



Deer Run Community News

Newsletter of the Deer Run Community Organization - 2013-2014 Winter Issue

Seasons greetings from DRCO President

December is a great time to celebrate with family and friends. It's a time to laugh, love and enjoy. Soon 2014 will be here, a time to reflect and make goals for the new year. January is a great time to get organized or start a new workout. A fresh start is sometimes all we need to refresh and recharge ourselves after back-to-back holidays.

A lot of home sales have popped up in the neighborhood. Some are in the final phase of closing. New families will be moving in, and some already have. As neighbors, let's welcome them. Deer Run is a great family neighborhood. Part of being a good neighbor is lending a hand when needed, cleaning up after your pets, and keeping your yard looking beautiful.

Please remember the DRCO home owner rules and regulations. If you need a refresher, please go to www.DRCO.org, click on *covenants*, then click on *rules and regulations*. You are not allowed to store anything in the front of your house. For example, trailers **MUST** be stored behind your fence. Trash cans are to be out of sight. Forms for painting houses or tree removal must be submitted for approval to the board. Street trees cannot be removed, but can be trimmed. Branches that hang out over sidewalks should be trimmed so they don't interfere with pedestrian traffic. The sidewalks are **YOUR** responsibility. The city is not responsible for the

sidewalks. If someone slips and falls on your icy sidewalk, you could be sued. Please maintain the sidewalk in front of your house. Please do not blow leaves into the streets.

Last year, the board spent a lot of time dealing with pet issues, dogs off leash, dog poop left on neighbor's lawns, dogs barking. The board is not animal control. You must contact animal control to deal with these issues. But first, contact the owner and try to work things out in a neighborly way.

I hope 2014 is a great year for everyone.

Happy New Year!

Dori Murdock, DRCO President



Reported sightings of the abominable snowman in Deer Run seem to be highly inflated.

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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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Dogs and Cats Must Be Licensed

As residents of Poulsbo, we're required to license our dogs and cats. Seniors 65 and over can obtain a permanent license for each pet living at their residence, good for the lifetime of the pet. Others must renew these licenses each year. The metal identification tag furnished with each license must be attached to the collar or harness worn by the pet.

Annual fee for spayed/neutered dogs: \$10

Annual fee for spayed/neutered cats: \$5

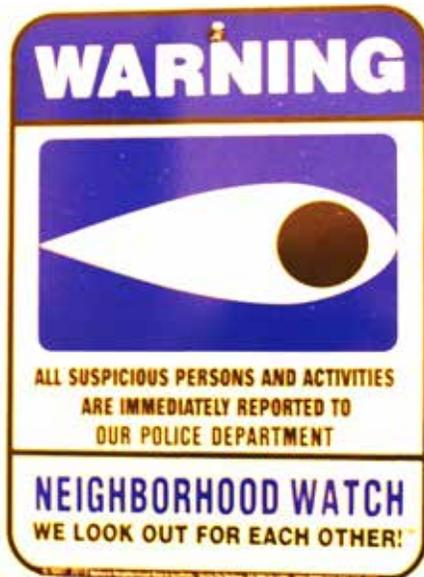
Annual fee for non-spayed/

neutered dogs or cats: \$35
Senior lifetime fee per spayed/ neutered dog: \$6
Senior lifetime fee per spayed/ neutered cat: \$3

It's a good idea to have your pet microchipped, either by your veterinarian or the Kitsap Human Society. It greatly improves your chances of recovering your pet if it wanders off. Fees are in the range of \$30 to \$40.

Allowing your dog to roam off leash is a violation of Poulsbo municipal regulations. It is also unlawful to leave dog feces behind on public streets and

sidewalks or on neighboring lawns. It's also inconsiderate. The DRCO has no authority to enforce animal control violations. Responsibility for enforcing animal control regulations belongs to the Poulsbo Police Department and the Kitsap Humane Society. But our focus should be respect and consideration for our neighbors. We all enjoy living in this beautiful neighborhood, and want to do all we can to preserve the qualities that make it a great, pet-friendly place to live and raise our families.



New Neighborhood Watch Signs

Neighborhood watch signs will be installed on existing poles near both entrances to Deer Run.

The signs will be a highly visible reminder that we are a safe but vigilant community, and that residents of Deer Run pay attention and call 911 if they see suspicious activity. Realtors tell us that prospective buyers view these

signs favorably and see them as an indication that we look out for each other.

We are observant and safety conscious. But while we're willing to come to the aid of neighbors who need our help, we need to remember that we are not vigilantes or properly trained law enforcement officers.

Pet Waste Stations?

The DRCO board is looking into installing Mutt Mitt dispensers near entrances into Deer Run. Our neighbors in Meredith Heights recently installed several, along with distinctive signs (see photo left).

Kitsap County will provide dispensers, along with an initial supply of the biodegradable Mutt Mitts. Additional supplies are relatively inexpensive.

Although most dog owners are considerate about picking up after their pets, we have a continuing problem and receive many complaints about pet waste on lawns and sidewalks.

Audit Report

The Board of Directors engaged Anderson Accounting Group, LLC, to perform a review of our financial records, with the resulting AAG conclusion: "Overall, your books and records are very clean and well maintained." No material changes were recommended. AAG prepared Form 1120-H, to be filed with the IRS for 2012, and advised DRCO to file the form annually. There were no tax consequences.

Sandra Bullock, DRCO Treasurer



Tis the Season to Light Up Our Neighborhood



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The photos in this issue were taken by Gene Bullock. If you have great neighborhood photos others in Deer Run would enjoy seeing, we would be happy to consider using them in future issues. Just email your high definition originals to the Editor at GeneBullock@comcast.net

