



Deer Run Community News

Newsletter of the Deer Run Community Organization - September 2018

Annual Holiday Lights

\$50 Central Market gift certificates will be awarded to the three Deer Run residents with the most impressive, original or spectacular holiday lights displays. Winners from the previous two years are not eligible, although we know theirs will again be among our most imaginative and spectacular neighborhood displays.

Housekeeping Reminders

RVs, boats and trailers: Family recreation is important to all of us, and the DRCO Board realizes that weekend trips may require temporary storage in driveways for packing and unpacking; but long-term storage in front yards and driveways is prohibited and will be strictly enforced.

Trash containers must be stored where they are not visible from the street. Containers stored in front of garage doors are unsightly. We ask for your cooperation in complying with the spirit and intent of our Rules & Regulations.

Basketball stands should not be left in the street or where they block the sidewalk. The City of Poulsbo has started clamping down on this because of the many complaints they are receiving.

DRCO Rules & Regs, approval forms on our Website

All Deer Run homeowners, renters and their guests are subject the DRCO's Rules & Regulations, so it's a good idea to read through them. All homeowners should have received copies; but the Board would be happy to provide you with a copy on request. You can also find them on our DRCO website: www.drco.org

Our website also has the complete selection of approved colors for repainting the exterior of your house or trim. Links allow you to view each color on your computer screen.

The DRCO website also provides copies of the approval forms you must submit to the DRCO Board if you plan to repaint your house, remove a tree, or make major changes in the street appearance of your property.

Subscribe to Nextdoor

We encourage all Deer run residents to subscribe to Nextdoor.com, a free Internet social media network that makes it easy for neighbors to share information. You can send your posts to Deer Run residents only, or include surrounding neighborhoods.

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Board Meetings

The next scheduled meeting of the DRCO Board is Wednesday, November 14, 2018, 7:00 p.m., at the home of Dennis and Candace Peters., 2315 NE Bjorn St. Board meetings are open to all DRCO members.

Emergency Reminder - Judy Hossner

Our East Coast and Hawaii are coping with major weather disasters: but unlike storms and tornados, earthquakes give little if any warning. We need to prepare now for any future disaster. Schools are reminding students what to do and we

should be prepared at home too. If it's a major earthquake, they are telling us we'll need to be able to take care of ourselves for 2-3 weeks. Let's work together as a Deer Run Community to make certain we will all be safe. Have your own emergency supplies and know where your local safe house

and neighborhood gathering locations are so you can get help and help others with such things as turning off the gas and checking on seniors, invalids and kids. Questions? Contact Judy Hossner, Deer Run Emergency Coordinator: j_hossner@hotmail.com; or 360-394-7744.

Crystal View Impact on Deer Run

Deer Run residents will see some sewer construction and possible truck traffic as a result of the neighboring Crystal View development. The 12.14-acre development shares a border with four Deer Run residents on Miss Ellis Loop, and will include 46 homes.

The developer purchased a 15-foot easement from a Deer Run resident so 10 of the new homes in Crystal View can link to the sewer line on Miss Ellis Loop. We don't know when this sewer line construction will take place; but the City of Poulsbo has assured us that the construction will not block emergency vehicles.

Crystal View is eventually supposed to have a second entrance

on the proposed Johnson/Noll Road extension to Route 305; but it may be five years or more before that entrance road is ready for truck traffic. In the meantime, Sunrise Ridge Ave. NE in Meredith Heights provides Crystal View's only access for trucks and construction equipment. Although most of the traffic will use Hostmark, Deer Run may see some additional traffic. Many already use Deer Run as a short-cut between Noll Road and Caldart. If this becomes a problem we will file formal complaints with the City of Poulsbo.

The Crystal View developer plans to remove the trees that overlook Miss Ellis Loop along its border. At a public hearing, Deer

Run and Meredith Heights residents raised concerns about the effects on the stability of the steep slope behind them and seepage from the exposed aquifer. The developer assured the Hearings Examiner and adjoining residents that suitable measures will be taken to stabilize the slope and divert seepage and run-off into a storm-water retention basin located well away from the border. However, the existing "greenway" will be clear-cut.

