



DEERFIELD VILLAGE *News*

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

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President's Report

Greetings Deerfield Residents,

I was contacted by Kinder Morgan, which informed me they will be doing some pipeline maintenance over by Wilson Elementary school area from August 27th – September 5th. If you see activity in the area, it is expected.

Speaking of the pipeline area, the WHCRWA repaired a sinkhole that had developed, and it seems to have been fixed correctly. Our guys from the Men's group have been keeping an eye on that area.

The Board has adopted a new Bid Solicitation Policy that requires us to have more than one bid for a service that we purchase over 5K. A service can be a contract for landscaping work, security patrol, pool maintenance, etc. The current Texas law requires HOA to solicit more than one bid on any service over \$50K. We felt that we should have one or more estimates at a lower threshold, so ours are more stringent than required at 5K. See website to view policy.

If you haven't noticed, there are areas of the Perimeter fence that twist inward or outward along Barker Cypress, Keith Harrow and some on Windsong. This is not due to any installation error or issues with the fence installer, but it is a defect in the Trex material in the posts. When we noticed it, we got Trex involved, and after a year of back and forth they accepted responsibility for the defect in the 2nd batch of material we received. This is why the 1st batch along Clay Road does not have the defective posts and remain straight. It was important that this be covered by Trex under the 25-year warranty, so there is no cost to DVCA. We are now in the process of coordinating Trex and East Texas Fence, bringing in the new material and getting dates for the rework on the sections effected. We hope to begin as soon as October, but we will know more soon. **We will communicate with those residents involved before any repairs begin.**

The Board and Committees are still investigating new software to help run the association more efficiently and

allow for better communication between each other and residents. The demo of the first software went well, and we will see the second demo in September.

I would like to welcome Rose Rodriguez to the DVCA office team, as our new Deeds Coordinator. She will begin in September, as we continue to focus our efforts on enforcement, and continue to finalize a consolidated PC under the AGC. See website for more information.

Our finance team is in the heat of the budget process and working closely with the Committees to present a balanced budget. We will have a special meeting in October to approve the 2025 budget and set the Assessment amount.

We are still in need of volunteers on many committees, but most importantly our Recreation Committee that puts together the children's events, socials, holiday parties, MOG, snow day, etc., and we don't want to cancel these events due to lack of volunteers. The smallest amount of help goes a long way, whether you can help with an event, or sit on the Committee. Please consider helping out and keep the Deerfield traditions going.

The next HOA Board meeting will be on September 23rd at 7pm in the Clubhouse.

Take care,

Eric

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Important Information

DEERFIELD HELPFUL NUMBERS

DVCA Office 281-463-2624
Email..... dvmgr@deerfieldvillageonline.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

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 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.

**DVCA OFFICE CLOSED
SEPTEMBER 2 & 27**

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. The Event Calendar for 2025 is being discussed in meetings.

Thanks to all who came out to the Ice Cream Social and the Adult Social dinner prior to the start of the new school year.

ONGOING ACTIVITIES-

<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 Sept. 9-14. 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, rice and pasta.

POOL PARTY – Monday- September 2nd 2-6PM Slide, food, games and FUN for all. The Men's Group will be selling snow cones and grilled hot dogs and burgers from 3-5PM. Come and cool off after the first weeks of school.

MUSIC on the GREEN -Saturday, September 14th 6-9PM. Bayou Junction band. Men's Group grilling hot dogs and burgers. Bring your lawn chair, favorite beverage and enjoy the music with your neighbors.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST -Saturday, September 28th 8:30-10AM. It's FREE- donations accepted. A great opportunity to talk to your neighbors and friends. Fun for the whole family.

FALL GARAGE SALE- The FALL garage sale is planned for Saturday Oct. 12th from 7AM -2PM. Sign up through [PayPal on the website](#) or through the office. The form is on the website & in NL.

The Recreation Committee meetings are on the first Friday of the month. The next meeting will be on October 4 at 10AM. We are looking for new volunteers to help us with any of our events on our list! Please bring us new ideas & new energy!

Swim Pool Committee

Hello Deerfield Neighbors. Although school is back in session, there is still time to swim during guarded pool hours. The pool will be open weekends only, Saturdays and Sundays, from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. until Sept. 15.

We will have our Labor Day Pool party on Monday, Sept. 2 from 2-6 p.m. with a water slide and food grilled by TMG. The pool will be open all day from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m for Monday's Labor Day holiday. Keep in mind, after Monday the pool will be closed until the weekend.

