



Deer Creek Village

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New\$ from the Board of Director\$

Dear neighbors,

At our October Meeting the Board of Directors reviewed each budget line item and worked on developing the well-planned budget for our projected 2024 needs. Since the May Annual meeting, we have reduced water costs by repairing the pool leaks, reduced landscaping costs by changing landscaping companies and by having an active Grounds and Maintenance team to oversee areas of concern. All spendings have been audited and costs cut where possible. Banking has been reviewed to get the best return on our banking accounts. With all these changes and improvements, the board was able to move money within our budget for 2024. We were able to increase the reserves by \$9224.00. All of this is achieved without an assessment increase.

We are working on our improvement plans for the next 3 years. Using allocated reserves, the plan has started for pool deck, parking lot improvements and resurfacing of the Basketball courts and tennis courts in 2024. Landscaping plans are in sight for early 2024 for the entrances,

The board is also working on setting the standards for future repairs and putting a maintenance schedule in place to assist this board, management and future boards for costs and planning.

The best place to understand what your HOA board of directors does for you and to bring your concerns is by attending our monthly meetings. The current board has monthly meetings with Zoom meeting for two months then one in- person meeting in the clubhouse. Agenda for these meetings are posted two days prior to the meeting in the clubhouse Bulletin board.

Our website should be active by December 1st, we will be sending an eblast through Sentry to announce the launch of the website. This website is being monitored through a webmaster account and will keep current information for events and announcements. Clubhouse Rental bookings and Architectural Applications will be available through the website.
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News from the Board of Directors

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Our Compliance Committee has been on standby to start the fining process of Violations in final status. We will be launching our ability to fine daily for infractions that are not being corrected in Dec or Jan. If anyone is on a final notice at this time, the fining hearing will be setting up hearings after the monthly board meetings. It is important that homeowners quickly comply with violations to avoid this process. This new procedure will allow the board and management to enforce the rules while avoiding going straight to the attorney for compliance.

The best place to find out what the Board is doing and what's happening at Deer Creek is to attend our monthly meeting. We have two consecutive Zoom meetings followed by an in-person meeting. Our next meeting is December 14 by Zoom call.

We have an **opening on the Architectural Review Committee (ARC)**. The duties include overseeing the review process for homeowners' applications, ensuring the installation was properly completed and making sure all requirements were met.

If you are interested contact:
dcvhoa.arc@gmail.com



OUR NEW CLUB!

Our game night is ready to launch!

We mentioned in last month's newsletter that a Game Club was being planned. It is just about ready to launch so here are some details.



- **Our first night is Tuesday, November 21st at 7pm - just come on over.** To begin, the club will meet every Tuesday night at 7pm.
- You can come every week or just drop by when you are interested.
- Games will generally be strategy games, some easy some harder. But newcomers can learn from other attendees to play.
- Fun board games can also be played.
- After a few weeks, the club will assess meeting time and day, games to be played and such.

Games are great for brain power so come on over and join in.

OTHER CLUBS BEING CONSIDERED

Card Club

Book Club

Pet Club

Volunteers Club

Sports Club

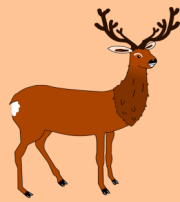
Children's Club

Birding Club

If you are interested in becoming a champion for one of these clubs, please email: gaildchoa@gmail.com

These clubs take volunteers to run. We need your help! These clubs will begin in 2024.

COMMUNITY UPDATES



I love
yard
sales!

- Our community yard sale was a great success and I had great time meeting some of you. Everyone seemed happy with the foot traffic and were hopefully able to clean out their closets. Spring will be our next sale as Orange County only allows two per year.
- Another great successful event was Trunk or Treat. Our own dynamic duo Paul Morris and Michael Morris did a great job organizing everything. From the cotton candy machine, the free pizza and the excellent DJ it was a rocking night.



ANIMAL CORNER

TURKEY TALK QUIZ



We have wild turkeys throughout our neighborhood. Sometimes they are walking down the street or the sidewalk; sometimes they are pecking at the grass. So who are these quirky birds? Take our quiz to see how much you know.

1. After their first two weeks, where do they hang out and sleep?
2. About how old are hens when they lay eggs for the first time?
How many eggs do they lay on average?
3. What things do they eat as part of everyday living?
4. Can you eat a wild turkey?
5. About how many different sounds can a turkey make?
6. What is the name of your favorite turkey?

Answers are on the last page

It is the Dash for the Holiday Bash !



Mark your calendars for December 16, 2023

Our holiday bash will have food, games, music and most importantly lots of fun. Maybe even a special visitor.

This is one of the biggest parties of the year so we hope to see you all there. More details coming soon.

Please remember this event is for Deer Creek residents only.

