



# Deer Run Community News

Newsletter of the Deer Run Community Organization - Summer-Fall 2015

## Deer Run Aging Well

The Deer Run Community Organization (DRCO) held its required annual meeting on June 18, 2015, and four members were elected to the new Board of Directors: Sandy Bullock, Sam Nighswonger, Ken Roberts and James Sharp. The Board appointed Sandy Bullock as President/Treasurer, and Sam Nighswonger as Vice President. Candy Peters was appointed to the Board as Secretary. Gene Bullock has agreed to continue editing the DRCO newsletter.

There's an old adage: Many hands make light work. It's not fair to put the whole burden of managing our homeowners association on one or two people. Please consider getting involved.

We all understand why we need a homeowners association. Deer Run is one of the most desirable family neighborhoods in Poulsbo. Our property values depend on preserving that perception. Deer Run is now 21 years old, and we have all seen what happens to older neighborhoods when people no longer seem to care. It shows.

Protecting the quality and appearance of our community requires timely reminders and voluntary cooperation. We all want to be good neighbors, and value harmony above all; and nobody wishes to impose needless hardship on neighbors who may be struggling, but making a good faith effort to comply. But the DRCO Board does have the legal authority to levy fines and take legal action if necessary.

### Neighborhood Email Alerts!

DRCO needs your email address so we can alert you to timely issues, events and concerns related to our Deer Run neighborhood. We will not share this information.

### Our Tree-mendous Trees

Our tree-lined streets are among the most attractive in Poulsbo, especially when trees are flowering or glowing with autumn color. They are an asset we can't take for granted. The Board will seek the advice of a qualified arborist on protecting the health of our trees.

### RVs and Camper Vehicles

Many families enjoy Washington's wonderful parks and scenic areas in RVs and travel trailers. We understand that it takes time to pack and unpack for each trip. But RVs and trailers may not be stored for extended periods on the street or in your driveway. They must be stored off-site, inside your garage or behind your fence. The Board will make allowances for short-term visitors with RVs or travel trailers.

### Lost Keys

Because of security issues, the DRCO Board decided not to keep extra mailbox keys when the locking mailboxes were installed. The original sets of keys were turned over to each homeowner. If you lose

## DRCO

### Board of Directors

Sandy Bullock  
President & Treasurer

Sam Nighswonger  
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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.

all of your keys, you can purchase a replacement lock for \$50 at the Poulsbo Post Office. They will install it and arrange to get the new keys to you. Sellers are legally obligated to provide buyers with mailbox keys.

### **Trash, Recycle and Yard Waste Receptacles**

Please store these containers where they are not visible from the street. Do not store them in front of your garage doors.

### **Dumpsters**

**Long-term use of dumpsters is not allowed.** The City of Poulsbo will provide you with a temporary dumpster once a year if you are doing a big cleanup. Temporary dumpsters may also be needed during construction and remodeling.

### **Approved Colors for Exterior Paint and Trim**

If you plan to repaint your home, you **MUST** submit your proposed exterior and trim colors to the DRCO Board for approval prior to painting - unless you are repainting the same approved colors. Our DRCO web site has forms for submitting your choice of colors, as well as a list of approved colors. Our palette of approved colors is available at the Peninsula Paint Store (Benjamin Moore) on Viking Way in Poulsbo. You can contact the Board to borrow a sample collection of the approved palette. The Board will consider other colors on a case-by-case basis.

### **Dogs Running Loose**

There have been reports of unleashed dogs threatening people in Deer Run. We all love our pets, and are sure they wouldn't hurt anyone; but sometimes they can be too friendly, and even intimidating, to children and others on public streets and sidewalks. We may tell ourselves that our dogs are "under control," and never leave their own yards; but, we know they sometimes do. The City of Poulsbo has an ordinance prohibiting dogs from being off leash in public areas. DRCO can only urge residents to be sensitive to their neighbor's concerns. We're not animal control officers. However, repeated complaints to the City of Poulsbo could result in your dog being declared a "public nuisance" and impounded.

### **Feeding Wildlife is bad for them and us**

We love wildlife. That's why we resist feeding them. Once they associate people with food, they become a problem for neighbors and a danger to pets. Dogs can misjudge a raccoon's strength and ability to defend itself and end up badly mauled -- or worse. Please don't leave pet food and water out overnight. If you feed birds, consider using "no mess" sunflower hearts that are less likely to end up on the ground, where they will attract rats and other nocturnal critters. Install baffles on your feeders to discourage squirrels. Squirrels also have a tendency to bury peanuts in neighboring flower beds. Don't leave cats or small dogs out at night where they can be snatched by coyotes. It's sad when wild animals must be destroyed because we have taught them bad habits.

### **New Neighbors – Eurasian collared Doves**

Deer Run is a dynamic community. We've seen long-time members move away and welcomed many new families. Two newcomers just this year are a pair of Eurasian Collared Doves. The introduction of this beautiful bird occurred by accident. In the 1970s, 50 escaped from a pet store in the Bahamas as the result of a burglary. They spread to Florida, and are now showing up at bird feeders all over North America. Listen for their distinctive three-part cooing call.

### **On Street Parking**

The Poulsbo police have ticketed residents for parking on sidewalks. Parking cars on both sides of the street is also a serious problem for emergency vehicles. Families with multiple young adults or visitors sometimes have more cars than they do space to park them in garages and driveways. If you must park on the street, make sure you are not causing a problem for your neighbors.

### **North Kitsap Herald**

Delivered free, this newspaper is a well-edited source of information for those who want to know what's going on in our area, and like money-saving coupons. Many of us appreciate getting it because we want to stay informed about important changes, news and events in our community. Please don't leave it lying in your driveway. Recycle it.