

# VILLAGE OF DEER PARK

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The Village of Deer Park Newsletter

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## From the President's desk....

**Work** progresses on the **Vehe Farm**, with efforts concentrated on preparing the Barn for public use. I am pleased to report the Village was chosen as **one of five winners of the 2004 Conservation and Native Landscaping Award presented by Chicago Wilderness Foundation**. A ceremony was held November 18<sup>th</sup> at the annual Chicago Wilderness Congress at DePaul University. More information regarding the criteria and award are included in this newsletter; however, **congratulations are extended to the many volunteers who have made this work possible**. Many volunteers have come together to further this work, but thanks especially go out to Vehe Farm Foundation President Teri Bridge, former Trustee Tom Benjamin, former Village President Jim Peterson, and Citizens for Conservation representative John Wagner. These individuals represent the backbone of the volunteer effort and the Village is especially indebted to them for their efforts on our behalf.

**Speaking** of volunteers—the Board is looking for persons with backgrounds in grant research and writing to further efforts in obtaining grants for both the Vehe Farm and the Village. In the past, the Village has secured grants to help with the purchase of the Farm and to increase police service to the Village. If you have a background in grant seeking and/or writing, please contact the Village Office at 847-726-1648 or by email at [deerparkoffice@comcast.net](mailto:deerparkoffice@comcast.net).

**In** the blink of an eye, we are once again in the midst of the holiday hustle and bustle. Enclosed are some tips from Kildeer Police Chief Lilly on **staying safe and sound** for the remainder of the winter and through the holiday travel times, and information on the **Fire District Station closing schedule**. It is currently anticipated that the Fire District referenda will again appear on the ballot in April, and the Board urges residents to become involved and understand the funding mechanism for Fire and Ambulance services under Illinois Statutes prior to casting their vote in April.

**On** behalf of the Village Board and Staff, I wish to extend to you and your family **the happiest of holiday seasons and wishes for a healthy, prosperous New Year.**

*Village President Scott Gifford*

## Development Updates

- ◆ ***Praedium Development*** has received Final approval from the Plan Commission for the proposed *Towne Center Promenade* at the corner of Rand and Long Grove Roads. The proposal is currently on the agenda for the December 20<sup>th</sup> Board of Trustees Regular Meeting.
- ◆ ***Oraro Development*** has received Final Approval for Foxdale subdivision. As there is a street in Lake Zurich named Foxtail, and to avoid confusion for emergency services, the subdivision has been renamed Foxridge. The subdivision will be located on Deerpath Road south of Isaac Fox elementary; Oraro plans to offer 6 homes of at least one acre custom home sites.

## Vehe Farm Foundation Update

In September the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency region 5, and Chicago Wilderness Consortium visited Vehe Farm looking over the progress made in restoring some of the land to original prairie, and were briefed on future plans. As a result of that visit the Vehe Farm restoration and rehabilitation project was just recently chosen as one of five winners of the 2004 Conservation and Native Landscaping Award. The EPA and Chicago Wilderness presented this award on November 10, 2004 at DePaul University. Vehe was recognized for its extensive and creative use of natural landscaping to support native plants and animals that contribute to the region's biodiversity. It was also noted that in the restoration of eight acres to original prairie and wetlands, the quality of life is enhanced for the community, and it educates the public on the natural history of the area.

The fall months were kind to those of us working at Vehe. The cool, dry, and sunny weather allowed the work crew plenty of time to harvest wild flower seed, prepare the seed so that it can be sowed, and spread it back onto the prairie. Already, in just the few years since we started this program we have seen indigenous plant growth restored at an enormous rate on the Vehe Farm.

Construction work at Vehe continues to be principally directed at the Main Barn. After completion of the wall foundation underpinning, and excavation work associated with lowering the

first floor slab, the area has been back filled and regraded. Work continues on the first floor exit stair enclosure and foundation construction. Currently underway is the building of an elevator pit, and new interior columns replacing the old rotted columns that could not pass the building code requirements. New electrical service systems should be in place by the beginning of December. Hopefully we can then get some temporary security lighting in place and begin the interior build out.

Much work is already underway by the Foundation Board and volunteers to prepare for the transition of the Vehe Farm from just a piece of land with some old broken down buildings to a fully functional community/educational center and recreation area. We hope to gain additional knowledge in this endeavor by visiting other similar projects in the area such as the Bonner Farm and Naper Settlement.

*Tom Benjamin*  
*Vehe Farm Foundation*

***Email Updates*** are available from both the Village Office and the Kildeer Police. If you are interested in receiving ***Village news of a time sensitive nature***, email the Clerk at [dpclerk@comcast.net](mailto:dpclerk@comcast.net) to be added to the *Deer Park Dispatch* list. If you are interested in ***community alert information*** from the ***Kildeer Police***, log onto their website at [www.kildeerpolice.com](http://www.kildeerpolice.com).

