



# DEERFIELD VILLAGE News

December 2024

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

## DEERFIELD VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

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ANY EMERGENCY, Police, Ambulance.....911 • S.E.A.L. Neighborhood Patrol.....832-408-0200

## President's Report

Greetings Deerfield Residents,

I hope everyone has had a great Thanksgiving, and I see decorating for the holidays has started early this year, with beautiful lights and holiday decor. Our Landscape team and Men's group have decorated the Clay (south entrance), Patio home entrance and Keith Harrow (north entrance). Connie's team from the Bazaar decorated the clubhouse, and the Men's group decorated the lights around the Clubhouse/Recreation Center. Thank you for all taking this on!

If you're new to Deerfield, we have a December tradition you might be excited about. We host a **Snow Day** for the kids and family. This year it is on December 8<sup>th</sup> from 3-5PM, we will have two snow mounds on the Clubhouse lawn, and photo opportunities with Santa, train rides, and hot chocolate.

On January 1st, we will have our annual Polar Bear Swim at the community pool. It's a New Years Tradition with some of our residents, so come take a dip in the cold water...if you dare!

Please don't forget to send in your annual assessments, due on January 1st and late after **January 31st**. If things are tight this year, we have payment plans where you can pay in two, three, four or up to five payments. Please contact Cat or Lisa in the office.

If you are a homeowner on the perimeter of Barker Cypress, we will be doing some fence repair as part of the Trex Warranty issue starting January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025. This will begin at Spellbrook and go north to Keith Harrow and then wrap around to Windsong from north to south. Not every perimeter homeowner will be affected. If you are affected, you will get a door hanger 1 week prior to work being done.

Deerfield Boy Scout Troop 120 has started selling mulch, topsoil, and fertilizer for their annual fundraiser to attend Summer Camp or High Adventure. The boys will be going door to door to see if you're interested

between now and January 31<sup>st</sup>. They will be delivering to your house around the last weekend of February. Please be sure you have them set the mulch in an area not visible from the street, if you do not plan to spread it right away. Please visit the Troop 120 website if you do not hear from one of our Scouts, [www.bsatroop120.com/mulch](http://www.bsatroop120.com/mulch)

This is another time of year that I want to thank all those that volunteered in 2024 and have graciously given their time to make Deerfield such a wonderful place to live. Additionally, our office team, Catherine Guiberteau, Lisa Gilpin and Rose Rodriguez. Thank you very much, we could not do it without you!

The next Board meeting is on January 27<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Clubhouse, and all Deerfield homeowners and residents are invited to attend.

I wish you and your family a happy holiday and Merry Christmas!

Take care,

Eric



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# Important Information

## DEERFIELD HELPFUL NUMBERS

DVCA Office ..... 281-463-2624  
Email..... [dvmgr@deerfieldvillageonline.com](mailto: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](mailto:dvmgr@deerfieldvillageonline.com). Visit our website, [www.deerfieldvillageonline.com](http://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](http://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  
DECEMBER 24, 25, 26, 31 & JAN 1**

HAVE A  
**Merry Christmas**  
& HAPPY NEW YEAR



Deerfield Village Annual

**SNOW DAY**

Sunday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>

3pm - 5pm

Train ride & Santa



**Deerfield Christmas  
Social Dinner**



Join us on December 14<sup>th</sup>

Clubhouse

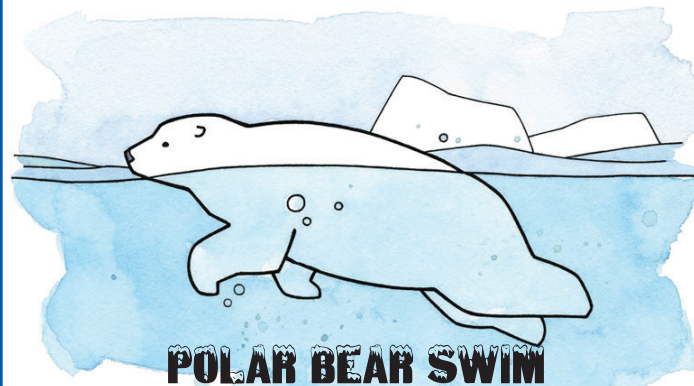
6:00pm - 9:30pm

Live entertainment @ 7:30

Catered dinner Turkey or Ham

Tickets \$15/per person

(purchase in office)



