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SAVE DEER RUN 2020 DAY HELD

In honor of Save Deer Run's first birthday, the group sponsored a fun-filled day of activities on February 8, 2020 to raise awareness in the community and continue working hard to prevent rezoning of the land upon which the former golf course now sits.

Residents of Deer Run, neighbors, and supports were asked to show their support both online and in the real world. Spreading awareness, SDR founder Deborah L. Bauer, was the number one priority. "A year ago our community came together to remind people who we are, what we want, and that we're willing to do whatever we have to do to protect our homes and neighborhoods. That community activism has continued to grow and spread over the last 365 days," Bauer said. "We've proven to the wider we're still here, and we're not going anywhere."

Activities that various supporters participated in included sharing the SDR Facebook page and/or group to people's individuals Facebook pages, sharing the SDR website link to friends, making sure SDR yard signs are still on display in people's yards, and posting #SDRSelfie [photograph left] to show support. "We knew going forward that fighting this battle to protect rezoning and development in Deer Run would be a marathon and not a quick sprint," Bauer said. "Days like today remind everyone that A) we're still here, B) we're not going anywhere, and we are still proud to be fighting the fight that is SDR!"



SAVE DEER RUN CELEBRATES ITS FIRST BIRTHDAY

The Save Deer Run Citizen's Action Group turned one on February 6, 2020. It marks the first year in a fight to protect the Deer Run Planned Development from any potential zoning changes or major development of some of the few remaining acres of green space in southwestern Seminole County.

In January 2019, it was reported that the Country Club at Deer Run Golf Course (located in unincorporated Seminole County) was in the process of being sold to a housing developer who plans to build any possible number of single family home and/or multifamily dwellings on 140 acres. Any type of that development would require overturning the Planned Development zoning that has been in place since 1981.

The Save Deer Run C.A.G. was formed by long-time resident Deborah Bauer. In April 2019, Bauer formally incorporated the group as a non-profit corporation and formed a board of directors comprised of several other local residents four other homeowner's associations in the PD. About twenty-five HOAs exist in total throughout the almost two dozen neighborhoods that make up Deer Run, which is home to somewhere between 6000 and 10000 people.

Over the last year, Bauer was proud to report that SDR distributed over 700 yard signs, 100 t shirts, collected hundreds of petitions, helped residents send dozens of emails to the county about their desire to preserve Deer Run's green space, and hosted the Save Deer Run Night community meeting in May 2019. Bauer reports additional plans are being made for a new event that will be free, open to the public, and will be a chance for people to get more information about what local leaders' opinions are on the Deer Run situation. She hopes to announce details for the event sometime in early summer 2020.

DALLARI FILES RE-ELECTION PAPERWORK

In January 2020, Seminole County Commissioner Bob Dallari filed paperwork with the Seminole County Supervisor of Elections to run for re-election to his District One county commission seat. Dallari is running for a fifth term, having first been elected in 2004.

District One is the location of the Deer Run subdivision, and Commissioner Dallari is the current home district supervisor for Deer Run residents. To learn more about all candidates running for office in 2020, please go to https://www.voteseminole.org/currentcandidates. The primary election for all candidates running for county commission in Seminole County is Tuesday, August 18, 2020. The general election will be held on November 3, 2020.



SHADIX FILES PAPERWORK TO CHALLENGE DALLARI FOR DISTRICT 1 SEAT

In February 2020, Katrina Garvin Shadix filed paperwork to run against incumbent Bob Dallari for the District 1 seat on the Seminole County Commission. Shadix has previously run for county commission in 2018 when she was defeated by Jay Zembower for the District 2 seat. In late 2019, she also filed paperwork to run against Joel Greenburg for Tax Collector in Seminole County. However, she recently dropped out of the tax collector race in order to run for the District 1 seat.

in order to run for the District 1 seat. The District 1 seat is the home district commissioner for Deer Run. Residents should recall that the Seminole County Board of Commissioners is the ultimate authority in

approving or rejecting any requests to rezone the Deer Run Planned Development in order to allow any development of the land upon which the former Country Club at Deer Run sits. The general election will be held on November 3, 2020.

For more information on Shadix and Dallari, please see the Orlando Sentinel article at the URL below: <u>https://www.orlandosentinel.com/n</u> <u>ews/seminole-county/os-ne-seminole-</u> <u>county-commission-dallari-shadix-</u> <u>20200210-njuabqpid5hdzdiiekvhc42wxm-</u> story.html

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Did you know there's a Facebook group where you can discuss matters about the golf course closing? Check us out!

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We're on the Web! See us at: http://www.savedeerrun.com/