The Swim At Your Own Risk (S.A.Y.O.R.) program is available for residents so they can lap swim during non-life guarded hours from 6am to 9pm. Residents must sign up/register through the office by signing a current 2024 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. The water temperature must be above 72 degrees to swim during SAYOR hours. For more information to participate in the program contact the office by phone or email.

Once we enter into the offseason, the pool committee will once again be focused on improvements. We are looking to buy new chairs, new ceiling fans for the pavilion, and are considering replacing the roof of the pool house.

A lot of discussion and consideration goes into our planning and decision-making process, and we hope some of you will join us in our committee. One of the best parts of Deerfield is that we are a completely volunteer-run HOA, ensuring we have control over our neighborhood. It also serves to keep our annual dues low. Please consider joining us or any other committee which interests you. The commitment is small, but the reward is big!

Our next two Swimming Pool Committee meetings will be Sept. 10 and Oct. 8 at 7 p.m in the Recreation Center -Clubhouse. We'd love to have you!



POOL PARTY!

Monday, Sept 2nd 2:00-6:00PM

Food for sale by The Men's Group

Water Slide & Games Too!

Architectural Guidelines Committee

The AGC (Architectural Guidelines Committee) meets twice a month in the Deerfield Clubhouse. Meetings are at 7pm on the first Thursday and the fourth Tuesday of each month. The meeting agenda will be posted on the website and outside the DVCA Office three days prior to the meeting date. Meeting minutes will be posted on the website once the committee has approved them.

The AGC has approved a one-page flyer intended to expand residents' awareness of the AGC's activities. The flyer is posted in the Clubhouse and Pool areas.

The AGC has updated the new Section 6 Unified Protective Covenants (PC) document with pertinent language from several Deeds policies. At this time, the AGC is focusing on whether existing provisions should be kept, modified, or deleted. Specific text changes will be discussed and approved at a later date. All residents are welcome to attend the AGC meetings. The next two meetings will be September 5th and September 24th.

Security Stats ~ July 2024

Alarm	0
Animal	3
Assistance	2
Burglary of Habitation	0
Burglary of Motor Vehicle	1
Calls to Hotline	0
Damage/Defacing of Property	1
Dispute	0
Disturbance/Noise	4
EMS / FD / PD	1
Information	5
Solicitors	4
Suspicious Activity	4
Suspicious Person(s)	3
Suspicious Vehicle(s)	7
Theft	0
Vacation Watches	33
Vehicle Collision	0

MUSIC on the GREEN

Saturday, September 14th

6-9PM.

Bayou Junction band.

Security Committee

If you would like a Seal Security magnet, please contact the office to get one.

In general Deerfield continues to be calm from a security standpoint. There is usually more suspicious activity at night, so remember to remove the mail from your mailbox, lock your cars on the driveway and streets and keep your property as well-lit as possible. Some homeowners have added video cameras, and we think it is a good idea.

If an incident does occur or you see suspicious activity, please do the following:

- If you feel in danger personally, call 911 or HCSO first and then SEAL Security.
- If you do not feel in imminent danger, call SEAL Security at **832-408-0200**.

There have been incidents noticed in the past where someone felt in danger and posted on the Nextdoor website before calling 911, HCSO, or Seal Security. Your safety is worth calling.

Also, if you are the victim of a crime, please call HCSO and report it.

Just as a friendly reminder- here are some things you can do to keep Deerfield safe:

1. Stay vigilant and report any suspicious activity, especially after dark.
2. Park in your garage or driveway. Vehicles on the street are easier targets.
3. Lock your vehicles, especially if they are left on the street or driveway.
4. Keep your overhead garage door and entry doors closed and locked.
5. Add a video security system for your house. It may help if an incident occurs.
6. Add outdoor lights and keep them on at night.
7. Report any streetlights out to Center Point and any Greenbelt trail lights out to the office.

We welcome any new members who may be interested in joining the security committee.

We meet on the 1st Tuesday of the month in the clubhouse. Our next meeting will be at 7pm on Tuesday, September 3rd at the recreation center. We hope you'll join us.



Saturday, September 28th
8:30 am - 10 am
Rec. Center

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 17, 2024**.

The following is a summary of financial activity through July 31, 2024.