**POLAR BEAR SWIM**

Wednesday, January 1st at 1pm

Come join us and dive into the  
new Year with a splash.



The Bazaar Members want to thank all our Deerfield customers, friends and families for supporting our awesome 46<sup>th</sup> Bazaar in 2024. We hope you enjoyed all our one-of-a-kind special items and your gifts will be cherished forever. We hope to see you next year for our 47<sup>th</sup> Christmas Bazaar.

Also, thanks for your food donations to MESA-Outreach, which will help families through the holidays.

We will be decorating the Clubhouse Christmas tree and putting Christmas wreaths up on the front and back entrances.

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**



Deerfield Boy Scout Troop 120  
selling **MULCH**  
ON SALE

thru January 31, 2025

Help a scout go to summer camp.

[www.bsatroup120.com/mulch](http://www.bsatroup120.com/mulch)

# Recreation Committee

The EVENT CALENDAR is on the DV website [www.deerfieldvillageonline.com](http://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. Thanks to all who came out to the Craft Bazaar and the Family Campfire.

## 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 Dec. 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.

**CHRISTMAS SNOW PARTY-** Sunday, December 8 from 3-5 pm. Snow hills for snowball fun. Santa in the clubhouse and the annual kid's holiday train. Also, there will be cookie & coloring crafts and hot chocolate refreshments. Come out and enjoy our most popular annual event.

**SOCIAL DINNER** - The annual Christmas dinner will be on Saturday, Dec. 14 from 6-9:30 pm. The theme this year-"The Gifts of Christmas". Traditional holiday menu. Entertainment by "Kevin-the Frank Sinatra guy". Tickets are \$15/person (purchase in DVCA office)-max of 45 attendees.

The next meeting will be on Friday, Dec. 6 at 10am. We are looking for new volunteers to help with these events and hopefully they will bring us new ideas & new energy!

# Swim Pool Committee

Happy Holidays from SPC! Although we are in the swimming off season, this is the time the pool committee focuses on improvements, repairs, and replacements needed to keep our pool, deck, and pool house nice.

The Swim At Your Own Risk (S.A.Y.O.R.) program ends on Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> and starts up again in April 2025. 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 forms are also included on the DV website at [deerfieldvillageonline.com](http://deerfieldvillageonline.com).

Our next SPC meeting is scheduled for January 14, at 7pm in the Clubhouse. There will not be a meeting in December. Have a nice and safe Holiday!

# Financial Services Committee

Meetings to review the financial status of our community are generally held in the clubhouse on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM. There will be no December meeting; the next scheduled meeting is **January 21, 2024**.

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

## Financial Status:

SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY: OCTOBER 2024			
	This Month, \$	Year to Date, \$	Year End Forecast, \$
Income: Better/(Worse) than Budget	12,019	139,068	53,196
Operating Expenses:			
Actual	56,063	784,568	890,478
Budget	67,158	807,075	867,875
Better/(Worse) than Budget	11,095	22,507	(22,603)
Net Operating Income:			
Better/(Worse) than Budget	23,114	161,575	30,593
Total 2024 Operating Budget		867,875	867,875
Board Approved Additions		-	
<b>Total Authorized Operating Expenditures for 2024</b>		<b>867,875</b>	<b>867,875</b>
<b>Total Reserves Spent</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>27,631</b>	<b>30,489</b>
<b>Noteworthy Expenses this Month:</b>			
Reduction of Loan Principal	3,790		
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,790</b>		

*Note: Budgeted expenditures that have not yet been expensed but are expected to be expensed in subsequent months are reflected in the Year End Forecast.*

## 2025 Budget:

The 2025 budget, was approved by the DVCA board on October 17, 2024. A \$20 per residence assessment increase was adopted.