## ***Electronics Collection***

SWALCO will be sponsoring a collection for outdated, broken or unwanted household electronics. Details are:

**Location:** Lake County Public Works Department  
650 W. Winchester Road, Libertyville  
**Date:** Saturday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2005  
**Time:** 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
**Cost:** Free to Lake County residents

Please note that this is for residents only—no commercial, governmental or institutional materials will be accepted.

Call SWALCO at 847-336-9340 or check the website at [www.swalco.org](http://www.swalco.org) for further information about electronics collection programs.

## From Ela Township Highway Supervisor, Bill Kruckenberg...

Hello Deer Park Residents:

It's hard to believe winter is here. Time really flies. This will be the second year Ela and Cuba Township Highway Departments will be plowing your roads. The Village has been divided into three snow routes equaling about 8 miles each with three trucks dedicated to these routes. Ela Township Highway Department will do two of the routes and Cuba Township Road District will plow the other one. Deer Park will receive the same service as you have seen in the unincorporated roads of Ela Township. Last year we had a few glitches that we hope we have solved.

We will be salting the same as last year and continue to use salt brine (liquid salt). This procedure cuts approximately 20% of salt use. It is advantageous to the roads, our cars, our lawns, and our wetlands. This solution also helps the salt from bouncing—keeping the salt on the roads and out of grassy areas.

If any resident has a question about our snow removal procedure, please call me at 847-438-2371 during business hours.

A reminder to everyone. . .snow plowing is a vital service. Please do not interfere with snow trucks by parking on the streets, following too closely, passing unsafely or blocking intersections.

Any resident is welcome to place reflectors or markers on the edge of the road, but at corners and cul-de-sacs, please space them at least 15 - 20 feet apart. The heaviest snow is at these areas and the plow must be able to push the snow off the road without damaging your markers.

**NOTE:** Please check your mailbox and post to be sure they are secure. Snow and slush damage do not warrant replacement of the box by us. They must be secured enough to take flying snow from the plow. If you have an expensive mailbox, you may want to replace it before the snow falls. If we hit the box with the plow (accidents do happen at 3 a.m.), we will only replace it with a standard mailbox and wooden post.

Again I want to thank your Village President, Village Board and the administrative staff for their support, and giving us the opportunity to serve you.

**Any problems such as mail box damage; lawn damage or unsafe conditions should be reported to your Village Office.**

Drive Safe and have a great winter,  
*Bill Kruckenberg*

### **Ordinances Passed**

**04-30:** Creates the Hillcrest overlay District to maintain existing zoning in recently annexed properties.

**04-31:** Authorizes a Settlement Agreement with the Village of Palatine—later amended by Ordinance 04-34.

**04-32:** Fence Ordinance Amendment clarifying definitions and creating required vision triangles at corners.

**04-33:** Creates regulations regarding space allocation for recycling in commercial and residential developments.

**04-34:** Authorizes the execution of a Settlement Agreement with the Village of Palatine.

**04-35:** Grants Special Use for Praedium Development.

**04-36:** Amends the Public Sanitary Sewer Ordinance.

**04-37:** Approves a Variance Request for 21840 Rainbow Road to allow an addition to infringe on the front yard setback required.

### **Resolutions Passed**

**R0405:** Approves the National Incident Management System.

**R0406:** Supports the passage of the November 2004 Fire District Referenda.

**R0407:** Adopts a fixed asset/capitalization policy in preparation for compliance with GASB 34.

### Fire District Update

The Lake Zurich Rural Fire Protection District has begun a series of scheduled Station closings to control costs. The Deer Park station closed December 1<sup>st</sup>, the firehouse in north Lake Zurich is next in line to close in January, followed by the North Barrington station in February. That pattern will repeat in each of the following three months. Station closings are in response to the failure of the referenda proposed on the November ballot, as discussed in the June and September Village Newsletters.

The Fire District currently anticipates presenting the referenda for the April 5, 2005 election. Voters can visit the following websites for more information on the referenda and to understand funding for the Fire District under State Statutes: [www.LZRFPD.org](http://www.LZRFPD.org) & [www.lzfirerescue.org](http://www.lzfirerescue.org).

### Board Meetings

Board meetings are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at Charles Quentin Elementary School. Charles Quentin is located at 21250 West Shirley Road, Palatine. Agendas for the meeting are posted at the Village Office by the close of business Fridays prior to meetings, may be requested by email from the Village Office ([deerparkoffice@comcast.net](mailto:deerparkoffice@comcast.net)), and are available on the Village website ([www.village.deer-park.il.us](http://www.village.deer-park.il.us)).

Meeting dates for 2005 are as follows:

January 17	February 21
March 21	April 18
May 16	June 20
July 18	August 15
September 19	October 17
November 21	December 19

### • Vehicle Stickers

Vehicle stickers are available **free of charge** at the Village Office during Office hours listed above. Stickers are \$1.00 if requested by mail.

