



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.

Annual Picnic

Thank you to those who participated in the annual picnic. As a result of donations this year \$100 was sent to Seattle Children's Hospital.

Greetings

Deer Run continues to be a desirable housing development in Kitsap County. Whether you own or rent, each of us has a responsibility to maintain our property, be respectful of our neighbors and keep Deer Run a safe and enjoyable place to live. As your new board, we are looking forward to serving this community.

Welcome New Neighbors!

We would like to welcome our newest neighbors: Adam; Frank and Ciccone; Adam and Erin; Tim and Sandy; Judy; Red and Connie; Gayle; and Troy and Carrie to our community. There are great benefits to living in this neighborhood. If you would like to be involved with some of the committees that make Deer Run so great, please don't hesitate to contact the Board.

Treasurer's Report

Thank you to all homeowners who have paid their dues on time! Over 75% have paid. For those of you who still need to pay, please remember that after November 1st late fees will be assessed in addition to the **\$83.00** dues. Please contact the board if you have questions.

Emergency Preparedness Workshop

Mark your calendar! The Deer Run Board has scheduled an Emergency Preparedness Workshop through Kitsap County with Ed Call, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator. (More information in this newsletter.)

Place: Poulsbo Middle School Library

Date: November 12, 2008, Wednesday

Time: 7:00 pm

Be Prepared; Be Safe

Halloween Safety

This year Halloween falls on a Friday and there is no school that day, so be alert for children at play during the day and please limit your driving in the evening.

To discourage vandalism and mischief behavior, move your pumpkins out of sight after your last trick-or-treater, place vehicles in the garage, and turn your outside lights on after 10 pm, (trick-or-treating is usually over by 9 pm.)

Have a safe and happy Halloween!

Emergency Access

Please remember that fire trucks and emergency vehicles require 10 ft of clearance to get down our streets. If cars are parked on both sides of the street, it's very possible that an emergency vehicle could not get through and would have to seek an alternate route, losing valuable time in responding to an emergency. If you or your guests do park on both sides of the street, please make sure that at least 10 ft of clearance is available. We are concerned about your safety and that of our neighbors.

Sidewalk Maintenance

Per the Pousbo Municipal Code, homeowners are responsible for maintaining the sidewalks abutting their property by keeping them safe for public travel. This means repairing cracks, keeping trees and shrubs pruned back and keeping the sidewalk clean. If the property owner fails to maintain the sidewalk in a timely manner, the city will do the work and assess the property owner the cost.

Pousbo Municipal Code 12.04.070 Notice—Responsibility of owner.
12.04.110 Assessment roll—Cost of improvements.

Recent Covenant Violations

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

- Multiple homes with weeds or other general yard appearance issues
- Recreation vehicles parked in driveway or front yard
- Sporting equipment obstructing the sidewalk
- Utility trailer parked in front yard
- Political sign posted in 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
You can also find the newsletter on our website: www.drco.org

Thank you for you response.



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.

Coyote in Deer Run

This summer a coyote was seen in Deer Run. Coyotes are active in late afternoon and early morning. They prey on mice, squirrels, rabbits, carrion, fruit, and insects. Trapping is not very successful because others move in to take their place. If the young lose their mothers too soon they will not learn to properly hunt natural prey and instead go for domestic pets, pet food left outdoors, and garbage. You can discourage them by:

- Always feeding pets indoors
- Make your trash cans inaccessible.
- Control rodents in and around your home.
- Keep cats and small dogs indoors, allowing them outside only under strict supervision.
- Build a fence. Coyotes rarely climb anything higher than a six (6) foot fence, and place concrete, bricks or rock along base to prevent digging.
- Coyotes are attracted to and can mate with unspayed or unneutered domestic dogs. It is strongly advised that people living in areas frequented by coyotes have their dogs spayed or neutered.
- Battery operated flashing lights, tape recorded human noises, scattered moth balls and ammonia-soaked rags strategically placed may deter coyotes from entering your property.



Why Map Your Neighborhood?

“**Map Your Neighborhood**” (MYN) is a program designed to help neighborhoods prepare for disasters and is offered through **Kitsap County Department of Emergency Management**.

<http://www.kitsapdem.org>

MYN will help you to:

- Learn the “**9 Steps to Take Immediately Following a Disaster**” to secure your home and to protect your neighborhood. It is hard to think clearly following disaster and these steps will help you to quickly and safely take actions that can minimize damage and protect lives.
- Identify the **Skills and Equipment** each neighbor has that would be useful in an effective disaster response. Knowing which neighbors have supplies and skills helps your disaster response be timely, and allows everyone to contribute to the response in a meaningful way.
- Create a **Neighborhood Map** identifying the locations of natural gas and propane tanks for quick response if needed.
- Create a **Contact List** that helps identify those with specific needs such as elderly, disabled, or children who may be home alone during certain hours of the day.

Work together as a team to evaluate your neighborhood during the first hour following a disaster and take the necessary actions.

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http://www.emd.wa.gov/myn/myn_why.shtml



Map Your Neighborhood

Your neighborhood is organizing to be better prepared for disaster events and would like your input and assistance.

Attached to this brief letter is a single page survey form for your household which when completed will provide the neighborhood organization all the necessary information they need to better serve the neighborhood during disaster.

The completion of this form is voluntary, but strongly encouraged. Your information along with that of your neighbors will be used to create a detailed guide with instructions, contact lists and resource lists for your neighborhood to use after a disaster for better outcomes.

Should you have any questions about this program or would like to work on the committee, please contact your board member,
**Kathy Dobson – 360-697-3545 – 18353 Miss Ellis Loop NE –
deer.run.co@gmail.com**

Should you have any questions that you wish to direct to me, please feel free to do so at your convenience. You can reach me at:
Ed Call eacall@comcast.net (206)473-7818

Thank you for supporting this important program.

Ed Call
Emergency Preparedness Coordinator

Name of Neighborhood: _____ Location on Map: _____

Address of Home: _____

Names of Adults in Home		Home Phone / Cellular Phone	E-mail or alternate contact
Names of Children in Home and Age		Name(s) and types of pets in home	
Emergency Contact (Local and Out of Area Preferred)			
Name of Contact / Relationship		Contact Phone Number(s)	Local / Out of Area
Special Needs Information: (Elderly, young children, disabilities, daily medicine, medical equipment needs or anything that might require assistance from neighbors)			
Please describe in detail or indicate YES and a neighbor will clarify during the disaster:			
Propane Tank on Property YES NO (Please describe its exact location)			

Please check if you have the following skills / knowledge / equipment / supplies

- First Aid Skills Child Care Skills Elder Care Skills Search/Rescue Skills
- Plumbing Skills Carpenter Skills Electrician Skills Crisis Counseling Skills
- Fire Fighting Skills Organizational Skills Leadership Skills Tents/Bedding
- Spare Rooms First Aid Supplies Chain Saw Fire Extinguisher Hoses
- Ladder Camp Stove Propane Grill Rope NOAA/Battery Radio
- Crowbar Alternate Heat Source Walkie-Talkie(s) Generator Boat

Please detail below or on the back of this form anything else about your family or home that your neighbors need to know during a disaster (spare keys with a neighbor, who you notify when you are out of town or any other skills, knowledge, equipment or supplies that you have).