## 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. 2024 Collection rate as of the end of the month was again lower than in the past: 96.8% vs 97.9% same-month-average for the previous 5 years.

## 2025 Assessments and Collections:

Invoices for 2025 Assessments plus outstanding balances from 2024 and prior years have been mailed. Payment is due by January 1, 2025 and will be considered late after January 31, 2025. Beginning in February, late fees, interest, and other penalties start to accrue. **If you have not received your 2025 invoice or are unable to locate it, please contact Patti Averitt at Consolidated Management Services, 281-296-9775, to request a duplicate.**

# Security Committee

Our community continues to remain quiet. Please continue to be vigilant and watch out for your neighbors by calling SEAL at 832-408-0200 with any issues. During the holiday season, consider utilizing SEAL to watch your home while you are away. Residents can access a vacation watch form by visiting our website [www.deerfieldvillageonline.com](http://www.deerfieldvillageonline.com) click on the documents tab, then click on the vacation watch form. This form will alert the SEAL officer of 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](mailto:vacationwatch@sealsecurity.com)

- New members/chairperson recruitment – join us in January if you are interested in learning more about our committee.

## Meeting Change!

Please take notice that our committee will not meet in the month of December. Our next meeting will be at 7pm on Tuesday, January 7<sup>th</sup> in the clubhouse. We hope you'll join us.

**WE WOULD LIKE TO WISH YOU  
ALL A HAPPY AND SAFE  
HOLIDAY SEASON!**

## Security Stats ~ October 2024

Alarm	1
Animal	0
Assistance	4
Burglary of Habitation	0
Burglary of Motor Vehicle	0
Calls to Hotline	0
Damage/Defacing of Property	0
Dispute	0
Disturbance/Noise	4
EMS / FD / PD	1
Information	1
Solicitors	4
Suspicious Activity	2
Suspicious Person(s)	9
Suspicious Vehicle(s)	5
Theft	1
Vacation Watches	25
Vehicle Collision	0

### 2025 Assessments

The 2025 DVCA Assessment have been mailed. Make sure your Deerfield Village address appears on the check.

Send payments to:

**Consolidated Management Services - DVCA**  
128 Vision Park Blvd., Suite 110  
Shenandoah, TX 77384

# Landscape Committee

Happy Holidays from the Landscape committee!

The 2025 budget has been approved and in addition our usual responsibilities of lawn care, sprinkler maintenance, sidewalk repair and tree trimming we will be addressing common area drainage issues, refurbishing the plantings along Deerfield Village Drive at the Clay Road entrance and generally sprucing up around the Recreation Center. The new green belt usage signs are in place. We upped our Christmas decorations from last year. We hope you enjoy the lights for the season.

Fall annuals will be planted in December to brighten up the entrances and various common area gardens. We will be organizing a planting party to plant annual color in the various gardens around the around recreation center, therefore this is a call for volunteers. We hope this will become an annual community outing.

The Men's Group kindly power washed the first section of wall along the east side of Deerfield Village Drive at Clay Road. Thank you to TMG!!

The Landscape Committee meets the second Monday of every month at 7PM in the small conference room across from the office. We plan to meet on December 9<sup>th</sup>. Help keep our neighborhood beautiful and join our committee! Everyone is welcome to attend.

