



Deer Run Community News

Newsletter of the Deer Run Community Organization - Summer 2016

Annual Meeting Recap

The annual meeting of the Deer Run Community Organization was held on May 18, 2016. The minutes and approved budget are included in this mailing to DRCO members.

- The Board reported that it had reviewed detailed bids from three contractors to replace the Deer Run fence along Noll Road. The Board recommended selection of Quality Home Solutions. Members voted to approve the Board's choice. Work is scheduled for August 9 - 20, 2016.
- Debra Munroe was elected to the DRCO Executive Board for a two-year term. Welcome Debbie!
- The proposed budget for the next fiscal year was presented by Sandy Bullock, DRCO President and Treasurer, and was approved unanimously by those present.
- Members voted to approve plans for a Deer Run neighborhood picnic at Raab Park on Saturday, July 30th. See details next page.

Disaster preparedness meeting - Tuesday, June 21

Erin Roberts, a Deer Run resident and U.S. Coast Guard Contingency Planner, has offered to organize and lead a task team in preparing a Deer Run disaster preparedness plan and map of our neighborhood resources. The kick-off meeting will be held at the home of Ken and Erin Roberts (18108 Miss Ellis Loop), beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Erin needs volunteers and area captains to help inventory skills, resources and special needs throughout the Deer Run community. We live in an area where the likelihood of earthquakes and winter storms is high. A temporary power outage may be a minor inconvenience; but a major disaster could leave us isolated and totally on our own for days, and maybe even weeks. Police, fire departments and other emergency resources will focus on the most urgent needs of hospitals, schools and public facilities, leaving neighborhoods like ours dependent on our own resources. We will be our own first responders, so we'll need to have an action plan and know what resources are available.

Neighborhood Yard Sale Combined Deer Run & Meredith Heights Yard Sale Saturday, June 18; 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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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 are welcome.

Deer Run Family Potluck Picnic

Saturday, July 30, Noon to 3:00 p.m.; Raab Park in Poulsbo

This year's Deer Run family potluck picnic will feature special entertainment for kids of all ages. The West Sound Wildlife Shelter will bring a live Great Horned Owl, Red-tailed Hawk, Peregrine Falcon and Pogo the Possum.

Stacie Schmechel hopes to organize a kids parade through Deer Run, starting at 11:30 a.m. Contact her at staciesthotwell@gmail.com.

Raab Park is just a short walk from Deer Run, and has a large picnic shelter, playground equipment, grills, rest rooms and parking.

Bring a favorite dish, salad or dessert to share. DRCO will provide a main dish, beverages and tableware.

Please let us know if you are coming and how many adults and children you will bring so we can plan food.

RSVP to genebullock@comcast.net or call 394-5635.



What's Up in Deer Run?

Like most dynamic neighborhoods, Deer Run has its share of turnover. Navy families get reassigned, people change jobs, kids grow up and their parents no longer need as many bedrooms. We're sorry to lose long-time friends and neighbors; but it's exciting to welcome new families. It's also great to know that homes sell quickly in Deer Run because it's such a desirable family neighborhood.

Of course we want new families to feel welcome. We would love to form a welcoming committee that would work on ways to do that. Our neighborhood yard sales may bring hordes of bargain shoppers, traffic congestion and

parking problems; but they can also be an enjoyable way to meet our neighbors.

Deer Run has organized annual picnics nearly every year for the last 20 years. Not everyone participates, and some question whether the expense is justified. But the cost of our annual picnic is typically less than \$5 a household, and they are very much enjoyed by families with younger children and those new to the neighborhood. A recent poll of the neighborhood resulted in 18 responses, and 16 voting yes. We should conduct a more definitive poll in the future; but for now consensus seems to favor doing it this year.

The DRCO Board hired

three North Kitsap High School students to take a bucket of suds and a sponge to our mailboxes. The mailboxes were looking a bit dingy; but now they shine.

Our Noll Road fence was built by the developer 22 years ago, and wind and rot have taken a toll. Plans are underway to replace the fence in August; but Mother Nature (with maybe a little push from mischievous kids) wouldn't wait. Sections of the fence fell down, leaving gaps in two places. Dennis and Candy Peters and their son Cameron, kindly volunteered to make temporary repairs. Deer Run and its Noll Road residents owe them a huge vote of thanks for their generous assistance.