



Deer Run Community News

Newsletter of the Deer Run Community Organization - 2013 Fall Issue



DRCO Annual Picnic featured great food and happy faces.

Message from DRCO President

I hope you have enjoyed a warm and beautiful summer. It went by faster than we all would have liked and now fall is soon upon us. School has started for those of you with little ones (or big ones if you have teens). I would like to take this time to inform and ask you to PLEASE slow down and watch for children walking to and from school, kids walking home from ball games at 6 p.m., and people out walking dogs. I understand the speed limit is 25; however that law is that you MUST drive at a speed safe to you and others as to not endanger the life of another. Today we had a homeowner get in an argument when asked to slow down. The last thing anyone wants is someone hit

or getting a knock on a door from a Police Officer when a complaint is filed. That is not a way to end your day. So PLEASE S-L-O-W down.

And if that means you need to STOP your car to let someone get out of the way, then you should. Just because the speed limit is 25, does not give you the right to go 25. You must adjust your speed based on the road conditions. It's the law!

I hope everyone has a wonderful fall, filled with pumpkins and crisp cool mornings. Deer Run is known for going all out on Halloween, and many come from near and far to Trick-or-Treat in our community. Please be safe and watch for the little ones.

Dori Murdock, DRCO President

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Board Meetings

If you would like to attend a board meeting, please contact us by email or phone for date and time. All Deer Run homeowners and residents are welcome.

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Tree-mendous Trees of Deer Run

When the flowering trees bloom along Bjorn, the street becomes a Poulsbo showplace. Local realtors love to bring prospective buyers to Bjorn in April. Deer Run's nearness to schools and shopping, and its lovingly maintained homes and yards have made it one of the most desirable residential neighborhoods in Poulsbo.

Trees are some of Deer Run's most valuable assets, and we have a big stake in preserving their health. But our trees are reaching an age where many need attention. Some diseases can spread to other trees, with devastating results. It may be time to seek expert advice.

The Poulsbo Tree Board is offering free workshops on tree care and pruning through the Poulsbo Parks and Recreation Department. The instructors include ISA certified arborists, as well as Tree Board members. It's a great opportunity to direct your tree questions to experts.

Poulsbo Tree Board offers workshops on tree health, hazards and pruning

Does the presence of insect pests or disease automatically mean your tree is dying or dangerous? How can you know if your older tree poses a risk of injury to people or damage to property? Learn how to recognize common tree problems and defects that may increase the risk of tree failure, as well as ways to manage or treat the tree to decrease identified hazards and improve tree health and safety. Instructors will include ISA Certified Arborists and Poulsbo Tree Board members. *Class will meet at Poulsbo City Hall 2nd floor conference room. Please*

preregister.

Thurs., Oct 10, 7-8:30 p.m., FREE

Pruning Mini-Series

Become a more confident and successful tree pruner! The Poulsbo Tree Board is pleased to present several different pruning classes for the community. Instructors will include ISA Certified Arborists and Poulsbo Tree Board members. These classes are free, but please pre-register for planning purposes.

The Basics of Pruning Trees

Understanding tree structure, growth and response is as important for successful pruning as knowing how to make proper pruning cuts. Join Poulsbo Tree Board members and ISA Certified Arborists in this class to learn the basics of tree growth and structure, types of pruning cuts, and what responses to expect from your cuts. This class will meet at Poulsbo City Hall, 2nd floor conference room. *Thurs., March 13, 7-8:30 p.m., FREE*

Pruning Ornamental Trees

Ornamental trees provide many benefits in any landscape or garden, both aesthetic and functional. Different species and varieties of trees often have different pruning needs. In this free class, ISA Certified Arborists and Poulsbo Tree Board members will demonstrate how to prune a variety of common ornamental trees found in the Puget Sound region. This class will meet outdoors in Poulsbo.

Sun., Mar . 16, 1-3 p.m., FREE

Pruning Fruit Trees

Did you know that late winter is a great time to prune your fruit trees? Come join the Poulsbo Tree Board and ISA Certified Arborists at a free fruit tree pruning demonstration.

