



Deer Run Crossing News

Winter 2010

Season's Greetings!

Dear Residents,

First, DRC recently held it's first Holiday Cookie Bake-off, and the event was a huge success. Thanks to all who attended (especially those who baked), and special thanks to the Napier family for hosting and Melissa Anderson and Faviola Donato-Galindo for planning the event. Be sure to look for flyers on the mailboxes and check our website at www.deerruncrossing.org for information on future community events.

Second, winter is now upon us. It is getting dark earlier, so please keep your front porch lights in working order and leave them on after dark. This will help contribute to the safety of our neighborhood. In addition, please remember that it is the responsibility of residents to clear the sidewalk on community property in front of the houses in the event of a snowfall.

Finally, Happy Holidays, and have a safe and happy New Year! The DRC Board of Directors and the committees are doing great work, and 2011 will be another great year for the DRC community!

Sincerely,

Bryan T. Ault

President, DRC HOA

Happy Holidays!

Our Cookie Bake-Off and Holiday Exchange was a blast! Thank you to all our bakers: Gus (4724DRC), Regina (4706 DRC), Robin (6844 DRD), Barbara (6870 DRD), Allen (6868 DRD), Jodie (6846 DRD) and David (6842 DRD). A special thanks to the Napier's for hosting. The winners of the bake-off are:

1st Place: Gus

2nd Place: Jodie

3rd Place: Robin and Barbara

Semi-Annual Dues for 2011 are \$472.00 payable January 1st and July 1st. Dues increase in 2011 by \$5.00 per pay period because the Consumer Price Index increased by 1%.

Light Up the Night!

Residents are encouraged to turn on their exterior lights at night to aide in the deterrence of crime. Eliminate dark areas around your townhome that make it easy for people to hide. You would be amazed at the difference in the neighborhood if everyone participates. Energy saving fluorescent bulbs cost only pennies a year to burn. Motion sensor lights can be a great help in lighting your home.

If a street light burns out on your street, please contact us and request for it to be repaired. So join in with your neighbors and LIGHT UP OUR NEIGHBORHOOD!

Architectural Control Committee Updates



The Board has approved the ACC recommendation to add cement fiber board as an option for exterior siding. If you plan to replace the wood exterior of your home, you must contact the ACC to get approval on your plan. Cement fiber board can be painted with the approved exterior colors.

In addition, the DRCHOA Board approved the use of composite decking for all horizontal and vertical deck surfaces. Please remember that they must be stained with the approved mahogany color. Deck structures must be in compliance with Fairfax County's regulations.

Service Resource Guide

Do you have a great paint, carpet, heating or other service contractor that you would like to recommend?

Send your recommendations to secretary@deerruncrossing.org to begin a resource guide. The guide will only be available online through our website and will be updated on an ongoing basis.



Neighbor Talk



How are you planning to spend the holidays?

Gus's parents will be spending Christmas with us this year. We'll have mimosas on Christmas morning as we open presents! The kids are hoping for snow.

Melissa @ 4...DRC

Next issue question:

What was your favorite toy as a kid?

Send your comment to:

secretary@deerruncrossing.org

Trash Collection Reminder!

Our trash days are Monday and Thursday and recycle is on Monday. We are asking everyone to refrain from placing their garbage in the street before Sunday afternoon. This makes our neighborhood look dirty.

In many occasions the garbage blows away to your neighbors' homes or on the streets and it may become a hazard. Be a steward of our community! We will be monitoring streets and placing reminders in areas where we find wrongdoers.



Springfield Mall Update

From the Office of Lee District's Supervisor Jeff McKay
<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/lee/>

"So what's the deal with Springfield Mall?" That's one of the questions I hear the most whether I'm in my office or out with my family buying groceries for the week. The best answer is that we're in hurry up and wait mode while the mall's owners (Vornado) negotiate the complicated maze of today's market reality.

Last July, the Board of Supervisors approved the redevelopment of the Springfield Mall. Since that time Vornado Realty Trust has been securing the necessary building permits and site plans from the county. While they're moving forward on this track, they are also relocating stores and letting some leases expire so that once they are ready to begin construction on the first phase—the mall interior—they will be able to move quickly.

To be honest, while I share the frustration I hear about this project, I have seen no red flags that would lead me to believe it's been stalled. I've been very pleased with the commitment and involvement in local community affairs that I'm seeing from Vornado and the mall's management team. For the past three years Vornado and the Mall have been major financial sponsors of our Lee Nights free summer concert series. They have been contributors to and participants in the Springfield Community BridgeWalk, Springfield Days, and many other community events. Most recently, the Mall has provided the Springfield Art Guild with free gallery space.

We all eagerly await a transformed mall—a project that cannot happen overnight. The County approval process is done, however as new plans and permits come in for County review I will work to expedite them so nothing is ever delayed on the public sector's side.

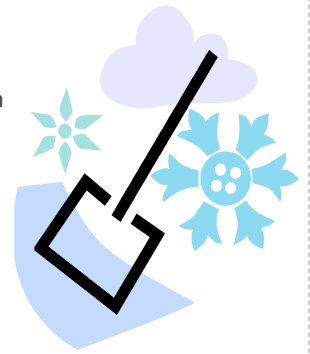


Winter Weather Preparedness

DRCHOA has a snow removal process in place. Our snow removal contractor will be plowing and treating the lots when significant snow accumulation is expected. We ask for your patience and understanding as there may be snow removal issues if we encounter high snow accumulation like last year's.

We ask our residents to clear the snow in the sidewalk in front of their homes as soon as it is feasible. Please avoid piling snow in front of storm drains to prevent flooding and near fire hydrants. Please inform us if you encounter fallen trees or debris in the common areas that could potentially be unsafe.

We also encourage you to visit our website www.deerruncrossing.org for updates on snow removal and trash/recycle pick up. Be safe!



Winter Weather Driving Tips

From VDOT

Even experienced drivers can find their nerves and skills tested by winter road conditions.

Here are some tips to help you drive safely as the weather turns cold:

Before beginning your trip, know the current road conditions and weather forecast. For statewide highway information 24 hours a day, call 511 or go to 511virginia.org. Make sure your vehicle is ready for winter:

- Check your brakes and tires
- Check your battery and ignition system
- Check your antifreeze and thermostat
- Check your windshield wipers and de-icing washer fluid
- Check your headlights, tail and brake lights, blinkers and emergency flashers
- Check your exhaust system, heater and defroster
- Check your oil
- Properly lubricate door locks that may be prone to freezing

- Keep your car's windows, mirrors and lights clear of snow and ice.
- Always wear your seat belt.
- Leave a few minutes early.
- Start out slowly in the lowest gear recommended by your vehicle's manufacturer.
- Be aware of potentially icy areas such as shady spots and bridges.
- Keep a safe distance of at least five seconds behind other vehicles and trucks that are plowing the road.
- Don't pass a snowplow or spreader unless it is *absolutely* necessary. Treat these as you would emergency response vehicles.
- Keep an emergency winter driving kit in your car.
- Drive smart!

For more information call **1-800-FOR-ROAD (1-800-367-7623)**.

Sign up for **Fairfax County's Community Emergency Alert Network!**
<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cean>

Prepare an Emergency Supply Kit

At Home

Visit the following link for a checklist of basic supply items at home in case of emergency. [Click Here](#)



www.fairfaxcounty.gov/oem/prepare/kit.htm

On the Road

Keep an emergency kit in your car. [Click here](#) for a list of items.
www.fairfaxcounty.gov/emergency/prepare/vehiclekit.htm



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