

Subject: Please participate in a Deer Park Neighbors Open Forum

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Conversation: Please participate in a Deer Park Neighbors Open Forum

Deer Park Neighbors wants to congratulate both Scott Gifford and Bob Kellermann on your candidacy for the four-year term of President of the Village of Deer Park. We look forward to a lively, proactive dialogue on the future of this village.

As you know, Deer Park Neighbors is the local community education/community action initiative that brings together residents, businesses and policy makers in Deer Park. We are planning to host open forums during this election season, beginning with one for the presidential seat. We would like to hold this during March; we think a Sunday afternoon or evening would be the best date. We would like to hold this event at the Barn, as a public service. There will be no charge to attend.

The format will be completely different from any other opportunity to talk about your platforms.

- The moderator will read a two-minute profile of the candidate prepared by each campaign.
- A coin toss will determine who answers the first question.
- A 45-minute Q&A with questions will include questions from the floor or ones mailed/ emailed (only with attribution) to DPN. Questions may be addressed to either or both candidates. Each candidate will have up to one minute to answer. One follow-up question will be permitted, with a 30-second answer from each.
- A 5-minute break for the candidates to refresh themselves.
- A 45-minute round of questions by the candidates to each other; each candidate will have up to one minute to answer. Follow-up questions will be taken from the moderator or from the floor.
- A 2-minute final statement, impromptu or prepared, will be given by each candidate.

It will be the responsibility of the moderator to assure that questions and answers are not repetitive, and that all areas of village governance are covered: Health, Finance, Parks, Zoning, Safety and Roads. Since both candidates are sitting officers, no other elected official from the Village of Deer Park will be permitted to attend.

Simple refreshments (no kitchen required) will be served available throughout, and an opportunity for informal socializing will follow. Press will be invited along with the general public, and candidates are welcome to encourage attendees. The event will be filmed for

those unable to attend; news organizations and the library will receive a copy of the proceedings at no charge. Additional copies will be available at \$25 each.

Please respond by email. DPN will be happy to consider any additional rules or requests as well as your suggestions for an impartial moderator. We are also hoping to hold this event at the Barn, as a public service.

Thank you.

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