

VILLAGE OF DEER PARK

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The Village of Deer Park Newsletter

April 2002

Parks Update

Michael D'Angelo Park improvements are underway; equipment has arrived and work will be completed pending weather conditions.

Improvements to the **Dover Pond Park** will include an expanded tot play area with a swing set, and (pending weather conditions) should be underway shortly.

Residents near a vacant lot on **Old Farm Road** have requested the Village examine potential uses for the site. To best meet the needs of all of the neighbors near the park, the Board has approved plans to upgrade the site for passive park use. No playground equipment is planned for the site; the site will be cleaned up, dead/dying trees removed, as needed, land will be graded, and a wood chip path is to be installed.

The Board also approved expenditures for **Peterson Park** to extend piping to the pond to alleviate overflowing of the walkway. Plans are progressing for a new park site located next to the Fire Station on Field Parkway. The bid process for the baseball field at the **Triangle** Park site was approved at the March meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Just a reminder that there is a library drop-off box in **Charlie Brown Park**—the site was mentioned in the Illinois State Library monthly journal as an example of a successful community outreach.

Parks are available, BY RESERVATION, for regularly scheduled practice times for teams. Persons desiring reservations for

particular fields must contact the Village Office! Also, please remember that there is no parking or driving permitted in the bike lanes. With spring sports just around the corner, it is often tempting to park in the bike lanes when visiting parks; however, this creates a dangerous and illegal situation for drivers and children.

Vehe Farm Update

If you haven't had a chance to stop by the Village Office, please do so! The Vehe Farm renovations are moving along with progress on the soccer field, the addition of fish cribs in the pond, and design progressing on both a memorial to Lake County farmers and a butterfly garden near the walking path. A huge "thank you" to both **Hendricksen the Care of Trees** and **Countryside Industries, Inc.** These companies have donated services to the renovation of the Farm ranging from tree surveys and care to plans for the butterfly garden. We have come a long way on preserving this historic site while converting it for public use; however, there is still much to do. Plans for the Farm are available for viewing at the Village Office, and contributions may be mailed to:

**Vehe Farm Foundation
23680 W. Cuba Road
Deer Park, Illinois 60010-2490**

Donations to the Foundation are tax-deductible.

Vehicle Stickers

Are available free of charge at the Village Office. If you prefer, stickers may be purchased by mail for \$1.

Comprehensive Plan Update

The Board of Trustees approved the Revised Comprehensive Plan for the remaining areas of the “Triangle” (the land roughly bordered by Rand Road, Long Grove Road, and Lake Cook Road) at the December meeting. The Plan Update is the culmination of numerous meetings between Village Planner Kon Savoy, the Plan Commission, the Board of Trustees, and the public. The plan will serve as a guide to developers interested in these remaining parcels. The plan **does not** have binding authority over development, and **does not** include plans for rental apartments. Copies of the Plan are available for review at the Village Office. However, the general principals Village officials followed when developing the Plan included:

***Continuation of building**

setbacks—as approved in other projects, the Village continues to maintain a 100 foot building setback along Quentin Road, twice what the Village Zoning Ordinance otherwise requires.

***Preservation of open area**—as

noted above, the Triangle is to include a park site of approximately 6-10 acres. This principal also guided the Village’s desire to preserve the large wetland located east of Quentin Road and within the Triangle.

***Concentration of**

density/commercial areas along Rand Road—this principal calls for buffering of commercial areas and tapering of densities from higher density uses near Rand Road, to lower density and residential uses, including townhomes, along Quentin Road. Building heights are suggested to be three stories or less.

***Maintenance and Reflection of**

Community Values—Village officials fully intend to preserve the character and community of Deer Park. As a result, rental

apartments were not included in the Revised Comprehensive Plan, and all developments will be required to maintain landscaping, buildings, and lighting consistent with the Village as a whole.

Development Updates

Stoney River Steakhouse is the most recent addition to the Deer Park Town Center. Stoney River opened it’s doors officially on February 19th. Prior to the opening, Stoney River hosted a benefit “Rhyme ‘N Wine”, an event benefiting programs sponsored by the Cultural Arts Connection (CAC). Stoney River donated all food and beverages, as well as the service for the evening. CAC is a not-for-profit arts council serving the Ela Township Area, including the Villages of Deer Park, Hawthorn Woods, Kildeer, Lake Zurich and North Barrington. The event raised \$5,800 to support cultural programs for the Ela Township. The new location is open for dinner only Monday through Friday. The Steakhouse opens early at 3:00 PM Saturday and Sunday. Entrée prices begin at \$16.95, with an average price of \$22.95.

