



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

Greetings Deerfield Residents,

Please be aware that we were informed that the mailbox at the Community Center parking lot was broken into, and mail was stolen. It is being investigated by the Postmaster and the mailbox has been removed. It was damaged using a crowbar and not repairable. We have requested a replacement with the newer model, which is more resilient to being broken into, but it is unclear whether the post office will replace it.

I've received several calls asking why the Verdant Tree farm is closing down and is selling their property. That is not true and a rumor. I spoke to the owners of the tree farm, which are Deerfield residents, and assured me that they have no plans to close. The for-sale sign is on the edge of their property and represents a small portion of property on the north side of the tree farm.

The Flood Control has been busy clearing the debris in the ditch, and has large machinery going in and out, and leaving large piles in certain areas. Everything will get cleaned up and the areas with erosion should be addressed. Please let Cat in the office know if you see an area not being addressed, as we will ask them to come back.

We have lots of activities in October, so we sent out an email blast, but here is a list at a glance:

- Fall Garage Sale - Saturday, October 12th from 7AM - 1PM at your house - You must register on the website via PayPal or in the office by check/cash. Time to do some fall cleaning and make some money.
- MOG (Music on the Green) - Saturday, October 12th from 6PM - 9PM at the Recreation Center Green - Last MOG of the year. Come meet your neighbors and socialize with some good music from a live band. The Men's group will be grilling some hot dogs and hamburgers for purchase. Bring your favorite beverage and a lawn chair.
- Shredding & E-Cycling by MUD 136 - Saturday, October 19th from 9AM - 12PM at the Community Parking Lot - Bring any papers you want shredded or old electronics to be recycled. What is E-Cycling? E-cycling is the recycling of used electronic products that are deemed

no longer useful. Old electronics are broken down and have their parts separated for repurposing.

- Trunk or Treat - Sunday, October 27th, starts at 5PM, and lasts until the treats are all gone. Come in your scariest costumes.

A special thanks to the Men's group for placing the new floor tiles at the Clubhouse in the breezeway. The old flooring had been there for 40 years. Susan and Rick had worked hard to find the right solution that looked good, increases safety and durable. Nice job to all involved!

Our finance team presented the 2025 budget at the September meeting. We will have a special meeting on October 17th at 7PM in the Annex building to approve the 2025 budget and set the Assessment amount.

The next HOA Board meeting will be on October 28th at 7pm in the Clubhouse.

Take care and enjoy Halloween with the kids,

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.

**OFFICE CLOSED FOR
COLUMBUS DAY OCT. 14TH**

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 Event Calendar for 2025 is being discussed in meetings and is being developed for 32 events next year.

Thank you to all who came out to the Labor Day pool party, the September Music on the Green-(MOG) and the Pancake Breakfast.

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 Oct. 14-19. 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.

MUSIC on the GREEN- Saturday, Oct. 12th 6-9 pm. C.C. Rider band. Men's Group grilling hot dogs and burgers. Bring your lawn chair, favorite beverage and enjoy the music with your neighbors. Located on the green space in front of the clubhouse.

GARAGE SALE- the fall garage sale is Sat. Oct. 12 from 7 am -2 pm. Sign up at the office or online. Details are in this newsletter.

PAPER SHRED/ELECTRONICS RECYCLE- Saturday, Oct. 19th 9am- Noon in the Recreation Center parking lot.

FAMILY CAMPFIRE- Saturday, Nov. 2nd from 7-10 pm. Cobbler, Smores and more. FUN!

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS- Sunday, Nov. 3rd. Don't forget to change the clocks!

ELECTION DAY- Tuesday, Nov. 5 from 7am-7pm in the clubhouse.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR- Friday thru Saturday, November 8 and 9th at the Recreation center.

The next Rec. meeting will be on Oct. 4th at 10am in the small conference room. We need new volunteers to help with these events and hopefully you can bring us new ideas & new energy!



Swim Pool Committee

We had good attendance at our pool parties this summer, with hundreds of residents attending our three neighborhood bashes on Memorial Day, Fourth of July, and Labor Day.

