

VILLAGE OF **DEER PARK** est 1957

The Village of Deer Park Newsletter

March 2004

Changes in the Village

With sadness we say goodbye to two residents who have served the Village over the years....

President Rick Karl resigned due to work and family demands. Rick served the Village on the Plan Commission for four years, then as a Trustee for six years and finally as President of the Village for seven years.

Trustee Henry Werch and wife Stephanie Reith will be relocating to Washington soon. As a result, Trustee Werch has resigned his position on the Board. Trustee Werch served the Village as a Plan Commission member for 3 years; as Plan Commission Chairman for 4 years; and as Trustee for the last 15 years.

We wish both Rick and Henry the very best in their new ventures!

As a result of the resignation of President Karl, the Board voted to elect ***Trustee Scott Gifford as Village President*** effective February 1st. Scott Gifford has served the Village as Trustee for the last 10 years. President Gifford will fulfill the unexpired portion of Rick Karl's elected term, until April 2005.

State Statute provides for the President to fill vacancies within the Village Boards and Commissions by appointment. At the February meeting of the Board, President Gifford appointed ***Plan Commission Chairman Howard Thrun, Jr. to fill the vacancy on the Board of Trustees*** created by President Gifford's election.

Trustee Thrun is a long-time Deer Park resident and a real estate attorney. He has served the Village as ***Plan Commission member for 8 years, and as Plan Commission Chairman for the last 11 years.***

As a result of the move by Howard Thrun from Plan Commission Chairman to Trustee, ***President Gifford appointed Plan Commission Member David Heidtke to the position of Plan Commission Chairman.*** Mr. Heidtke has been a ***resident of Deer Park for 19 years***, and has served on the Plan Commission for the last 9 years. Additionally, Mr. Heidtke is an ***architect with a Masters in Architecture, and a concentration in Urban Design.***

As a result of the move by David Heidtke from Plan Commissioner to Plan Commission Chairman, ***President Gifford appointed resident Bill Koutsis to the Plan Commission.*** Mr. Koutsis has been a ***resident of Deer Park for 19 years; he is a former Bank Director and former School Board member*** (Jackson, Michigan). Mr. Koutsis ***presently serves on the Board of two different manufacturing firms, and is a small business owner.***

As of the printing of this newsletter, no appointment has been made for the vacancy created by the relocation of Trustee Werch.

Last Call for Spring Snows

Hopefully we will not have any more major snows this season, but as a reminder: the Village has contracted with Ela Township to provide snow plowing. Procedures residents should be aware of:

- ❖ If a resident suspects that a plow has hit or damaged their mailbox, please call the Village office. The office will contact Ela Township and they will repair any plow damage. **DO NOT** repair it yourself because Ela Township will not reimburse the resident for repair cost.
- ❖ If a resident suspects that a plow has damaged any road shoulders or entry ways, please call the Village office. The areas will be inventoried and any plow-damaged areas will be repaired in the spring or summer.
- ❖ If a resident has any concerns such as excessive snow blocking driveways, black ice, or areas not cleared properly please call the Village office. The Village of Deer Park has arranged dispatching service via the Kildeer Police for reporting any situation that requires immediate resolution when the office is closed.

The contract with Ela Township is a 5-year contract; this is their initial learning year. The Village of Deer Park is working with Ela Township to document any trouble areas. This information will be used to develop alternative plans and solutions over the spring/summer for next year to ensure our community and its residents are receiving excellent service.

Pat Ekstrom

Village Trustee, Roads

Spring Means-Road Construction!

As everyone knows, there are two seasons in Chicago: winter and construction season. Upcoming road projects within the Village include improvements to the intersection of Rand and Plum Grove Roads, the 2004 Road Maintenance Project, and completion of the road improvements to Lake Cook and Quentin.

Intersection improvements at **Rand and Plum Grove Road** will begin this spring with construction activity through the summer.

The 2004 Road Maintenance Project is under review and roads are being selected for the program. The Village is anticipating that the contract will be bid in early May with construction on roads to begin in early summer—more information on specific roads in the project will be included with the June Newsletter.

The road improvements to **Lake Cook and Quentin** are nearing completion. Remaining work to be done includes installation of permanent signals and restoration of landscaping.

If you have questions or concerns regarding the roads, contact Trustee Pat Ekstrom at 540-8799.

Parks Update

2003 saw the commissioning of our new baseball field in Town Center Park, which is used by Lake Zurich and Barrington youth baseball. Hope you had a chance to take in a baseball game last summer or fall. 2003 also saw the reconstruction of the tennis courts at Charlie Brown Park. Stop by and take a look or take in a set or two...the courts are great!