# 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 made great strides and continues to update the new Unified Protective Covenants (PC) document with modernized language from the original Protective Covenants, and pertinent language from existing policies. At this time, the AGC is focused on the existing provisions, and whether they should be kept, modified, or deleted. However, based on the current process, we will likely go into 2025 before completing the document. All document changes will be discussed and approved at a later date, and subject to community vote. All residents are welcome to attend the AGC meetings. The next meeting will be on Thursday, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Clubhouse

**THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED:  
Dec. 24, 25, 26 & Dec. 31 & Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>  
MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

# MUD 136 Report

Harris County MUD 136 (the District) monthly meeting was held in the Deerfield Village Recreation Center Annex, 6:00 PM on Thursday, November 14, 2024. Meetings are open to the public, with the agenda posted at the Deerfield Recreation Center and on the District's website [www.hcmud136.org](http://www.hcmud136.org). Presentations were made by MUD 136 consultants and issues affecting the District were discussed. Additional repairs on sanitary sewer line segments are planned with two more locations during the next month.

At this meeting our trash service provider, Texas Pride, informed the District of a price increase to be expected in early 2025. The trash service is part of the Sewer Charges line item on your Monthly Water Bill Statement. Expect your water bill to go up, with this line item increasing as the new rates take effect.

Deerfield landscaping committee presented their plan for new trees near the Vanbury Drive Playground. The committee proposed a drip watering system for new trees which are to be planted soon. The trees will be placed, so in the future they will provide shade for the playground. MUD 136 was requested and agreed to assist with the cost of the watering system.

Key documents can be found on the District's website, including meeting information, District's activities, records, financial statements 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, December 12, 2024 at 6:00 PM at Deerfield Village Recreation Center. The agenda will be posted on our website: [www.hcmud136.org](http://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 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month at 7PM at the Clubhouse. There's no meeting in December. The next meeting will be on January 13, 2025.



**Deerfield Malties**  
meet once a month  
in the Clubhouse  
  
Check the Calendar



**CONGRATULATIONS**  
TO  
5114 Glentworth  
18214 Cransley

**SEWING BEES OF TEXAS**  
Come join us on the 4th Wednesday of the Month.  
Enjoy some sewing, knitting and crochet. We sew for charities and we are very busy bees! Ann Holmes 713-703-7060



# Men's Group

The Men's Group (TMG) meets weekly on Thursdays at 9:00 AM at the Rec Center. We have stimulating and lively roundtable discussions on topics of interest to the group. Besides our projects for DVCA, and the community at large, we mix in some fun and fellowship which includes a monthly book club. Earlier this year TMG toured the Transtar facility, and we recently toured the new fire station. We usually have a monthly Astros watch party or meals out. 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."

**FOOD DRIVE** The monthly Food Drive will be held Dec. 9-14. 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 TRES. We collect used tennis balls and take them to Special Pals or the dog park. Additionally, we continue to collect used eyeglasses and suitcases.

**CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS** Once again this year TMG will be filling 60 Christmas stockings that will be distributed to our needy Meals on Wheels clients. Your donations at Pancake Breakfasts fund this activity. A big thank you to the ladies of the Sewing Bees of Texas for making the stockings again this year.

**CHRISTMAS LIGHTS** As in previous years TMG members installed Christmas lights, and other decorations, at both the Clay Rd. and north entrances, and around the clubhouse.

**SERVICE PROJECTS:** This past month TMG held another successful Food Drive for Mesa Outreach and completed some carpentry and electrical jobs. We power washed additional sections of the brick walls at the Clay Rd. entrance and also power washed and marked all the blue recycle cans around the Rec Center. TMG repaired one of the fence poles at the tennis courts and installed a replacement "no parking" pole. We removed the existing matting in the Rec Center breezeway and replaced it with 530 sq. ft. of sports tiles. TMG washed the windows in the clubhouse and annex and assisted with the flower planting around the Rec Center. In addition, we improved the drainage from the sidewalks along the pipeline ROW and added

# Men's Group

edging to keep silt off the sidewalk. "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"**



*Happy Holidays*  
From the Men's Group

## HOLIDAY GREETINGS FROM THE DEERFIELD WOMEN'S DAY-TRIPPERS

This has been a year filled with fun as we traveled to many new places, had different experiences and learned new things. We did all of this while visiting with our neighbors who are old friends and meeting new friends as Harris County bus drivers worried about the traffic and drove us safely to our destinations.



