



## DEER RUNNERS NEWSLETTER

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### Patriotic Pride

All of us at DRTA extend our heartfelt thanks to Dodie, Suzy, Sally, and Sean for organizing such a memorable and inspiring Salute to the United States on its 250<sup>th</sup> birthday. Your hard work helped bring our community together in a proud celebration of the freedoms, history, and enduring spirit that make our nation so special. It was a meaningful tribute to America and a wonderful reminder of the patriotism, gratitude, and unity we all share as neighbors and citizens.



### Looking for Additional Helpers

As noted at the Annual Meeting, the Board wants to form a committee to review the DRTA By-Laws and Community Rules and Regulations and recommend any needed changes. This review may also include the Foundation Documents and General Covenant Restrictions. Bryant Griffin and Kathy Laitenberger have agreed to serve on the committee, and Board President Robyn Federman will act as the Board liaison. Additional volunteers are welcome and encouraged to participate in this important effort by contacting Robyn.

### RPG Website and Owners Portal



The Reality Performance Group (RPG) is putting the finishing touches on our new Owners Portal. Once it's live, you'll be able to easily access PDFs of our By-Laws, Rules & Regulations, historical records, and other helpful documents. You'll also be able to submit service requests, file variance requests, and check a simple responsibility matrix showing what the HOA handles and what falls to homeowners. We'll share another update as soon as the portal is ready to launch, but the under-construction link is <https://realityperformancegroup.com/deer-run-homeowners-association-inc/>

### DRTA Annual Picnic

Get ready to gather with neighbors and enjoy this year's DRTA Annual Picnic on September 15, 2026! This is always a wonderful opportunity to catch up with friends, meet new neighbors, and spend time together as a community. Please save the date, with September 17, 2026, set as the rain date in case the weather does not cooperate. The planning committee is working on the details and will be sharing fliers soon with more information about the day's activities and arrangements.



### Local History: Did you know about the “*Ruffled Shirt District*?”



Spending part of a weekend exploring Rochester’s historic Corn Hill neighborhood is a wonderful way to enjoy some of the city’s beautiful old buildings and learn about the area once known as the “*Ruffled Shirt District*,” where many of Rochester’s elite residents lived. What began in

1969 as a small sidewalk show featuring 15 artists helped save the historic Third Ward from urban renewal demolition. Later renamed Corn Hill and granted historic protection, the neighborhood now hosts one of the Northeast’s oldest and largest outdoor art festivals. The Corn Hill Arts Festival has become one of Rochester’s signature events, drawing more than 100,000 visitors each year with over 350 artists, live music, food vendors, and family-friendly activities spread across nine neighborhood streets.

### Mini Gatherings Around DRTA

Friendly little gatherings have become a welcome part of life around DRTA. In winter, Dodie Maier helps neighbors stay connected with social get-togethers every other week at one of the ladies’ home. When warmer weather arrives, the women often gather in Nina Oakley’s driveway to chat and catch up. Doug and Margaret Colburn also welcome neighbors for driveway visits or a shady conversation under the tree in front of their townhouse weather permitting. Everyone is invited to stop by, join in, and share what’s new.

Sincerely,  
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For the Board