In 2004, pending approval by the Village Board, there are plans to reconstruct the Chapel Hill tennis courts and do some parks' maintenance (similar to last years tree trimming and park sign painting). So watch for signs of improvements to your parks and enjoy!

And remember to do your part to keep the parks looking beautiful – take the time to pick up any refuse that you may see and put it in a nearby garbage container, curb your pet, and do not vandalize the parks. Also, Village Homeowners Associations are strongly encouraged to take ownership in the care of parks in their neighborhood – periodic cleanup and maintenance; plantings within the park; ideas for usage of the park. If you have any questions or suggestions, call Trustee Dave Kizior at 382-3125 or the Village Office.

David J. Kizior

Village Trustee, Parks & Recreation

Development Updates

- ◆ The Village has been working on a drainage improvement project referred to as the ***Swansway Drainage Improvement Project***. While the primary engineering work involves drainage easements in Swansway Subdivision, the project will benefit much of the Village by improving drainage in the area. This project is nearing the completion of the excavation work, with restoration activity to begin in the spring. Restoration work will include wetland mitigation efforts, seeding, and planting installation.

- ◆ ***Hamilton Partners*** presented a revision to their approved site plan to the Plan Commission. The affected parcels of land lie between Field Parkway, Deer Park Boulevard, and Lake Cook Road. The revised plan presented relocates and detaches the office building from the hotel site to make room for a corner lot which would allow a freestanding bank facility. The total square footage of the buildings is the same as originally approved. The Plan Commission approved the concept of a freestanding bank building on the site; ***the next step procedurally is a Public Hearing before the Plan Commission***. The date for such a hearing has not yet been set—check the Village web site or call the Office for further information.

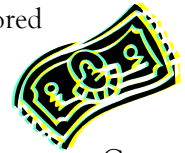


- ◆ ***Oraro Development*** has been working with the Village to reach an agreement on single family homes for the 10 acres directly south of Isaac Fox Elementary on Deerpath Road. The new development will be known as ***Foxdale of Deer Park***. Plans for the development include 6 - 8 homes on the 10-acre site.
- ◆ ***The Deer Park Town Center*** celebrated the completion of its fourth year in 2003. In fall 2003, construction was substantially completed on the second phase of the Town Center, adding 100,000 square feet to accommodate up to 13 new stores and restaurants. Stores scheduled to open in spring/summer 2004

include: Cold Stone Creamery, MotoPhoto, and Select Comfort.

Charmed and *Nextel Communications* are already open in the new phase. *La Hacienda Restaurant* is scheduled to open in late spring; the *Century Theater* movie theater is scheduled to open in July.

The Town Center has endeavored to be a good citizen through efforts to support the community in various formats. In 2003, the Town Center again offered the ***Smart Bucks*** program which distributed \$15,000 to local schools based on points earned by shoppers from participating schools at the Center. The Center also remained active in local endeavors and area cultural activities, **raising more than \$20,000 for not-for-profit agencies last year** through fashion show ticket sales and auctions. The Town Center is active in the *Lake Zurich Chamber of Commerce*, and is a partner with the *Ela Cultural Arts Connection*.



In addition to charitable support of the community, ***The Town Center contributes over 400 jobs to the area, and contributed more than \$750,000 in local sales tax in 2003*** (as reported in the *Daily Herald* and *Barrington Lifestyles*).

- ◆ The ***Town Centre Promenade***, a retail development proposed for the corner of Long Grove Road and Rand Roads, received ***Preliminary Approval*** from both the Plan Commission and the Board of Trustees. The Preliminary Approval is essentially a conceptual approval of the retail center, with final plans to be refined by the Plan Commission. The proposal currently calls for 2 large single-tenant retailers with smaller retailers surrounding. The proposed site is 14 acres, and would mirror the Deer Park Town Center in quality architecture and inclusion of bike paths. Plan Commission meetings are generally held the first Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m.—call the Village Office for details.

Development Updates (con.)

- ◆ The Village is negotiating with the Dahm family for the ***purchase of approximately 13 acres*** of the 27 acres that are for sale near Quentin and Long Grove Roads. Should the Village acquire this land plans include both passive and active recreation areas.
- ◆ The Village Board is working to oppose proposed commercial zoning by Palatine for the ***Shepherd property*** at the corner of Lake Cook and Quentin Road.
- ◆ The ***Vehe Farm Foundation*** notes that a core group of volunteers led by ***Tom Benjamin, John Wagner, Dennis Bridge, and Teri Bridge*** have continued to work through the winter to remove buckthorn and other invasive plants to provide high quality restoration.

