

Newsletter of the Deer Run Community Organization



Deer Run Community News

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Board Meetings

Board meetings are open to all
DRCO members. Contact us for
the dates and locations of
upcoming meetings at
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Dealing with COVID-19 health & safety: Helping hands offer to assist

If you have health issues or are worried about leaving the house due to the COVID-19 virus please let us know. Your Deer Run neighbors have offered assistance. There are six families who have volunteered to run errands for others in need during this challenging time.

[Email us with your request](mailto:deer.run.co@gmail.com)

Mark your calendar!
Deer Run Yard Sale is June 6, 2020



Meet your neighbors and shop for bargains galore at the Annual Deer Run Neighborhood Yard Sale, from 8am-4pm on the first Saturday in June. Deer Run and Meredith Heights schedule their annual neighborhood yard sales on the same day each year and share the cost of advertising.

The date is chosen to avoid graduation parties and catch families before they leave town on vacation. These yard sales are a wonderful place to find furniture, clothing, books, toys, tools, sporting goods and attic treasures.

Volunteers needed to reshape future of Plum Trees in Deer Run



The blooming Thundercloud Plum trees throughout Deer Run, particularly those lining Bjorn Street, are viewed as a beautiful, welcome sight of spring. Unfortunately, those trees are nearing the end of their natural life cycle and many have dead or dying branches. Either because of age or the weather this spring, or a combination of those two factors, the flowering this year has not

been nearly as spectacular as in past years.

Two arborists, in their reports to our homeowners association, have expressed their opinion that the Thundercloud Plum is not a good selection for this area and have recommended they be replaced. At this time, it is the homeowner's responsibility to remove a dead street tree and replace it with one approved by the City.

The Deer Run board of directors is seeking volunteers for a committee to study the broad issue of street trees in the subdivision (those that line the streets and, as required by the plat approval by the City of Poulsbo, must be replaced when removed). The committee's purpose would be to make recommendations to the board about action the homeowners association could take to assist in the process of replacing the plum trees in a manner that is consistent throughout the neighborhood.

Please contact the Board at deer.run.co@gmail.com if you are interested in being a member of the Trees Committee and having a voice in the physical appearance of Deer Run for, hopefully, decades into the future.

Get approval BEFORE painting your home, replacing a roof, removing a tree or major dwelling/landscape changes



Submit an application form for board approval.

The DRCO website provides access to approval forms that homeowners must submit to the DRCO Board if you plan to repaint your house exterior, remove a tree, re-roof, or make major changes in the street appearance of your property. The Board needs to approve changes to ensure that the covenants are being

enforced and the neighborhood retains its desirable qualities.

[Application forms are available online here.](#)

Know the law: City permits are required for many projects

By law, Poulsbo residents are required to obtain a City permit for **roofing installations, construction of decks, and certain retaining walls and/or rockeries**. We urge you to contact the City Building Dept. at (360) 394-9882 or [click here to view the City's permitting webpage](#). Failure to have a permit could result in fines or work stoppage by the City's building inspector.

Keep our sidewalks clear for pedestrians



PARKING THAT BLOCKS THE SIDEWALK IS PROHIBITED

No vehicle parked in a driveway should obstruct the public sidewalk (see above left photo for example). Further, no vehicles should be parked parallel to the street with their wheels overlapping the curb or sidewalk. Doing so blocks pedestrian traffic and causes a safety hazard for young children riding their bicycles when they are forced into the roadway to veer around the parked vehicles.

TRIM & PRUNE AWAY FROM SIDEWALKS

As Deer Run's original landscaping matures, there is a tendency for trees and shrubs left unchecked to interfere with friendly foot traffic (see above right photo for example). Trees, hedges and shrubbery bordering sidewalks must be pruned and/or trimmed to present a neat appearance and allow for unobstructed pedestrian passage beside and underneath, as outlined in the Rules and Regulations.

Housekeeping Reminders

Complying with our Deer Run covenants, rules and restrictions may not always be convenient, and may sometimes interfere with things we want to do. But enforcing them is a necessary part of preserving and protecting the quality of our

family community and the value of our properties. Here are a few compliance issues that have come to our attention and should be addressed:

DO NOT PARK DIRECTLY ACROSS FROM ANOTHER VEHICLE

Whenever possible, vehicles should NEVER be parked directly across from each other on both sides of the street. Doing so greatly increases potential hazards to children and other pedestrians due to decreased visibility to both drivers and pedestrians. And given some of our narrower streets, it would be practically impossible for wider-bodied first responder vehicles like an ambulance to pass through on their way to an emergency.

AVOID ON-STREET PARKING

Members, residents and their guests are encouraged to avoid on-street parking overall to minimize any complications for emergency vehicles as mentioned above, providing easy and unimpeded access.

BE COURTEOUS WITH YOUR FAMILY'S RECREATIONAL SPORTS

Basketball hoops, bicycles, toys etc. must not be left on the sidewalks or in the streets. This is specifically prohibited in the Rules and Regulations.

GARDENING SUPPLIES MAY ONLY BE STORED TEMPORARILY

Building and gardening materials may only be stored temporarily while being used for home construction or gardening; and must be used in a timely fashion and then removed. The storage of such materials in the front or side yard of your home results in visual clutter and is prohibited by our CC&Rs.

Stay informed on DRCO Rules & Regulations

All Deer Run homeowners, renters and their guests are subject to the DRCO Rules & Regulations so it's a good idea to read up and stay familiar them. You can find the [link posted here on our website](#) or [one-click here will instantly download the PDF file](#).

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