During the off season we will continue to purchase needed items, including new tables and fans for our pavilion. We took a hard look at the condition of our pool deck, bathrooms, and other parts of the pool. We did some tree trimming over the pool. We are still working to replace all 40 of our pool chairs, which have served us well over the last 15 years or more but now need to be refreshed. We are also looking to replace our two extra-large umbrellas at the pool. These are quality pieces that have lasted more than 7 years and been a great addition to our pool amenities.

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!

If the hot weather persists and the water temperature stays above 72 degrees, then there's still an opportunity for residents to join and use the Swim At Your Own Risk (SAYOR) program. Contact the office via email or call 281-463-2624 for more details. Registering includes SAYOR specific rules, hours and the necessary Waiver to swim. The form information is also included on the DV website at deerfieldvillageonline.com.

Our next two Swimming Pool Committee meetings are Oct. 8 and Nov. 11 at 7pm in the Clubhouse. We'd love to have you!



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 Oct. 3rd and Oct. 22nd.



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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.

Security Committee

New members needed! If you have been looking for a way to become involved in our community with minimal time commitment, our committee is perfect for you. We meet on the 1st Tuesday of the month in the clubhouse. Our committee also has a chair position vacancy that will need to be filled by January. If you are interested, please attend a meeting for more details.

Deerfield community continues to remain quiet from a security standpoint. Your focus and efforts to communicate anything unusual to SEAL is working and helping us to keep Deerfield safe.

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**.

VACATION WATCH:

With the holiday season approaching, it's important to remember that an empty house can be an easy target for burglars. Residents can access a vacation watch form by visiting our website at www.deerfieldvillageonline.com click on the documents tab, then click on the vacation watch form.

This form will alert SEAL to your absence and let them know who is allowed to be on your property while you are away. The vacation form can also be emailed to vacationwatch@sealsecurity.com

The next security meeting will be held on October 1st at 7pm in the clubhouse.

Security Stats ~ August 2024

Alarm	1
Animal	2
Assistance	3
Burglary of Habitation	0
Burglary of Motor Vehicle	1
Calls to Hotline	0
Damage/Defacing of Property	0
Dispute	0
Disturbance/Noise	4
EMS / FD / PD	0
Information	0
Solicitors	3
Suspicious Activity	1
Suspicious Person(s)	7
Suspicious Vehicle(s)	5
Theft	0
Vacation Watches	35
Vehicle Collision	0

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 **October 15, 2024**.

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

SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY: AUGUST 2024	This Month	Year to Date
Income, Better/(Worse) than Budget	\$ 382	\$ (3,829)
Operating Expenses:		
Actual	67,329	671,534
Budget	82,429	685,873
Better/(Worse) than Budget	(4,900)	(5,061)
Net Operating Income:		
Better/(Worse) than Budget	\$ (4,518)	\$ (9,690)
Less budget timing differences (see Comments)	-0-	-0-
Net Operating Income:		
Better/(Worse) than Budget after adjusting for timing differences	\$ (4,518)	\$ (9,690)
Annual Operating Expense Total Budget		\$ 867,875
Board Approved Additions		-0-
Total Authorized Expenditures for 2024		\$ 867,875
Total Reserves Spent	\$ 6,229	\$ 21,597

Noteworthy Expenses this Month:	
Perimeter Fence Maint	6,075
Reduction of Loan Principal	3,696
Total	\$ 9,771

Financial Status:

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; 96.4% vs 97.6% 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 many drains that we have addressed and others we are still working on for the remainder of the year.

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 for next year. We are also planning for our regular fall planting.

Good news... our TMG volunteers helped get our greenbelt signs installed. See pic below. Landscape sends a big thanks to all who were involved.

The exploration of the "garden club idea" is still a goal. The purpose of the club would be to inform and educate the community on lawn and gardening concerns, arrange for speakers, organize outings, provide a social outlet for garden minded residents and to plan and carry out plantings and enhancements around the recreation center and pool area. If you are interested, please let us know via email to dvcagardner@gmail.com

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 meeting will be held on October 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.

