

VILLAGE OF DEER PARK

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The Village of Deer Park Newsletter

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Dear Neighbor,

February 5th brings the General Primary Election; I encourage you to get involved in the election process by becoming an informed voter. The Board is holding two meetings for the purpose of discussing, and giving residents the opportunity to ask questions about, the Sales Tax Referendum that will be on the Deer Park ballot. Both meetings will be held at the Vehe Barn and will begin at 7:00pm. They are scheduled for Tuesday, December 11th & Wednesday, January 9th. See the article on page 3 for details on the referendum.

Did you recently receive an email from the Village Clerk notifying you of the extension of the leaf burning season? If not, then you are NOT enrolled in the **Deer Park Dispatch Program**. This is a voluntary email notification program available to residents who wish to receive time sensitive Village information via email. If you would like to enroll in this program, send an email request to the Village Clerk including your name & email address: deerparkclerk@comcast.net.

Did you ever wonder about the stone pillars on Rand Road in front of the Town Center Promenade? They were the entrance to the Quay Family Farm and were built from stones the family found on the property in the 1920s. Brian Toczyski, Boy Scout & Deer Park resident, has undertaken moving the Quay Pillars to the Vehe Farm as his Eagle Scout project. The pillars will be moved to their new home on the walking path behind the Village Hall on December 8th. Mrs. Natalee Quay, who grew up on the farm, will be in attendance. Thank you to Brian for saving another part of Deer Park's history for all to enjoy.

The Vehe Barn facility is open and available! If you are looking for a place to hold a special event, party, meeting, or wedding, contact the Event Coordinator at the Vehe Barn Office 847-438-0764 to set up a tour and get all the details regarding rental of the barn and grounds.

A special census is planned for those living in the Deer Park Place, Deer Park Estates, and Hillcrest Garden neighborhoods. This limited census will take place this spring and will allow the village to determine if it is collecting all the Motor Fuel Tax revenue it is eligible for. Please watch your mail for notices regarding the special census and respond accordingly.

I am pleased to announce that in October the Village Board voted to dedicate the Village Hall in honor of Clarence Voras. This is a fitting honor since Mr. Voras was the first elected Village President and played an important role in the start of Deer Park's Village government.

I encourage you to check out the Village website. It is updated frequently and provides valuable and interesting information for Village residents. One of the most recent updates was the addition of a photo slideshow of the 50th Anniversary Celebration. www.village.deer-park.il.us

Finally, I would like to wish everyone a joyous holiday season and a happy and healthy new year!



--Scott Gifford, Village President

GROOT Yard Waste & Holiday Pickup Schedule

Due to the late falling of the leaves, GROOT, the Village's refuse and recycling collector, has extended their **yard waste** collection service through and including **Tuesday, December 11, 2007**.

Additionally, please note that regular pickups will be delayed by one day the weeks of **Christmas and New Year's Day**. Garbage and recycled materials will be collected on **Wednesday** of those weeks instead of the normal Tuesday.

GROOT will pick up Christmas trees on Wednesday, January 2nd & Tuesday, January 8th. Please be sure to remove ornaments, garland and tinsel before placing the tree at the curb.



Snow Plowing Guidelines...

The Village has contracted with Ela Township for snow removal this winter. Please review the guidelines below with regard to preparing for snow and plows:

- ◆ Residents are welcome to place reflectors or markers on the edge of the road, but please space them at least 15-20 feet apart at corners & in cul-de-sacs. Plows must be able to push snow off the road in these areas without damaging the markers.
- ◆ Please check mailboxes and posts to be sure they are secure. They must be sturdy enough to take flying snow from the plow. Snow & slush damage do not warrant replacement of a mailbox. If you have an expensive mailbox, you might want to replace it, just for the winter. If your mailbox is hit by a plow, it will be replaced with only a standard mailbox and wooden post. **Report mailbox damage, lawn damage, and unsafe conditions to the Village Office at 847-726-1648.**
- ◆ Snow plowing is a vital service. For everyone's safety, please do not interfere with snow trucks by parking on the streets,

following too closely, passing unsafely or blocking intersections.

