



Deer Run Community News

Newsletter of the Deer Run Community Organization - May 2016

DRCO Annual Meeting

Wednesday, May 18, 2016; 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Poulsbo Library Community Room

AGENDA

- ◆ **President & Treasurer's Reports**
 - ◆ **Proposed Budget 2016-2017**
- ◆ **Proposed Noll Road fence replacement**
- ◆ **Disaster Preparedness Task Team**
 - ◆ **Family Picnic: Yes or No**

Annual Meeting Speaker: Erin Roberts, Lt., USCG

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.

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.

Deer Run Family Picnic?

Come to the Annual Meeting and vote.

Or email your vote to deer.run.co@gmail.com

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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.

What's New in Deer Run?

You may have notice a few changes in the neighborhood.

New Entrance Signs

The Board contracted with ACE Signs to create new entrance signs for Deer Run. The sign at our Noll Road entrance replaces the weathered original, installed 22 years ago. The sign at our Gustaf Road entrance is entirely new, because this entrance didn't exist when the Deer Run neighborhood was developed.

Our new Gustaf Road sign actually sits on greenway property owned by Meredith Heights; but the Meredith Heights Board has given us formal written permission to install our sign where it will face incoming traffic there. Maintenance of the sign and immediate site is, of course, our responsibility. We are considering plantings that will enhance the sign without obscuring it. The Noll Road signs are partially hidden by flowering shrubs; but the shrubs will be pruned after they stop flowering. We don't want to chop off our beautiful flowers while they are still in bloom.

ACE Signs was chosen because we like the looks of the sand-blasted wooden signs they have produced for the Kitsap County Parks & Recreation Department.

More Mutt Mitt Stations

Deer Run now has four Mutt Mitt Stations, kept supplied with bags by Deer Run resident Gene Bullock.

Stations were added at our Gustaf Road entrance and next to our "bus shelter" on Noll Road. The additions were prompted by reports of doggie do litter along Noll Road, the main route from Deer Run Poulso Elementary School .

We hope the added convenience of our strategically located Mutt Mitt stations will help motivate dog owners and dog walkers to be considerate of their neighbors and pick up after their pets.

Please used the provided biodegradeable bags – and dispose of them in your own trash receptacle.



Tent Caterpillars

Tent caterpillars are making a comeback in Kitsap County. It's something that happens every year, but some years are worse than others.

Tent caterpillars hatch and produce problems for homeowners. The eggs that were laid last fall hatch, and result in colonies of caterpillars that make giant nests that look like tents in trees.

Last year was an especially large caterpillar bloom. Experts say the insects come in bursts every couple years with an

exceptionally bad year about every decade. The caterpillars eat all the leaves, then move on to another meal.

What about this year? Considering our warm spring, the caterpillars have an early start and could be as bad, or possibly worse, than last year.

So what if you want to get rid of them? Insecticides can kill birds, bats and other wildlife. Instead, you should trim the branches the nests are on manually, while trying to avoid harming the tree. Once you're

done trimming, put the nests in a bucket or bag of soapy water.

Most of the time, the caterpillars don't kill the tree. The leaves get eaten, and the trees don't look as nice, but usually survive.

And they're not all bad. The yearly outbreak does provide a feast for birds, bats, and other animals. Plus, their droppings end up as fertilizer for trees. In the meantime, they're just kind of a yucky pest that you just have to deal with.