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Al was a little late running an errand yesterday at Promenade. He couldn't find a parking place. Seems that AT&T store was jammed with iPhone customers. Our Apple Store in Deer Park also was jumping. Think about this: We have two locations where the hottest tech gadget of the year is available, at \$199 a pop. And a very attractive sales tax of 7%. We're thinking revenue. Ka-ching!

MEETINGS

>>Monday, July 21, VODP BOT meeting, 7pm, the Barn.

If the board wants to put a tax referendum on the November ballot, this is the last regular meeting at which they can discuss the subject and vote to write the necessary ordinance. Or perhaps the President will call a special meeting? Can't wait to see the agenda, which should be posted late Friday, 7/18.

Remember: We invited President Gifford to hold an open forum on the referendum, to get feedback from the residents. We haven't seen an invitation from him, have you?

Here's a case in point: "A Dick's Sporting Goods in Deer Park three miles north of the Sports Fanatic, 317 Dundee Road in Palatine, is poised to see a boost in sales as shoppers can save on sales tax by crossing into Lake County, Sports Fanatic manager Michael Medina said." Click for full story.

<http://www.pioneerlocal.com/palatine/news/1036964,pa-taxday-070308-s1.article>

VOTE IS IN

Plan Commission voted 7/7/08 to approve the proposed subdivision on Rainbow Road, with some provisions. Neighbor Teri Masino says, "We have been able to meet our neighbors, and become better friends with some, and learn the history of our town from many." Here is another local issue that has actually brought people together—just what Deer Park Neighbors is all about. To read her report:

<http://deerparkneighbors.com> and look report under "Everyone's Talking."

IN THE NEWS

The Lake Zurich Courier has noted our web site as a local blog! Very cool.

<http://www.pioneerlocal.com/lakezurich/news/1043245,lz-blogbuzz-070708-s1.article>

BIG STORY about the Vehe Barn: “Deer Park Village President Scott Gifford believes Vehe Farm reconstruction contractor, Orland Park-based R&W Clark, and its bonding company, Las Vegas-based Individual Surety LTD, aren't immune to a lawsuit because of an indemnity clause in an agreement between the village and the Vehe Farm Foundation.” (See below for editorial on Vehe) Link to full story:

<http://www.pioneerlocal.com/lakezurich/news/1050021,LZ-Vehecont-071008-s1.article>

Here's some coverage from the recent rally against the CN acquisition:

2008-06-29, Chicago Tribune, “Arguments against Canadian National Railway's proposed acquisition of a little-used freight line took a sharp turn Sunday at a Barrington rally from concerns over the quality of life to the grim economic realities in affected communities.” Click to see full story.

http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/chi-train_rally_30jun30,0,7719655.story

2008-06-30, Daily Herald “for now, residents, elected officials and members of two groups in opposition against Canadian National Railway Co.'s, or CN's, \$300 million pending purchase of the Elgin Joliet & Eastern railway, are celebrating an early victory.” Click for full story:

<http://www.dailyherald.com/story/?id=213695&src=12> <<http://www.dailyherald.com/story/?id=213695&src=12>>

OPINION

2008-06-26 “Deer Park Village Attorney Paul Keller thinks it's time for a final accounting of the Vehe Barn development. At the June board meeting, Keller listed total cost, cost overruns, items in the original R&W Clarke contract but NOT done, rework of items in Clarke contract but done badly and the cost of items not part of original Clarke contract.”

<http://www.pioneerlocal.com/barrington/news/forum/1024530,ba-letter-062608-s1.article>

2008-06-30 Also published in Barrington Courier:

<http://www.dailyherald.com/story/?id=212705&src> <<http://www.dailyherald.com/story/?id=212705&src>> =

Agree? Disagree? Think there's more to the story? Why not post your comments at the newspaper web site. This ability to enter YOUR comments online, which go live instantly, is a wonderful tool for free speech.

SAFETY AND SECURITY

Are you signed up for CTY? Do you know what CTY is? This is an automated notification service that allows village and public safety officials to distribute messages to residents and businesses. These messages can be sent to your phone or email. But you have to “opt in.”

Remember, if you were on the old Village email list, you have to opt in to this new system; the old list has been retired. You can opt in for both your home and business addresses:
<https://portal.blackboardconnectcty.com/welcome.aspx?eiid=1207B6088C3570A6627D>

One recent message was from Police Chief Jeff Lilly reminding residents that the Kildeer Police would be enforcing the code on fireworks. Another was President Gifford notifying everyone of the CN rally last weekend.

Here is an example of what an email looks like; if this were an actual live email, the links within the message are clickable:

http://deerparkneighbors.com/sources/CTY_ExampleEmail.jpg

AROUND TOWN

Welcome to the newest business in Deer Park Town Center, Gala Tea. Gala Tea is located on the south side of DPTC. You can take a virtual sip online:

<http://mygalatea.com>

Which reminds us, this part of the mall really doesn't get the respect and support it deserves. Remember, every square inch provides sales tax revenue to the city. So next time you come into the mall, drive or walk around the south end to see what you may have been missing. With new office building under construction and the hotel still to come, these locations will become more valuable. But let's all of us Deer Park Neighbors support these businesses right away.

In other words, this village of Deer Park is a gold mine, if properly managed and promoted. We think business promotion is one job that the village board and staff should be park of. What do you think?

VEHE BARN

The board budgeted a very modest amount, \$5,000, to market the Vehe Barn. The first project, a new full color brochure, designed *pro bono* by Deborah Barry, is on press right now, and should be available by the July 21 meeting. Take a handful, and share them with your professional and social associates who might be planning a wedding, a concert, a shower, and business seminar. We need to RENT this Barn, early and often. Basic expenses per year: est. \$70,000. If the Barn fails to produce at least that in rentals, the village will

have to dig into its own pockets. So whatever you feel about the Barn, we all have to be “Barn Boosters.”

CITIZENS’ VOICES DO MATTER

From our early days, we have been advised by Citizen Advocacy Center. Among many, many issues they are currently working on, one of interest to us is their support of Village of Island Lake citizen who was arrested for disorderly conduct after practicing his First Amendment rights by giving a public comment at a municipal government meeting regarding open government concerns.

If you aren’t familiar with the story:

<http://www.dailyherald.com/story/?id=182062&src=3> <<http://www.dailyherald.com/story/?id=182062&src=3>>

If you don’t know CAC, check out their web site—especially for guidance on filing a Freedom of Information request.

<http://www.citizenadvocacycenter.org/>

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