Leaf Burning Extension

At their November meeting, the Village Board voted to extend the leaf & yard waste burning season through Sunday, December 16, 2007. Keep in mind that, as usual, burning may only be done on weekends between 10:00am and 6:00pm.

For leaf burning safety tips, please refer to your Summer 2007 newsletter. If you no longer have a copy, it is available on the Village website homepage.

The extension of the burning season was addressed because numerous residents had contacted the Village Office stating that their leaves had not yet fallen.

Accessory Building Code Changes

The Plan Commission & Zoning Board will consider proposed revisions to the Village's municipal code regarding sheds and accessory buildings at a meeting to be held in January.

Village Attorney Paul Keller drafted the revisions after meeting with the two boards in October and listening to their concerns about the way the code is currently structured.

The current code limits accessory structures (which include standard garden sheds as well as gazebos, ground-mounted satellite dishes & horse stables) to an area of 10-feet by 12-feet.

The maximum garden shed size in the proposed revisions remains 10-feet by 12-feet; the major change in the draft applies to accessory buildings other than sheds, allowing them to be as large as 10% of the gross floor area of the principal structure on the lot.

The Plan Commission & Zoning Board may recommend the proposed draft to the Village Board for approval, or they may modify it before sending it on. If the Village Board agrees that changes should be made, the Plan

Commission will hold a public hearing prior to the Board's adoption of an ordinance.

To stay informed on this matter, check the Village website regularly; dates of upcoming

Zoning Board & Plan Commission meetings are posted there as they are scheduled.

Village to Seek Half-Percent Increase in Sales Tax

The Village Board voted at its October meeting to place a referendum on the February ballot seeking to impose a sales tax of one-half of 1 percent (.5%) on all goods and services sold within the Village limits. Per Illinois Statute use of this additional revenue would be restricted to public infrastructure expenditures such as road and drainage projects. Currently, the sales tax in the Village is 6.5%, with 5.5% going to the state and other government entities, and 1% being returned to Village coffers. The referendum will appear on the ballot as follows:

Should the Village of Deer Park impose a tax on persons engaged in the business of selling tangible personal property (goods) and services within the Village in accordance with 65 ILCS 5/8-11-1.3 and 5/8-11-1.4, at the rate of not more than 0.5% of the gross receipts from such sales, for expenditure on public infrastructure, such as roads and drainage?
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Yes ____

No ____

In recent years the Village Board has grappled with the issue of how to fund road and drainage repairs. Asphalt prices have risen astronomically, and Village Engineer Todd Gordon has determined that the Village needs to do \$700,000-\$1 million of road repair work each year for the next five years in order fix existing problems. In addition, the torrential rains this summer made evident many drainage and aging infrastructure problems throughout the Village that were not previously apparent. Because the Village does not levy a real estate tax nor does it require residents to purchase vehicle stickers (which many towns use to fund road work), the Board began to look at other sources of revenue that could be tapped specifically for road and drainage projects.

The Board chose to seek the sales tax increase because it will apply to all consumers who shop in the Village, regardless of whether they are residents. The majority of people who shop and dine in Deer Park do not live in the Village, so most of the additional sales tax revenue would come from non-residents. Data from other towns that have imposed additional sales taxes show that very few customers are lost when the tax is increased by a small amount.

The Village's current budget estimates \$1.35 million in sales tax revenue for the fiscal year that ends April 30, 2008. Assuming the same level of sales the following year, sales tax revenues are expected to increase by 50% to \$2.025 million if the referendum is approved. The incremental revenue (projected to be \$675,000) would be restricted to public infrastructure projects, such as roads and drainage.

In addition to sales tax, the primary source of revenue for Village road projects is the state motor fuel tax (gasoline tax). The Village receives a portion of the motor fuel tax paid to the state (\$88,000 is expected this fiscal year); those funds are restricted to expenditures on roads. That amount, however, doesn't come close to funding necessary work on roads and drainage projects, even when combined with current sales tax revenue. If a new source of revenue is not added, Village streets, roads and flood control systems will continue to deteriorate faster than the Village can repair or improve them.

