



Deer Run Community News

Newsletter of the Deer Run Community Organization - 2013 Summer Issue



2013 DRCO Board (from left): Nadine Green, Julie Cottle, Evelyn Perez, Dori Murdock, Sandy Bullock.

DRCO Elects New Board

DRCO residents elected a new board at the May 2013 Annual Meeting. Three community-spirited volunteers agreed to serve for the next two years on DRCO's governing board, along with Dori Murdock, who has one more year to serve as President, and Sandra Bullock, who was elected to her third two-year term as Treasurer. Gene Bullock volunteered to edit the DRCO newsletter.

Outgoing President Kathy Dobson and outgoing Vice President Schalk Leonard were roundly applauded for their outstanding service to the Deer Run community.

The DRCO community owes these wonderful volunteers their gratitude and appreciation because they work hard to preserve the qualities that make Deer Run such a great place to live and raise a family.

Community Yard Sale Brought Sun, Fun and Fabulous Bargains!

Everybody loves a bargain -- and what a fun way to connect with neighbors, get rid of all that unused stuff and turn surplus treasures into dollars. Thank you Dori Murdock and Kathy Dobson for organizing another very successful multi-family, multi-community yard sale.



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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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Letter to Homeowners - Dori Murdock, DRCO President

I hope you are enjoying the start of Summer! This year we will mail the newsletter to all homeowners, because we only have emails for 70 of 141 homes. The newsletter will have valuable info about the Deer Run neighborhood, such as events, tips on maintaining your home, the DRCO budget, and projects the board is working on.

As a reminder, our Guidelines require all homeowners to submit a request for approval when planning any exterior modification; such as cutting trees or painting their homes. The Board appreciates your continued adherence to these Guidelines, as their intent is to maintain the appearance and harmony of our community,

thus preserving the value of our homes.

I hope everyone has noticed the improvements in our landscaping, particularly at our entrance near Noll Road. If you notice anything that needs attention or have a comment or suggestion, please contact the Board via email at deer.run.co@gmail.com

Our Friendly Caring Crew

Great neighborhoods are no accident. They start with good locations, close to schools and shopping. But they stay great neighborhoods because people care and want to be good neighbors. It's not just about property values and pride of ownership. It's about living in a community where they enjoy belonging.

The wonderful volunteers who manage our homeowners association deserve special thanks. These friendly folks enjoy being of service to their

neighbors and the Deer Run Community. They also take their responsibilities seriously. They know that a community that doesn't maintain reasonable standards can rapidly decline. Most residents understand the need to keep up their property and follow a few reasonable guidelines to preserve the character and attractiveness of their community. But being caring stewards sometimes means having to be firm with those who fail to comply with our covenants.

But our caring crew also realizes that circumstances vary. Sometimes personal hardships are at the root of temporary lapses. We care about our community; but we also care about each other, and know that many families are struggling. If you have a problem with deferred maintenance or payment of dues, please talk to us. Above all we want to be good neighbors, and that's what great neighborhoods are all about.

Living With Backyard Wildlife - Gene Bullock

Those who love wildlife and Nature can't imagine a world without animals living wild and free. But people who love wildlife can sometimes love them to death, because they can't resist feeding them. But treating wild animals like pets puts them and their human neighbors at risk. Wild animals that expect to be fed by people can become a danger to children and family pets. That's why it's illegal to feed them.

Fortunately, there's a simple way to enjoy wildlife without turning them into behavioral problems. Just don't feed them! Don't leave pet food outside. Don't make your trash containers

easy to raid. Don't make food easily available. Wildlife like raccoons spend most of their lives finding food for their families -- and they are amazingly resourceful! But raccoons are also good parents who normally teach their offspring how to stay out of trouble. They are naturally wary and smart about avoiding conflicts with neighborhood dogs, cats -- and people. They've had a lot of practice surviving in close proximity to people. But raccoon mothers are also very strong and protective of their young. Many dogs have learned too late not to underestimate the strength and ferocity of a mother raccoon defending her kits.

Well-meaning people are often too eager to rescue "orphan" birds and wildlife that seem lost or abandoned. The parents are usually nearby keeping watch as their offspring start exploring the world outside their dens. Many don't survive these early adventures; but mom usually knows best, so these so-called "orphans" are better left alone.

Wild birds and animals have adapted and survived on their own for eons. We need to know when our help does more harm than good. We need to recognize the bounds of our relationship with wildlife and help them remain wild and free.

Deer Run Community Organization

Minutes of Annual Meeting - May 14, 2013

Meeting called to order at 7:01pm

President's Report by Dori Murdock

- 13 proxies received
- All dues current except 3 foreclosures
- Board authorized one lien to be placed on home that was more than three years in arrears.

Completed and ongoing projects:

- New drain installed by city on Bjorn Street to drain water that collected each year on the roadway above the creek.
- fence along Noll Road--repaired and painted
- Landscaping along Noll and at entrance--dieing plants removed. New plants planted
- Trees pruned along Bjorgen Creek on Bjorn Street
- Fence along Public Access off Gustaf Street--three panels replaced, repairs made, painting planned for June.

Future projects:

- New signage at the Gustaf Street entrance
- Additional signage on north side of Bjorn Street at Noll entrance
- Paint gazebo at Noll entrance
 - Prime and repaint railings along creek on Bjorn

Gene Bullock is our new newsletter editor.

Treasurer's Report by Sandy Bullock

Proposed budget presented

\$6,300.00 in checking \$40,232.00 in reserve

Discussion was held on dues amount and proposed uses for the reserve.

Outside audit is scheduled for fall 2013 after the fiscal year.

Monica Black and Carol McKinney volunteered to chair the welcome committee.

Proposal was made to amend the budget to include \$200 for welcome committee.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the 9/1/13 - 8/31/14 budget with the inclusion of \$200 for welcome Committee.

Budget was approved unanimously.

Election of Officers:

Current officers Dori Murdock, 1 year left in term
 Kathy Dobson, term expires
 Schalk Leonard, term expires
 Sandy Bullock, term expires

Slate of officers presented (no nominations from the floor):

Julie Cottle - Vice President
Evelyn Perez – Secretary
Sandy Bullock – Treasurer
Nadine Green - at-large

Motion to approve the slate of officers as presented, moved and seconded. Approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 8:05 pm



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The DRCO neighborhood yard sale
photo was taken with the kind
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Annual Deer Run Neighborhood Picnic

Sunday, August 11th

11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m

Raab Park Pavilion.



■ Menu: BBQ chicken, pulled pork and rolls, plus mac-and-cheese and coleslaw – paid for by DRCO. We'll also provide soft drinks, juice, paper plates, cups and plastic utensils. Food served at 11:30 a.m.

■ Please bring a dessert, salad or your favorite dish to share -- **PLUS EXTRA CHAIRS.**

■ Fun activities for the kids

■ Bring nonperishable food items for the food bank.

■ **Please RSVP if you plan to attend.** We'll need a head count so we know how much food and sodas to buy.

The picnic committee needs volunteers. Contact Dori to find out how you can help.

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