

VILLAGE OF DEER PARK

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The Village of Deer Park Newsletter

Fall / Winter 2008

From the President's Desk...

Enclosed with this edition of the Village newsletter is a magnet promoting the Village website and providing contact information for the Village Office and the Vehe Barn Event Coordinator. While our newsletter continues to be a valuable communication method, it is published only 3-4 times a year. The Village's website is updated weekly and provides a more cost-effective, convenient and ecologically friendly source of information. If you haven't visited the website recently, I encourage you to check it out; poke around and become familiar with all that is available there. Keep your magnet on your refrigerator as a reminder to **check the website first** when you have questions about Village services and issues.

Another very cost-effective method of Village communication is our Connect-CTY® system. With this system, Village officials can send personalized voice and email messages with specific information about time-sensitive topics, public-safety emergencies or local community matters. Deer Park phone numbers that are publicly available have been automatically included in the system. However, in order to receive email messages, **each resident and business must update their contact information to include an email address.** This is done by visiting the Village website, clicking on the Connect-CTY® link and opting-in to provide up to three phone numbers, up to two email addresses and a TTY/TDD device (for hearing impaired). The Village will not share this personal information with anyone.

The Village Board and I remain committed to recouping from R W Clark and/or his bond company the amount of money spent in excess of the original contract to renovate the interior of Vehe Barn. A detailed financial analysis of the project has been completed and a claim was submitted to R W Clark's bonding company at the end of October. Since its completion, Vehe Barn has been received favorably by both private renters and local community leaders who have attended functions there. Despite the challenges and cost issues related to the Vehe project, the Village now has the benefits of a municipal facility that is also a park consisting of 14-acres of open space, recreational facilities and a community center. Additionally, the preservation of Vehe Farm and its barn retains a part of Deer Park's heritage of which we can all be proud.

Although the Village bank balance was drawn down more than originally anticipated when the Board approved the Barn restoration, the Village's portion of the state sales tax has risen steadily during that same timeframe, keeping the Village's bottom line firmly in the black. For the first six months of this fiscal year, which started May 1st, sales tax revenue totaled \$850,202.00, a 31-percent increase over last year. And despite the economic downturn, I expect this trend to continue as Deer Park businesses lure customers away from nearby Cook County and its substantially higher sales tax. Because of the increased sales tax revenue, the Village was able to resume its road repair program this year and is likely to allocate an even greater amount to roads and drainage projects next year.

The Barrington area coalition continues its battle against the proposed Canadian National (CN) acquisition of the EJ&E Railway. At this time, I ask each resident to personally contact our Congressional representatives and thank them for championing our interests through their sponsorship of HR 6707. This Bill *requires the Surface Transportation Board to consider the impact of railroad transactions on local communities* and is a great step in the fight against CN. It is of utmost importance to continue the overwhelming public pressure on state and federal officials to keep them on board with our cause and acting on our behalf. Let them know you support their efforts 100% and that you are ready to do your part as they do theirs. For the most up-to-date information on the CN acquisition, visit the Village website.

--Scott Gifford, Village President

Winter • Snow and Ice Removal

The Village contracted with Cuba Township for snow removal this winter. Cuba Township was heavily involved in securing Lake County's winter salt supply. We have been assured that this effort was successful and that the safety of our roads will not be affected by a salt shortage this winter. Review the guidelines below to prepare for winter weather, snow and plows:

- ◆ Residents are welcome to put reflectors or markers at the road's edge, but please space them 15-20 ft. apart at corners and cul-de-sacs as plows will be pushing snow off the roads in these areas.
- ◆ Check mailboxes and posts to be sure they are secure and sturdy enough to take flying snow from the plow. If you have an expensive mailbox, you might want to replace it, just for the winter. Mailboxes hit by a plow will be replaced with only a standard mailbox and wooden post.
- ◆ Snow plowing is a vital service. For everyone's safety, please do not interfere with snow removal by parking on streets, following too closely, passing unsafely or blocking intersections.
- ◆ Report mailbox and lawn damage, unsafe conditions, or winter road service requests by visiting www.cubaroads.com and clicking on the *Deer Park Winter Service Button* or call Cuba Township at **847-381-7793**.

