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Greetings, Neighbors

DATELINE, DEER PARK, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2009

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, November 4, 7pm, at the Barn, Parks & Recreation Committee, contact: Barbara Evans, bjevansc3@aol.com

If you would like to be part of the process to shape our parks and recreations for the future, join Trustee Barbara Evans at this meeting. There is work to be done, and dreams to be spun. What's the old expression: If you're not part of the solution, you're part of the problem! But seriously, folks, here's a great way to get involved in an enjoyable and pro-active way.

to discuss the usage of the Vehe Barn SPECIAL MEETING, VODP BOT, MONDAY, NOV. 9, 7pm, at the Barn

We have heard that this will be a "Committee of the Whole," which will include all the trustees—but we were told that no action would be taken. This meeting is open to the public and subject to the usual rules of the Open Meetings Act, if we understand correctly. Trustee Barbara Evans has said that the board must decide the future of the Vehe Barn. See our survey immediately following—we will be happy to share your responses (if any of you takes the time to participate) or, even better, come to the 11/09 meeting and speak up for your own good ideas.

Monday, Nov. 16, 7pm, Board of Trustees meeting. Please watch here and the village web site for the agenda.

SANTA CLAUS AT DEER PARK TOWN CENTER

Friday, Nov. 6, 6pm, for holiday lighting. Santa will be available to visit with the kids until 8:30pm. FOLLOWED BY HOLIDAY FIREWORKS SHOW.

ELA ROAD CLOSING, Monday, 11/2-Friday, 11/06, at the RR crossing just west of Rand Road. Thank you to Rita Finley for alerting us to this.

IN THE NEWS

School report cards are out, and Pioneer Press offers a searchable database. Local results include Isaac Fox, Barrington High School and Lake Zurich High School. DPN believes excellent schools are a top criterion for maintaining home values:

<http://www.pioneerlocal.com/pioneerpress/1853380,2009-pioneer-school-reportcards.article>

“Three older homes are up for sale in the Barrington but they didn't draw any bids -- despite a \$1 sale price. The village is still hoping to sell and move the houses so the land they sit on can be used for redevelopment.” [Ed. Note: Hey, maybe Deer Park can buy them and move them to the historic Vehe Property! Add it to your brainstorming.]

<http://www.chicagobreakingnews.com/2009/10/no-takers-for-barrington-homes-for-sale-for-1.html>

Many of you have expressed the concern that this village uses the same contractors/consultants over and over again. There are alternatives:

“Community Unit School District 95's board of education gave its approval at its Oct. 22 meeting to allow a parent-selected independent contractor to inspect May Whitney Elementary School for environmental problems.” Full story:

<http://www.pioneerlocal.com/lakezurich/news/1848123,lake-zurich-d95crainspect-102909-s1.article>

One Chef's favorite restaurant? Our own Biaggi's!

<http://www.dailyherald.com/story/?id=331793>

“For the next three months or so, your [Pioneer Press] paper will arrive without staples to bind it together. As we move our production to Milwaukee, more equipment is needed to staple all of our papers and still meet the postal deadlines for delivery.”

<http://www.pioneerlocal.com/pioneerpress/1836774,pioneer-press-nostaples-10220%209-s1.article>

WHITHER THE BARN?

We have prepared our own informal SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats) which we've shared with the trustees and posted online:
<http://deerparkneighbors.com/sources/VeheSWOT.pdf>

What do YOU think the future of the Barn holds? We've had conversations with some local vendors who are interested in participating/providing programs at the Barn—if only they had heard about it. So this is the work to be done: visibility, talkability, possibility. Be sure to attend on 11/09 or, if you cannot, share your ideas with your favorite Trustee! (see list at end of this email.)

...and WHITHER THE MEETING VIDEOS?