If the referendum passes, the Village Board would approve an ordinance enacting the new tax, and it would go into effect July 1, 2008. Because there is a lag of approximately three months from the time a

consumer makes a purchase to the time the Village's portion of the sales tax is forwarded from the state, the Village would not likely see a jump in revenue until late in the year.

In discussions at the October Village Board meeting, trustees agreed that an additional 0.5% sales tax would greatly benefit the community while having a negligible impact on Village residents and retailers.

VOLUNTEERS MAKE VILLAGE'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION A SUCCESS

An estimated 1,000-1,500 people attended the Village's 50th Anniversary celebration on a gorgeous Sunday afternoon in late September at Vehe Farm. They were treated to an amazing array of activities – from historical displays and a square dancing demonstration inside the newly restored centennial barn to tractor-pulled wagon rides and musical entertainment outside on the 14-acre grounds. The crowd also witnessed Village President Scott Gifford's dedication of the Vehe Barn, including the unveiling of a bronze plaque near the main entrance to the barn. The afternoon went off without a hitch & comments from those in attendance were resoundingly positive.

The apparently seamless coordination, however, was actually the result of months of hard work by the 50th Anniversary Committee, which included Vehe Farm Foundation President Pat Winkelman, Foundation members Teri Bridge, Tom Benjamin and Eway McLaughlin, Village Administrative Assistant Lisa Pagano and Village President Scott Gifford. Public recognition of their Herculean efforts is certainly warranted, but a personal thank you next time you run into any of them would be appreciated even more. In addition, a number of volunteers worked both prior to and the day of the event, and following is my grateful acknowledgement of all those who helped to make the Village's 50th Anniversary celebration a success. A spirit of camaraderie and a sense of community were abundantly apparent that day, setting the tone, I hope, for the Village's next 50 years.

My sincere thanks go to:

- **Past dignitaries:** Former Village Presidents Henry Werch and Rick Karl returned to the Village to offer a little historical perspective during the barn dedication.
- **Donation solicitors:** This group (Cindy Arnberger, Sandy Barthel, Karen Beauprie, Karen Powal, Diane Rotter and Sandy Smith) helped to secure more than two dozen door prizes and game prizes, from gift cards to fur earmuffs, that were given away to lucky winners throughout the afternoon.
- **Apple pie bakeoff coordinators:** Kathy Niesman and Linda Sinclair's great publicity resulted in 20 bakers entering the contest. Former Village Clerk Sandy Smith's pie was judged the winner based on taste, while the public voted resident Callie Barber's pie #1 for appearance. Thanks to the contest judges: Tom Benjamin, Dorothy Cooker (daughter of the first Village President, Clarence Voras), Karen Smith (niece of Ed and Mae Vehe), and Lindsay Pratscher.
- **Artists in Action coordinators:** Lauren Kellogg and Barbara Evans arranged for five local artists to draw, paint, and sketch various scenes of Vehe Farm the day of the event. The Anniversary Committee's Purchase Award went to Barbara Benstein for a beautiful pastel piece that was done from the perspective of the prairie path behind the outbuildings. The picture will be hung in Vehe Barn.
- **Set up/clean up crew:** This group (Tom Benjamin, Teri and Dennis Bridge, Josie and Lester Doniec, Scott Gifford, Lisa Pagano, Jim Peterson, Gary Pratscher, Terri Stade, John Wagner and Pat and Larry Winkelman) provided the muscle – along with some engineering expertise – to erect six tents, temporary posts and ropes for the pony rides and petting zoo as well as tables and chairs in the eating area and hay bales in a variety of locations. Pat Winkelman and Teri Bridge also took charge of the entire setup of displays inside the Barn, such as the children's craft area and the historical exhibits.

- **Welcome Tent greeters:** Those taking the shuttle bus from the Middle School parking lot were dropped off directly in front of the Welcome Tent, where they were greeted warmly by Village representatives. Greeters included Trustees Bob Kellermann, Dave Kizior, Pat Plautz and Howard Thrun, former Village President Jim Peterson, Plan Commission Chairman Dave Heidtke, Village Administrator Jim Connors, Village Clerk Susan Meyle and Village Treasurer Terri Stade.
- **Food vendors:** Uncle Bub's, Woody's and Jamba Juice donated a portion of their total sales to the Vehe Farm Windmill Fund.