Early Registration: September 5th - October 10th \$ 15.00

Late Registration: October 10th - October 11th \$ 25.00

I, _____ have read, understood and will abide by the above rules and regulations for the October 12, 2024 Deerfield Village Garage Sale.

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Email address: _____

For Office Use Only:

CMS _____ Participant # _____ Added to Spreadsheet _____

Payment: Amount \$ _____ Cash _____ Check No. _____ PayPal _____

Shredding/Electronic Recycling

Date: Saturday, Oct. 19 at 9am - Noon.

Location: Recreation Center Parking Area

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

Items Accepted

Computers, Laptops, Monitors, Desk Top Copiers

TVs (CRT TVs up to 36" in size) (No wooden cased TVs)

TVs (LCD/Plasma/LED up to 36") Printers, Keyboards, Mice, Hard Drives, IPADs, Tablets, Cable Boxes, Power Cords and Cables, Telephones, Stereo Amplifiers, VCRs, Toner Cartridges, Rechargeable batteries.

Items Not Accepted

Alkaline or lead acid batteries, CFL light bulbs, Major appliances, Microwaves, any other electronic item not listed above.

DOCUMENT SHREDDING

All documents will be shredded onsite.

You can bring documents in boxes or bags.

Remove all documents from spiral notebooks or binders.

Remove all binder clips or any other metal binding materials that cannot be easily bent by hand.

PRESCRIPTION GLASSES

Prescription glasses will be collected and given to the Lions Club prescription glasses program.



Come visit the Deerfield Village 46th Annual Christmas Bazaar 2024 Friday November 8th & Saturday November 9th

Ladies and Gents, it's that time again to start crafting and designing for our famous Bazaar. New members are always welcomed. We hold two scheduled meetings before the Bazaar; the next meeting is on October 24th. After October 1st there will be a \$10 late fee. You must be a Deerfield resident to apply for a booth. We charge membership dues for postage, advertisement, helpers and misc. The Bazaar is well known throughout West Houston, and now celebrating 46 years of crafts. Our customers look forward to this grand event every year.

Call or text: Chairperson: Connie Corkill 713.542.3428

Vice-Chair: Smitty Haver 281.541.8061

Treasurer: Sandy Landgrebe 281.701.9598



WATER DISTRICT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX RATE

The HARRIS COUNTY M.U.D. #136 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2024 on October 24, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at 4045 Deerfield Village Drive, Houston, TX 77084. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the tax rate that is adopted and on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property. The change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property determines the distribution of the tax burden among all property owners.

Visit Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property.

FOR the proposal: Brent Phelps, Neil Polansky, Adam Rodriguez and Rose Montalbano

AGAINST the proposal: None

PRESENT and not voting: None

ABSENT: Barry Greer

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year	This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$.15000/\$100 <small>Adopted</small>	\$.15200/\$100 <small>Proposed</small>
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		\$.00200/\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)		1.33%
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$ 308,076	\$ 328,009
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$ 308,076	\$ 328,009
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 462.11	\$ 498.57
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)		\$ 36.46 7.88%

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ELECTION TO REDUCE TAX RATE

If the district adopts a combined debt service, operation and maintenance, and contract tax rate that would result in the taxes on the average residence homestead increasing by more than eight percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the voter-approval tax rate under Section 49.23603, Water Code.

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

Bob Leared Interests 713-932-9011

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, September 12, 2024. HCMUD 136 meetings are

normally scheduled the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:00 pm. However, the October meeting is scheduled for 6:00 pm on October 24. 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. Work on sanitary sewer lines, repairing segments identified by recent inspections, should begin this month. The proposed tax rate will be published in the Houston Chronicle and in the Deerfield newsletter. The tax rate hearing will be at the October meeting, scheduled for October 24.

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 – 1:00 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.

Key documents can be found on the District's website, including the final audit report of the District's activities, records and financial statements for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2024 and drinking water quality reports.

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, October 24, 2024 at 6:00 PM at Deerfield Village Recreation Center Annex. The agenda will be posted on our website: www.hcmud136.org.

Brent Phelps

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 October 14th.



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- 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 Oct. 14-19. 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.