Financial Status:

SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY: JULY 2024	This Month	Year to Date
Income: Better/(Worse) than Budget	\$ (12,346)	\$ (4,211)
Operating Expenses:		
Actual	94,074	604,205
Budget	72,137	603,244
Better/(Worse) than Budget	(21,937)	(961)
Net Operating Income:		
Better/(Worse) than Budget	\$ (34,283)	\$ (5,172)
Less budget timing differences (see Comments)	-0-	-0-
Net Operating Income:		
Better/(Worse) than Budget after adjusting for timing differences	\$ (34,283)	\$ (5,172)
Annual Operating Expense Total Budget		\$ 867,875
Board Approved Additions		-0-
Total Authorized Expenditures for 2024		\$ 867,875
Total Reserves Spent	\$ 5,989	\$ 15,369

Noteworthy Expenses this Month:	
Insurance	27,991
Reduction of Loan Principal	3,755
Audit Expense	2,500
Total	\$ 34,246

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.

2024 Assessments and Collections:

Yearly Assessments are the primary source of funds for operation of the Deerfield Village Community Association for the benefit of Deerfield residents. Invoices for 2024 Assessments plus outstanding balances from prior years were mailed in November of 2023. Payment was due by January 1, 2024 and was considered late after January 31, 2024. Beginning in February, late fees, interest, and other penalties started to accrue. If you have not received your 2024 invoice or are unable to locate it, please contact Patti Averitt at Consolidated Management Services, 281-296-9775, to request a duplicate.

Collection rate as of the end of the month was again lower than in the past; 95.8% vs 97.2% same-month-average for the previous 5 years. If you are among those who have not yet paid your 2024 or prior year assessment, we encourage you to pay soon to avoid further accrual of late payment penalties, interest, other associated charges and the cost of subsequent legal action.

Landscape Committee

Tree work is finished for this year, assuming we get through the rest of hurricane season without any more serious storms. New Deerfield Greenbelt signs are going up thanks to the hard-working men's group.

The Landscape committee is turning our attention to drainage issues in Deerfield common areas. We are working on making sure storm drains are draining, water is not pooling excessively and silt from run-off is not building up on sidewalks. There are a lot of drains in need of attention.

We are still actively developing plans to spruce up the landscaping along the main entryway at Clay Road. It is a large area and funding is limited but we are making progress.

The Landscape Committee meets on the second Monday of each month at 7PM in the small meeting room across from the office. Interested residents and new members are welcome. We are happy for community input. Our next two meetings will be held on Sept. 9th and Oct. 14th.

Deerfield Village FALL Garage Sale

Saturday, October 12, 2024

7:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Location: Each resident's house



Rules and Regulations:

You must register to participate.

You must be a Homeowner or Tenant residing in Deerfield Village to participate. Your Homeowners Assessment Fees must be current.

Garage Sale must be confined to participant's property. Do not use the cul-de-sac or street as cars need to have access to them.

There is no rain date. The Garage Sale will be held on October 12th.

Please place garage sale permit sign or online permit # at end of driveway or in view.

If paying online using PayPal, email the signed Deerfield registration form to the office at dvmgr@deerfieldvillageonline.com.

Forms and payment may also be dropped off at the office during regular office hours or you may put completed forms and registration fee in the metal drop box next to the office door. Click this link to download the sign-up form.

<https://deerfieldvillageonline.com/garage-sale-registration/>

Early Registration:

September 5th - October 10th \$ 15.00

Late Registration:

October 10th - October 11th \$ 25.00

MUD 136 Report

Harris County MUD 136 (the District) monthly meeting was held in the Deerfield Village Recreation Center at 6:00 PM on Thursday, August 8, 2024. 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. Presentations were made by MUD 136 consultants and issues affecting the District were discussed. The security and surveillance systems have been installed at the HCMUD 136 water plant and are now fully operational.

The District is sponsoring a paper shredding and recycling event, scheduled for Saturday October 19 at the recreation center parking lot. The time will be from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm. In addition, there will be a drop off for old eye glasses, so gather up your old eye glasses lying around and bring them for recycling.

McCall Gibson Swedlund Barfoot, CPAs completed the final audit report of the District's activities, records and financial statements for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2024. This report has been filed with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. The final audit report is also posted on the District's web site.

The Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for calendar year 2023 is complete. The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) require water systems to test for more than 90 contaminants in the water supply. The testing is conducted by the TCEQ. MUD 136 water meets or exceeds all the Water requirements. A link to the 2023 Drinking Water Quality Report follows www.municipalops.com/HCMUD136.pdf.