Learn tips on how to increase fruit production, improve branch structure, and renovate older, non-productive trees. This class will meet outdoors in Poulsbo. *Sun., Mar 23, 1-3 p.m., FREE.*

Raab Park Community Garden: (The P-Patch)

The Raab Park Community Garden (The P-Patch) is a partnership between the WSU Extension Kitsap Master Gardener Program and the Poulsbo Parks and Recreation Department.

The P-Patch has 42 sunny garden plots in two sizes: 10' x 20' plot for \$49 per year and 10' x 10' plot for \$39 per year. (Fee covers March 1-February 28 of each year). City of Poulsbo residents receive an \$8 discount.

Gardeners must use organic gardening practices, products and materials. Information and resources on organic gardening are provided, as well as many hand tools and gardening implements. Produce may not be sold but may be shared or donated to a food bank. Participants are responsible for signing a "Gardener's Agreement" and providing their own seeds, plants, organic fertilizers and/or compost. They are also required to contribute six (6) hours of community work in the garden's common areas. Water is included.

To contact Poulsbo Parks and Recreation:

360-779-9898

www.cityofpoulsbo.com

Neighborhood Watch - A Good Sign

Deer Run is among the safest neighborhoods in Poulsbo; but we're not immune to car break-ins, burglaries or vandalism. No matter where you live, it pays to be vigilant and take a few precautions to make your car and home safer.

The older folks among us can remember a time when nobody locked their doors. But growing urbanization and a changing culture have made us all more vulnerable to random acts of theft. A few highly publicized crimes across the nation have made us all feel less secure, even though such crimes are

exceedingly rare in communities like ours.

Neighborhood Watch programs encourage residents to be more watchful and report suspicious activity. According to local realtors, "neighborhood watch" signs are viewed favorably by prospective buyers, because they show that neighbors look out for each other and take seriously their shared responsibility for the safety of the neighborhood.

To make a long story short, the Deer Run Community Association is about to order and install Neighborhood Watch

signs at our Bjorn and Gustaf entrances. Neighborhood Watch programs are not about "vigilante patrols," but simply visible reminders that neighborhood safety is a shared responsibility.

Safety Tips

- 1 - Let your nearest neighbors and police know when you expect to be away for extended periods, and have someone pick up newspapers from your driveway.
- 2 - Lock gates to your backyard.
- 3 - Barking dogs help discourage intruders.
- 4 - Motion activated outdoor lights are a good investment.

Editor's Notes

North Kitsap Herald worth a read

Many are bothered by newspapers left in Deer Run driveways for days before being recycled. But those who never read the *North Kitsap Herald* are missing out. It provides a valuable service and fills an important need in our community. And it's delivered absolutely free, thanks to local advertisers.

Those who read this newspaper will discover that it's a great way to keep up with local news, issues and events. The editor and his energetic staff of reporters do a great job of serving as our eyes and ears, and providing the kind of information we need and should want, to be informed citizens.

The discount coupons and advertised specials at local stores and supermarkets are a great way to stretch your budget.

I may be biased because my monthly column on wildlife viewing appears in Kitsap Week, the feature supplement distributed with all six Kitsap weekly newspapers, but I'm all for

supporting our local businesses, as well as our local newspaper.

We love our dogs

Deer Run is a liveable and lived-in family community. It's a blend of loving care and commotion, with lots of active kids and occasionally noisy pets. Like other dog walkers, I keep my dogs leashed and carry a blue bag full of recycled newspaper sleeves so my dogs never leave unwelcome deposits behind. I even pick up after other Deer Run dogs whose owners sometimes forget to pick up after their pets.

Halloween Spooktacular

Free Halloween Party for Preschoolers at the Poulsbo Parks and Recreation Center, Thursday, October 31, 3:00 - 3:30 p.m., followed up with trick-or-treating in downtown Poulsbo.

Wear a costume and come to play. Activities for ages 3-5 will include crafts, games, prizes and candy. Children 5 and under free. Children age 6 and up \$1. RSVP to 779-9898

SALMON VIEWING SATURDAY

Saturday, November 2
10:00am-12:00pm
at Poulsbo's Fish Park



Come on down to Poulsbo's Fish Park to watch the salmon returning upstream, and to learn about the process. Volunteers will be on hand to talk about the lifecycle.



FREE FAMILY EVENT!

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*Phtos taken by Gene Bullock
at our Dear Run neighborhood
picnic.*

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