Vehe Barn Rental...

Vehe Barn is available for rent for a variety of functions. Already, five wedding receptions have been held in the Barn and numerous residents and local groups have rented the facility. Deer Park homeowner associations may hold their business meetings at the Barn for no charge. The Barn has a commercial kitchen and a complete audio/visual system available to renters.

For more information about renting the Barn, contact the Vehe Barn Event Coordinator, **Yvonne Keith**, by phone or via email at **(847) 438-0764** or deerparkevents@comcast.net

Above Ground Swimming Pools

The Village Board will be considering an ordinance amending Chapter 156 of the Municipal Code regarding swimming pools at its December 15th meeting. Presently, the Municipal Code prohibits above ground swimming pools. Chapter 156, however, contains some misleading language pertaining to above ground, above grade and portable swimming pools. The ordinance amending Chapter 156 will specifically address and eliminate this misleading language.

Raje Yoga at Vehe Barn

Raje yoga classes are now being offered at Vehe Barn. Experience the benefits of yoga: reduce stress, build strength, improve posture, find balance, and increase metabolism. New to Raje Yoga, the first class is complimentary. For a class schedule and information, call Jennifer at 815-347-6813, email her at jennifer@raje yoga.com or visit www.rajeyoga.com.

Christmas Tree & Holiday GROOT Schedule

Groot has not yet confirmed its Christmas tree pickup schedule for Deer Park. This information is to be posted on the Groot website no later than December 1st and will be confirmed on Groot invoices sent in late December. Please be sure to remove ornaments, garland and tinsel before placing your tree at the curb and note that regular garbage and recycling pickups *may* be delayed by one day the weeks of **Christmas and New Year's Day**. To confirm all holiday pickup details visit www.groot.com or call 800-244-1977.

Vehe Farm Foundation Update...

- The Illinois Junior Duck Stamp Contest Winners exhibit has arrived for a four-month showing.
 - Scouts and Brownies have visited the farm as part of our Leave No Child Inside initiative. This initiative has been made possible by a grant from the Barrington Area Community Foundation.
 - Area schools have been using the Illinois Department of Natural Resources education trunks as part of their science curriculum. To view the materials in the trunk, please visit our website at www.vehefarmfoundation.org.
 - Flint Creek Watershed Partnership showcased Vehe Farm as an example of native ecological restoration and water flow management.
 - The Barrington Area Library will host a Vehe Farm exhibit in November.
 - A crushed granite path now connects Vehe Barn and the butterfly garden. This path was made possible by generous donations from the Little Garden Club of Barrington, Gewalt Hamilton, and Milieu Designs.
- As always, the Foundation thanks the Village of Deer Park and all of our volunteers and community organization partners for their continued support of Vehe Farm. If you are interested in volunteering or would like to make a donation towards the many new programs at the farm this year, please feel free to contact us at (847) 331-0967.

Roads & Drainage Update

In September, the Village Board authorized the Village Engineer to go out for bid for Phase III of the Ferndale Drainage Improvement Project which is scheduled for completion this fiscal year. This project includes the re-grading of ditches and a new storm sewer along Lea Drive and a portion of Circle Drive.

In November, the Village will have Ela Township perform temporary cold patching on all potholes in the Village to prepare the roads for winter.

In December, Trustee Kellermann and the Village Engineer will make 2009-2010 Road and Drainage recommendations to the Board. Those with comments, concerns or suggestions regarding these recommendations should email or call Trustee Kellermann: 847-438-2098 bobkellermann@sbcglobal.net

Interested in Village Government...

Three trustee seats as well as the Village President's post will be up for election in April of 2009.

Candidate nominating petition packets are available at the Village Office. The Village Clerk's Public Notice communicating important candidate filing information was recently published in the Daily Herald; it is currently posted on the Village website and at the Village Office. Those interested in running may also want to check the county website www.co.lake.il.us/entyclk for sample petitions and other important candidate information.