Additionally, while the butterfly gardens have been planted, this is the first spring the Foundation will be able to focus on the garden, preparing it for the ***summer event to be held at the Farm in July.***

In December, the ***Board approved the bid process for the continued renovation of the Barn and outbuildings.*** The major goal behind the work being bid is ***preparation of the interior of the barn for public use,*** and restoration of the remaining outbuildings for educational and recreational purposes. Construction estimates presented to the Board for approval of the bid process estimate cost of this portion of the project to be approximately ***\$1.3 million,*** with the facility available for public use by ***March 2005.***

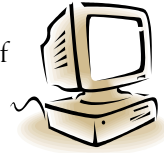
Plans and information on the Foundation and the restoration of the Farm are available on the new Vehe Farm website at: www.village.deer-park.il.us/vehe. Thanks to resident ***Kent Smith*** for donation of his services in the creation of this web site.

As always, the Foundation is looking for volunteers. If you would be interested in volunteering to restore the Farm, pull some weeds, or otherwise donate your skills in a given

area, please contact Foundation President Teri Bridge at 847-372-2452.

Electronics & Household Chemical

Disposal Hopefully you are aware that placing unwanted electronics into landfills can introduce hazardous materials such as lead and mercury. To keep these materials out of landfills, ***SWALCO*** (Solid Waste Agency of Lake County) will be holding ***two special events for free collection*** of such items. The first collection will take place in May or June (no date yet available).



If you cannot wait for the first event, ***Dauer Business Services*** will accept used computer and home office equipment at their Gurnee facility between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Call ***847-855-2743*** to make an appointment.

SWALCO has established dates for ***household chemical waste*** collection—sites closest to Deer Park are:

- May 1st in Vernon Hills Metra Train Station at Hwy 45 & Ranney Avenue
 - May 15th in Lake Zurich at the old Middle School North Campus
 - June 5th in Libertyville at the Commonwealth Edison Facility at 1500 Franklin Boulevard
- Collection times are from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Call SWALCO at ***847-336-9340*** or check the website at www.swalco.org for further information about these programs.

CORRECTION

The December Newsletter incorrectly stated that residents 65 and over are entitled to a 10% discount on services from Groot. This discount is not currently available under the contract with Deer Park. We apologize for any inconvenience caused by the error.

Vehicle Stickers

2004 Vehicle Stickers are now available at the Village Office. Stickers are ***free if picked up*** in person at the Village Office. If you prefer, you may request stickers ***by mail from the Village Office for \$1.00.***

Ordinances Passed

03-18: Annual ordinance setting forth the administration cost of the sewer services provided by the Village. Additionally, sets forth the rules for properties regardless of when the properties entered into the Village (such as the properties subject to the Kildeer Boundary Agreement).

04-1: Revises the Municipal Code regarding appointed offices for the Plan Commission and Zoning Board such that appointments are not automatically renewing and terms are created based on the date of appointment for currently seated members of the Plan Commission Members and Zoning Board members.

04-2: Authorizes the execution of an Annexation Agreement between Hermann F. Eckert and JoEllyn Eckert and the Village of Deer Park.

04-3: Authorizes the execution of an Annexation Agreement between Douglas S. Olson and Jill A. Olson and the Village of Deer Park.

04-4: Authorizes the execution of an Annexation Agreement between La Salle Bank National Association, Trustee, and the Village of Deer Park (Giannini Property).

04-5: Authorizes the execution of an Annexation Agreement between Harris Trust and Savings Bank, as Trustee, and the Village of Deer Park (Richter property).

04-6: Authorizes the execution of an Annexation Agreement between Paul Palazzolo, as Trustee, and the Village of Deer Park.

04-7: Authorizes the execution of an Annexation Agreement between Mario Palazzolo and the Village of Deer Park.

04-8: Annexes the Giannini property to the Village of Deer Park, pursuant to the Kildeer Boundary Agreement.

04-9: Annexes the Richter property to the Village of Deer Park, pursuant to the Kildeer Boundary Agreement.

04-10: Annexes the Palazzolo property to the Village of Deer Park, pursuant to the Kildeer Boundary Agreement.

Resolutions Passed

R03-1: Provides guidelines for Trustees to prevent them from inadvertently circumventing the Open Meetings Act, and implements as policy a biannual review of closed session meeting minutes to determine whether or not closed minutes may be released to the public.

