

VILLAGE OF DEER PARK

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The Village of Deer Park Newsletter

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In Memory

In memory of the victims of the September 11th attack on the World Trade Center, there will be a moment of silence offered at the September Board of Trustees meeting. Village Officials are interested in hearing residents' other suggestions regarding ways in which the Village might honor those whose lives were lost, and commemorating an event which forever changed the lives of those of us left behind. Suggestions should be phoned or emailed to the Village Office no later than August 16th.

Parks

A tot lot will be constructed at the **Vehe Farm** per the grant secured by the State for the monies used to help purchase the property. The Village Board is working to create a play area constructed of natural or natural-looking materials so that the tot lot will blend in with the surroundings at the Farm.

Several of the parks are missing benches; the benches have been ordered and will be installed as soon as possible.

There have been several instances of vandalism within **Charles E. Brown Park**. As a result, motorized vehicles will not be allowed in the parks after sundown. Residents are asked to keep a watchful eye out on the parks, and the Kildeer Police have been asked to be especially vigilant.

Bids for the **Triangle Park Site** have been approved, and construction has begun. This site will have a baseball field and parking. Planned completion is Spring of 2003.

Phase II of the development of the **Old Farm Park Site** is currently underway. Phase II includes seeding, application of straw, installation of conduit, and excavation of a walking path around the perimeter of the site.

Vehe Farm

The Vehe Farm Community Center is important to the Village of Deer Park and the broader community of Ela and Cuba Townships. Its complex of barn and outbuildings is an excellent example of the historic and cultural environments that Lake County wants communities to protect and restore. Couple this with the area's need for open space and public use meeting and recreational facilities, and the center is poised to become a valuable community asset.

Visit the Farm—Drop by with family and friends to see what's been going on at the farm. Spend a half hour or so walking the nature trails and experience the beauty and heritage of the farm. These major elements of the initial site plan have been completed:

- Nature trails now meander the 14-acre site.
- The wetland and duck pond have been recreated.
- More than an acre has become a nursery for prairie plants.
- The seeding of the soccer field is underway.

In the prairie “nursery” you will see prairie dock, compass plant, rosin weed and cup plant, along with rattlesnake master, black-eyed susan, tall coreopsis and other native American prairie flowers. August and September finds the prairie at its peak bloom. Big bluestem and little bluestem grasses will also soon be sending up their seed stalks.

Help Needed—Saturdays 12 – 2—Please! Volunteers are needed to help with the restoration of the farm’s prairie and wooded habitats. Every Saturday Deer Park Resident **John Wagner** (President of Citizens for Conservation and Vice President of the Vehe Farm Foundation) leads volunteers in various restoration efforts on the site. Currently the focus is the removal of invasive, non-native plants from the wooded and future prairie areas. All you need are a participatory spirit and some gardening gloves and clippers. Call John at **381-9946** to join the Vehe Farm volunteer ranks. . .or just show up any Saturday!

If you would like to donate to the restoration of the Farm, send donations to:

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

Donations to the Foundation are tax-deductible.

Roads

The Villages of Lake Zurich and Deer Park, and CUSD 95 were successful in working with Senator Peterson to secure \$250,000 in funding for the improvement of Deerpath Road near Isaac Fox Elementary School. The construction schedule for this section of the road is pending at the time of printing of this newsletter, with Lake Zurich officials scheduled to meet with the contractor the week of 7/29/02.

Property Taxes

Lake County residents who compare their 2000 and 2001 property tax bills may notice a discrepancy in the amounts shown in the category marked “change from prior year”. Figures listed on the bills are correct when comparing district totals; discrepancies

occurred in the line items. Lake County Treasurer Robert Skidmore’s office reports that the conversion from a three-decade-old system to a new system utilized calculation totals by districts rather than by line items as had been done in the past. The new computer system ensures a more efficient and effective means of gathering, retrieving and disseminating countywide information.

The first installment of all Lake County property taxes was due 6/10/02; the second installment of property taxes is due 9/10/02. If you have any questions concerning your tax bill, call 847-377-2000.

Development Updates

Biaggi’s Italian Ristorante is the newest construction to the Deer Park Town Center. Biaggi’s will be located near Barnes and Noble.

ReMax will be opening offices in the Deer Park Town Center near Deer Park Open MRI.

Some of you may have noticed a sign for an upcoming development at the corners of Rand and Long Grove Roads (across Long Grove Road from Barnes and Noble). There is NO PLAN PENDING within the Village for the development of this site; the sign was erected without a permit, and the owner has been asked to follow proper procedures.

Upcoming Public Hearings

Public Hearings are held to allow feedback on proposals before the various Boards and Commissions, and are published in the Daily Herald. At this time, the Village has the following Public Hearings set:

August 19th, 7:00 PM—Zoning Board of Appeals Request for Variance to Sideyard Setback at 407 Hypoint Drive.

August 19th, 8:00 PM—Board of Trustees Hearing on the Proposals for Establishment of Special Service Areas 8, 9, and 10.

What Are SSA’s???

Special Service Area (“SSA”) financing is a legal vehicle provided for by state statutes which allows for the sale of bonds to fund public improvements. SSA bonds are not secured by the general revenues of the

Village, but by the value of the property within the SSA district. The bonds are repaid through annual assessments against the property within the SSA district benefitted by the public improvements. Deer Park SSA 1 covers all Village property within the Triangle and financed a payment which the sewer service agreement with the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago required. All of the other Triangle SSA districts cover only land developed by the three major developers.