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50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION *(continued from page 4)*

- **Activity volunteers:** These volunteers made it all happen – from cutting the anniversary cake, to running the games, to directing traffic. Event-day volunteers included: Bill Barthel, Sandy Barthel, Scott Beauprie, Tom Benjamin, Bette Bilton, Dennis Bridge, Teri Bridge, Greg Dieckhaus, Josie Doniec, Lester Doniec, Emily Dowell, Bernie Gifford, Girl Scout Troop 836 (co-leaders Brenda Czabaj and Pam Yocius and Isaac Fox 5th graders Julia Arce, McKenzie Czabaj, Marlies Emmelot, Amanda Franke, Alyssa Gold, MacKenzie Hert, Katie Hildreth, Jessica Pietro, Danielle Selvais, Mary Sinclair, Jenny Steinberg, Erin Sweeny, Rachael Wille, Renae Wille, Charlie Yocius and Holly Zummo), Ginger Glantz, Betsy Glorch, Olivia Graham, Patty Griffin, Micaela Hausen, Jane Heidcamp, Linda Hovde, Susan Hovde, Mary Huggins, Julie Kunne, Patti Lancaster, Betty Lawler, Erin McGuire, Eway McLaughlin, Suzanne Nagel, Gail O’Gorman, Linda Osikowicz, Brianna Pagano, Kady Pagano, Lisa Pagano, Leah Peszek, Gary Pratscher, Steve Pratscher, Pat Priniski, Susan Raaths, Ophelia Rosales, Linda Ruder, Phil Rutledge, Sandy Schroeder, Connie Selsky, Brian Sinclair, Jordan Smith, Sandee Thrun, John Wagner, Karen Walsh, Larry Winkelman and Pat Winkelman.
- **Musical entertainers:** About 100 talented local students added to the festive atmosphere with lively performances all afternoon. The groups were: Lake Zurich High School Blue Notes, directed by Kirstin Snelten; Lake Zurich High School Strolling Strings, directed by Serge Penssik; Barrington High School Jazz Band, directed by Randy Karon; Lake Zurich High School Bare Voices, directed by Nick Juknelis; Lake Zurich High School Jazz Band, directed by Josh Thompson; and Barrington High School Boys' and Girls' A Cappella Choirs, directed by Nancie Tobison. Volunteer Terri Lancelot kept the groups on schedule and coordinated logistics for the performances.
- **Exhibitors:** Many local groups, most with ties to the historical farming or open space preservation themes of the day, were on hand to make presentations, lead tours and offer hands-on demonstrations. Exhibitors included Citizens for Conservation, Flint Creek Wildlife Rehabilitation, Lake County Farm Heritage Association, Vehe Farm Foundation, Arlington Squares square dancing club and Barrington Area Historical Society. Lake Zurich Fire Department manned the First Aid Station and had a modern-day engine on display next to a 1955 Pirsch engine on loan for the day from Lake Zurich's Retired Volunteer Firefighter Association.
- **Sponsors and donors:** The celebration was made possible through the generosity of a number of corporate and individual sponsors. The Village had allocated \$1,000 to the event, but the donations allowed that money to remain unspent. In addition, many Village merchants stepped forward with merchandise and gift cards that were used not only for door prizes but for game prizes as well. One donation came in after the program brochure went to print, so thank you to Avalon Salon and Day Spa for its beautiful gift basket donation.

-- Maureen Pratscher
50th Anniversary Committee Chair

VEHICLE STICKERS

The Village vehicle sticker program has been, and will continue to be, an **optional program**. Many neighboring communities (Barrington, Lake Zurich...) have discontinued

the use of vehicle stickers. Deer Park offers vehicle stickers solely as a convenience to residents who are concerned that they may be ticketed in neighboring communities for not displaying a sticker. New vehicle stickers will be available at the Village Hall starting in January 2008. To cover the cost of the stickers, the Village will be charging \$5.00 per sticker; the new stickers will not have an expiration date so they will not need to be repurchased from year to year.