Our next outing will be December 11 for a play at Alley Theater, "The Night Shift Before Christmas". Since the tickets had to be pre-purchased a few months ago, we communicated the signup for the trip with all the current members on our roster via email. The trip is full and we now have a wait list. The cost for the ticket to attend this play is \$45.00. We will also be dining before the play at each individual's expense. The bus will leave Deerfield at approximately 3:30PM that day and return around 11:00PM. If you would like to be added to the wait list, please contact Leslie Denney at 281-705-0237. "Happy Holiday and New Year" to you and your families! May we all have a prosperous, healthy and adventurous year in 2025.

We look forward to seeing all of you, along with some new faces, next year as we scope out more places and create additional memories.

Photo from October trip to the Brookwood Community



At this time of year, please remember your charitable donations to help MESA Outreach with their programs and food pantry



## Community Services

Happy Holidays for the holiday season!

The positive feedback we received on the new floor tiles in the Recreation Center walkway had us look at expanding more areas covered by the tiles. It has been decided that we will be extending the tile to the walkway in front of the ice machine leading to the parking lot, as well as by the Office. Both walkways tend to get wet and slippery, and the tiles will help solve that problem.

As we go into the holiday season, usage of the Clubhouse/Annex rooms for events, parties and family gatherings at the Rec center building will go up. Last year, we performed an extensive facelift on the facility, including external siding and trim repairs, cleaning, caulking and painting. Remember, when you use the buildings for an event or just to hang out, please do NOT 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 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, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7 pm at the Rec Center. We hope to see you there!

## Pet Hotline News

by Marie Nugent

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



# Tennis Committee

The Tennis Committee welcomes all residents to come out to enjoy the courts for both tennis and pickleball. Please sign yourself up on the Tennis/Pickleball 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. 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, December 4<sup>th</sup> in the small meeting room across from the office. There will not be a meeting in January due to the New Year Day holiday.

# 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.





# Happy Holidays!

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## **Trustee Election Notice:**

### **Posting of Applications**

Applications received for the Trustee Election are included in this Newsletter and are available on the DVCA website at [www.deerfieldvillageonline.com](http://www.deerfieldvillageonline.com). The Election Committee has also invited Candidates to provide a short introductory video and provide answers to questions of general interest; the videos and Candidates' answers will also be posted on the website.

### **Election Dates**

Voting will occur Tuesday thru Friday, **March 25<sup>d</sup>** thru **March 28<sup>th</sup>**, from 9:30am to 1:30pm, Thursday evening, **March 27<sup>th</sup>**, from 6:00pm -8:00pm, and Saturday, **March 29<sup>th</sup>**, between 10:00am and 2:00pm.

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

**April 8<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 PM to announce the election results.

### **Annual Board Meeting**

**April 8<sup>th</sup>** immediately after the Annual Meeting of the Members, to seat new Trustees.

### **Position of Trustees**

Only one resident in the same family may concurrently serve on the Board. The position of Trustee is for a period of three (3) years. Trustees are responsible for the direction and management of the affairs and assets of the Association. In addition to attending monthly Board Meetings, each Trustee attends meetings of at least one Standing Committee as a non-voting representative to provide counsel regarding the Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws, as well as other matters. Therefore, Trustees need to be familiar with these documents and a complete set will be given to those submitting applications.