BACK AT IT- TMG members take a break from doing large outdoor projects during the very hot months of July and August. We were back at it in September replacing the matting in the clubhouse breezeway.

PAPER SHRED/ELECTRONICS RECYCLE Sat. Oct. 19 from 9 am-noon. The Men's Group supplies the manpower for this once-a-year event.

SERVICE PROJECTS: This past month TMG held another successful Food Drive for Mesa Outreach and completed some carpentry and electrical jobs. We continued to work on trees damaged in recent storms. TMG fabricated and installed replacements for all the warning signs on the greenbelt—big job in the hot weather. We removed the existing matting in the Rec Center breezeway and replaced it with 530 sq. ft. of sports tiles. In addition, we improved the drainage from the sidewalks along the pipeline ROW and installed 4 new catchment covers that prevent clogging—it's an experiment. "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"

Community Services

Happy October residents! As I'm writing this, Hurricane Helene is heading for Florida. Between the derecho in May and Beryl in July, I hope we've seen the last of intense weather for Houston this year. In October, I'm hoping for a little rain and some cooler temperatures!

We continue to work on maintenance and upkeep on the Recreation Center buildings. In September, the aged plastic tiles in the walkway between clubhouse and office were replaced, and we've received many favorable comments on the lighter color. See pic below.

Going into the holiday season, the buildings will get heavy usage, and we try to keep the paint, flooring and furniture looking nice for events and parties. 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.

The extensive plumbing work we did in the Annex last year seems to have solved the problems we faced for a couple of years. Together with lighting improvements, new paint and flooring in the upstairs of the Annex, this is a great space for meetings and events.

More projects for the Recreation Center are in the works, including more lighting improvements, replacement of some of the old furnishings, and work to update aging electrical systems. If you have ideas for other projects you would like to propose, please let one of the members of Community Services know. Better yet, come to a meeting!

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, November 4th at 7pm at the Recreation Center clubhouse. We hope to see you there!

New walkway mat flooring installed by TMG.



NEWS FROM THE DEERFIELD WOMEN'S DAY-TRIPPERS

Ladies would you like to shop for plants and beautifully crafted gifts while at the same time helping adults with disabilities (referred to as Citizens) live a life with purpose and dignity? If so, join us on Wednesday October 23, as we travel to The Brookwood Community located about an hour west of Houston. The campus is almost 500 acres where over 100 Residential Citizens live and work and over another 100 commute and work in a day program.

The concept started in the 1980s when Yvonne Streit's Young daughter, Vicki, suffered brain trauma as the result of complications from mumps. Back then she found nowhere to turn for help. Programs to aid those with physical and intellectual disabilities in finding a way to contribute meaningfully to society were scarce at best. So Yvonne created one. While it began as a tiny project to aid special needs kids like her own, it eventually grew into The Brookwood Community, a world-class residential campus serving adults with disabilities by providing meaningful work. Helping those with cognitive or physical disabilities begins with small but vital steps. In Vicki's case, those steps involved Yvonne teaching her daughter over months to grasp, then grasp and release, then grasp, move, and release. Today Vicki has employed that skill to place plastic flowerpots on a palette as part of the horticultural team at Brookwood. Vicki has placed over 11,000 pots and takes pride in her work.

Everyone experiences the dignity of contributing. Each Citizen gets his or her paycheck every Friday. Their work provides a sense of purpose and contributes to the funding of the community.

Our trip will include a guided tour beginning with a video of the facility followed by a brief question and answer period. Next we will tour the campus with the guide pointing out different buildings and giving information regarding each. When we arrive at the Streit Building, the guide will take us inside and we will be able to observe the Citizens working. Next we will continue to the north part of the campus where we will see the Horticultural enterprise and greenhouses. Our tour will end at the Gift & Garden Center and Café. There we will have lunch and shop. Each person will receive a 10% discount off ONE item in either the gift shop or the garden center.

PLEASE NOTE: Kindly RSVP NO LATER THAN Wednesday Oct. 9, to Leslie Denney at 281-705-0237. The only cost is for your lunch (and purchases if any). There is no cost for the tour. 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 by ~3:00PM.