Horses & Private Property

We are blessed to have several farms, pastures, and stables with horses sprinkled throughout Deer Park. These homes add a rural touch to our otherwise busy suburban community. An appreciation for animals may prompt one to "take a walk down to feed/pet the horses." Remember, these animals may become spooked & bite; they are protected by powerful, dangerous electric fences; and they reside on private property. For your safety, and the safety of the horses, please respect private property and enjoy these animals with your eyes only, and from a distance.

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From The Desk of Trustee Joel Rotter...

Thank you to the many residents who provided me with input at the October 18, 2007 Open House and Public Meeting as well as the correspondence I received via email and letters. This flow of information from the residents of Deer Park has been used to create the following plan that I will submit as a recommendation for the Village Board as a plan and for creation of the Park Budget for the next fiscal year, 2007/08.

In addition to residents I have received input from the youth organizations that use our sports fields (baseball & soccer) plus additional organizations that desire to use our sports fields. I have received input from three of the other six Village Board members and village staff in creating the plan I am proposing.

When I began this process I was under the impression that continued development of organized sports facilities was appropriate. My personal involvement as a sports official and assignor of sports officials had influenced my opinion. In fact my views have been overridden by the voice of the residents. Now having heard principally from the residents of Deer Park I believe in the following summary and will suggest the same to the Deer Park Village Board. My view of what the village residents want is:

- Good Maintenance of existing park and open space.*
- Creation of mini-tot lots on selected sites, where requested by resident in the respective neighborhoods.*
- Walking trails which connect the residents to parks to existing park land utilizing existing park access easements rather the streets of the village. These easements provide access to village parks where access is not currently available and will allow residents who do not have walking access into the village to enjoy such access which is enjoyed by all other village residents.*
- Hold off developed of organized sports facilities but reconsider such development when one or more of the following are available –*
 - The village has submitted a request to the Army Corp of Engineers to mitigate some of the wet lands within the Town Center to provide for sports fields (baseball & two soccer fields) north of a line from the existing Town Center Ball field to the fire station. Further park development at this site should be delayed till this matter is resolved so any plan can included all available land. It is my understanding this will likely take till the spring of 2009.*
 - Corporate or Private Sponsorship available to pay for the development of the above sports fields or the making playable of the baseball field at Charlie Brown. My personal note to the residents of Deer Park is this would make an excellent girls softball field. This park has parking which can be increased. This would provide facilities for both boys baseball and girls softball within our village.*

- *Resolve the parking situation at Michael D'Angelo Park to be able to utilize an excellent sports field. The only idea I have on how to resolve this matter would require the users to walk from the Town Center field parking area, not park on the residential streets near the park. If anyone has another thought please share for we need to resolve parking to fully utilize this park.*

In summary the plan calls for good maintenance of our existing facilities, enhancement of our existing neighborhood parks for resident use and provide access to all our residents to all our parks via walking trails. I would appreciate any further comments on our parks in general but specifically on the plan outlined above. The parks are an asset to our village and should be utilized to the benefit of all our residents. If you have a comment you can send me an email at dptrusteerotter@comcast.net.

--Joel Rotter

Village Trustee – Parks

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“Providing the public with a visual and interactive experience featuring the essence of the original prairie, the history of local farming, community recreation, and a

restored centennial barn and outbuildings serving as a community and cultural center.”

--Vehe Farm Vision Statement, 1999

That vision has been the guiding focus of the Foundation and much has been accomplished with this vision in mind. Here are the highlights from the last quarter:

Residents and visitors who attended the **Village's 50th Anniversary** were truly awed by the barn's interiors and historical beauty. Families experienced the spirit of the farm grounds through the community organizations who gave prairie tours, wagon rides, music, wildlife presentations, and antique farm equipment demonstrations. Rental inquiries are numerous and are resulting in weddings, birthday parties, corporate meetings, and not-for-profit events being held in the barn. The Foundation is very proud and honored to be part of such an inspiring and valued project for the Village.

A substantial part of Vehe Farm's success is do to the **strong partnerships** the Foundation, on behalf of the Village, has forged with community and state-level organizations. We **THANK** these partners for their continued support and involvement: Citizens for Conservation, Little Garden Club of Barrington, Lake County Farm Heritage Association, Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Illinois State Geologic Survey Team, Barrington and Ela Historical Societies, Health World, and Lake County Discovery Museum.

