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Greetings, Neighbors

DATELINE THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 17, 2009

PLEASE TURN OUT: Monday, September 21, 7pm, the Barn, for the Board of Trustees meeting. Agenda Packet for Monday's meeting is expected tomorrow. Please bookmark the village home page to download.

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

We're delighted by the fact that, since April, the full Agenda Packets are posted for downloads. But we're surprised that packets from past meetings don't stay posted. Once the full agenda packet is up there, why not leave it for further reading, research and interest? Meanwhile, most of them are here:

[http://deerparkneighbors.com/VODP\\_Minutes/](http://deerparkneighbors.com/VODP_Minutes/)

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Friday night begins the Jewish observance of the High Holy Days or "Days of Awe," starting with the New Year, Rosh Hashanah. It's an interesting period of contemplation and, to quote Wikipedia, which puts it briefly and accurately, we think:

*In the Talmud tractate on Rosh Hashanah it states that three books of account are opened on Rosh Hashanah, wherein the fate of the wicked, the righteous, and those of an intermediate class are recorded. The names of the righteous are immediately inscribed in the book of life, and they are sealed "to live." The middle class are allowed a respite of ten days, until Yom Kippur, to repent and become righteous; the wicked are "blotted out of the book of the living."*

We also remember that in the Jewish tradition, we ask forgiveness of our fellow man before we can ask that of God, and that things undone—omissions—can be

as hurtful as the things we do. Every religious tradition offers up riches for those who would be embracing and inclusive, and so we say, “May we all be written in the book of life! L’Shana Tova, 5770!”

#### PUBLIC SAFETY LEADERSHIP

We completely missed this news piece last month, as was brought to our attention by a DPN member. The departure of Chief Lilly from the Kildeer force is a surprise to us, and significant to Deer Park residents:

<http://www.dailyherald.com/story/?id=314939>

We last saw Chief Lilly at a BOT meeting, making the Kildeer Police Report. We did not hear about his retirement at the August village meeting (although we were there only a hour or so and will look for it in the upcoming minutes), nor did we receive any announcement that Cmdr. Robert Zujewski is acting Chief. (You may have read in the village minutes that the commander received a volunteerism award recognizing his efforts in organizing and training a Citizens Emergency Response Team to cover the southwest portion of Lake County; this project was funded with Federal monies; 50 people in the area (including some Deer Park residents) have been trained as citizen responders.

In fact, looking back at agenda and minutes, we notice that Trustee Dave Kizior, Public Safety chair, has not had a report on the agenda for May, June, July or August, nor are there any comments minuted in the portion of the village meeting reserved for our Public Safety. What role will Dave and Deer Park play in choosing the next Police Chief? After all, we are, in a way, 50/50 owners of the police force. Dave, you were always so active, so vocal, so involved when you were Finance chair. As the Public Safety chair, we are counting on you for our safety. Where is the village on an Emergency Management Coordinator? The second speed hump on Deerpath? Bicycle safety training? Dave, if we missed your coverage of these matters, please let us know by return email, and we’ll post immediately, and we’ll read tomorrow’s agenda with great interest. Thanks, Dave.

By the way, for those of us who have been following the news in Kildeer for the past several years, we note that former President Stefaniak did not stand for election this past April, the former administrator retired, there has been a brouhaha in Kildeer over the naming of the current administrator who is the brother-in-law of the current village president (all this covered in previous blasts and extensively in the traditional news sources) and there are “insider rumors,” (that is, we cannot quote the source) that Bill Holmes retired from his position on staff at Kildeer and then he didn’t. In any case as of today, he is still an employee of the Village of Kildeer and a consultant to the Village of Deer

Park.

NOTE: We do our best, but if you see news of interest that you'd like to share with your neighbors, please DO send that along! We regret missing the news on Chief Lilly, and if this was not reported and discussed at the August meeting by Trustee Dave Kizior, who is now our Public Safety chairman, we hope to hear something Monday. You may have read in the

#### REPEATING A VILLAGE EMAIL

We are thrilled to learn of a Parks Committee, and hope that many of you will step forward to do the work with Trustee Barb Evans. If you are not the on list to receive village announcements, please visit the CTY portal to add any and all of your email or phone contacts:

<https://portal.blackboardconnectcty.com/welcome.aspx?eiid=1207B6088C3570A6627D>

You are invited and encouraged to attend the (first ever) Parks Committee Meeting for the Village of Deer Park  
Wednesday, September 30, 2009  
7 pm @ Vehe Barn - 23570 W. Cuba Road, Deer Park, IL  
60010

#### Agenda:

- 7 pm Welcome and Introductions
  - 7:05 Review of parks and amenities
  - 7:15 Discussion with Park Users\*
1. Review new park use agreement and Qualified Resident Agreement
  2. Identify issues and ways to improve Communication
    - Scheduling
    - Other
  - 8:00 Short Break
  - 8:05 Discussion: Creation of a Parks Committee\*
1. Expectations of the committee
    - Resident
    - Interested in improving parks in community
    - Willing to meet 3-4 times per year
  2. Mission and Purpose: For residents to have a voice and assist in creating the best parks in the area.
  3. Goals:
    - Identify short and long term park issues: wants vs. needs

- Develop specific items to be included in maintenance contracts by January
  - Create short and long term park maintenance and development plan
  - Assist in establishing annual parks budget proposals
  - Identify ways to improve park services
4. Set next meeting time and date
- \* While it is encouraged to attend the full meeting, feel free to attend the portion that most interests you.

## NEARBY

This next event sound very interesting (we have been on a ride-along with the Kildeer Police). And by the way, the "Document Center" that is maintained by the Village of Lake Zurich is just the kind of access we have been discussing recently regarding more-user-friendly access to our own village documents.

CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY: The Lake Zurich Police Department will be conducting a Citizen Police Academy beginning September 29th through December 1st. This is a 10-week course that meets weekly on Tuesday for 2 1/2 hours from 6:30 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. at the Lake Zurich Police Facility, 200 Mohawk Trail. Various issues related to law enforcement will be addressed. Applications are available on the website in the Police section of the Document Center, "CPA Application Combined."

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

Applications must be submitted to the Police Department Crime Prevention Section no later than September 18, 2009. For additional information, please contact

Det. Kurt Danielson at (847) 719-1695 ext. 136.

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