The Crystal View proposed plat plan (originally called "Crystal Glen") was first submitted on June 22, 2009, and is therefore subject to the zoning, critical areas and building restrictions in effect at the time, rather than the 2013 revised standards.

Roundup Weed Killer - Gene Bullock

Aerial spraying of Roundup in Hansville by Pope Resources has prompted strong community opposition because of possible harm to surrounding residents. According to research funded by Monsanto, the company that makes Roundup, the main ingredient, glyphosate, does not harm birds, wildlife or humans. Both the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) found that glyphosate was probably not carcinogenic.

Nonetheless, in 2015, the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC), an arm of the World Health Organization, classified glyphosate as "probably carcinogenic

in humans," even while noting that there was "limited evidence" of a link between glyphosate and non-Hodgkin lymphoma. Based on the IARC classification, several counties now ban its use.

IARC researchers cited animal studies – specifically, studies of mice and rats – that demonstrated a possible link between glyphosate and cancerous tumors; and laboratory studies that showed the weed killer can damage DNA in human cells.

In one metropolitan study of the effects of herbicides and pesticides on children, 99% of the children tested had traces of these chemicals in their tissues.

The claim that glyphosate causes cancer has led to the filing of hundreds of Roundup lawsuits in state and federal courts across the United States. In August 2018, a California jury awarded a former school groundskeeper \$289 million in compensatory and punitive damages.

The use of Roundup is widespread among farmers, groundskeepers, gardeners, tree farms, and highway and parks maintenance operations. While it does not appear to kill birds and wildlife, it has been devastating to Monarch butterflies, because its wide use is eliminating milkweed and other wild plants essential to their reproduction and survival.

Indoor Cats Live Twice As Long

People who care about cats recognize that it's not ideal to allow cats to roam. Outdoor cats live less than half as long as indoor cats on average. Outdoor cats live short lives characterized by hardship, disease, and injury. Cats suffer when they are hit by cars, injured or killed by predators or other cats, or contract diseases. Outdoor cats also transmit diseases such as toxoplasmosis to humans and to wildlife including sea otters and Hawaiian monk seals.

Free-ranging cats also take a devastating toll on birds and other wildlife. These are non-

native predators that, even using conservative estimates, kill 1.3–4 billion birds and 6.3–22.3 billion mammals each year in the U.S. alone (*Loss et al. 2013, Nature Communications*).

For small dogs and cats, outdoor predators include foxes, coyotes and Bald Eagles. Even raccoons can be dangerous to pets who threaten their young. Obviously, both cats and wildlife are far safer when cats are kept indoors.

Catios the Cat's Meow

Catios (cat patios or outdoor enclosures) are growing in

popularity among owners who want their pets to be able to enjoy being outside in complete safety. Catios can range from screened window boxes to fenced enclosures to fashionable screened-in rooms. A variety of models are commercially available, but many homeowners chose to build their own. You can find lots of help on the Internet, including detailed plans: countryliving.com/life/kids-pets/g3263/catios/; countryliving.com/life/kids-pets/a35760/catios-trend/ Seattlerefined.com/lifestyle/catios-the-purrfect-place-for-cats



Sidewalk Artists Ryan & Dylan - Where are they now?

In 1995, two young boys left their indelible imprint in the fresh concrete on Miss Ellis Loop. The Deer Run street had no houses yet, so they were mischievous neighbors who saw an opportunity to etch their names into Deer Run history. We're guessing they were around 8 to 10 years old; so they would be at least 30 today, no doubt with children of their own.

We could speculate about how long it takes for graffiti to become historic artifacts; but we can't help wondering where Ryan and Dylan are today, or if they even remember making these lasting imprints on a sidewalk in Deer Run.



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Holiday decorations - Previous winners

These holiday lights winners from the previous two years are not eligible to win this year, but their displays raise the bar for future displays: top right: Manuel & Liz Ponce; below left to right: Clifford & Laura O'Brien; Bill Arsers Jr. & Lyndee Erickson; lower left to right: Joe Devita & Judy Lawrence; Troy & Carrie Harrel.