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources educational tree trunk has arrived at Vehe Farm and is now available for local schools and organizations to use.

The trunk includes activities, teacher's aids, books, posters, DVD's and other educational materials. The trunk is available for use with a \$50 refundable deposit. Contact Vehe Farm Foundation at 847-331-0967 to reserve it.

Thanks to the generosity of private donors, a **25-foot windmill** has a new home at Vehe Farm. This historic-style Aermotor windmill is the type that was widely used during the 19th & 20th centuries. Residents & area children can now experience this American farming icon first-hand.

The prairie trails at Vehe Farm are perfect for **winter activities** such as walking, outdoor exploration, cross-country skiing, and bird watching. We are gearing up for participation in Chicago Wilderness' "Leave No Child Indoor Program" and are hoping to have outdoor, self-led programming in place by early next year. And, we are hopeful that by next spring the trails will be handicapped accessible and for all to enjoy.

Interested in obtaining more information about **renting the barn** for private, corporate or not-for-profit uses? Contact the Event Coordinator at the Vehe Barn Office 847-438-0764. She will share the various options for using the barn and grounds and the associated fees.

Volunteers gather at the farm every Saturday (weather permitting) from noon to 2pm to work on the grounds removing invasive plants and doing general grounds maintenance. Everyone is welcome; we can find work for all ages. If you're looking to donate a couple of hours to your Village, please join us.

That's it for 2007. From all of us at the Foundation, we wish you wonderful holiday season and happy New Year.

--Pat Winkelman, Foundation President

Parents & Grandparents

Please take note of this special event presented by Lake Zurich School District 95, but open to all Deer Park residents:

Parent University 2008

will be held Saturday, March 8th
9AM – 3PM at Middle School North.

This event features keynote speaker & award winning author **Dr. Michele Borba** whose topic will be “*Parenting for Character: Raising Socially Responsible Kids Who Do the Right Thing*”.

Breakout session topics include:

- Recognizing A Child With A Reading Delay
- Stress & Achievement-How Much is Enough?

- Healthy Families, Healthy Boundaries
- The Challenge & Joys of Raising Boys
- Helping A Child With Stress & Frustration
- Managing Anger: Yours and Your Child’s
- Empowering Adolescents to Have Healthy Relationships

Registration begins in January; check www.lz95.org/parentu/parentuhome.htm to view information on breakouts, registration, pricing & childcare. Lunch will be provided for all day attendees. Have additional questions? Call 847-540-4702 and leave a message.

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Smoke-Free Illinois Act:

What it means for the Village of Deer Park...

On January 1, 2008, Illinois will become the 22nd smoke-free state in the nation. Beginning in the New Year, there will be no smoking in any indoor workplace or public place. This includes all offices, warehouses, factories, transportation facilities/garages, private clubs, and banquet halls, as well as restaurants, bars, and bowling alleys.

The only exceptions are some tobacco retailers, 25% of hotel rooms, and some nursing home rooms. People may still smoke in their cars and homes, as long as their home is not used as an office open to the public or as a licensed day care facility.

At its regular October meeting the Village Board passed an *Ordinance Implementing the Smoke Free Illinois Act*. Via this ordinance, the Village Code has been amended to implement the provisions of the Smoke Free Illinois Act giving it the responsibility of enforcing the Act as well as the right to collect the fine revenues generated.

In most cases a polite reminder of the law will prompt a person to move to an appropriate outside area to smoke. Disruptive situations and on-going non-compliance should be reported to the Kildeer Police for enforcement.

Some neighboring communities (Barrington, Hawthorn Woods, and Long Grove) have chosen to make more comprehensive smoke-free regulations by tightening the exemptions or making more areas smoke-free such as outdoor dining, playgrounds, and outdoor events. The State’s administrative regulations regarding these items are still under consideration but will be finalized as of January 1st. The Board may consider more comprehensive regulations once it reviews the State’s finalized rules.

Towns and states that have already gone smoke-free have seen a reduction in asthma attacks, heart attacks, and cancer rates. Smoke-free businesses also report lower health insurance costs, increased productivity, and reduced absenteeism.