R04-1: Directs a portion of telecommunications taxes collected to be set aside in a fund to be distributed in the event of settlements as a result of the class action lawsuits in Lake and Cook Counties currently pending.

Email Updates Anyone?

Are you interested in receiving email updates regarding time-sensitive **Village news**? If so, email Sandy@Smythes.com -the Village will place you on the list to receive our service, the *Deer Park Dispatch*. (Emails are sent out in blind carbon-copy format to protect residents' email addresses).

If you are interested in receiving **community alert information** from the *Kildeer Police*, log onto their website at www.kildeerpolice.com.

Board Meetings

Board meetings are held the 3rd Monday of every month at 8:00 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 (deerpark@voyager.net), and are available on the Village website (www.village.deer-park.il.us).

Meeting dates for **2004** are as follows:

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

Village Officials

President—H. Scott Gifford

Administrator—Kari Diesen-Dahl

Administrative Assistant—Josie Doniec

Treasurer—Terri Stade

Clerk—Sandra Smith

Trustees: (meets 3rd Monday of the month)

Greg Dowell: Finance

Pat Ekstrom: Roads & Public Utilities
Planning & Zoning

David Kizior: Parks & Recreation

Patricia Plautz: Health & Sanitation

Howard Thrun: Public Safety

Plan Commission:(meets 1st 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—Joel Rotter

Barbara Evans

Dr. Aurel Goglin

Jack Honomichl

Russell Mills

Beth Noll

Randy Szczesny

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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



Reminders

* **Septic Maintenance** is required for all septic systems. Regular pumping of the tank and overall check of the system will help prevent problems with your septic field. 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 your septic maintenance company or 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.

*The Village **charges for copying** of documents are: .25 for an 8 ½ x 11 copy; .50 for items larger than 8 ½ x 11, and items that must be taken out for completion are charged actual copying costs.

* **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.

Burning is Right Around the Corner...

As noted in the Reminders section of this newsletter, *Village ordinances allow burning of leaves and yard material* in the spring and fall. The next time burning by private persons will be allowed is *April 15th – May 15th on weekends only*. As noted in the past, restricting hours residents may burn is a compromise to allow residents to dispose of this material by burning if they so desire, while allowing residents with health issues to prepare for the effects of burning near their homes. If a homeowner is *burning outside of the time allowed by ordinance*, please *contact the Kildeer Police directly* to inform them of the violation.

As Deer Park is bordered by Cuba and Ela Marsh, private residents are not the only source of burning in this area. Every spring and fall, *ecologists from the Lake County Forest Preserves* burn hundreds of acres of Forest Preserve woodlands, prairies, wetlands and other habitats throughout Lake County. Controlled burning is a prescription that these areas need to regain a healthy diversity of plants and animals. *Without fire, buckthorn and other weedy plants muscle their way into local habitats and shade out native plants.*

The Forest Preserve District has confirmed that there will be burning between March and May in Cuba and Ela Marshes. Ecologists carefully choose exact locations, dates and times based on very specific weather conditions. A key goal is to keep smoke from blowing toward homes or highways. As a result, *burns are not confirmed until the day of burning* to ensure the safest burn possible, and of course, the *Fire Department is always notified* when a burn is scheduled to occur.

If you have special health concerns or other questions about controlled burning, call the *Lake County Forest Preserve at 847-968-3282*. Residents can visit their website at www.LCFPD.org to find out where burning is occurring. Select *Preserves and Outdoor Recreation* for a link to their *Controlled Burning* page.

Did You Know?

The *Lake County Health Department recommends well owners* have their *water tested at least once a year*. Well owners can obtain sterile test bottles to be filled and returned for analysis at any of three health department offices:

- √ 3010 Grand Avenue, Waukegan
847-377-8020;
- √ 118 S. Main Street, Wauconda
847-984-5000; or
- √ 121 E. Grand Ave., Lake Villa
847-356-6222.

Offices are open from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. If well owners are uncomfortable collecting their own samples, the Health Department *can arrange for a technician to collect the sample* for an additional fee. The basic fee

for drinking water testing is \$15; the fee is \$44 if a technician collects the sample.



Lake County Long-Range Plan

The proposed *Lake County Regional Framework Plan* is now online. The plan, which has been in the works for two years, *guides the location, type and intensity of development* throughout the County, as well as *preservation and enhancement of natural resources*. Visit www.co.lake.il.us and follow the quick links to the plan to review the material and get a glimpse into the future of Lake County.

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

Kildeer Police Department—2004 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)