



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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Welcome New Neighbors to Deer Run!



Above: Diann and Samuel Topete (surrounded by their grandchildren in this photo)

Join us in welcoming 6 new families that have moved to Deer Run so far this year.

- Diann and Samuel Topete
- Rebecca Ferguson
- George and Linda Bigelow

- Jarrid and Relena McAuliff
- James and Anna-Marie Vangel
- Corey and Monica Dolan

Maintaining Our Community's Safety & Beauty For All To Enjoy



Above: The Lucero's on Miss Ellis Loop beautified their landscaping by installing new garden trim, colorful plants and a fresh layer of beauty bark.

Thank you to all who spent time (or hired professional help) beautifying their front yards in 2020. In June the board walked the neighborhood and found dozens of homes had trees and/or shrubbery growing either too low over the sidewalk, or in some cases, covering the sidewalk. This creates safety concerns for pedestrians and children on bicycles, as well as brings down the overall appearance and values of properties. Many of the areas identified have already been pruned and tidied up. We ask that everyone be a good neighbor and abide by the general guidelines that we have. It makes our neighborhood an enjoyable and safe place for everyone.

A Letter Recently Received by the Board

"Thank you, Mr. Dennis Peters:
... for the reminder and all your efforts/persistence with enforcing the HOA rules. Well done, sir! These rules help maintain the quality of life within our neighborhood and also the value of our properties, typically one's biggest financial investment. When someone breaks the rules (knowingly or not), they are in effect de-valuing my property, and likewise taking monies from my family. Rule breakers must be challenged and brought into compliance as soon as possible. Too many significant violations have gone un-challenged over the years on my little "Lind Court," so it is a great pleasure knowing that you are on duty. Thank you for the rules reminder and all that you do to enforce those rules."

Makeover of Noll Road Entrance



The landscaped entrance to Deer Run at the corner of Noll and Bjorn recently got a beauty makeover. A very special THANK YOU goes to green thumb and "volunteer extraordinaire" Kathy Dobson. Kathy took charge of the landscaping renovation and came up with a comprehensive design and list of suitable plants for the site. In addition, she pruned the azaleas and rhododendrons that had overgrown the Deer Run sign. Thank you, Kathy!

Emergency Preparedness Planning



By Judy Hossner

Deer Run Emergency Coordinator
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Let us know if you wish to be considered as a volunteer Captain to assist within your neighborhood section.

Were You Prepared?

I heard from a couple people after the Stay-at-Home began.

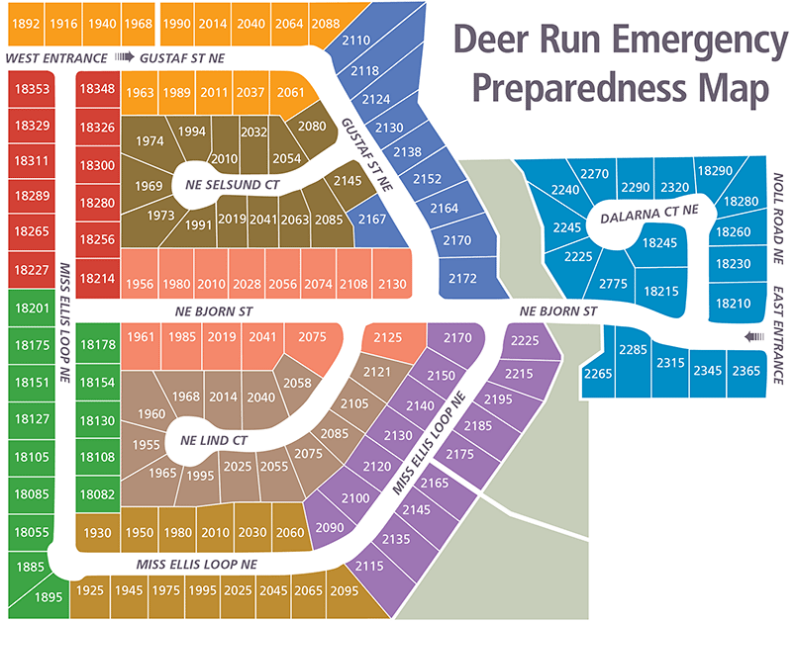
They were gladly using their Two-Week Emergency Kit since it contained lots of food — no need to hit the grocery store for a couple of weeks until they wanted some fresh produce and eggs. They can replenish their Kit, remembering to date each item.

Our Deer Run Emergency Kits also have items not needed for this present situation: flashlights, hard hats, tents, can opener, copies of emergency papers, extra batteries, etc.

Isn't it great that we had a supply of food ready for us? Steve and I are also really appreciative that we have many things during this present time that we wouldn't enjoy after an earthquake or similar disaster. We have electricity, water, gas, internet, and cell towers are up, so we can visit with our parents, children, and grandchildren on our cell phones. That's a great thing.

If you are either new to Deer Run or need a refresher, you can [find information at our website here about the Deer Run Emergency Plan and ways to be prepared for your household and with your neighbors.](#)

~ Judy Hossner
Deer Run Emergency Coordinator



Get approval BEFORE starting exterior home improvement or landscaping projects



Submit an application form BEFORE starting a project. Homeowners must submit plans to the DRCO Board before making any changes that affect the street appearance of your property OR the neighbor's view of your backyard. Changes include repainting exteriors, tree removal, re-roofing, landscaping changes, etc. The Board needs to approve changes to ensure that the covenants are being followed and the neighborhood retains its desirable qualities. [Application forms are available online here.](#)

NOTE: City permits are also required for many projects. Poulso 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 possibly result in fines or work stoppage by the City's building inspector.

Annual Yard Sale Canceled for 2020

We'll see you next year in 2021



After some discussions and feedback from several homeowners, the decision was made to cancel Deer Run's 2020 Yard Sale. The current situation prohibits us from having a normal neighborhood yard sale because there is just no practical way to have that many people in our neighborhood driveways and meet the physical/social distancing requirements.

Note: This decision does not affect individuals who wish to hold their own garage sale.

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 most commonly come to our attention and should be addressed:

GARDENING SUPPLIES & ANY HOUSEHOLD MATERIALS 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.**

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 drivers.

AVOID ON-STREET PARKING

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

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.**

Stay informed on changes to 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 with any recent changes. You can find them [posted here on our website](#).

Got suggestions or news to share? Click here to drop us a line.