

Newsletter of the Deer Run Community Organization



Deer Run Community News

www.drco.org • Fall 2020 Newsletter •

Board of Directors

Dennis Peters
Bob Stewart
John Vitale

DRCO Officers

Dennis Peters, President &
Treasurer
Bob Stewart, Vice President
John Vitale, Vice President
Adean Vitale, Secretary

Visit DRCO Website:

www.drco.org
Newsletter Editor & Webmaster:
John Vitale

Contact Us

PO Box 756, Poulsbo WA 98370
deer.run.co@gmail.com

Board Meetings

Board meetings are open to all
DRCO members. Contact us for
the dates and locations of
upcoming meetings at
deer.run.co@gmail.com

Tree Committee: Homeowner Choice of Street Tree Replacements



Photos above: Approved replacements for street trees in Deer Run are the

Prairifire (flowering pink blossoms) and Adirondack cultivars (white blossoms)

A hearty thank you to all members of Deer Run's Tree Committee for their research on suitable trees to replace the existing Thundercloud Plum street trees that are diseased and dying in Deer Run.

The board has approved two different types of crabapple trees that homeowners may use to replace their decaying plum street trees along Bjorn, as well as any other kind of street tree in Deer Run. The approved varieties are the **Prairifire Crabapple** and the **Adirondack Crabapple**. Homeowners may choose whichever cultivar they prefer.

About the Prarifire, a flowering crabapple: The stunning, long-lasting spring blossoms are a sight to behold. But this variety also offers year-round beauty with its changing leaf color. [Learn more here.](#)

About the Adirondack, another flowering crabapple: Disease resistant, elegant in flower and color, this specimen prefers full yards with lots of sun exposure. [Learn more here.](#)

STAY TUNED: Group Savings Tree Replacement Program

The Tree Committee is currently working on a recommendation to the Board of a program that might give owners the opportunity to sign up to remove their plum trees and purchase/plant the crabapple trees under a "group buy" that would have all the work done over a short period of time and be less expensive than each homeowner doing it on their own.

Annual Holiday Lighting Display Contest



Above: Examples of past holiday decorations on display in Deer Run

Show Off Your Holiday Spirit for a Chance to Win!

\$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.)

The Splendor of Fall Colors



POP QUIZ: Why do leaves change color in Autumn?

As summer rolls into autumn, the days start getting shorter and there is less sunlight. This is a signal for the leaf to prepare for winter and to stop making chlorophyll. Once this happens, the leaf's green color starts to fade and turns into vivid reds, oranges, and yellows that provide us with a spectacular show of nature.

FALL REMINDER: Landscaping in Deer Run should be regularly maintained to present a clean and neat appearance. For many homeowners, this means taking the extra step to rake or clean up autumn leaves that litter the yard and sidewalk. Additionally, trees bordering sidewalks should be pruned to allow for unobstructed pedestrian passage.