Development Update...

New projects are in various stages of development throughout the Village:

- **Grace Communities**, which is developing office condominiums on Field Parkway adjacent to Century Theater parking lot, broke ground this summer. Completion of the first phase of the project is expected in early 2009.

- **Hampton Inn & Suites** poured footings for the foundation of its 104-room hotel on Lake Cook Road. Building is underway and completion is expected in May of 2009.

- A special use permit for a **Bank Facility** was approved by the Village Board at its October meeting. The bank will be located on Rand Road just south of Brunswick Zone.

- **Brilliant Sky Toys and Books** will be opening soon in phase III of Deer Park Town Center. They are known for high-quality, constructive toys that focus on imagination, development, and values.

- **Campus Colors** is a leading retailer of officially licensed, top quality collegiate apparel and novelties with over 200 different colleges and universities represented. It will be opening soon on the south side of the Deer Park Town Center.

Village Officials & Staff

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Friday: 9am – 12:30pm

Vehe Barn (Events):

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E-mail: deerparkevents@comcast.net

Kildeer Police:

Emergency: 911

Non-emergency: (847) 438-6010

Office: (847) 438-6644

Lake Zurich Fire Department:

Emergency: 911

Office: (847) 540-5070

Board Meetings...

Board meetings are held the *third Monday* of every month at **7:00pm** at the Vehe Barn, 23570 W. Cuba Road, Deer Park. The remaining meeting dates for **2008 will be held** November 17th and December 15th. The agenda for each meeting is posted at the Village Office and on the Village website by the close of business the Friday prior to the meeting. The agenda may also be requested via email at deerparkoffice@comcast.net.

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Reminders... * Lawns should be mowed on a regular basis and invasive weeds such as garlic-mustard and purple loosestrife should be removed as a courtesy to your neighbors.

* Please do not put **garbage** or yard waste out before **6 p.m. on the day prior** to collection and remove garbage carts from the curb **as soon as possible** after the pickup.

* Per Deer Park's Municipal Code, leaves and yard waste may be burned only two times a year: Fall burning is permitted **October 15th – November 15th**; spring burning is permitted **April 15th – May 15th**. During these times, leaves and yard waste may be burned **only on weekends from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.**

* **An integral part of the Village water management system are the swales and culverts** located in homeowners' yards. It is the responsibility of each homeowner to maintain these swales and culverts by ensuring they are clear of debris; check swales and culverts on an annual basis to determine water can flow freely through the system. Also, contact the Village prior to planting trees so we may advise about those whose roots are least likely to interfere with the drainage system (willow trees are particularly troublesome).

* Many household projects (including septic repairs, roof replacement, shed construction, and live tree removal) require **building permits**. Check with the Village Office to determine if your project needs a permit.

* Per Village ordinances, **dogs and cats are not allowed to roam the Village freely**. Be respectful of your neighbors and do not allow your pet on others' lawns. Dogs must be leashed when not on their owners' property. If your pet goes to the bathroom on a neighbor's property or on Village park property, make a point of picking up after it. Loud barking is considered a nuisance and is prohibited by Village ordinances.

* **Boats, trailers, motor homes, commercial or inoperable vehicles** must be kept in a garage or stored off-site; they may not be parked in a driveway or anywhere else on your property except for loading and unloading.

* **Septic maintenance** is required for all septic systems. In addition to the usual pumping required for the tank, homeowners with aerator systems are required to have their aerator inspected every 6 months. Be aware that the Village's requirements for septic systems are in addition to, and are more restrictive than, those of Lake County.

* **Animals on private property (dead or alive) are the responsibility of the property owner**. The Village can provide assistance in removal of unwanted animals through cooperative programs with Lake County and Ela Township; however, **property owners will be billed for removal of these animals**.

* Although **Vehicle Stickers** are not required by the Village, as a convenience to residents who want a vehicle sticker, they may be purchased (\$5 per sticker) at the Village Office during normal business hours.