CLUBHOUSE RENTALS



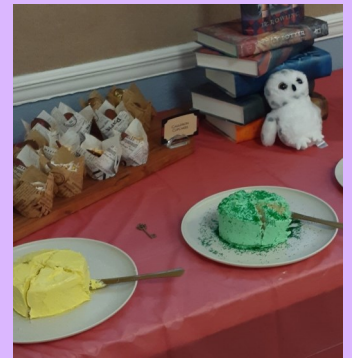
SPECIAL! Now until the end of the year, it's only \$200 to rent the clubhouse. Normally it is \$250 so right now it's a bargain.

Contact dcvhoa.clubhouse@gmail.com

Imagine having a stress free party not in your house but at the clubhouse (OK, almost stress free). Birthdays, anniversaries, holiday events, and just about everything else

By renting our community clubhouse, you can have a huge space with tables, chairs along with a kitchen.

- Includes a 1450 sq ft room so go a little crazy with the space.**
- A 10' x 10" kitchen with a stove that includes a full oven and cooktop burners.**
- There are 15, 6 foot tables and 75 chairs to set up however you would like.**



Contact dcvhoa.clubhouse@gmail.com

OUR BLOOMING GARDEN

Our community garden is looking great. Take a look at the **blooms** and the **greens**. If you would like a garden plot, you are welcome to join the waiting list by sending your name and address to:



TheDCVGarden@gmail.com

Some gardening tips to get a head start from University of Florida

Annuals/Bedding plants: Create a display of fall colors with cool-season plants. Some examples include pansy, viola, snapdragon, dianthus, cape daisy, and alyssum.

Bulbs: Many bulbs like to get their start in cool weather. Bulbs to plant this month include amaryllis, crinum, and daylily.

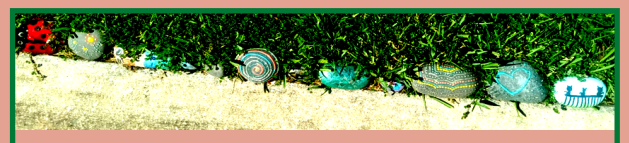


Herbs: Continue planting herbs from seeds or plants. A wide variety of herbs prefer cool, dry weather, including cilantro, parsley, sage, and thyme.

Vegetables: Continue planting cool-season crops, such as beets, broccoli, cabbage, carrot, kale, and lettuce.

Thanks to Dan Lantz for this article

Remember Roscoe “the snake” from the last newsletter? He still needs a few rocks to make him bigger. Paint a small to medium rock any color or pattern you like and drop them off to 5639 Delano Drive.



IMPORTANT DATES

Reminder that regular trash pick up on Thursday, November 23rd, Thanksgiving Day, will be picked up on Friday, November 24th. Other trash is as regularly scheduled.



NOVEMBER HOLIDAYS

- 1- World Vegan Day
- 1-Author's Day
- 3-Sandwich Day
- 4-National Candy Day
- 4-Men Make Dinner Day
- 6-National Nachos Day
- 7-Daylight Savings Ends (1st Sunday)
- 8-National Steam Day
- 10-Sesame Street Day
- 11- Veteran's Day
- 11-National Sundae Day
- 13-World Kindness Day
- 14-National Pickle Day
- 15-National Recycling Day
- 16-National Fast Food Day
- 17-Take a Hike Day
- 18-Mickey Mouse's Birthday
- 25-Thanksgiving Day (3rd Thursday)
- 26-Buy Nothing Day (day after Thanksgiving)
- 28-National French Toast Day
- 30-National Day of Giving



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We hope you enjoyed our new look for the newsletter. If you have any suggestions or feedback, please email gaildchoa@gmail.com.

And always looking for stories in the neighborhood.

Answers to our turkey quiz

1. Turkeys are born on the ground. During the first two weeks, they will start exploring tree branches. At two weeks, they will make their nest in the trees and will never return to the ground to sleep again except when hatching eggs.
2. Hens lay their first eggs generally at one year old in the Spring. They average 9 to 13 eggs but can lay as much as 28.
3. Turkeys like variety in their diet. What they eat depends somewhat where they live (FL, GA, NC, etc.) and how available is the food. Diet: acorns, wild black cherries, dogwood, seeds, wild grapes, clover and so much more.
4. You could eat a wild turkey but you won't like it at all. Domestic turkeys are what we eat. Both are different in many way.
5. Turkeys are very melodious and start making noises when they are in the egg. They make at least 12 noises with sub-noises. Some common noises include: Tree Yelp (you hear in the morning); Plain Lost Yelp; a Cackle; Alarm Putt; and the good old Gobble.
6. Have you named a turkey? My favorite turkey is Slingshot because she's fast and can turn on a dime. So go ahead and name that turkey! **Ten bonus points if you email me your turkey's name: gaildchoa@gmail.com**

From *The Book of the Wild Turkey*, by Lovett E. Williams, Jr.
(thanks Cindy and Mark for the book)