Kildeer Police Contract

The Board of Trustees approved an increase in the contract with the Village of Kildeer equivalent to one additional full-time officer. This brings the total for the Village of Deer Park to seven full-time-equivalent officer positions. These positions allow for 24-hour police patrol within the Village.

BFI Yard Waste

BFI will resume collection of yard waste in April. This is an optional service available to Deer Park refuse and recycling customers for \$21.40 for the season. If you wish to participate, contact BFI at 847-776-1728 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Ordinances Passed

No ordinances have been passed in 2002.

Spring Means Cleaning...!

The Lake Zurich Fire/Rescue Department offers the following tips on doing a household safety check while you do your spring cleaning:

- ✓ Inspect all electrical sockets and connections for damage.
- ✓ Pull out appliances and inspect gas lines, water hoses, electrical cords and outlets for damage.
- ✓ Clean appliances from top to bottom for dust, lint, grease and other debris.
- ✓ While cleaning under sinks, check for any leaky containers. Dispose of any unused chemicals.
- ✓ If there are children in the house, install and/or inspect all child safety locks.
- ✓ Inspect all fire extinguishers for safety pin, proper pressure and general appearance.
- ✓ Remove all flammable storage from heat-producing appliances.
- ✓ Dust smoke detectors and install fresh batteries.
- ✓ Store all flammables outside of the house in proper storage containers, and away from ignition sources.

Chemical Waste Disposal

After spring cleaning is done, there are always cans of old paint, paint thinner, buckets of asphalt sealer, and other household and hobby chemicals that need to be disposed of properly. The Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO) is hosting a FRDD household chemical waste collection.

Where: McHenry County College
8900 Hwy 14 (entrance #3)

When: Saturday, April 13th

Time: 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Questions? Call (847) 336-9340

Ela Library Dedication

The Ela Area Public Library is open in its new location-275 Mohawk Trail in Lake Zurich. The new 2-story 68,000 square foot building has more than doubled its size from the previous facility and includes 2 computer labs, a community meeting room, a quiet reading room with a fireplace, and a café. There will be a dedication on Sunday, April 14th, with tours of the facility, refreshments and performances throughout the afternoon. No library services will be available from 12:00 – 2:00 so that all may attend and enjoy the dedication festivities. For additional information, call the Ela Area Library at (847) 438-3433.

At Issue....

The Village of Deer Park Office has received complaints about **barking dogs and ATV/Recreational vehicle usage (noise)**.



As reported in previous issues, the Village has attempted to respond to these complaints through the implementation of ordinances. Lake County ordinances note that “No owner shall allow a dog to bark, howl or whine in an excessive, continuous or untimely manner.” The Village of Deer Park Ordinance 91.27 (Noisy Animals; Disturbing the Peace Prohibited) states the “it shall be unlawful for any person to own, keep, have in his possession or harbor any dog, cat, domestic animal or other animal which, by frequent or habitual barking, howling, yelping or by other loud noise, shall cause annoyance of any family or person, or shall disturb the peace or quiet of any neighborhood or place within the Village. Such annoyance of any family or person or the disturbance of the peace or quiet of any neighborhood or place within the Village by any dog, cat, domestic or other animal is declared to be a public nuisance, and it shall be unlawful for any person to suffer or permit such a nuisance to exist.” Upon observance

of violations of this ordinance, officers may cite offending homeowners. The penalty for each offense may range from \$25 - \$500 per day.

Ordinance 01-40 prohibits “unreasonable use of motorcycles, mini-bikes, all-terrain vehicles, motor driven scooters, go-karts, snowmobiles, or similar off-road motorized vehicles.” Upon observance of violations of this ordinance, officers may cite offending homeowners with similar penalties. Careful readers will note that the Kildeer Police must **observe** offenses in order to cite violations. However, as a community oriented police force, officers will work to provide support regardless of ability to write a ticket. Officers may not leave their vehicles to search for offenders if violations are not directly observable. However, **they will** contact the homeowner against whom a complaint has been lodged and attempt to work with the homeowners to alleviate the problem. If offenders continue to cause disturbances, and homeowners are unable to achieve relief through the Kildeer Police, residents should contact Trustee Henry Werch.