Because of the extent of public infrastructure improvements required in connection with the Village's development approvals for the Triangle properties, the Village agreed to allow the developers to finance these improvements through the SSA process. This allows the developers to realize a lower interest rate on the financing. The amount of SSA financing originally approved by the Village will not cover the cost increases being realized and projected for completion of the required public improvements. Some of these improvements, particularly the roadway improvements, have been subjected to new and more expensive design and construction standards since the original SSA funding authorizations. As a result, the developers have asked that the Village approve their request for additional SSA funding to cover those costs. This additional funding will be through new SSA bonds which will be repaid solely from annual assessments against the developers property.

Emergency Management Coordinator

The Village has adopted an Ordinance which allows the Village to develop an emergency preparedness plan, pursue funding, and declare an emergency. If you have experience in this area, and would be interested in coordinating this effort in conjunction with the Village Board of Trustees, please call the Village Office at 726-1648.

Ordinances Passed

02-01: Appropriations budget for the period 4/30/02 – 3/31/03.

02-02: Enables the Village to develop an emergency preparedness plan, allows the Village to declare a disaster, and enables the Village to pursue funding from the State Emergency Management Agency.

02-03: Allows for a septic variance for Lot 10, Country Corners.

02-04: Approves a variance to the sideyard setback to allow for expansion of an existing garage at 20445 Meadow Lane.

02-05: Approves the Proposal to Establish SSA #8 .

02-06: Approves the Proposal to Establish SSA #9.

02-07: Approves the Proposal to Establish SSA #10.

Who We Are

The 2000 Census gives the following information about the residents of the Village of Deer Park:

- Total of 1,011 households (up from 913 in 1990)
- Median household income is \$149,233 (up from \$97,533 in 1990)
- Median home price is \$449,600 (up from \$318,200 in 1990)
- Both parents work in 60.2% of the families (up from 31.6% in 1990)
- Mean travel time to commute to work is 35.2 minutes (down slightly from 36.42 in 1990)
- Of the population 15 years and older, 76.4% were married (roughly equivalent to 76.2% in 1990).

Mosquito Abatement

It is summer and the mosquitoes are hungry! In an effort to balance health issues surrounding air quality and health issues surrounding West Nile Virus, the Village Board has approved a mosquito abatement program. This program involves larvacide application to designated standing water areas—no spraying. While no treatment will be 100% effective in mosquito control given

the proximity of the Village to Cuba and Ela Marshes, this will help to mitigate mosquitoes. West Nile Virus, which can cause encephalitis, is transmitted to humans *only* when bitten by a mosquito that has been infected by a bird carrying the virus. The most common symptoms of the virus are similar to the flu, with muscle weakness and disorientation. You can reduce the risk of being bitten by mosquitoes by eliminating their breeding grounds—change the water in bird baths regularly, empty any containers or low spots which might gather water, and keep grass cut short and shrubbery well trimmed around the house—and by applying a repellent containing DEET when outside. Dead birds can be the first sign of the presence of West Nile Virus; dead birds should be reported to Lake County Environmental Health at 847-377-8020.

At Issue. . . .

Water management is an important topic within the Village. Currently the Village is involved in the following projects regarding water management:

Drainage Management: The Village is working to determine the cause of drainage issues within the Park Hill/Robinson Fields Subdivisions. A moratorium on building permits in the Robinson Fields Subdivision has been ordered, monitoring wells will be constructed along with a storm sewer to redirect water, and a swale within the area will be cleaned out and (if necessary) regraded.

Aquifer Protections: The Village will be supporting through participation a study being conducted by the Barrington Area Council of Governments (BACOG) and the State of Illinois to locate, measure, and map the shallow aquifer throughout this region. (The shallow aquifer is the source of water for residential wells.)

Additionally, the Village Board has authorized funding for an independent study of the impact of commercial wells within the area known as the Triangle. The vast majority of water used by this development is purchased from the Village of Palatine;

however, there are a limited number of wells used for irrigation purposes when storage/retention ponds are not enough. The impact of these wells on the shallow aquifer is a potentially important question when protecting the interests of our residents. Information and engineering estimates prior to use of the wells indicated the impact would be less than if the Triangle had been developed as residential sites. The Village Board is seeking to verify the impact of these wells.

Village Beautification

The Village Board has worked in the past with homeowners associations to promote maintenance and beautification of common areas used by Village residents. Currently the Board is studying the need and desirability of landscape buffering of the Rue Vallee Subdivision from commercial development within the Triangle area.

Project HomeSafe

Project HomeSafe is a gunlock giveaway program being launched by the office of Lieutenant Governor Corinne Wood. Through this program, Illinois residents can receive free gunlocks and firearms safety kits. If you have firearms, or know someone who does, please call the Kildeer Police at 438-6644 for more information or to obtain your gunlocks.

Septic Repairs

Septic repairs often require permits—from both Lake County and from the Village of Deer Park. If you suspect you (or a neighbor) have a problem with a septic field, call Lake County Health at 847-377-8020. Often Lake County can arrange for an inspection of the field in question, and direct the homeowner to any repairs or remedies needed. If work needs to be done, please check with both the County and the Village Office to determine what permits may be required. Deer Park Ordinances regarding septic fields are more stringent than those of Lake County, for the safety and health of all of our residents.



Reminders

* **Burning leaves and yard refuse** will next be allowed on weekends October 15 – November 15, during the hours of 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM.

* **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 owners' 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!

*We all draw our well water from the same aquifer. **Prudent use of water** will ensure that all of us have enough water in this time of drought. Most grass in our area can go dormant during dry conditions and fully recover without watering.

* 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

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Beth Noll

Joel Rotter

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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)