Please sign up for MUD 136's text alert system by texting "hcmud136" (without quotation marks) to 74121, or by creating an account using an email address at <https://mobile-text-alerts.com/hcmud136>. Registered residents will receive alerts about hurricane threat, drought conditions and water, sewer, trash and recycling services.


Questions on usage, billing, and general operations should be referred to our operator MOC. MOC's information is found at: <https://municipalops.com> Our next monthly meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Sept 12, 2024 at 6:00 PM at Deerfield Village Recreation Center. The agenda will be posted on our website: www.hcmud136.org.

Deeds Committee

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. **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. If you wish to stain your fence, the only acceptable stains are natural or cedar. See Fence Policy Non-Perimeter document on the DVCA website under the Deeds tab.
4. **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.
5. **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 7PM at the Clubhouse. The next meeting will be on September 9th.



Deerfield Malties
meet once a month
in the Clubhouse

Check the Calendar

DEERFIELD VILLAGE YOGA
EVERY WEDNESDAY - 5:45PM in Annex upstairs



Come and join us for a relaxing hour of gentle stretching and breathing. Bring water, a mat & towel. Wear comfortable clothing & enjoy! Contact Becky Nickell via email: nickellb01@att.net to sign up.

Men's Group

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 May TMG toured the Transtar facility and we are planning a few more "road trips." We usually have a monthly Astros watch party. If this sounds like fun, then come and join us.

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. It is tax time again and several TMG members are doing free tax prep for low-income families. Words that guide us, "You can't help everyone, but everyone can help someone."

PANCAKE BREAKFASTS Sat. Sept. 28 from 8:30-10 AM. Your donations go towards the Men's Group charity efforts. Donations at last year's breakfasts allowed us to make 60 Christmas stockings for needy Meals on Wheels clients and make cash donations to the Special Pals animal shelter and the local Mesa Outreach food pantry. These get-togethers are an excellent chance to meet other DV residents.

FOOD DRIVE The monthly Food Drive will be held Sept. 9-14th. Drop off your non-perishable donations in the box outside the office. A reminder, no glass containers or items long past their expiration date.

ONGOING ACTIVITIES-Each week we sort the thin films that we collect. The grocery bags go to local Food Pantries—Mesa, KCM, and Meals on Wheels, and the rest go to TREC. We collect used tennis balls and take them to Special Pals or the dog park. Additionally, we continue to collect used eyeglasses and suitcases.

SERVICE PROJECTS: This past month TMG held another successful Food Drive for Mesa Outreach and completed some carpentry and electrical jobs including repair of the sandbox at the north end playground after the storm. Before Beryl we helped clear the grate at the south end of the ditch and post storm, we did some tree cutting/clearing/removal and assisted several residents. We are monitoring the greenbelt exercise equipment monthly, and making repairs as needed. TMG is fabricating replacements for all the warning signs on the greenbelt. In addition, we built a new seat for the bench at the VB court and did a major patch job on the picnic table. It will be replaced next year. "It's amazing what a team can accomplish when no individual wants the credit!"

Our Motto is simple:

"DO WHAT YOU CAN, WHEN YOU CAN"

A Christmas in August Reminder!



Deerfield Village 46th Annual Christmas Bazaar 2024

NOVEMBER 8th and 9th • FRIDAY & SATURDAY

Crafters, Bakers, Picasso's and Artisans, it's that time again to start crafting those new ideas and creations for the upcoming 2024 Christmas Bazaar.

There will be 2 mandatory meetings: September 18 & October 24, 2024, at 7pm in the downstairs Clubhouse room. 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 our **chair members below:**

Chair: Connie Corkill - 713-542-3428

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

Treasurer: Sandy Landgrebe - 281-701-9598

**Let's make the 46th Annual Christmas Bazaar
the best ever!**

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Public Notice of Trustee Vacancy

A trustee position, formerly filled by Hak Dickenson, has recently become vacant. The term for this position runs through April 2025.

We are accepting applications from any member (in good standing) who would like to be considered for the opening. Applications will be accepted at the Deerfield Office through close of business day on October 18, 2024.

A Special meeting will be held to select the new trustee from all the applicants immediately preceding the October 28, 2024 Regular Board meeting.

You may pick-up an application at the Deerfield Office or online at www.deerfieldvillageonline.com.