Those who register will be notified if plans change.

August Trip to Lone Star Flight Museum



Come out for the DFV HALLOWEEN TRUNK OR TREAT!!

WHEN: SUNDAY OCTOBER 27th - RAIN OR SHINE!!

WHERE: DFV RECREATION CENTER

TIME: 5:00 PM



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more information!**

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!!



Tennis Committee

The Tennis Committee welcomes residents to come out to enjoy the tennis courts. Please sign yourself up on the Tennis Sign-up sheets located on the office window at the Recreation center. All residents are reminded to legibly sign up for court time with a FIRST and LAST NAME on the sheet. 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.

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 as trash cans. 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.

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, October 2nd 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.



DV FAMILY CAMPFIRE



COME ONE—COME ALL to the annual DV FAMILY CAMPFIRE NIGHT!

WHEN: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2

WHERE: Recreation Center Lawn, where we host Music on the Green.

TIME: 7 PM.

DETAILS: Our Youth Events Committee is teaming up with our Boy Scout Troop 120 to have an exciting campfire right here in Deerfield! The Boy Scouts will make cobbler and will build a campfire for all to enjoy, weather permitting. Residents are welcome to come out and enjoy cobbler and smores without camping out all night!

Hope to see you there!!

www.bsatroop120.com



Deerfield Village BSA Troop 120

Update: Canoeing trip

On Saturday, September 20, 2024, our very own Troop 120 visited Big Thicket National Preserve and canoed 13 miles down its creek embracing peaceful waters and seeing the wildlife that makes up Texas' diverse populations. The troop even got to visit with a TPWD Game Warden. If you're interested in joining the BSA Troop 120, come out on a Tuesday Night at 7PM to the Deerfield Recreation Center (upstairs Annex room). Be Prepared!



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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 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		
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 Toureilles	Terry Gray	

Deerfield Village October 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
LEGEND: A Annex CH Clubhouse SM Small Mtg Room C&D Coffee & Donuts		1	2	3	4	5
		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 7pm Poker Club-A	9am C&D-CH 10am Recreation-SM	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	7pm Community Svcs-CH	1pm Mahjong-CH 7pm Troop 120- A 7pm Swim Pool-CH	12pm Quilting-CH 5:45pm Yoga-A	9am TMG-CH 1pm Dominos-CH	9am C&D-CH	7am Fall Garage Sale 6pm Music on the Green
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	COLUMBUS DAY / INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY OFFICE CLOSED 7pm Deeds-CH 7pm Landscape-SM FOOD DRIVE BEGINS	1pm Mahjong-CH 7pm Troop 120- A 7pm Financial Svcs-CH	5:45pm Yoga-A	9am TMG-CH 7pm Board Budget Mtg-A 7pm Bunco-CH	9am C&D-CH	8:30-12pm Shred Day- Parking Lot FOOD DRIVE ENDS
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	7pm Troop 120 Committee Mtg-A	1pm Mahjong-CH 7pm Troop 120- A 7pm AGC Mtg-CH	8:30am Day Trippers 9:30am Sewing-CH 5:45pm Yoga-A	9am TMG-CH	9am C&D-CH	
27	28	29	30	31		
5pm Trunk or Treat 	7pm Board Mtg-CH	1pm Mahjong-CH 7pm Troop 120- A	5:45pm Yoga-A	HALLOWEEN 9am TMG-CH		

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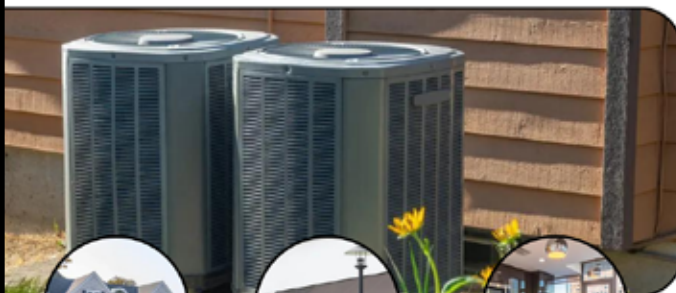
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