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Greetings, Neighbors

#### IMPORTANT DATES

- >>VODP Board of Trustees, Monday, 5/19/08, 7pm, Vehe Barn (see agenda at our site, no Administrator's memo available for this meeting)
- >>Village of Kildeer Building/Zoning committee meeting, Tuesday, 5/20/08, 7 pm, Kildeer Village Hall. One item on the agenda: Concorde Banquets outdoor venue
- >>May 23, 2008, deadline for application to join CUSD 95 Attendance Boundary Study Committee; application posted at our site

Interesting local story: Great coverage by Tony Solano of Pioneer Press on a complex topic, the impact of the DP/Kildeer boundary agreement on one young family. Take the time to read the whole story:

<http://www.pioneerlocal.com/lakezurich/news/949641,lz-boundary-051508-s1.article>

LAWN MOWER SEASON DPN President Al Barry knows a thing or two about lawn mowers, having worked his way through high school and college running his own mower repair business. If you can pop the blades off your mower or tractor, come by and Al will sharpen your blades, and balance them, too. No charge. Great chance to get to know even more of you. We'll send you home with fresh green ribbons. Al just fixed up Deborah's tractor, and what a beautiful difference in the cut. Do call 847-867-1867 to set up a mutually convenient time.

LONG GROVE ROAD CREW Thanks to the many neighbors who volunteered to join us for the season's first debris patrol on Long Grove Road, our Adopted Highway, and to our police whose presence kept the speeders down. We had more volunteers than safety vests (we can fix that!) and had a good walk. The heavy winds of the past few months have led to more household trash in the swales than usual, so when you put out your garbage pickup, maybe face the lid hinge upwind, to keep the bins from blowing open or tipping over.

SOME HIGHLIGHTS FROM AGENDA

Approving funding for the Old Farm park play equipment is listed. As is an opportunity for corporate sponsorships at Town Center Park. Of great interest to our young families.

Also see an item for a booster pump for the Vehe water supply system. Is this yet one more thing done badly the first time around? Wish we would see a report from our Special Events Coordinator every month. Rental of this facility is crucial; we have a \$70,000/year nut to crack on this property.

Trustee Kellermann will report on payments to Dailey Electric (also Vehe item); there have been questions whether some items were billed twice.

The Village Attorney will present an agreement on the installation of red light camera's in Deer Park.

We don't see anything related to the CN Rail Acquisition on the Agenda. In fact, we think our village is lagging behind others nearby, who have substantial information on their web sites as well as individual position statements from their village president. It's not enough to belong to other organizations; DPN would like to feel that Deer Park's voice in this is more significant. Now, CN is saying it must have a decision by end of calendar year, or the deal will fall apart. See several recent articles on this, in our opinion, false deadline at our web site. Hawthorne Woods <http://vhw.org> and Lake Zurich <http://volz.org> have good information.

Nothing listed under Trustee Kizior report on Finances. But the conversation to make another try at a sales tax referendum—the whole 1%-- has already begun at the board level. Deer Park Neighbors would like to see Dave Kizior take an interest in what DP business owners and managers have to say. Dave, why not invite a few of them to speak before the board? Customer feedback has been clear, among the many businesses we visit regularly. “We shop in Deer Park because of the sales tax.”

We continue to have questions about how we got from 6.5% to 7%. No, this is NOT a village sales tax, neither passed by the village nor does it benefit the village. This is the RTA tax that went into effect April 1, a tax that is supposed to help develop additional regional transportation options. Our village should have made this much more clear during the first referendum effort.

WHY ATTEND VILLAGE MEETINGS? Well, if you feel that the trustees don't listen to the residents anyway, that's what elections are for. If you are afraid to speak out or don't know how to make your public comments, Deer Park Neighbors can help. But if you simply don't care enough to exercise your rights before your elected officials, well, what more can we say? One of our members put it very well: “If trustees only listen to each other, how

representative can the board be?" So be a voice for your community; attend village meetings and speak at public comments.

We'll send another blast after the upcoming meetings, and as always, welcome your input (and corrections, of course). Thanks.

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