In addition, smoke-free laws actually have a positive economic effect on restaurants and bars. Although there tends to be a dip in business right after a smoke-free law takes effect, especially in cold months like January, restaurants and bars can ultimately expect an increase in revenue. Research shows that after time, business will go up as people begin to

discover establishments they may have previously avoided because of the smoky air. Businesses in Lake County stand to gain the greatest increase because 88.3% of residents report being non-smokers, the highest nonsmoking rate of any county in Illinois.

The Illinois Department of Public Health is currently working on detailed regulations for implementation of this Act. For up-to-date information and frequently asked questions, visit their website at: http://www.idph.state.il.us/tobacco/Smoke_Free_Act_q&a.htm.

The Tobacco Free Lake County program at the Lake County Health Department offers information about secondhand smoke, smoke-free laws in general, and programs to help people quit smoking. Contact Tobacco Free Lake County at 847-377-8090 or tflc@co.lake.il.us.

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Board Meetings...

Board meetings are held the **third Monday** of every month at **7:00pm** at the Vehe Barn, 23750 W. Cuba Road, Deer Park. The agenda for the meeting is posted at the Village Office by the close of business the Friday prior to the meeting. The agenda is also available on the Village website at www.village.deer-park.il.us or via email at deerparkoffice@comcast.net.

Board meeting minutes are posted on the Village website after approval by the Board. Keep in mind, since minutes are approved at each following regular meeting, there is a one-month delay in their posting (i.e. the minutes for the January meeting will not be approved until the February meeting).

The 2007-2008 regular meeting dates for are:

December 17, 2007	
January 22 nd (Tuesday)	July 21 st
February 19 th (Tuesday)	August 18 th
March 17 th	September 15 th
April 21 st	October 20 th
May 19 th	November 17 th
June 16 th	December 15 th

Town Center Happenings...

**The Town Center & Midtown Athletic Club
are offering a Gift with Purchase
Now - December 24, 2007**

Receive a **FREE one month Family Membership to Midtown Athletic Club**-Palatine, including

\$50 in club services when you spend \$300 or more in same-day, center-wide purchases. Receipts must be redeemed by 12/31/07; one membership per family; some restrictions apply; while supplies last. Present receipts to Suite 442 next to Yankee Candle for redemption.

Check out the Town Center website to view the up-to-date store list, check out holiday events & promotions, or purchase gift cards online: www.deerparktowncenter.tv

Village Officials & Staff

President—H. Scott Gifford

Administrator—Jim Connors

Administrative Assistant—Lisa Pagano

Building Permit Coordinator—Josie Doniec

Treasurer—Terri Stade

Clerk—Susan Meyle

Event Coordinator—Yvonne Keith

Board of Trustees: (Meets every 3rd Monday)

David Kizior: Finance

Bob Kellermann: Roads & Public Utilities

Joel Rotter: Parks & Recreation

Patricia Plautz: Health & Sanitation

Maureen Pratscher: Planning & Zoning

Howard Thrun: Public Safety

Plan Commission: (meets as needed)

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Frank Comber Bill Koutsis

Sandy Schroeder Eric Lorenz

Zoning Board of Appeals: (meets as needed)

Randy Szczesny(Chairman)
Jack Honomichl Barbara Evans
Bill Michael Russell Mills
Randy Pinchot Beth Noll

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Friday: 9am – 12:30pm

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Kildeer Police:

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Non-emergency: (847) 438-6010
Office: (847) 438-6644

Lake Zurich Fire Department:

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Office: (847) 540-5070

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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. Also, the Village's waste hauling contract does not allow plastic bags outside of sturdy containers.

* Many household projects (including septic repairs) require **building permits**. Please 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.** Please be respectful of your neighbors and do not allow your pet on others' lawns. Dogs must be leashed when not on their owners' property. 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 the 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 those of Lake County and are generally more restrictive than Lake County's.

* **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.**

* **Vehicle Stickers** may be purchased (\$5 per sticker) at the Village Office during normal business hours. Upon request, receipt of payment, and for an additional \$1 (per residence) to cover the cost of mailing; stickers will be mailed to one's home. Make checks payable to the Village of Deer Park.