Emergency Preparedness Planning



Deer Run has a community plan in place where neighbors join forces to

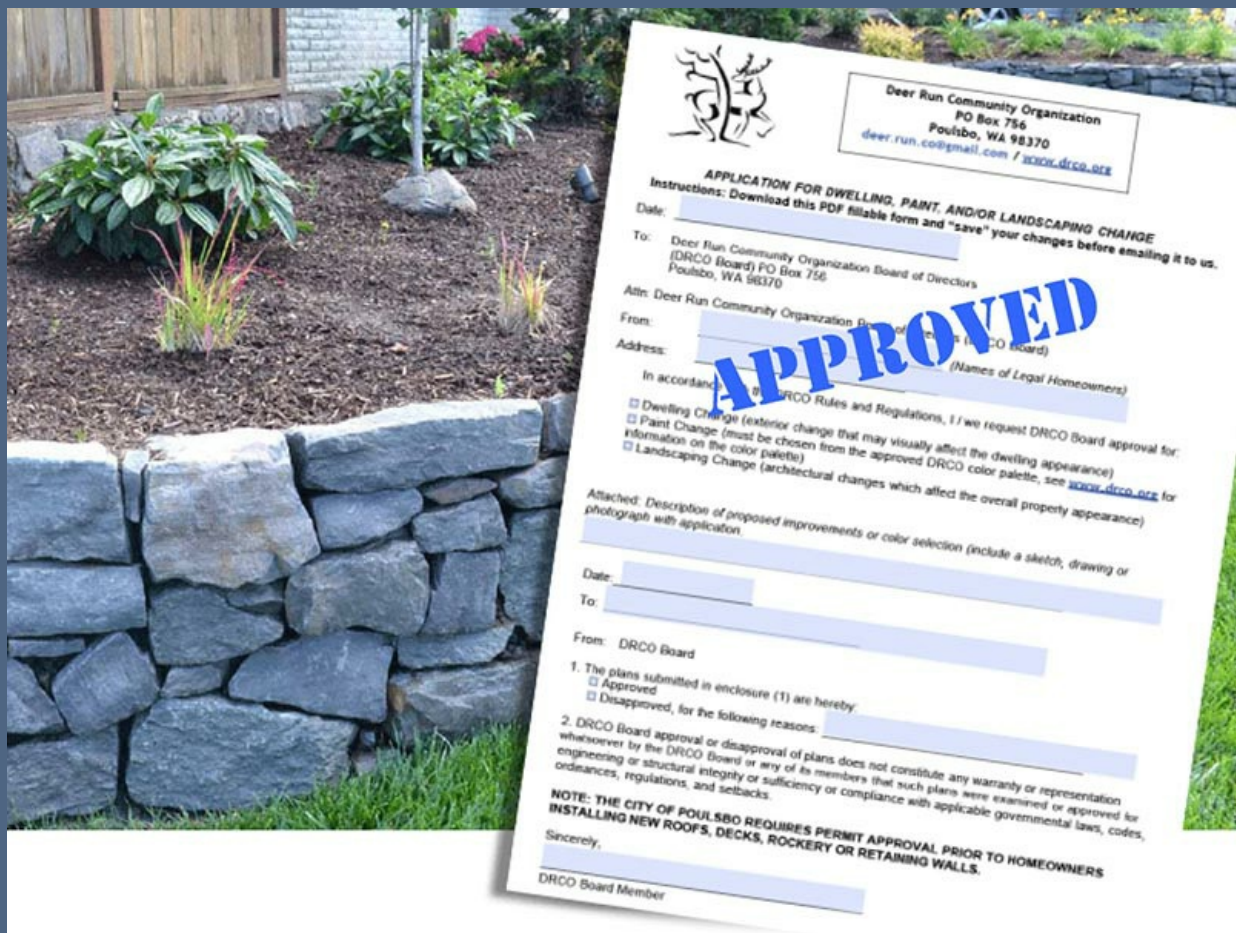
help other neighbors in the event of a natural disaster, such as an earthquake that might inundate 911 emergency responders.

A little planning can go a long way when you need it most. Building an emergency kit with basic survival items specific to your family's needs is the first step towards mitigating the effects of any unforeseen disaster.

Knowing which of our immediate neighbors are the most vulnerable is another vital key towards successful preparedness planning. Nobody hopes for the worst, but it's smart to know what to do should any kind of event occur.

[You will find an abundance of helpful information here on the DRCO website about the Deer Run Emergency Plan.](#) If you wish to be considered as a Volunteer Captain to assist within your assigned neighborhood section, please [email us](#).

Reminder To Get Pre-Approval For Your 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 exterior paint, tree removal, roofing, landscaping installations, etc. This pre-approval step ensures that the covenants are being followed correctly and the neighborhood retains its desirable qualities.

Good Housekeeping Reminders

Below are compliance issues that have come to our attention and we respectfully ask that they be addressed in a timely manner.

Complying with our Deer Run covenants, rules and restrictions may not always be convenient, and may sometimes interfere with our plans. But enforcing them is a necessary part of preserving and protecting the quality of our family community and the value of our properties.

Vehicle Tabs: Updated rules adopted earlier this year prohibit the storage of vehicles in driveways with expired or unlicensed registration.

No Parking on the Grass or Gravel: Parking is permitted on paved driveway only. Parking on a gravel extension of a driveway is not permitted, nor is parking on a lawn.

Keep Your Front Yard Tidy: No yard or household items, including appliances or refuse of any kind should be left sitting in a driveway or front yard for a period of more than a day or two at most. Waste bins, buckets or pails stored anywhere in the front of a property are considered the same as a Trash or Recycle container and are not allowed. 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.

Leaky Vehicles: Oil or engine-related drips from parking on the street must be cleaned up immediately by the homeowner.

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.

Attend a Virtual Board Meeting on Zoom



zoom



The DRCO Board will soon be conducting board meetings via [Zoom](#) web video conferencing so that any homeowner who wishes may participate. All that is required is a computer with speakers, or a smartphone, ipad, or similar digital device with internet access. No software download is needed for computers, but digital devices will need to [download the free Zoom app](#).

Keep Up To Date With The CC&Rs

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. [The CC&Rs are posted here on our website.](#)

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