



Deer Run Community News

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Deer Run Annual Meeting

The Deer Run Community Organization will hold its annual meeting on Thursday, May 15, at 6:30 p.m. at the Poulsbo Library. The agenda will include a review of the budget, our neighborhood watch and the election of new officers,

including President, Secretary and Treasurer. We also have openings for three at-large board members.

Come and meet your new neighbors and reconnect with friends. We'll have an informal reception before the meeting with dessert and coffee.



The foliage may change with the seasons, but Deer Run holds its family-friendly appeal and character all year long. Photos by Gene Bullock



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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.

Neighborhood Watch Meeting With the Mayor

Poulsbo Mayor Becky Erickson has invited DRCO residents to a special Neighborhood Watch meeting at Poulsbo City Hall, 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 24.

Deer Run already has a head start on many Poulsbo neighborhoods because we've already installed neighborhood watch signs at both entrances.

We live in one of the safest neighborhoods in one of the safest cities in Kitsap County. But there are always measures we can take to make our neighborhood safer. Realtors also tell us that "neighborhood watch" programs are good for property values.



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Why Neighborhood Watch?

It works. Throughout the country, dramatic decreases in burglary and related offenses are reported by law enforcement professionals in communities with active Watch programs.

Today's transient society produces communities that are less personal. Many families have two working parents and children involved in many activities that keep them away from home.

Neighborhood watch also helps build pride and serves as a springboard for efforts that address other community concerns.

Adapted from article by Richard Oxley, reporter for the North Kitsap Herald.

POULSBO — Neighborhoods in Poulsbo have begun forming block watches, with encouragement from the city, to combat the presence of heroin in the community.

Mayor Becky Erickson has been meeting with neighborhood groups and associations to promote interest in forming their own block watches.

She said she ran for mayor not knowing she'd have to deal with heroin as an issue.

"This is really ugly stuff," Erickson said of heroin use in the city and associated crime. The mayor is inviting audiences to discuss the formation of block watches — organized neighbors who watch out for one another and keep an eye out for suspicious activity.

Poulsbo is the kind of town where people come to raise their families, and people feel they can leave their doors unlocked and everyone knows one another," Erickson said. "Through this, I've

felt a loss of innocence. It's one of the reasons we've acted so quickly."

Erickson, with several Poulsbo police officers, is engaging residents, encouraging them to organize and to get to know local police.

"It's really up to them to put the pieces together in their own neighborhoods," Erickson said, noting that the city is there to help advise the block watches. The aim is to tackle crimes and heroin use by having residents report suspicious activity to police.

"Our problem with heroin in the city of Poulsbo is no worse than on Bainbridge Island or the surrounding county, Silverdale, Bremerton, Seattle, Kirkland. It is no worse," she said.

"When we have problems in Poulsbo and they are causing hardship, we don't ignore it. We don't stick our head in the sand and pretend it doesn't exist." She added, "If you see something suspicious, call 911. We need the information and with that information we can put

the pieces together and combat what's going on. Watch out for your neighbor and call 911."

It's important, Erickson said, to take note of seemingly insignificant but suspicious activity, because crimes such as theft are related to the heroin problem.

"Why the emphasis on crime?" she said. "Because all this activity is what's paying for drugs."

Audiences also get a briefing on police efforts in Poulsbo from Sgt. John Halsted. Though on the Poulsbo payroll, Halsted works with the Bremerton Special Operations Group (SOG), tasked with investigating drug crimes in the region. He leads the crowd through a sequence of recent events that culminated in multiple arrests, all involving drugs in Poulsbo.

Scam Alert

You Failed To Appear For Jury Duty

Kitsap County residents are being warned about an ongoing scam caller who claims to be a representative of the sheriff's office. The caller tells people that a warrant will be issued for their arrest because they failed to report for jury duty service. Typically, the person receiving the call replies that they've not received any notice concerning jury duty service. The caller then informs the victim that they are still responsible for not appearing for jury duty as instructed. The caller further advises that to avoid arrest, they must pay a sum of money by credit card in order for the warrant to be "lifted" or "quashed." One resident recently was convinced by this caller and paid-out \$1,000.

In simplest terms, this is a scam! Do not become a victim. In reality:

- The Kitsap County Sheriff's Office has no role in jury administration. Court Services and jury administration are under the sole purview of the county clerk.
 - All communications regarding jury duty are sent to county residents in writing.
 - ~ Neither the sheriff's office nor the county clerk's office (or any department of county government) will initiate telephone communication with residents about jury duty, nor threaten anyone about missing jury duty. Warrants of arrest are not issued for failure to appear for jury duty service.
- Questions about jury service

should be addressed to the Office of the Kitsap County Clerk.

Hi Gramma, I need your help

My wife received a phone call from someone who claimed to be our grandson. She said "is this Scott"? He said yes, and claimed in was in jail, needed our help and didn't want to bother his parents. She asked where he was, and he said Malibu, California. Our grandson lives in New Hampshire and would not have hesitated to call his own parents, so she knew it was a scam. She told the caller she would contact his parents for him. When she wouldn't agree to send him money he hung up. If you receive such a call, don't volunteer the name of your grandson, but insist that the caller identify himself. Don't send money.

Neighborhood Notes

Most of us are involved in a dizzying variety of activities outside Deer Run. But like birds we come home to roost and enjoy our families. Your neighbors are interesting people with interesting jobs, hobbies and other pursuits. Each has a story to tell, and it would be fun to share some of those stories within the limits of this newsletter. The editor is wide open for suggestions and ideas. Contact me at genebullock@comcast.net or 360-394-5635.

Dues Reminder: If you haven't paid your dues, please do so before our annual meeting.

Trailers and Trash Cans: Please store trailers, trash and yard waste containers where they are not visible from the street. It detracts from the neighborhood and violates our covenants.

Christmas Decorations: While there are less than 290 days until Christmas, it might be time to take down those last remaining decorations.

Photo below: Bernie Hoppis displays his hand-made bird houses and artwork. Yes, they're for sale. Photo by Gene Bullock



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When the flowering plums bloom along Bjorn, Deer Run has one of the most beautiful vistas in all of Poulsbo -- and our trees are about to bloom. Photo by Gene Bullock

