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Greetings, Neighbors
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<http://deerparkneighbors.com> and <http://deerparkneighbors.com/pages/election.html>

Our endorsement can be boiled down, for those who want a quick take:
Kellermann for president, and for Trustee, vote 1,2,3, just as the names are listed. For more detail, see:
http://deerparkneighbors.com/pages/2009_endorsements.html

ABOUT THE UNOFFICIAL VOTING RECORD

We had a few calls asking how to read the record of votes that we have posted at the web site.

http://deerparkneighbors.com/sources/VODP_Votes_May07-Apr09.xls
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http://deerparkneighbors.com/sources/VODP_Votes_May05-Apr07.xls
http://deerparkneighbors.com/sources/VODP_Votes_May05-Apr07.pdf

You might want to compare the records of President Gifford and Trustee Kellermann for the two years they have been on the board together. (Remember, the President does not vote often; he just vote in the case of a tie, and in some special situations where a super-majority is required.)

So to make that comparison, you call up the '07-'09 chart (Excel version), scroll right to Gifford and click on the small arrow, then choose "Descending." This will bring all of Gifford's votes to the top, and you can compare item by item on some recent issues you may remember reading about. Every column is sortable, and for those of you who do not "do Excel," there is a PDF of each document, not sortable but still very valuable information. The facts, ma'am, just the facts!

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We have posted one such sort (and eliminated empty columns) at this link:
http://deerparkneighbors.com/sources/2009_Election/Candidates/CompareVotes_KellermannGifford.pdf

Deer Park Neighbors will be available by phone today and tomorrow to answer any last minute questions. 847-867-1867. As a news organization, we feel it is our duty to provide guidance for voters, because we have put in a whole lot more research and time into our endorsements than any traditional newspaper. We've been to almost every village meetings and maintain a collection of DVDs of those meetings at the Barrington Area Library. If you are new to this eBlast, you can catch up at our web site: http://deerparkneighbors.com/DPN_eBlasts

Contact information for all 8 candidates are on our web site. President Gifford has a new email address, SGifford53@gmail.com, so we have updated that on our web site; please make a note in your address book.

ROUTE 53

You will see a non-binding referendum, but this is important to our region. We have heard from the Kellerman/Sands/Olson/Lahr slate that they ARE IN FAVOR of this referendum.

LAKE COUNTY

Advisory Question Of Public Policy Concerning The Possible State Of Illinois Construction Of The Extension Of Illinois Route 53 Through Lake County Shall the State of Illinois construct the extension of Illinois Route 53 from Lake Cook Road northerly to the existing Illinois Route 120?

YES

NO

This is an advisory referendum that will be used to determine the level of public support for the extension of Illinois Route 53 through Lake County. A map depiction of the contemplated routing of the proposed extension of Illinois Route 53 can be found for viewing online at <http://lakecountyiil.gov/route53/> and is also available at the Lake County Division of Transportation, 600 West Winchester Road, Libertyville, Illinois.

To view the map, please click here:

<http://www.deerparkneighbors.com/sources/IL53Map-2.pdf>

FROM GROOT RE YARD WASTE

Yard Waste: The yard waste season runs from April 1st through November 30th every year. Residents may place their yard waste in biodegradable "Kraft" bags that do not exceed 33 gallons. Yard waste which is too bulky to be placed in a bag, such as branches or brush must be securely tied and bundled. Branches may not exceed 3" in diameter

FROM OUR OWN RITA FINLEY ON CANADIAN NATIONAL

If you live in Lake Zurich- *Congratulations-* your town won another award:

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

The last paragraph in the link, however, the threat on Lake Zurich regarding CN buying the EJ&E railroad. Right now this transaction is in **appeal**.

The hope is that at the very least, the Court will agree with TRAC (which Lake Zurich is part of) that the STB failed to impose adequate conditions, and that it will return the proceeding to the STB for further review and the imposition of more meaningful conditions. If that were to be done, CN, instead of our communities which budgets are already strapped, would be required to pay its fair share of the cost of mitigating the environmental harms that will flow from the STB's approval of the transaction.

The way we can help now is to report ALL issues we encounter with the train. This includes:

- Long trains that block an intersection for more than typical (2 minutes) or more frequent trains
- Increased vehicular traffic in your neighborhood, especially if you are an "alternative route" as a result of train delays
- Delays in school buses because of a longer or more frequent train than usual
- ANY train horns (LAKE ZURICH (& Deer Park) IS IN A QUIET ZONE that the STB said would not be impacted!)

Filing a rail complaint takes less than a minute (very easy). ALL complaints go directly to the STB and TRAC for monitoring. Here is an example of one recieved from Lake Zurich (*makes me want to avoid Rand Rd*):

From Lake Zurich: "The EJ&E railroad bridge that goes over Rand Road in Lake Zurich is in serious need of repair. Prior to CN, only a few trains a day crossed it. However, today alone I have already seen AND heard 4 (it is noon)! This bridge has large chunks of concrete missing and a friend recently had a large piece fall on her car and damage it. With the increased train traffic, I fear the worst. This bridge crosses over a MAJOR roadway and could cause significant damage. It needs to be repaired immediately if CN thinks they will be driving more, longer and heavier trains over these tracks!"

Here's the link for the form. Please add to your "favorites" for easy access. When you encounter a problem jot it down and enter on-line when you get a chance. Our quality of life, municipal budgets and safety depend on it.

<http://www.fghtrailcongestion.com/form.html>

Please forward to your neighbors!
Sincerely, Rita Finley, Deer Park

We sincerely hope that the vigor of this campaign season has reminded many of you that you have allowed yourself to be out-of-touch during some very challenging times in this village. Regardless of the vote count tomorrow, please make a citizen's commitment: ATTEND AT LEAST THREE VILLAGE MEETINGS in the coming administration, and always take the time to read the approved minutes of meetings, which are always available at the village web site; they have recently added a summary of actions taken, we well. It's not an easy web address to memorize, so DO BOOKMARK this site:

<http://www.village.deer-park.il.us/default.htm>

TOGETHER, WE ARE STRONGER

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