Tornado Season Is Here

March through June is prime time for tornadoes; Illinois averages 31 tornadoes per year. Prevention and quick action can be the key to preventing injuries in severe weather situations. A **Watch** for severe weather or tornadoes means that conditions exist which may cause a storm to occur; prepare to take shelter. A **Warning** means that severe weather or a tornado has been sighted. When a warning is broadcast, take shelter immediately and stay tuned to a radio or television for further weather updates.

Purple Loosestrife Alternatives

The last newsletter noted that the Village has an ordinance prohibiting the use of Purple Loosestrife as an ornamental planting. Unfortunately, this beautiful non-native plant is extremely invasive, crowding out native

plants and clogging waterways. Although sterile varieties are available, it is not possible to determine sterility of the plant prior to planting. As a result, much of the Midwest now outlaws the use of Purple Loosestrife. Jan Riggensbach of the Daily Herald notes that the following plants are suitable alternatives to the dependable Purple Loosestrife:



- Summer Snapdragon
- Cardinal Flower
- Great Blue Lobelia
- Russian Sage
- Obedient Plant
- Blazing Star

Bunco For Breast Cancer

When a group of Bunco friends from Clarendon Hills, Illinois learned that one of their members had breast cancer they took action. Kerry, Mary, and Katie all pulled together and developed the idea of donating their winning prize pool towards a worthy breast cancer organization in honor of their friend. To date, their “little idea” has raised more than \$82,000 for breast cancer research. Your group can be involved in this effort. For more information, please contact:

Gail Heraty, Area Captain

847-540-6642

bheraty@earthlink.net

www.buncoforbreastcancer.org



Reminders

* **Burning leaves and yard refuse** will be allowed on weekends April 15 – May 15, during the hours of 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM. Always attend, Manage, and control your fire. Do not burn in ditches, drainage ways or within 25 feet of a body of water. No fire is permitted which may endanger any structure, tree or garden, or be a nuisance. If possible, burn several small fires instead of one large fire. Leaves will burn faster this way, resulting in less pollution.

* **Motorized Vehicles** of any kind are not allowed in Village parks. Also, ATV's are not for use on Village streets or rights of way. While they may be used on private property, please respect your neighbors—excessive use and noise do fall under the nuisance ordinance of the Village.

* **Parking or Storage of commercial vehicles, inoperable vehicles, boats, trailers, or RVs** is prohibited outside any building, home or garage located within Village boundaries. Parking before and after “use” for a weekend/vacation outing is allowable.

* Many household projects require **building permits** due to specific regulations concerning construction. Please check with the Village Office prior to undertaking such projects.

* **Dogs** must be on a leash when outside of your property, or fenced on their property. Please take steps to monitor your dog's barking, so as to **respect the tranquil nature** of our neighborhoods. Also, remember to clean up after your pet when walking!

* Use of **Deer Park as the city** on your address will speed delivery of your mail; continuing use of Barrington as the city will delay delivery.

Village Officials

President—Richard C. Karl

Administrator—Kari Diesen-Dahl

Administrative Assistant—Josie Doniec

Treasurer—Terri Stade

Clerk—Sandra Smith

Trustees: (meet 3rd Monday of the month)

Thomas Benjamin: Park & Recreation

Greg Dowell: Finance

Scott Gifford: Planning & Zoning

David Kizior: Roads & Public Utilities

Patricia Plautz: Health & Sanitation

Henry Werch: Public Safety

Plan Commission: (meets 1st Monday as needed)

Chair—Howard Thrun, Jr.

Frank Comber

David Heidtke

Jan Koe

John Lahr

Sandy Schroeder

Zoning Board of Appeals: (meets on request)

Chair—Herbert Matz

Dr. Aurel Goglin

Russell Mills

John Morrissey

Beth Noll

Joel Rotter

Randy Szczesny

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Phone: 726-1648 Fax: 726-1659

Email: deerpark@voyager.net

Website: deer-park.il.us

Police: (emergency) 911

(non-emergency) 438-6010

(office) 438-6644

Fire: (emergency) 911

(office) 540-5070

Village Office hours:

Monday – Friday 9 - 12:30 & 1:30 – 5:00,

except Wednesday 9 – 12:30.

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23680 W. Cuba Road
Deer Park IL 60010-2490**

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House registration

Please fill 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—2002 House Registration

Please fill out and send to the Police Department—21911 N. Quentin Road, 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)