

DEER RUNNERS NEWSLETTER

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Why Regular Tree Trimming Matters!





Why does Deer Run use Birchcrest to trim our trees? Professional tree care is an essential part of the Association's maintenance plan. Regular trimming removes overgrown, dead, or damaged branches that could threaten homes, roofs, gutters, vehicles, and other property, especially during storms and high winds. Careful pruning also supports healthier growth by improving sunlight and airflow, removing weak or crossing branches, and promoting a strong, balanced structure. Well-maintained trees enhance curb appeal and help preserve the beauty and value of our community. A little preventive maintenance can go a long way toward keeping our homes safe, our trees healthy, and our community looking its best. (Before and after photos thanks Christine.)

Thank you, Robyn!

For those who have not heard, DRTA Board Member Robyn Federman will be moving to Stamford, Connecticut, by the end of the year to be closer to her significant other. Robyn has been a valued member of the DRTA Board for several years, serving the community in a variety of roles, including as Board President. Her time, dedication, and commitment to our community has been appreciated. Thank you, Robyn, for all you have done for DRTA. We wish you all the best as you begin this exciting new chapter!

Time for Autumn and Winter Planning! (2nd Reminder)



With recent temperatures near freezing, here is a second reminder to prepare your home for winter. If you are away for an extended period, turn off the water supply and arrange for someone you trust to check your home. Before freezing weather arrives, disconnect outdoor hoses to protect exterior faucets, and consider removing window screens to prevent trapped water from freezing and bending the frames. These simple precautions can prevent costly damage and help keep Deer Run safe and well maintained throughout the winter.

Halloween and All Souls' Day!



On October 31, our neighborhood will come alive with costumed children enjoying an evening of trick-or-treating. Families will be walking from home to home, and excited youngsters will be ringing doorbells in search of special treats. It is a fun tradition and a wonderful opportunity to enjoy the creative costumes and festive spirit throughout Deer Run. If you are driving that evening, please slow down, stay alert, and watch carefully for children crossing streets or visiting friends and neighbors. A little extra caution will help make Halloween safe and enjoyable for everyone.

Beavers!



Here is a photo of a small sapling that a beaver recently cut down near the pond at the entrance to Deer Run. Beavers may be moving through the area in search of food or a suitable place to settle. Keep a sharp eye out when walking or driving near the pond and nearby brook, as a beaver may cross between the two. If you are fortunate, you may even hear the distinctive slap of its broad tail, warning signal that sends the beaver quickly beneath the surface. Please enjoy any sightings from a respectful distance.



October: Apple-Picking Month!



October means apple-picking season and the return of some favorite fall desserts. Growing up the desserts of choice in many homes always seemed to be apple pie, apple crisp, or cinnamon apple scones. Just the smell of apples and cinnamon still brings back memories of fall. Of course, everyone around here knows Schutt's Apple Mill and Country Store. Founded in 1918 by Paul "Great Grandpa" Schutt, it has been part of the Western New York Community for generations. Located just outside Rochester and a few miles from Deer Run, it is the kind of place that makes an October outing feel complete. There is plenty to see and enjoy at Schutt's, but let us be honest, the delicious fried cakes and some of Grandpa Schutt's Apple Grog are reason enough to make the trip!



Sincerely,
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For the Board