NEWS FROM THE DEERFIELD WOMEN'S DAY-TRIPPERS

Day-Trippers have you ever wanted to visit backstage in a live theatre? If so, this is your chance. We will have a docent led backstage tour of Alley Theatre on September 25, 2024. Alley Theatre is a Tony Award-winning theatre company in the Houston Theater District. It is the oldest professional theatre in Texas and the third oldest resident theatre in the United States. Its productions have played on Broadway at Lincoln Center, toured more than 40 American cities, and played internationally in Berlin, Paris, and St. Petersburg.

Plans for a theatre began on October 7, 1945 when Nina Vance, the theatre's founder, held a meeting asking "Do you want a new theater for Houston?" The city did and Alley Theatre's first home was a single, large room on Main Street hidden at the end of a long alleyway, hence the name Alley Theatre. This space served as a dance studio by day and at night the room became a theatre in the round with 87 seats. In 1949 it relocated to an abandoned fan factory just off Louisiana Avenue that was its home for the next 29 years. During this period they earned a national reputation for the quality of productions and caliber of talent it employed. In the early 1960s the Ford Foundation granted \$2.1 million for a new home and \$1.4 million to support the work. At the time it was the Ford Foundation's largest grant to any theatre in America.

Construction for a new theatre complex at its location today, 615 Texas Avenue, started in 1966 and was completed in 1968. It has two stages – the Hubbard Stage, which has 774 seats and the more intimate Neuhaus Stage that has 296 seats. We will visit the Neuhaus Stage and learn its history, visit the directing rooms, prep areas, go to another building thru tunnels, see costume areas, etc.

After the tour of Alley Theatre we will have lunch in the International Food Hall at The Post. The Post was once the Barbara Jordan Post Office serving as the hub of the city's U.S. mail system. The long-abandoned building has now been transformed into a dynamic mixed-use complex. Each person is responsible for her own lunch. **NOTE:** The Post is **CASHLESS**, so please be prepared with plastic or smart phone.

PLEASE NOTE: Kindly RSVP no later than **Monday September 9, to Leslie Denney at 281-705-0237.** The cost for this trip is \$8.00 per person and is non-refundable unless someone takes your spot. Date money is due will be given once you are confirmed on the trip. As of this printing space is limited to 25 and advance reservations are required.

The bus will depart from the Deerfield Rec. Center at 8:30AM and return 4:30PM.

Those who register will be notified if plans change.

Community Services

Warmer weather means the return of mosquitoes and other pests. Please survey your property and eliminate any breeding grounds. The most common breeding grounds for mosquitoes are standing water, yard debris, clogged gutters and drains, and water for animals and birds. As every year, Deerfield has contracted a pest control company to treat sewers with larvicides regularly so that inaccessible standing water in the storm drainpipes won't provide breeding grounds. Spraying will be done on an as-needed basis.

Summer is a very busy rental time for the Deerfield Recreation Center's Clubhouse and Annex use for club activities, parties, receptions, meetings, and DFV swim team. A lot of time and investment has gone into making these shared spaces attractive and user-friendly, so just a reminder to keep it all that way. Please read the Facilities Use Agreement carefully and abide by the requirements signed upon renting. All users need to leave the facilities clean and organized, with furniture returned to its original place. Don't attach anything to walls, inside or out, with nails, tacks or tape, as this damages the paint and wood. If you find something broken or damaged, please report it so that we can get it repaired. All rental users must turn in the initialed clean up list to have the deposit returned. We can't stop our Recreation Center from aging, but we certainly can help it age gracefully and look GOOD!

The Community Services Committee is a small group of residents 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, September 2 and October 7 at 7pm at the Recreation Center. We hope to see you there!



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Tennis Committee

The Tennis Committee is always pleased to see many residents enjoying the tennis courts. All residents are reminded to legibly sign up for court time with a FIRST and LAST NAME on the Tennis Sign-up sheets located on the office window at the Recreation center. The player themselves must sign up for the courts. Players can 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. We also remind everyone that profanity, loud noises, radios, music and/or unsportsmanlike behavior is not allowed on the courts. Please ensure that the court gates are closed properly after you have finished playing. We do not want to find courts being misused because a resident did not close the gate properly.

Please remove any trash from courts immediately after playing which should go in the trash BINS outside the courts. Please refrain from using the Blue Tennis Ball Recycling baskets on the courts for trash cans.

All players are encouraged to leave any old used tennis balls they no longer want in the two (2) Blue Tennis Ball Recycling baskets located close to the court gates.

The next Tennis Committee meeting will be at 7pm on Wednesday, September 4th in the small meeting room across from the office.

