their property in an attractive condition, the Deeds Committee whole-heartedly appreciates and thanks you!

For quick reference to keep the “dreaded” Deeds letter away, go to: <https://deerfieldvillageonline.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Deeds-Primer.pdf>

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. **PLEASE WEED YOUR FLOWER BEDS!**
3. **HAZARDOUS DEAD PALM TREES:** Towering dead palm trees are a safety hazard, especially during hurricane season. If dead palm trees are in your yard, they should be removed before they fall on yours or your neighbor's house.
4. **BARK MULCH/FERTILIZER BAGS:** Please do not store these bags on your driveway or in your flower beds.
5. **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.
6. **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.
7. **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.

Deeds meets on the 2nd Monday of the month at 7:00 PM at the Clubhouse. The next meeting will be September 11, 2023.

NEWS FROM THE DEERFIELD WOMEN'S DAY-TRIPPERS



Join the Deerfield Women's Day-Trippers on **Wednesday, September 27**, for a fun filled day exploring **Columbus, Texas**. We will have a docent led tour of several historical sites and museums that will take us back in time.

Our first stop will be the **Stafford Opera House**, built in 1886. This beautiful structure is the largest flat-floored opera house still in existence in Texas. While there is no evidence yet, of a live performance of an actual opera, the term “opera house” was commonly used to refer to theaters at the time. We will walk across the street to the **War Memorial Museum**. This unique museum features artifacts from veterans of all wars and a small collection of artifacts related to the city of Columbus.

Our bus will then take us to our last three sites. **Dilue Rose Harris House** is an example of “tabby” construction, the interior retains its original pine woodwork and is furnished with Victorian pieces. The **Santa Museum** features thousands of unique Santa figurines, music boxes, dolls, artwork and photos from all over the world. Our final destination on this tour will be the **Alley Log Cabin**, a pre-statehood pioneer home. The cabin is furnished with authentic household goods and artifacts.

We will wrap up with a buffet lunch at the town's favorite eatery, Schobels Restaurant. Their delicious daily buffet features 6 farm fresh vegetables, a variety of hand-cut meats, soup, salad bar and several homemade desserts. The price is **\$17 per person (includes food, drink (not alcohol), tax and tip)**. In order to handle our large group, **buffet is the ONLY option**. You will not be able to order off the menu.

PLEASE NOTE: Kindly RSVP no later than **Monday, September 11**, 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 \$18 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 8:15 a.m. and return around 4:15 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	David O'Brian	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	Kim Samman	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	Amy Lacey		
Architectural Guidelines	See schedule below	4:30 PM	Eric Toureilles	Terry Gray	

Deerfield Village September 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
LEGEND: A Annex CH Clubhouse SM Small Mtg Room C&D Coffee & Donuts					1	2
3	HAPPY LABOR DAY! (Office Closed) 2pm-6pm Pool Party	4 1pm Mahjong-CH 7pm Security-CH	5 5:45pm Yoga-Annex 7pm Tennis-CH	6 9am TMG 7pm Recreation-CH	7 9am C&D-CH	8 6pm-9pm Music on The Green
10	11 7pm Deeds-CH 7pm Landscape-SM FOOD DRIVE BEGINS	12 1pm Mahjong-CH 7pm Swim Pool-CH	13 12pm Quilting-CH 5:45pm Yoga-Annex 7pm Bazaar Planning Mtg-CH	14 9am TMG 1pm Dominos- CH 6pm MUD 136-CH 7:30pm Poker -A	15 9am C&D-CH	16 FOOD DRIVE ENDS
17	18	19 1pm Mahjong-CH 7pm Finance-CH	20 5:45pm Yoga-Annex	21 9am TMG 7pm Bunco- CH 7pm Malfies- A	22 9am C&D-CH	23
24	25 7pm Board Mtg-CH	26 1pm Mahjong-CH	27 8am Day Trippers 9:30am Sewing-CH 5:45pm Yoga- Annex 4:45pm Architectural Guidelines- CH	28 9am TMG 4pm Ladies Hour-CH	29 9am C&D-CH	30 PANCAKE BREAKFAST 8:30am -10am Free! Free! Meet new neighbors!



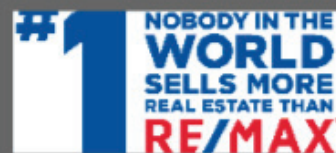
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