### Safety tips from Chief Lilly....

With the upcoming winter weather and the holidays approaching it is wise to prepare yourself when traveling and to secure your homes when home or away. If you have a security system it should be used. Keep all exterior windows and doors locked and keep your garage door closed and locked even when you are home. Make sure the outside of your home has enough lighting and place a couple of your inside lights on timers with varying times. Do not place valuable gifts under the Christmas tree or in plain view until Christmas Eve. Do not leave the Christmas tree lights on when you are out of the house or overnight and avoid placing your Christmas tree near a heat source such as a fireplace or heater vent. Do not let snow or ice cover your address numbers. Keep driveways and walkways clear of ice and snow. Also use salt or some type of ice melting product on your walks and driveways.

During severe weather, do not travel unless it is an emergency. If you are involved in an accident, dial 911 and give your location and let the dispatcher know if you or any other parties are injured. Do not hang up the phone unless advised to do so by the dispatcher. Stay in your car if it is safe to do so. When traveling in winter weather make sure your car has been winterized and make sure all fluid levels are topped off or changed. Make sure your battery is fully charged, your tires have adequate tread depth, and all belts and hoses are in good condition. Top off your gas tank before making any long trip and never let your fuel level drop below a half a tank in cold weather.

Condensation can build up and freeze the fuel line. Carry a blanket, flares, flashlight and a first aid kit in your car. When traveling in bad weather make sure you carry a fully charged cellular telephone on your person. Let a family member, neighbor or friend know where you are going and when you expect to return.

*Chief Lilly*

*Kildeer Police Department*



## Reminders

\* **Septic Maintenance** is required for all septic systems. For homeowners with aerator systems, Village ordinances require inspections of the aerator every 6 months, in addition to the usual pumping required for the tank. Also, be aware that the Village requirements for septic systems are in addition to those of Lake County, and are generally more strict than those of Lake County. Check with the Village Office if you are unsure of the requirements for your particular system.

\*The next time **burning leaves and yard refuse** will be allowed is *on weekends* from **April 15 – May 15, during the hours of 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM.** Only the Village can authorize burning outside of the times specified by Village ordinances; requests for variations must be submitted to the Village Office in writing for review by the Village Board.

\* Many household projects (including septic repairs) require **building permits** due to specific regulations concerning construction. Please check projects with the Village office to determine if you need a permit.

\* **Dogs** must be leashed when not on their owners' property, per Village Ordinances.

\* **Motorized vehicles** are not allowed in Village Parks.

\* **Please ensure the use of Deer Park as the city in your postal address.** Not only will this speed up delivery of your mail, it will also ensure that any taxes you pay are directed to the correct municipality.

\* **Christmas tree pick-up** will be picked up by Groot with regular trash pickup the first two weeks in January. For questions or information, call Groot at 847-776-1720.

### Village Officials

**President**—H. Scott Gifford

**Administrator**—Kari Diesen-Dahl

**Administrative Assistant**—Josie Doniec

**Treasurer**—Terri Stade

**Clerk**—Sandra Smith

**Trustees:** (meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month)

Greg Dowell: Finance  
Pat Ekstrom: Roads & Public Utilities  
David Kizior: Parks & Recreation  
Patricia Plautz: Health & Sanitation  
Joel Rotter: Planning & Zoning  
Howard Thrun: Public Safety

**Plan Commission:**(meets 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month, as needed)

Chair—David Heidtke  
Frank Comber  
Jan Koe  
Bill Koutsis  
John Lahr  
Sandy Schroeder

**Zoning Board of Appeals:** (meets on request)

Chair—Randy Szczesny  
Barbara Evans  
Dr. Aurel Goglin  
Jack Honomichl  
Russell Mills  
Beth Noll

### **Contact Us:**

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Email: [deerparkoffice@comcast.net](mailto:deerparkoffice@comcast.net)

Website: [www.village.deer-park.il.us](http://www.village.deer-park.il.us)

Police: (emergency) 911  
(non-emergency) 438-6010  
(office) 438-6644

Fire: (emergency) 911 (office) 540-5070

### **Village Office Hours:**

Monday – Thursday: 9 – 12:30 & 1:30 – 5:00

Friday: 9 – 12:30

**Village of Deer Park  
23680 W. Cuba Road  
Deer Park IL 60010**

**Presort Std.  
U.S. Postage  
PAID  
Barrington IL  
Permit 101**

**House registration**

Please fill in the following information to register your house with the Kildeer Police Department. This form provides the police with a contact person for when you are away or out of town, should something happen involving your home. If you have any questions, please call the department at 438-6644.

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**Kildeer Police Department—2005 House Registration**

Please fill out and send to the Police Department—21911 Quentin Rd., Kildeer, IL 60047

**All information is kept strictly confidential**

Name\_\_\_\_\_Address\_\_\_\_\_Phone\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_Alarm w/outside ringer only      \_\_\_Alarm connects to a receiving station      \_\_\_No alarm

Keyholder's Name\_\_\_\_\_

Address:\_\_\_\_\_Phone:\_\_\_\_\_

In Case of Emergency, Please Notify:\_\_\_\_\_

Address:\_\_\_\_\_Phone:\_\_\_\_\_

Other Pertinent Information: i.e., Alarm Company/Phone, Dog, etc. (please list on separate sheet)