



Deer Run Community News

Newsletter of the Deer Run Community Organization - Winter 2015

Letter From DRCO President Sandy Bullock

We always greet winter with mixed emotions. It's time to put away the lawn furniture and winterize the lawnmower. But it's also time to celebrate the succession of holidays that begins with Halloween and culminates with New Year's Eve. Each year our festive yard displays reflect the spirit of the season.

It's also a time to review, reenergize and plan. Our Deer Run neighborhood has experienced a lot of turnover this year as folks move on for various reasons. But homes in Deer Run usually sell quickly because it's such an attractive and desirable family neighborhood. Our problems are few and easily surmounted.

We have a DRCO Board made up of individuals who work well together and have lots of great ideas for the neighborhood. We are working on a new welcoming sign for our backdoor entrance, and on upgrading our web site. We plan to have a neighborhood meeting in January. Poulsbo Mayor Becky Erickson and Poulsbo City Councilman Ken Thomas have offered to come and provide an overview of future development in our area and plans for Noll Road. Ken is a Deer Run resident who was just elected to the position after being appointed to replace Councilwoman Linda Berry-Maraist. We will, of course, hold an annual meeting next May, as required in our bylaws.

Volunteers Needed

It's not too soon to begin assembling a committee to plan next year's events, such as our annual picnic and neighborhood yard sale. Some would prefer to have the picnic in one of the streets in Deer Run. Others think it would be more convenient to make use of the picnic shelter, tables, grills and playground equipment in nearby Raab Park. Picnics are for everybody, and especially families and children. It's a wonderful time to meet your neighbors and share some of your favorite desserts and kitchen specialties. Please weigh in with your suggestions and opinions at 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.

Join Nextdoor Deer Run

Deer Run now has a free, private social network just for Deer Run residents. Nearly 50 of your neighbors have already joined. Other Poulsbo neighborhoods in Poulsbo and thousands more across the country are using this new Internet resource to share information, talk online and build stronger, safer neighborhoods. People are using Nextdoor to:

- Quickly get the word out about a break-in
- Organize a Neighborhood

Watch Group

- Track down a trustworthy babysitter
- Find out who does the best paint job in town
- Ask for help keeping an eye out for a lost dog
- Find a new home for an outgrown bike
- Finally call that nice man down the street by his first name

Members can post comments or questions solely to other Deer Run members or share their comments and request

with two other nearby Nextdoor neighborhood groups. A recent request for information on the best way to get a visitor to SeaTac Airport from Poulsbo got nine replies with several good options, including cost and contact information. Others have asked for recommendations on roofers and pest exterminators.

If you are a resident of Deer Run, you can become a member of Nextdoor Deer Run by visiting www.nextdoor.com and entering this code: **JYWHUZ**

Enforcing Our Covenants

It's nobody's favorite job; but somebody has to do it.

Members of the DRCO Board are your neighbors. They were elected because they want to serve the Deer Run community, and help maintain the qualities that make Deer Run such a great family neighborhood. Sometimes it requires a bit of "tough love;" but Deer Run's legally binding covenants are designed to protect all of us.

Enforcement is not usually a problem because we all want to be considerate of our neighbors and do our part to keep the neighborhood safe and attractive. We've all seen neighborhoods that have deteriorated because they lacked protective covenants or the will to enforce them.

Homeowners associations are understandably reluctant to take harsh measures to enforce covenants, and nobody wants to impose needless hardships on their neighbors. But HOA governing boards have an obligation to provide oversight and enforce the rules and regulations. As a last resort,

HOAs can levy fines, place liens on properties; or obtain a judgment in small claims court.

The DRCO covenants, rules and regulations can be found on our Deer Run web site at www.drco.org. You can also request a copy from any member of the DRCO Board.

Here are a few reminders found in our rules and regulations:
RVs, utility trailers, boat trailers, boats, dump trucks, and commercial or construction equipment may not be stored in front yards or driveways or left on the street overnight. Allowances are made for RVs for reasonable periods while you pack or unpack for a trip; but they cannot be stored in your driveway for extended periods.

Trash and yard-waste containers must be stored where they are not visible from

the street.

The City of Poulsbo requires dogs to be leashed unless they are on their own property. Owners are also required to pick up after their dogs and properly dispose of the waste. Please be considerate and keep your dogs under control.

Street Parking. Visitors should be instructed to avoid parking in such a way that it could impede access by emergency vehicles.

Outside paint colors must be approved by the DRCO Board. A palette of approved colors is posted on the DRCO website, along with form you can submit for approval. A sample palette and color cards are available on loan that you can take home and view at your leisure (email deer.run.co@gmail.com).

Any changes or additions that significantly alter the appearance of your home or yard from the street must be reviewed and approved by the DRCO Board. That includes the removal of large trees.

Turkey Native to America - Gene Bullock

On Thanksgiving, the turkey is the iconic bird of the day. But wild turkey flocks get a lot of attention any time of the year. They're one of our biggest birds, and a strutting tom is an impressive sight with his fanned peacock tail, distinctive wattle and bright colors.

My most memorable turkey encounter occurred in a place called Turkey Creek Canyon on the rim of the Gila Wilderness in Arizona. I was on a 1980 Sierra Club backpack. A hot, dry hike brought us to a saddle forested with Ponderosa pines. It offered cooling relief from the sun plus sweeping views of the surrounding desert. I gratefully shed my sweaty pack and seated myself on the soft forest duff with my back against a rock – and fell asleep. When I awoke I was surrounded by turkeys. Some were almost within reach. I sat still as a stump while they continued grazing all around me.

Turkeys are native to the Americas. Turkey fossils have been unearthed across the southern U.S. and Mexico dating back five million years. Their

numbers dwindled through the early 20th century because of their popularity on the dinner table. But turkeys have been reintroduced in every state except Alaska.

Turkeys were domesticated for food by native peoples before the Spanish Conquistadors arrived. They were reported in the Yucatan by Francisco de Cordoba's men in 1517, and by Cortez in 1519.

According to Sam Passamonte of Poulsbo, his ancestor, Miquiel de Passamonte, is credited by some historians with introducing the turkey into Spain as early as 1511, but it's not clear it was the same bird. Europeans originally thought America was part of the West Indies, so the French word for turkey is "coq d'Inde." In 16th Century England, many exotic foods were imported by eastern Mediterranean merchants. They were referred to as "turkey goods," because trade routes crossed through Turkey, and the name came to represent an unfamiliar, far-off place. Any big, edible fowl that was not familiar

to them became a "turkey bird."

In England, turkey became so popular it replaced chicken at many dinner tables. Shakespeare mentioned the turkey in 12th Night, written around 1601, so it was already familiar to his audiences. The English brought the name to the New World, and it became a fixture in the language.

Ben Franklin once suggested naming the American turkey our national bird. He argued that the American eagle is a scavenger, and less deserving of recognition. But the eagle was a long-established symbol of power and appears in many crests. Many considered turkeys stupid, in spite of their uncanny ability to outwit hunters. But the bias gave rise to the use of "turkey" to refer to a person who lacks good sense or judgement.

It's doubtful that our celebrated "first Thanksgiving dinner, bore any resemblance to today's holiday dinner fare; but the turkey has always had a special place in American history and holiday tradition.



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