For close to four years, members of Deer Park Neighbors have been videotaping public meetings in this village. Yes, that means staying through to the bitter end--which is becoming less bitter these days, with President Kellermann taking a firm hold of his stopwatch. We think it's time for the village to take on this important communications task. But this is also a great opportunity for someone who has a real interest in video. Perhaps a student who hopes to make a career in film making? Or a young political hopeful. Or anyone who is willing to put the time in and help with this important record of the public proceedings. Please contact Trustee Keith Olson, who is himself quite an amazing videographer, but he's rather busy behind the dais.
keithdolson@comcast.net

...and SPEAKING OF VIDEOS

We had hoped to YouTube the entire recent Community Forum forum, but our files are longer than the required 10 minutes each. DVDs of the recent Village-wide Community Forum are available from Deer Park Neighbors. Request your copy today. There is a \$10 service fee, which is waived for any 2009 paid subscriber/sponsor. To subscribe or become a sponsor now:
<http://deerparkneighbors.com/pages/subscribe.html>

CAROLING, ANYONE?

Deer Park Town Center would like to invite local schools or groups to perform at the center during the holiday season. Please contact Marcy in the management office at (847) 726-7755 for more information or to schedule a performance time.

DELINQUENT TAXES

Lake County Treasurer Robert Skidmore encourages those with older family members or friends to check to be sure that their taxes are paid in full. These payments can be checked by calling the Treasurer's Office at (847) 377-2323 or online. To avoid publication of unpaid property taxes, payments must be

received and posted by November 9, 2009. To avoid taxes going to sale this year, all payments must be made by December 4. Any payment received after October 29 must be in certified funds, cash, certified check, bank check or money order.

<http://www.co.lake.il.us/treasurer>, (847) 377-2323

TAX ASSESSMENT HELP CENTERS

In an effort to help homeowners in evaluating their property assessment and outline the recommended steps to appeal an assessment if necessary, Lake County's Chief Assessment Office is hosting tax assessment help centers to give property owners an opportunity to meet one-on-one with staff. At these sessions, the Chief County Assessment Office staff will assist taxpayers in understanding the assessment valuation process, their new property tax assessment and their options in assessment valuation appeals. Residents will receive personal assistance with evaluating their property tax assessment.

<http://www.lakecountyl.gov/assessor>, 847.377.2050

University Center of Lake County, Grayslake

Tuesday, November 3, 5 - 8 p.m.

Tuesday, November 10, 5 - 8 p.m.

College of Lake County Southlake Educational Center, Vernon Hills

Wednesday, November 4, 5 - 8 p.m.

Wednesday, November 11, 5 - 8 p.m.

Wednesday, November 18, 5 - 8 p.m.

College of Lake County Lakeshore Campus, Waukegan

Wednesday, November 11, 5 - 8 p.m.

H1N1—info from Lake County.

Everything you've always wanted to know about this flu virus is available at a special Lake County Web Site, The department will open vaccination clinics at five sites:

<http://www.lakecountyl.gov/Health/H1N1.htm>

The county also recommends these sites as "reliable sources of information":

<http://www.flu.gov/> <http://ready.illinois.gov/>

REACHING OUT IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND PUBLIC MEETINGS

Speaking for Deer Park Neighbors, we hope that more of you will decide to step out and step up to serve your community. It's one thing to express your opinion; it's quite another to put your "pedal to the metal," and help the powers that be drive to a better future for all of us. Yes, the biggest challenge right now is financial. The role of community volunteers is going to be very important

in the coming months. If you have time or a particular talent, let President Kellermann or one of the Trustees know about it. (New members are still welcome at Barb Evan's Parks Committee):

President, Robert Kellermann <<mailto:bobkellermann@sbcglobal.net>>, 847-526-7266
Public Safety, David Kizior <<mailto:kiz.family@comcast.net>>, 847-382-3125
Roads & Public Utilities, Dale Sands <<mailto:mdalesands@aol.com>>, 847-381-8353
Finance, Keith Olson <<mailto:keithdolson@comcast.net>>, 847-438-2274
Health & Sanitation, Maureen Pratscher <<mailto:mpratscher@aol.com>>, 847-381-2341
Planning & Zoning, Joyce Trost <<mailto:joycetrost@gmail.com>>, 224-456-5509
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