Pickleball

Pickle Ball Pickleball play is popular and stays strong! You can reserve the **Court #4** on the signup sheets posted just outside the DFV office. The pickle ball net is located on court 4 to roll out for players. Use your DF access card for entry 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 about getting started. We can provide an extra paddle set if requested. Come out and join us...It is so much FUN!

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.



TROOP 120 HONOR GUARD PRESENTS COLORS AT RED WOLF DISTRICT ROUNDTABLE

August 8, 2024 – Deerfield Village’s chartered Boy Scouts of America (Scouting America) Troop 120 had the honor and privilege of presenting the United States and Texas Colors at the August Red Wolf District Roundtable, as the first of its kind to the District as an Honor Guard. Honor Guard Commander, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader



Carson Gracia and Patrol Leader Jaanav Maini are founding members of the Troop 120 Honor Guard, with supervision by Assistant Scoutmasters Mario Bustos (Army Ranger, Retired) and Ravi Maini (Honor Guard Commander, Texas Line of Duty Death Task Force).

Together, these young Scouts created the Standard Operating Procedures for the Troop 120 Honor Guard and worked diligently over the course of the summer to train and prepare for such an honorable duty. They uphold the 4 main pillars of their Honor Guard: Tradition, Reverence, Patriotism, and Scouthood.

As a future fundraiser for the Troop 120 Honor Guard, they will be bringing ‘Community Flag Services’ in which they will place and pick up American Flags for the Deerfield Village community on patriotic days like: Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Patriot’s Day, and more. Please be on the lookout for flyers soon!

Troop 120 offers a year-round Scout led adventure-based program designed to offer and encourage effective character, citizenship, and fitness training for boys aged 11-17. In addition to camping, Scouts and adult leaders enjoy activities such as rock-climbing and rappelling, canoeing, target-shooting, archery, and more while accommodating the needs of today’s busy families. Troop Meetings are held Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm at Deerfield Village Recreation Center, 4045 Deerfield Village Drive, Houston, Texas.

Red Wolf District serves Scouting units in the eastern and southwest side of the Cypress-Fairbanks school district and the eastern Area of Cy-Fair ISD attendance zones of Harris County and the southwest side of the Cypress-Fairbanks ISD south of West Rd and west of Eldridge Pkwy.

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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	Bill Wilkinson	Rick Johnson	
Deed Restrictions	2nd Monday	7:00 PM	David O'Brian	Buddy Scott	
DVCA Board	4th Monday	7:00 PM	Eric Tourelles		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 Tourelles		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		
Swimming Pool	2nd Tuesday	7:00 PM	John Murphy	Carissa Lamkahouan	
Tennis	1st Wednesday	7:00 PM	Amy Lacy		
Architectural Guidelines	See schedule below	4:30 PM	Eric Tourelles	Terry Gray	

Deerfield Village September 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
LEGEND: A Annex CH Clubhouse SM Small Mtg Room C&D Coffee & Donuts	HAPPY LABOR DAY! OFFICE CLOSED 2pm-6pm Pool Party	1pm Mahjong-CH 7pm Troop 120- A 7pm Security-CH	5:45pm Yoga-A 7pm Tennis-SM	9am TMG-CH 4pm Ladies Happy Hour-CH 7pm AGC Mtg-CH	9am C&D-CH 10am Recreation-SM	POOL OPEN
POOL OPEN	7pm Community Svcs-CH 7pm Deeds-CH 7pm Landscape-SM FOOD DRIVE BEGINS	1pm Mahjong-CH 7pm Swim Pool-CH	12pm Quilting-CH 5:45pm Yoga-A	9am TMG-CH 1pm Dominos-CH 6pm MUD 136-CH 7:30pm Poker Club-A	9am C&D-CH	6pm-9pm Music on The Green POOL OPEN FOOD DRIVE ENDS
POOL OPEN		1pm Mahjong-CH 7pm Finance-CH	5:45pm Yoga-A	9am TMG-CH 7pm Bunco-CH	9am C&D-CH	
	7pm Board Mtg-CH	1pm Mahjong-CH 7pm Troop 120-A 7pm AGC Mtg-CH	8:30am Day Trippers 5:45pm Yoga-A 9:30am Sewing-CH	9am TMG-CH 7pm Malties - CH	9am C&D-CH OFFICE CLOSED	PANCAKE BREAKFAST 8:30am - 10am Free! Free! Meet new neighbors!
		FALL Garage sale Scheduled Oct. 12				

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