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Greetings, Neighbors

DATELINE, DEER PARK, MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2009

PEARL HARBOR DAY

DPN's mission isn't patriotism, but we do remember, with thanks, that the freedoms we enjoy and the freedoms we must personally defend every day are the direct result of personal sacrifices made over the decades, generations, and centuries.

MEETINGS

Monday, Dec. 7, 2009, 7pm, Plan Commission, Public Hearing **and discussion of Special Use permit for dog boarding and retail business at 20434 N. Rand Road; also, discussion of determination of floor area under Accessory Use Ordinance.**

REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD OF TRUSTEES. Monday, December 21, 2009, at the Barn—agenda to follow, but remember

WHAT ABOUT THE BARN MEETING?

We were delighted by the many questions we have received asking how the Barn meeting went on Monday. It was a delightfully cordial meeting, considering what some of the most recent have been like, but—sadly—all too empty a chamber. We aren't going to waste a lecture on public participation in December, but do make one meeting a year one of your New Year's resolution. Had you been at that meeting, you would have spent two hours to see the Board of Trustees approve these words (to the best of our knowledge) in DRAFT form. While

nothing is “official” until the minutes are approved, and while the discussion was very hard to follow—there were no copies of what Trustee Barb Evans brought to the meeting in to share with the audience—here’s our best effort:

DRAFT VISION/MISSION

Vision Statement: The Vehe Farm property is a functioning asset of the Village of Deer Park for the use and enjoyment of the residents in recreation, in learning and in hosting community events that build community spirit while meeting the financial objectives of the Village.

Mission/Vehe Barn: A community and cultural center dedicated to the preservation of our community that can be utilized by residents and the Village for meetings and events while maintaining a revenue-neutral operation.

Mission/Vehe Grounds: To provide outdoor recreation and open space of visual and interactive experiences that further the appreciation and knowledge of the property including the prairies and history of local farming.

As you can see, nice, broad, flexible language. As to the strategy to achieve these worthy vision and missions: None to date, none scheduled that we know of. But what we did see and hear was a very in-control President Bob Kellerman who kept as tight a rein as we’ve seen on the meeting while still inviting commentary from the audience. Looks like a man who is finding his say in his stated desire to have more efficient, less contentious meetings. We cheer him on, but what a long, long way to go.

Two hours just to get the above approved, with many conversations and many disagreements: Does Vision come before Mission, or vice versa? Does it matter? Can this Village get any business done in 15-minute increments instead of 1-hour increments?

However, it was good to hear ALL trustees clear on one fact: Fiscal responsibility. In other words, there is a clear consensus to stop the bleeding at Vehe, which can be as much as \$50,000 per year, \$26,000 just to keep “the lights on.” This will be a key component of upcoming budget talks and a sometime-mentioned budget forum in early Spring.

FURTHER DETAILS—COMING TO YOU BY WAY OF SOCIAL NETWORKING.

Deer Park Neighbors will now post news stories at the various "local" publication sites available to all readers and writers alike. We will, initially, post links to those stories here, but we are definitely moving completely into the "go and get it" realm of sharing.

Why? To save time and money on maintaining a web site, which today seems quite "static" compared to the instantaneous ways of the social networking and news sites. If you haven't yet established accounts at <http://pioneerlocal.com>, <http://dailyherald.com> and <http://triblocal.com>, we recommend you do so now. And we look forward to open postings of opinions. At DPN, we hope you will use your real names, but for those of you who prefer to be anonymous, so be it. However, remember, your neighbors won't give much weight to anonymous postings.

Also, most of you are already on Facebook or LinkedIn or Twitter, and in a few days, you'll be able to "friend" DPN and subscribe to our Tweet. We hope to have all this up and running no later than New Year, time permitting. If you have favorite ways to share news, any suggestions and, most important, any time to help, let us know!

Feedback most welcome. As are ongoing personal emails, for when you want to correspond individually. Let's run this up the flag pole and see who salutes. Nothing's written in stone, but we're very excited about this new direction for DPN.

WATCH FOR OUR FIRST LINK BEFORE THE WEEK IS OUT!

*******SPONSORSHIP MESSAGE*******

FOR THOSE OF YOU WITH COBRA, a message from Jerry Pearlstein & Associates

News about the COBRA subsidy If you were "involuntarily separated" from your job between September 1, 2008 and December 31, 2009, and were eligible for COBRA (a federal continuation of benefits program), you were also eligible for a 65% subsidy of your COBRA payment under the 2009 Stimulus Act (ARRA). The subsidy went into effect March 1, 2009 and was to be in place for nine months. Those nine months were over yesterday, December 1, 2009. That means your next COBRA payment will be three times what you have been paying. This past November 4, 2009, a bill was introduced in the US Senate to extend the subsidy to 15 months and to continue

to make it available to people who lose their jobs in 2010. It has not been voted on as of today, December 2. We have not heard that such a bill was introduced in the US House. Since September, 2008 we have been offering free individual and group consultations for people in transition. Please let someone you know or groups that are working with people who've lost their jobs know that we are here to help.

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IN THE NEWS

“Several retailers at the Deer Park Town Center were encouraged and relieved to report an increase in traffic counts on Friday compared to Black Friday in 2008.”

Full story:

<http://www.pioneerlocal.com/lakezurich/news/1912450,lake-zurich-blackfriday-120309-s1.article>

“Lake Zurich soon will restart its red-light cameras on Route 12, about two months after they were shut down. Police Cmdr. Kevin Finlon said Illinois Department of Transportation regulations required the devices to be disconnected because of work that's been occurring periodically on traffic signals on Route 12, also known as Rand Road.” Full story

<http://www.dailyherald.com/story/?id=340301>

LET'S BE CAREFUL OUT THERE

Last Tuesday early afternoon, we saw what we remember to be the 4th collision on Long Grove at what we call the “Mall Drives.” You know the place, where you shoot across Long Grove between Deer Park Town Center and Deer Park Promenade (that's the name of the Dick's mall).

It is vital that we all take it easy there, before someone is maimed or killed. We know that Trustee Dave Kizior, Public Safety, has spoken with the village engineer who has spoken with Lake County Department of Transportation. Why we need to involve the engineer (and engineer fees) is beyond DPN, but we'll take any good news there any way we can get it. As adopters of that section of Long Grove, DPN is happy to assist in any way requested.

This intersection is no longer an accident waiting to happen, they are happening with increasing frequency. Remember, we have close to 100 new households just west of there, adding to the congestion and the danger.

And please, do NOT use the Promenade as a shortcut from Rand Road to Long Grove. That parking lot is, in our opinion, badly designed, and anyone shooting across from Rand to Long Grove is taking a serious chance.

Other hot spots you'd like to warn your neighbors of? Please let us know, come to Public Comments, or email Dave Kizior, kiz.family@comcast.net.

WHY YOU DON'T SHOW UP IN PERSON?

We have not succeeded as well as we'd have liked to get you out of your homes and into the "Event Room" at the Barn. At the very least, we wish you would communicate to the Trustees WHY you don't come out. Is Monday a bad night? Is the time 7pm too difficult? Are you too angry, too busy, too bored? Just let THEM know. Put 'em in your address book, please.

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