

Circle Sticks

Coming soon to a circle near you!

The board approved using markers around each circle in the cul-de-sac to help snow plows identify where the circle borders exist.

Debbie Crouse purchased, for a little over \$60, 30 markers for the community. This means that each cul-de-sac will get six markers that will be installed around the circumference of the outer circle in the middle of the gravel area.

Several individuals have been selected to install the markers. They are anticipated to be in before this coming winter.

Kudos and Volunteers needed

A lot happens behind the scenes, don't miss out.

Maintenance and upkeep of Deerfield Village does not happen by itself, several dedicated homeowners take time out to maintain the quality of life high and services to keep the community running.

We, the homeowners of Deerfield Village are pioneers, trying to establish a brand new community in an orchard. We've had growing pains, surprises and hardships, yet, we persevere. We had to break new ground, establish policies and duties while getting to know each other in a brand new community.

Our orchard is very unique in Shepherdstown, no other community has an asset such as this. It takes time and work to maintain it. The board of directors decided that it would be cheaper for the

Homeowners Association to purchase a mower rather than hire somebody to mow. Several homeowners are on rotation to cut the grass in the orchard and trim the trees and this is very much appreciated. Debbie Crouse maintains the list, give her a call if you are interested in participating.

Jefferson County will not permit Deerfield Village to build a storage shed on the common grounds, so the mower has been kept under an apple tree behind Paul and Patty Wilmoth's house until Jim Bauer, Chairman of the Rules and Policy Committee came up with an novel idea to purchase a tent for temporary storage. So that tent in the middle of the orchard is not someone camping.

Paul and Patty Wilmoth have spent a lot of their time maintaining the mower. Several occasions Paul has had to get flat tires and other components repaired and haul the mower to Arden, WV to get the mower serviced.

Claire Williamson and Debbie Crouse contacted a West Virginia University Professor to get an assessment on the condition of the orchard and hosted a session on how to properly prune trees.

On several occasions Paul has repaired and improved the walking path and has used his equipment to plow the streets (to save us money), chip pruned apple branches and haul the bigger branches away.

If you are reading this, you've seen the high quality website that was created and maintained by Jimmy Williamson, <http://deerfield.ekota.net/>. It has some beautiful pictures and provides outstanding references for our community. Consider book marking this site as a favorite. Jimmy is also our treasurer, and maintains our accounts so that funds are disbursed to cover maintenance and improvement of our community.

Debbie Crouse, who is the Chair of the Streets and grounds committee has promoted several innovative projects and programs that allows Deerfield Village to outreach. Adopt-a-spot, where Deerfield Village homeowners pickup trash along 480 is one of them. We will eventually get a sign advertising that the Deerfield Village community maintains that quarter-mile stretch. The first cleanup was attended by Bill Krumenacher, Debbie Crouse, Andrea Longnecker and Amy Campbell. Debbie will be announcing

future cleanup dates. Please contact her if you are interested.

Debbie has also promoted Deerfield Village involvement in Spirit Night, where if you eat at California Kitchen and tell your server a password, California Kitchen will donate 25% of your bill amount to Shepherdstown Elementary School. She also promoted spaghetti night, held at Trinity Church to raise funds for Trinity Kids preschool.

Our President, Bill Krumenacher spends much of his free time researching issues that could impact our community. Most recently, Bill called a special meeting to address a 53% Jefferson Utility Inc water rate increase. He enlisted help from Craig Colantoni to draft and develop a petition protesting the increase. The Deerfield homeowners association received positive feedback on the quality of the documentation from other involved entities. Bill also works with Patty Wilmouth, our secretary, to make sure that the meeting minutes are accurate. They both make calls or visit county and corporate offices regarding legal matters affecting the community.

Please thank these individuals for their time and hard work they put into Deerfield Village. Deerfield Village desperately needs your talents. Everyone has something to offer. Pioneers who settled this country could not make it without supporting each other. Its called the "sense of community" and it's a fad coming back and is definitely predominant in Jefferson County, WV.

"Work for most people is really very social, and the actual thinking is often done in community."

Tobias Wolff

Its time to get Social.

Who is my neighbor?

How do these sound?

Progressive Dinners,
Block Parties,
Halloween Parade,

Family Movies on the Green,
Deerfield Apple Festival,
Ice Cream Socials,
Christmas Parties,
Mini-Bonfires

What better way to get to know your neighbor than to create or resurrect these oldie but goodie events? Do you have any other ideas? Are you interested in sponsoring one? Better yet, do you want to Chair or belong to a Deerfield Village Social Committee (yet to be formed). Please contact a Board of Director if you are interested.

What is this Bag?

Boy Scouts want to make a difference, you can too.

Don't be surprised if you find a card on your doorstep asking you to please donate a little food to the Boy Scouts so they can pass it along to a food shelter. Although Deerfield Village has a policy to not allow solicitors, the board of directors unanimously decided that projects such as this one are a benefit to the surrounding community as a whole and that is in our best interest to allow this form of solicitation. The card will show up on Saturday, November 10, 2007. If you are compelled to donate, fill a grocery bag with canned food and leave it on your doorstep. The Scouts will be by to pick it up on Saturday, November 17, 2007.

Its time to meet . . .

The family of lot 10

Steve, Amy and Kailee moved here two years ago. Kyleigh arrived a year later and is struggling to get out of diapers. Amy has the hardest job, homemaker, particularly since she has to change those diapers and raise the eldest. Amy and Steve married in Toledo, OH and honeymooned in Bermuda. Amy comes from a family of eight and her mother comes from a family of 12. She is related to

half of the population of Toledo, OH. Steve comes from a family of five and has a twin sister. His mother comes from a family of 8 and because of the relative size of Rhode Island, his mother is related to half of that state. Currently, their hobbies are raising the girls and for Steve, riding the Marc train to and from work.

If you are interested in having a brief bio printed in this column, contact a Director.