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Greetings, Neighbors

We were not able to attend the public hearing last week at the Plan Commission on sheds. Sorry, less than a handful of meetings that we've missed in the past couple of years, but will catch up from their recording and minutes. Trustee Pratscher will be reporting on this topic at the regular Board of Directors meeting.

>>MONDAY, APRIL 21, 7PM, THE BARN BOT meeting.  
>>THURSDAY, APRIL 21, DISTRICT 95 BOARD OF DIRECTORS, 7PM, LZ HIGH SCHOOL (in the small auditorium).

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Remember last week, we asked that you all the think "sunshine," and look what happened! Let's see what else positive thinking can accomplish

>>WHY SHOULD YOU ATTEND tomorrow night's board meeting. (See agenda and administrator's memo linked at our web site, "Docs and DVDs," or the village web site front page.

Most important, this meeting will include the BUDGET APPROVAL for the next fiscal year. (See draft budget, also on our "Docs and DVDs" page.)

Second, there is also the Supplemental Appropriation Ordinance; that means, if we have our fiscal head on straight, that the board has to acknowledge by law any line item that went more than 10% over the amount originally approved.

We're thinking, Vehe Barn interior.

So what's a fiscally responsible trustee to do? You have to make it right with the State of Illinois, which oversees budgets and appropriations. On the other hand, if you consistently voted "no" to overspending requests all year long, do you vote "no" again to adjusting the

appropriations? This makes for interesting dialogue.

We also expect that Chief Lilly, Kildeer Police, will be in attendance. Both the public and the trustees may have questions and comments, although there is nothing listed on Trustee Howard Thrun's agenda item; Howard is our Public Safety Chairman.

When you review the deficit budget for the new fiscal year, you will note that there is no public money planned for further Vehe development. We believe the pressure brought to bear by YOU, the residents of Deer Park, and by the excellent press coverage, made the difference. The sales tax referendum was defeated; the board wonders if they can try again in November; and the public remains skeptical of this board's majority vote on fiscal matters. So pay attention, stay vigilant, and speak out.

There's other good news: The board might spend a very (very!) modest amount to advertise the Barn. We believe (personally and professionally) this would be a great investment. Just sitting on its foundation, the Barn could cost the village as much as \$70,000 per year (when you add the maintenance person job posting).

But the Barn could be hopping, day and night, under the able direction of Special Events Coordinator Yvonne Keith. Many organizations and enterprises need a place for programming, meetings and celebrations. More important, there's the valuable opportunity for repeat business.

Imagine the Barn becoming the Community Center we were always promised. A drop-in center for before and after school—vital for families with two working parents. Respite programming, so that local families caring for disabled loved ones have a morning or afternoon off. Family movie nights. Book clubs. Duplicate bridge tournaments. Yoga classes. Yes, even square dancing.

Why not have all kinds of terrific programming right here in Deer Park, and DP residents get a price break as well as the village collecting reasonable rent. Remember, the proceeds from Barn rentals accrue to the village, not to the foundation.

So if you know of an organization or an enterprise that needs universally accessible space (two stories, elevator, AV system, internet connections), contact Yvonne, [deerparkevents@comcast.net](mailto:deerparkevents@comcast.net) for a tour and a fees list. Because she's taking names!

>>QUENTIN SCHOOL Probably going to be closed. Important meeting at LZ High School, 4/24, got to <http://lz95.org> for an agenda. Parents, even if your children are not yet in school, you need to catch up on this issue and speak out while you can.

By the way, if Quentin School were closed, could that land be sold to a developer? And

what will happen to the individual property owners who have been unable to sell to ready and willing developers, due to increasingly onerous requirements by the village of Kildeer. We expect to hear a lot more about this in the very near future.

>>CN/EJ&E Here's another place for positive thinking, a "we can make a difference" attitude. The resistance to the RR acquisition grows; many stories listed on our CN page ("Hot Button), and even more at <http://fightrailcongestion.com>. Educate yourself, find your voice and speak out to local, regional, state and national officials.

>>TRAFFIC ALERT Route 14 (Northwest Highway) will have ramp closings starting May 1, to do with the bridge repairs on Dundee. The recommended alternate route is Quentin Road. Let's be patient and considerate with what may be many, many new passers-through. Let's make sure they take home a wonderful impression of Deer Park. And maybe, if traffic is tied up enough, they'll pull off into one of our malls to do errands or have a meal. <http://www.pioneerlocal.com/barrington/news/886974,ba-idot-041008-s1.article>

>> CONNECT-CTY The emergency notification service is up and active. This is a system by which you can be contacted automatically in the case of a natural or man-made emergency, with up to three phone numbers and facility for notifying the hearing impaired. Register via the village web site, <http://village.deer-park.il.us> PLEASE NOTE: To complete your registration, you have to type in some characters that appear in an on-screen graphic. This field is case sensitive, so be sure to type in upper and lower case. Other than that, simple.

And help your neighbors who don't have an Internet connection to register.

Still waiting: What ARE the final financials on the Vehe development? There's another almost \$40,000 to be approved for the Barn Monday; guess that's from the "remaining punch list." Some punch.

>>Happy Birthday to us. Last Monday marked the second anniversary of our first email. Our suggested annual subscription only 10 cents a day, and we're open 24/7. See our "Join Us" page if you value this news service. And you know the web address, <http://deerparkneighbors.com>

Happy, healthy spring. If we don't answer the phone, come on by, we're probably in the gardens. See you soon.

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