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## Spring Has Arrived!

Now that Spring has arrived on the Plateau it's a great time to spruce up the yards and homes and make our neighborhood look great. The Board would like to remind everyone that keeping their yards looking nice does a lot to keep up the value of the investment we have made in our homes. Regular mowing and edging of lawns and weeding helps in the appearance of the community. The Association's landscape contractor has provided a link to some very helpful gardening tips. These tips are presented for each month and can help you determine the best time of year to do some of the yard work. You can find these tips at: <http://naturaldesignlandscape.com/tips.aspx>. If you feel you just do not have the time to do the yard work yourself please consider hiring a lawn service to maintain your property.

## An Important Need

The Deerfield Homeowners' Association consists of 230 homes and has been set up to manage and maintain our common areas (the soccer field, entrance monuments, play structure, green belt areas, etc.) as well as to work with the homeowners to ensure consistency in the look and design of the association homes. At this time the Association has a desperate need for new board members to help with some of the management and work needed to protect our investments. Current board members have been supporting the Association for over four years now and new board members are needed. While some of our homeowners are new to the neighborhood this represents a good opportunity to meet other neighbors. Those members who have served on the board in the past are encouraged to get engaged again, your past experience can be a great help. Please contact the current board members at [board@deerfieldsammamish.com](mailto:board@deerfieldsammamish.com) and we can answer any questions you might have. We hold monthly meetings on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the fire station public meeting room. Please consider joining us at that time.

## Squirrels

One of the features of our beautiful area is the abundance of trees and wildlife. While tree squirrels are cute, fuzzy, and fun to watch, people have something of a love/hate relationship with them. We love their crazy antics—but we hate when they're raiding our birdfeeders, digging up flower bulbs, gnawing on boards or electrical wiring, stripping the bark off the trees, or worse yet, getting into our chimneys, attics or crawl spaces. While the intentional feeding of squirrels may be cute it can cause real problems.. Please be considerate of all your neighbors and avoid feeding the squirrels.

## Reminders

### Sports Field Reservation:

If you would like to reserve the sports field for an activity, such as soccer practices, please contact the Board directly. The field is available free to Deerfield residents. We have created an online calendar on our Deerfield website where you can check on the availability of the field and request a reservation, <http://www.deerfieldsammamish.com/homeowner-forms/soccer-field-reservation>

### Garbage and Recycling Receptacles:

We would like to ask all Deerfield residents to please keep your garbage and recycling receptacles in a location that is not visible from the street. It really helps the visual appeal of the neighborhood if they are not stored in plain sight of your friends and neighbors. Since we're getting to the time of year when people are on vacation please consider asking a neighbor to retrieve your containers from the street if you won't be home on collection day.

### Painting and Roofs:

In order to maintain consistency in the architectural character of the neighborhood we would like to remind all our members that if you are going to be re-painting or re-roofing your home to review the HOA's website for guidance on the acceptable materials and approvals. You can find this information at <http://www.deerfieldsammamish.com/homeowner-forms>.

### Sign up for E-Mail:

We are trying to set up an e-mail database of all Deerfield HOA homes. At this time we only have approximately half of our homeowners. Please provide us your e-mail address by going to our website at <http://www.deerfieldsammamish.com/homeowner-forms/mailling-list-signup> and providing us with the information.

### Job-Jar:

We have a number of minor jobs for our Association that don't take very much time and can help reduce our expenses if we do them ourselves as opposed to hiring someone to do them. A partial list of jobs is given below and if you can help with them please contact the Board and we will explain what is needed and make sure the minor chore hasn't been scheduled or already completed. Any out-of-pocket costs for doing the work will be reimbursed by the Treasurer but only if contacted before the cost/work is performed.

- Replace burned out lamps in entrance light fixtures
- Paint the soccer goal posts and replace nets
- Wash off dirt on bricks on entrance monuments
- Re-fasten some bricks on entrance monuments (a couple of bricks are loose)
- Build and install two benches by play structure
- Clean neighborhood mailboxes
- Send welcome letters to new residents
- Co-ordinate community garage sale
- Co-ordinate National Night Out event

As always there are other jobs that will come up from time-to-time and will need some attention. Please let us know if you can help. Thank you for your support.

***Remember, this is your community please help in making it a great place to live by getting involved with your Association.***