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Hello there, neighbors

WEATHER REPORT. Need a quick check of the local weather? Visit <http://deerparkneighbors.com> for a live feed. Wish we could make the feed read "Deer Park," but as you may know, we don't deserve our own zip code, so we don't have our own weather feed.

KILDEER POLICE Had a great call from Officer Justin Rundall. He wanted to know how our road patrol went (see below). When we first told Justin about adopting a highway, he was interested in adopting one for his Police Association. He also asked that you let us know if any signage (like speed limits) are obscured by brush or trees. Justin and we talked about a bunch of things—more on that in a few weeks—but here's a great event for the whole family.

PET PARADE, Sat. Sept. 1, 10-2, behind DSW at the Quentin Collection on Rand. In addition to the pet parade, there will be a chance to "Dunk-a-Cop," for the benefit of the Police Association. Also, a demo by the Lake County Canine team—should be terrific even if you don't have a dog to parade. Refreshments, entertainment. For details, call Justin at 847-438-6644, x 292 or email jrundall@kildeerpolice.com

LABOR DAY is a three-day weekend, so obviously, major gardening time. Looking at the inventory, DPN may be still a bit short of plants, but if you are interested in locally grown perennials or seeds, send us an email for Fall delivery.

ROAD PATROL Thanks to our DPN supporters who turned out for road patrol. We had fun, and a great brunch (courtesy of yours truly, not DPN funds!) especially Lucie Hoyt's baked goods. Thank you to Administrator Jim Connors and Trustees Plautz and Pratscher, who had the courtesy to explain why they couldn't join us. Where were the rest of our village leaders? You missed a pleasant walk-and-talk.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR. We were interested to receive the attached submission from Richard Chay. You will remember, Richard was the fourth-top vote getter for trustee. Really, only a couple of votes separated the entire field. Another letter of Richard's was published by the Daily Herald. Visit <http://dailyherald.com>, select "Deer Park" from the community list, and type "Vehe" in the search box. Yes, we're authorized to distribute Richard's letter, and

as soon as we have a minute, we're going to add a Letters page to our web site.

SUBSCRIBERS An heads-up DPN member spontaneously handed us a subscription check for 2008. We haven't asked for sponsorships in more than a year. This is a business, and we depend on customers for our product, which is news and action. We think \$36.50 is a reasonable sum, 10 cents a day, although last year many of you did more. I personally pick up some expenses, but we'd like to do another village-wide mailing and expand services on our web site. Send your check to the address at the bottom of this letter, and I'll personally deliver fresh green ribbons to all supporters. We're also out there building business sponsors. Got a business, we can advertise it on our site. Supporters will be invited to a party at my house (that too comes out of my pocket, not DPN funds.) Why subscribe? As WTTW says, "Where else can you get programming like this?"

MEET YOU AT THE BARN You can see a photo of the first meeting in the Barn at our web site, <http://deerparkneighbors.com>. If you missed Pioneer Press coverage, here's a quote from Tony Solano:

"Deer Park held its first Village Board meeting in the new Vehe Barn facility on Monday.

Well, sort of.

The Village Board met in the lower level lobby of the barn as opposed to the large upper level meeting room where it will meet in the future.

Not up to speed on the Barn? Read the minutes of the Special Meeting of June 28 (attached)—all minutes are posted on the Village web site. In fact, if you're not going to attend village meetings, you owe it to yourself to read the official minutes. Village Clerk Susan Meyle is doing a great job.

Another opinion of mine (do you share it?) The Barn should be completed entirely before anything more outside is done. And it's time for a complete and accurate accounting on what this project has cost altogether, including legal fees and consultants. (Bob Kellermann, can you do that for us?) And maybe some fresh thinkers on the Foundation board.

DEER PARK ESTATES Speaking of works in progress, a bunch of us went over to Red Seal's Deer Park Estates for the Grand Opening. I still think that this development is way too dense for Deer Park. But clearly, the construction values are mostly excellent. You can tell this was built by "happy workers" because of the quality of the construction in the basement. In fact, I'm ready to move in to the basement. I always head straight for the basement to see the mechanicals, and I

was impressed. Beautiful bends on conduits and pipes, careful joins, the electrical was done by an artist, as was the HVAC, everything tidy. Even the concrete pours looked excellent.

The kitchen cabinetry was beautifully installed with attention to detail. Tiling was done well. Dining room is too small for anything but a table, but the staircase was comfortably scaled. You can actually get your entire foot on the tread. The master bath, while not huge, is comfortable. Decent sized closets, too.

I would have preferred that the decks touch rather than the skimpy couple of feet that separate one railing from another. But not to worry, the flipping has already begun. I saw one townhouse group with "For Sale" and "For Rent" signs in the window.

I roughly measured the garage doors with my arms, and they seem to be about a foot narrower than mine. I don't think anyone's going to be parking a Hummer, but it might be fun to watch them try. The landscaping is going in, and is much nicer than the sticks I usually see. In my personal opinion, the exterior colors are too monotonous, but there's a lot of rich detail. I do not like the recessed front doors, but again, the space is limited.

Most important, we're going to welcome all our new neighbors with open arms. Frankly, the better the prices Red Seal gets for these units, the more valuable our acre-plus properties become.

That's about all for now, neighbors. See you in the local stores and eateries, supporting our village's bottom line with your discretionary spending.