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Greetings, Neighbors

DATELINE, DEER PARK, ILLINOIS AUGUST 7, 2009

VILLAGE SURVEY

If you admit to being 18 or older and live in Deer Park, please participate in the VODP Survey. "Survey responses are anonymous and will be used to guide Village officials as they prepare for a Community Forum to be held in Fall 2009. EVERY MEMBER OF THE HOUSEHOLD IS ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE. It took us about 10 minutes to answer the multiple choice questions and provide our own comments.

[http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?
sm=pu_2fgaY3x3F3YDuUoDRa3zg_3d_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=pu_2fgaY3x3F3YDuUoDRa3zg_3d_3d)

VILLAGE CALENDAR

The village maintains a calendar of events online. You can even download an import into your planner software. Hmmmm, will this make you more likely to show up for village meetings? We hope so!

[http://www.mychurchevents.com/calendar/calendar.aspx?
ci=L6F0J4K5O9H2O9L6I3](http://www.mychurchevents.com/calendar/calendar.aspx?ci=L6F0J4K5O9H2O9L6I3)

EVENTS

MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 7PM, VODP BOARD OF DIRECTORS, THE BARN Watch the Village web site for posting of the Agenda and Agenda packet the Friday preceeding.

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, Village of Kildeer's Police Open House, 1-4pm
Open to all Kildeer and Deer Park families. Refreshments. Jail tour!
See the vehicles. Child ID kits and fingerprinting. TAKE A PHOTO

WITH A POLICE OFFICER OR IN A POLICE CAR. All kids get a gift.
***Please bring canned goods to donate to the Lake County Food
Pantry.***

21911 N. Quentin Road, Kildeer. Questions? Call Officer
Justin Rundall, 847-438-6000, x292

PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENTS

Lake County property owners will receive their assessment notices soon. We have to remind residents often that the Village of Deer Park does not receive any property taxes, nor does the County Assessor make any financial decisions on behalf of the various taxing districts. THE NOTICE IS NOW A LETTER SIZE FORMAT, and has a good overview of the process on the reverse side. See an example:

<http://deerparkneighbors.com/sources/LakeCounty/assessmentnotice.pdf>

Notices are delivered between August and November. It's important for taxpayers to read and understand this notice. Questions can be directed to the appropriate township assessor's office or the Chief County Assessment Office.

847-377-205

<http://www.lakecountyil.gov/assessor>

See a brief video of FAQs:

http://lakecnty.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?publish_id=73

IN THE NEWS

See the following story from Pioneer Press; sadly, the bulk of the story is about the Arboretum. DPN hopes that the Village would do more of a job of telling it's wonderful retail story. That's going to take a professional media plan and—yes—some budget devoted to it. This is not a job for amateurs, and the stakes are as big as they get—our Village's bottom line. Sales tax is king in Deer Park. Let's give it some proactive attention. It's time for Deer Park to do some village-wide outreach to customers in the area—particularly to attract shoppers from Cook County to us! We cannot rely on mall managers to do the work; the village itself should be creating initiatives and opportunities and funding a marketing program to compete every day.

“With less people willing to spend money due to the struggling economy, local shopping centers such as the Arboretum of South Barrington and the Deer Park Town Center have gotten creative with activities and promotions intended to draw in shoppers.” Full story

<http://www.pioneerlocal.com/barrington/news/1702325,barrington->

shopping-080609-s1.article

“Just after state officials announced an increase in rabid bats in Illinois over the past few years, a rabid bat was discovered in a north suburban Barrington home.” Full story

<http://www.pioneerlocal.com/barrington/news/1705674,barrington-lakecounty-bats-080709-s1.article>

“Police arrested a Barrington area man for throwing rocks at cars as he drove through the streets of Deer Park.” Full story

<http://www.dailyherald.com/story/?id=312370>

FROM TRAC

On August 4, the STB denied the ICC's January 23 request to reconsider the Board's Decision approving CN's acquisition of the EJ. The ICC appeal had been made based on a number of issues and the STB ruling rejected all of the ICC's arguments.

Given that the ICC appeal petition was based on an overall questioning of the validity of the impacts data gathered by the Board during its environmental review process of the transaction, TRAC had not held out much hope that the Board would rule in the ICC's favor. TRAC is heartened, however, by the fact that STB Board Member Frank Mulvey appended a comment to this ruling reiterating his interest in maintaining oversight on the Decision: "If increased rail traffic on the former EJ lines causes significantly more congestion and/or delays than projected in the EIS, the Board can take additional steps to address those issues."

With this STB ruling, it is now possible for the TRAC appeal of the decision to proceed in the federal court of appeals as the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit had ruled that it would not proceed with the legal appeal until the regulatory appeal process was completed.

In the meantime, interested parties can review the STB's ICC ruling at the TRAC website:

<http://FightRailCongestion.com>

You can also go to that website and register any complaints you may have about CN's operations on the EJ. Given what Board member Mulvey has said about the possibility of the Board taking additional mitigation steps to address CN operational issues, it is important for the region to keep building a record of what is occurring on the EJ while the legal appeal process unfolds and not just

allow CN to monitor its own activities for the STB. Without the input of concerned members of the public in the region this cannot be achieved, so make sure you remain engaged in protecting our interests!

FROM OUR OWN RITA FINLEY REGARDING ABOVE

Now that this appeal is over, it clears way for the federal appeal. Read more about this:

<http://www.chicagobreakingnews.com/2009/08/illinois-appeal-of-cn-decision-gets-rejected.html>

http://www.suburbanchicagonews.com/foxvalleysun/news/1703548,2_1_AU06_EJE_S1-090806.article

Remember, together, we are stronger.

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