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Greetings, Neighbors

**FOR ALL DISTRICT 95 INTERESTED PARTIES:**

The Superintendent and Committee Recommendation for re-aligning the boundaries for middle and elementary schools is scheduled to be Presented to the Board of Education at a public meeting on January 15, 2009 at the:  
**Lake Zurich High School Performing Arts Center - 6:00pm**

Community Forums on the Boundary Realignment are scheduled for:  
Wednesday, January 28th 7 - 8:30pm May Whitney School  
Tuesday, February 3 7-8:30pm Middle School South  
Monday, February 9 7-8:30pm Middle School North

What a winter! And it's only January. What do you think of our new plowing contractor? You'll remember that Ela Township decided NOT to plow VODP any more; the main reason given was that their equipment was not sized properly for our many cul-de-sacs. Remember, too, that we have a number of state and county roads; not all streets in Deer Park are our responsibility.

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Speaking of winter weather, we read some excellent tips on cold weather care for your four-legged friends. Seems that they, too, get dry skin, from the low temperature and the wind. So you may want to get some pet-appropriate moisturizing products. Excessive limping and licking of joints could be a sign of arthritis; check it out with your vet. Pets need exercise, and if they are missing their usual time outdoors, try to supplement it with indoor play. Also, they may need additional calories to keep warm if they do spend a lot of time outside. And grooming is just as important in the winter; check the coat for matted hair that may be hiding a skin irritation. We love seeing all you dog-walkers in Briargate; there are some adorable new puppies too. Health and happiness to all.

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## PRESIDENTIAL FORUM

We have emailed out invitations to a presidential forum to both Trustee Bob Kellermann and President Scott Gifford. Of course, should any additional candidates appear for the Presidency of Deer Park, he or she will be included. Details to follow.

Remember, Jan. 19 is the FIRST day you can turn in petitions to be placed on the April 09 ballot, but there is still time to run. While 3 trustees are elected every two years for a four-term each, remember that only every 4th year can the village government be completely re-formed. It is in that 4th year election that both a President and 4 Trustees are elected. "4" makes a majority (except in those rare cases that require a super-majority). That's what makes this election so important—both to candidates and to all of you voters.

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## DPN

We are often asked questions about the role of DPN and how it's organized. It's quite simple. Deer Park Neighbors, Ltd., is a full corporation operating under the rules of the State of Illinois. That means we have a board of directors, file an annual report, file corporate tax forms and so on. Most initial capitalization were loans from two of our founding families and early subscribers (that was back in February of 2006).

Since that time, we have received subscriptions and advertising fees. While any amount is accepted for a paid subscription, we do suggest \$36.50 a year; in fact, we're asking for your 2009 subscriptions right now. Anyone can be placed on our FREE eBlast list, either by asking directly for DPN to add your name or by invitation from us. Our ranks have grown substantially, perhaps as much as tripled from this time last year. And hits to our web site, <http://deerparkneighbors.com>, traditionally increase as much as 100% in the day or two following a blast.

During the Election Season, we will devote a section of our web site to campaign materials, contact information, and your questions. The site will look a little "old" for a week or so while we reorganize it, bringing election news to the front page, posting events of the previous election and still keeping you up to date on other news (especially of the CN acquisition). WE WELCOME YOUR NEWS, and we thank our sponsors who make each eBlast possible. Please patronize the businesses who support what we are doing.

## PROFILE OF THE CANDIDATE:

Following is a profile of Bob Kellermann, a sitting Trustee (elected in 2007) who is running for President. If elected, his term as trustee would have to be filled by another person, appointed by the then-President.

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Many of you know Bob as a neighbor; he has lived in Deer Park for 35 years. Some of you may remember Bob's previous tenures on the Village Board of Directors; He served as Trustee and Treasurer from 1981-1985. Others of you may know Bob from the Illinois National Guard and Army Reserve.

But most of you know Bob as a sitting trustee, most recently elected in 2007, whose commission is Roads and Drainage. Bob has been a staunch advocate to get every possible dollar invested in the roads program. And for those of you who attended, you will remember that it was Bob Kellermann who initiated the idea of a resident forum to present the long-term road plan and to hear directly from residents about their individual properties and subdivision issues.

Bob has also been the voice of reason, making it clear that the many years previous boards delayed infrastructure repairs has cost this village—and many residential properties--dearly. We have heard Bob speak many times in public meetings about the necessity for sound financial practices and has asked numerous times for the Vehe project manager to come before the board to answer questions about how invoices were certified for payment.

We look forward to profiling other candidates as they announce—please feel free to let us know that you are campaigning, and we will be happy to tell our readership about you.

Bob's candidacy was published in the Lake Zurich Courier on 1/1/09. Bob lives on the "west side" of Deer Park. Read the article:  
<http://www.pioneerlocal.com/lakezurich/news/1364166,lz-kmanpres-010609-s1.article>

We will be asking Scott Gifford, current President and running for re-election, to provide us with similar information and we'll publish that as soon as he makes it available, as we will for all other candidates

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The Surface Transportation Board has voted to approve the acquisition of the EJ&E by Canadian National. To read the entire decision:

[http://www.stb.dot.gov/decisions/readingroom.nsf/UNID/B1B6DF4C67DDFAB2852575290057CDE4/\\$file/39537.pdf](http://www.stb.dot.gov/decisions/readingroom.nsf/UNID/B1B6DF4C67DDFAB2852575290057CDE4/$file/39537.pdf)

There is a story about Barrington's legal appeal of the decision:  
<http://www.pioneerlocal.com/barrington/news/1366753,ba-ejeappeal-010809-s1.article>

Since then, other communities have joined the legal fight. To date, we have heard nothing about Deer Park doing so. We believe that Deer Park has a great deal at stake in this

ongoing issue: the environmental impact of any changes to the Cuba Road RR crossing and the potential reduction in shoppers coming to Deer Park shopping malls, given the likely traffic jams and our newest competition at The Arboretum on South Barrington Road.

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#### VEHE FARM

Foundation members Teri Bridge and Pat Winkleman made the cover of the Lake Zurich Courier on 1/8/09, regarding children's nature programs on the Vehe Campus:  
<http://www.pioneerlocal.com/lakezurich/news/1367101,lz-initiative-010809-s1.article>

While there is \$6,000 in the current budget for promoting the rental of the Barn, we haven't seen much activity in that direction. Dollars would have to be spent by the end of the fiscal year, April 30, 2009. Have you helped spread the word at your church, service organization, to your friends who might be hosting a wedding, anniversary or special birthday? Yvonne Keith has photos of past events to show you how the Barn can be transformed for your special event. Contact her at [deerparkevents@comcast.net](mailto:deerparkevents@comcast.net) or 847-438-0764. We have a long way to go before the costs of operating and maintaining this "community center" are covered. It's really up to all of us, because as long as rentals don't meet the projected costs, dollars will have to be taken from the general fund or elsewhere.

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#### CUSD 95

A new member of the Dist. 95 School Board has been appointed. "Goldberg, who is employed by Northrop Grumman Defense Systems in Rolling Meadows, IL, has served as a member of the 2007 District 95 Facilities Committee, a den leader for Cub Scout Pack 208, Foglia YMCA soccer coach, and girls' softball coach." Read the full release:  
[http://deerparkneighbors.com/sources/Dist95/2009\\_01-09\\_CUSD\\_NewMember.pdf](http://deerparkneighbors.com/sources/Dist95/2009_01-09_CUSD_NewMember.pdf)

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Remember, together we are stronger. But alone, we can make a mistake. If you think we have, just call or email. We'll check it out.

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