

Spring 2005

# Deerfield Village

*Deerfield Village Homeowner's Association*

## **Calendar:**

- May 21 – Garage Sale
- May/June – Neighborhood Cleanup
- September – Garage Sale

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## Board News & Views

Welcome to the spring edition of the Deerfield Village Newsletter. We hope everyone is well after our last winter season. Now that the weather is getting warmer, we will all start thinking about working outside and keeping the neighborhood looking great.

Our first order of business is to let you know that at our last HOA meeting a new board was voted in.

Ryan Reddick - President  
Kurt Houk - Vice President  
Brady Bernard - Treasurer  
Sandi Zimmermon - Secretary  
Judy Stevenson - Architectural Committee Leader

The new board will continue the previous board's plan to bring our neighborhood up to the standards that will make Deerfield Village the place to live in Perry Township!

We would also like to remind you that last fall we turned over some of the administrative tasks to a management company and they have been a great help in many ways. Their expertise has allowed them to address numerous problems and ensure that dues are paid timely.

Another thing you may have noticed is that our dues have been raised this year from \$120.00 to \$132.00. This was decided at our last annual homeowner's association meeting in January. The dues we have been paying were not adequate enough for us to keep up with the budget needed to maintain our neighborhood. For instance, last year we repaired the sprinkler system at the front entrance but this year we will not be able to run it so that we can save money. The need to maintain the neighborhood has forced this decision and we will have to raise them again to \$150.00 next year. The management company has shown us that once we reach this amount then we can begin to have a surplus and start to acquire things that are needed around the neighborhood.

Finally we will be having another neighborhood garage sale and another cleanup day where we will be providing a dumpster for anyone needing to discard any large objects.

As always if you have any questions, comments, concerns, and yes even complaints please don't hesitate to contact the board by email on the website at [www.dvhoa.com](http://www.dvhoa.com).

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800-222-1222

**Edgewood Post Office**

464-6827

**Southport Library:**

269-1873

**DNR Nuisance Hotline**

800-893-4116

## Neighborhood Issues

One of the goals of this years board is to share concerns, issues, and complaints with all homeowners. We will be adding a comment form onto the website and we always encourage email.

Recently, we have heard from several homeowners expressing concerns about pet waste, children playing in the pond, and children cutting through lots. Please respect your neighbors by cleaning up after your pets while walking them and encourage children to be respectful of the property of others by using the sidewalks provided.

The other issue we have heard complaints about is the abuse of the pond areas. Several children have been seen playing around the concrete spillways. Several children have been seen throwing these rocks into the pond area and they are now blocking the drainage paths. These spillways must remain open in order to allow proper drainage and avoid excess growth of algae and other substances. Our pond water is treated and could be dangerous if ingested. Please remind your children not to throw these rocks or play in the ponds.

## Covenant Highlights

Spring is upon us and that means that it's time to make sure that there is not unsightly growth in your yard. Section 6.16 of the covenants state that "weeds, underbrush, or other unsightly growth" will not be tolerated. Please make sure you are keeping up on your yards. The state of your yard can reflect on the neighborhood as a whole when others are attempting to sell their homes.

Another covenant that often gets overlooked is section 6.25. This section address Yard Lights. These lights were placed in everyone's front yard by the builder. It is each owner's responsibility to make sure that these lights are maintained in operable order and supplied with a bulb of sufficient wattage.

Please take the opportunity to make sure that both of these covenants are followed. Homeowner's will begin to receive violation letters about the above two convenants starting in June. Now is your chance to avoid receiving a letter.

**Remember that all architectural projects must be approved by the association board. Copies of the necessary form are available on our website or contact Affordable HOA for a copy.**

## Neighborhood Garage Sale and Clean up

We are currently planning a neighborhood garage sale for Saturday May 21<sup>st</sup>. As usual, the homeowner's association will place an ad in the Sunday paper prior to the garage sale and also on Friday & Saturday the weekend of the garage sale.

Deerfield Village is joining with the Keep America Beautiful program for our annual neighborhood cleanup. We will provided gloves, trash bags, and a dumpster. We hope that you will come out to help clean up the front entrance and meet some of your neighbors. This event is tentatively planned for sometime in May – however we are coordinating with the program on available days for the dumpster so we will send out a separate flyer to let you know the specific date.