



# Deer Run Community

## *A Place to Belong*

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### **Board Meetings**

The Board meets each month. If you would like to attend, please contact us by email or phone for date and time. All owners and renters are welcome.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Kids Clean-up Day**

Darby Lowney is organizing the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Kids Clean-up day. The event is scheduled for March 6, 2010. Neighborhood kids pick up litter and ask for donations to Fishline Food Bank.

### **Roof Moss**

Many of the roofs in Deer Run are being attacked by moss. Moss shortens the life of your roof. Your roof will look better and last longer with proper maintenance.

The best approach for existing roof moss is to kill it and remove it. A variety of products are available at the hardware store to kill roof moss. These products will also prevent it from coming back. Once the moss is dead it can be removed with a stiff bristle brush.

If heights are not your thing, you can also check the yellow pages under Roof-Cleaning to find contractors that specialize in removing roof moss.

### **Annual Picnic - Mark Your Calendars!**

Last year the annual picnic was held at Raab Park. The venue was so popular with attendees that we have already reserved it for Saturday August 14, 2010.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Thank you to all homeowners who have paid their dues on time! Over 95% have paid. For those of you who still need to pay, please remember that as of November 1st late fees have been assessed in addition to the \$83.00 dues. Please contact the board if you have questions.

## Storm Water Management

You may have noticed that the City of Poulsbo cleaned the storm water holding pond adjacent to Deer Run. The pond was full of trees and brush, decreasing its effectiveness. Special thanks to Ray Burkhard for notifying the City about the issue.



## Rodent Control

Mice can slip through a crack the size of a pencil. Rats can slip through a crack the size of a quarter. The most successful and permanent form of rodent control is to "build them out."

For mice, inspect your upper cupboards for pencil sized cracks and the cupboard under your kitchen sink. Check for openings around pipes, etc. In the garage, check for cracks between floor and walls. If you have a vehicle that is seldom used, check under the hood and in the air filter area. Also, when you put away the golf bags and camping supplies make sure there is no food left behind or you may find a few holes come spring. Seal all small openings with tin, lath, or caulking mixed with steel wool. Shove bits of steel wool into other cracks you find. Patching material needs to be smooth on the surface to prevent mice from pulling out or chewing through the patching compound.

For rats, check around the hot water heater, in the crawl space under the house and wherever pipes enter the house. Use wire mesh to cover holes or chalking mixed with steel wool.

## Bjorn Bridge Repainted

The Board had the "bridge" on Bjorn pressure washed and painted recently. Regular maintenance will increase the life of the bridge and help maintain the Deer Run image.

## Recent Covenant Violations

Here are some of the violations to the codes and covenants that have been addressed in the last few months:

- Recreation vehicles parked in driveway or front yard
- Dogs barking excessively

Thank you to the neighbors that quickly remedied these issues, and to all the rest of you who make Deer Run attractive. The Board realizes that situations arise that are temporarily in conflict with the covenants. Please notify the board when these occur. The board is quite willing to work with the homeowner/renter in these instances.

### Newsletter by Email

To cut costs the Board has decided to send future newsletters to residents by email and post the newsletter on the Deer Run website. Please send the email address you wish the board to use along with your name and current address to: [deer.run.co@gmail.com](mailto:deer.run.co@gmail.com)

You can also find the newsletter on our website: [www.drco.org](http://www.drco.org)

Thank you for your response.