### **2025 Election Committee**

Kim Samman – Chair  
Eric Toureilles – Vice Chair  
Lisa Gilpin – Member  
Amy Lacy– Observer (no committee vote)  
Catherine Guiberteau – Administrator (no committee vote)

# APPLICATION FOR TRUSTEE- 2025

Please fill out this application and mail or return to:  
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4045 Deerfield Village Drive  
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EXPERIENCE: \_\_\_\_\_

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WHAT DO YOU HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH AS A BOARD MEMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ I have read the governing documents (Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws, Code of Ethics and Procedures of the Board and have a brief understanding of these documents and that we have Protective Covenants and what they are for.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



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# 2024 CAMPFIRE





# Katy Toastmasters Youth Leadership Program

## Katy Toastmasters is Sponsoring a Youth Leadership Program January 6, 2025 – February 24, 2025

The program is limited to no more than 25 students from the ages of 12–17 years old. It is acceptable to have a “buddy system” of a student with their friend which helps build their confidence in the program.

This program is an **eight-session** fun and experimental program, designed to help students develop people skills confidence.

### **ABOUT THE PROGRAM:**

- This is a **free** program to the students; Toastmasters manuals will be provided.
- We do ask students and parents commit to attending the eight sessions.
- Upon successful completion, the students will received a Certificate of Achievement.
- The program will be held on Monday evenings for eight consecutive sessions beginning January 6<sup>th</sup> through February 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Meetings start at 6:30pm and may end no later than 8:30pm or earlier depending on final group size.

**Administration Contact:**  
**Andy Paultanis, CPA, DTM**  
[apaultanis@gmail.com](mailto:apaultanis@gmail.com)

Below is an outline of the program where students present an Ice Breaker speech, work on public speaking techniques and practice people skills.

- **Session 1: Introduction to Chairmanship**  
*(Robert’s Rule of Order/Networking with People)*
- **Session 2: Impromptu Speaking**  
*(Thinking on your feet)*
- **Session 3: Introduction to Public Speaking and Evaluations**  
*(Ice Breaker Speeches)*
- **Session 4: Organizing Your Speech**  
*(Ice Breaker Speeches)*
- **Session 5: Listening Skills**  
*(Panel Discussion Techniques)*
- **Session 6: Gestures**  
*(Interviewing for Jobs and College)*
- **Session 7: Voice and Vocabulary**  
*(Working and competing with Robots)*
- **Session 8: Show Your Skills**  
*(Group Pizza Party)*



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### **MEETING LOCATION**



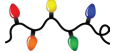



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(east of Barker Cypress and north of Clay Road)

# 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	Jadi Ritcher	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 Lacey		
Architectural Guidelines	See schedule below	4:30 PM	Eric Tourelles	Terry Gray	

## Deerfield Village December 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 1pm Mahjong-CH 7pm Troop 120-Annex 7pm Troop 120- A	4 12pm Quilting-CH 5:45pm Yoga-A 7pm Tennis-SM	5 9am TMG-CH 7pm AGC Mtg-C/H	6 9am C&D-CH 10am Recreation-SM	7
8 3pm-5pm <b>Snow Day!</b> 	9 7pm Landscape-SM <b>FOOD DRIVE BEGINS</b>	10 1pm Mahjong-CH 7pm Troop 120- A	11 5:45pm Yoga-A	12 9am TMG-CH 1pm Dominos-CH 6pm MUD 136 7pm Poker- Annex	13 9am C&D-CH	14 <b>FOOD DRIVE ENDS</b>
15	16 7pm Troop 120 Committee Mtg-A	17 1pm Mahjong-CH 7pm Troop 120- A	18 3:30pm Day Trippers 5:45pm Yoga-A	19 9am TMG-CH 7pm Bunco-CH	20 9am C&D-CH	21 6pm-9:30pm  <b>Christmas Social</b> Tickets \$15
22	23	24 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> Christmas Eve 	25 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> Merry Christmas! 	26 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	27	28 <b>Happy Hanukkah</b> 
29	30 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	31 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> New Year's Eve 	Jan 1 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>			<b>LEGEND:</b> A Annex CH Clubhouse SM Small Mtg Room C&D Coffee & Donuts


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