

The Village Proclaims to Become a Tree City USA

by Janet VanZant

Preservation of our natural beauty and environment is a long standing value that Deer Park continues to embrace. A reflection of this value is our standing among 3,400 communities throughout the nation as a "Tree City USA" community. The Tree City USA program, sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the USDA Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters, provides direction, technical assistance, public attention and national recognition for urban and community forestry programs. This contribution to community pride and image makes the Village of Deer Park a destination for visitors, families and businesses alike.

In order to obtain this recognition and award the Village has committed to achieve the 4 standards set forth by the Arbor Day Foundation:

- 1) Develop a Tree Committee
- 2) Adopt a Community Tree Ordinance

- 3) Commit to a Community Forestry Program with an Annual Budget of at Least \$2 Per Capita
- 4) Hold an annual Arbor Day Observance and Proclamation

Our first Arbor Day Observance was a huge success. Many volunteers from the Village and surrounding communities participated in the "Clean the Park" day at Vehe Barn. We picked up trash around the Vehe Park and celebrated afterward with music and a hot dog lunch. A tree was planted in a ceremonial dedication of the inaugural celebration.



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PRESIDENT'S message

Deer Park is on the Move!



Dear Neighbors:

We are off to a busy time of year with many Village improvements either completed or in process and several great events coming up this summer.

Three Village signs have now been installed:
Cuba Road, Lake Cook Road and Ela Road.

These signs are definitely an upgrade from the former signs and proudly represent Deer Park. By now you should have received the "Discover Deer Park" flyer with more than \$500 of savings. The Hitchcock Design Group was hired to develop a Master Plan for the three major parks in Deer Park: Charlie Brown, Vehe Barn and Deer Park Town Center. We contracted with Peter Baker for our Street Improvement Program this year which is nearly a \$1 million dollar program focused on 13 streets in the Village. Rainbow Road Drainage improvement and Street Resurfacing program was completed this Spring. And at the June Board meeting, the Village Board approved applying for a matching "Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development Program grant to upgrade Charlie Brown Park. Meanwhile our Lake County Sheriff department continues to serve the Village well as I continue to receive many positive comments from our residents on the professionalism and courtesy of the Lake County Police Officers. Activity continues working with Sikich for developing an updated Strategic Plan for the Village. The Village Web Site is in the process of being upgraded as well! These improvements are in large part to a great working Board of Trustees who keep the residents in mind in all of our discussions and decisions.

You may also have noticed that the construction is well underway for Solana of Deer Park, a senior living facility to be located on Lake Cook Road near Quentin. Plans continue to move forward as well for the Palazzo Development which will be adjacent to Deer Park Town Center. More in our next newsletter on this development!

Looking forward to this summer, we have the Summer Sidewalk Sale coming up July 11-13 at the Deer Park Town Center, followed by the Third Annual Jazz Patio & Wine Event to be held Saturday, August 9th from 1:30 to 8:00pm. Judy Roberts returns as our 'headliner' joined by vocalist Paul Marinaro and Saxophonist Greg Fishman. Also performing will be Stephanie Browning and Golden Mean, as well as Jimmy Chamberlin (of The Smashing Pumpkins) and Fran Catalano Group.

In closing, Deer Park is making many improvements to our Village; Deer Park is one of the few communities in our area which is funded primarily on sales tax revenues and not through a tax levy on our residents.

I look forward to seeing you at the upcoming Village events this summer!

Respectfully,
Bob Kellermann

July 2014 Drainage Improvement Program Update

by Trustee Dale Sands

Rainbow Road/Middle Fork Road Reconstruction Project is now completed which corrects a chronic drainage and safety concern. The Drainage Improvement Projects on Pheasant Hill Drive, Park Hill Subdivision and Juniper Court have largely been completed as well. Further drainage improvements were made at Meadow Court and Meadow Lane as part of the State of Illinois DCEO Grant.

This fiscal year, a major drainage investigation is focused in the Chapel Hill subdivision on Lancaster Court that is adjacent to the pond at D & W Fine Pack on Ela Road. Other reported drainage issues are being evaluated. This past Spring's melt and rainy season did produce a lot of water. In particular, one neighborhood where we may implement a multi-year improvement program is Rue Vallee Subdivision, following a successful program we completed in Park Hill over a three year period.

Thank you for bringing the drainage concerns to our attention. The Village receives reports frequently, especially after heavy rainfall events. While we cannot promise immediate response, please know that we evaluate each report filed in terms of potential concerns for public health and/or property damage. We also evaluate if the issue is an aesthetic or nuisance concern.

Our first priority is focused on public health or the potential for property damage. The highest priority concerns are then evaluated in terms of developing a remedy to address the concern. Some solutions are relatively quick and low cost to implement, while other solutions may take more than one year to properly analyze and resolve.

As a general rule, the Village is responsible for drainage within the Village right of way while the resident/home owner is responsible for drainage within their property limits. Culverts under the residents' driveway are the responsibility of the resident. The Village has made substantial investments in drainage improvements in the past five years, and has received several Grants in addition to funding improvements out of our budget. We will continue to work to improve the drainage within the Village of Deer Park.

July 2014 Street Improvement Program Update

The 2014-2015 Street Improvement program is well underway with the majority of work to be completed by the time you receive this newsletter. This is nearly a \$1,000,000 street improvement program for this year! The project was awarded to Peter Baker, through the competitive bid process.

Streets selected for improvement were based on the Pavement Condition Rating scores and this year included the streets of Dover Pond, and the three cul de sac streets off of Deerpath Road between Long Grove and Lake Cook Roads: Hidden Pines Drive, Glenhurst Road and Fox Chase Road. Additionally, the parking lot at the Dover Pond Tennis Courts will be resurfaced along with the expansion of the parking lot at Charlie Brown Park.



Solana Under Way!

by Trustee Alan Czarnik

The Solana Senior Living Facility broke ground in Spring of this year. Located across from the Hampton Hotel, this 188 unit independent and assisted living rental community will house approximately 215 residents. In addition to the individual living units, other amenities include: community living rooms, libraries, coffee bars, theatre, fitness pool, salon, wellness and activity rooms. An estimated 125 people will be employed by this senior facility. Completion is expected within the next 12 to 14 months.



Hail Repair and Permits

by Trustee Alan Czarnik

On April 12th, the Deer Park area was hit by a damaging hail storm. This golf ball sized hail caused damage to many automobiles and homes. Windows, siding, gutters, and roofs all took their share of damage during the storm's wrath. Deer Park was inundated with record amounts of roofing contractors from our area and "storm chasers" from other parts of the country, all looking to sign up residents as quick as possible with roof replacements and other services.

Some contractors followed the Village ordinance and applied for the necessary permits while others attempted to bypass the process and proceed without the proper approvals. For the protection of our Homeowners, the Village has ordinance 150.02, which requires contractors or residents to obtain a roofing permit before work can commence. When a permit is applied for, the Village verifies that the company is a licensed and bonded contractor, in good standing, with no past Village complaints or violations. Once the roofing permit is issued, the contractor is required to have an inspection by our Village inspector (B&F Services) after the tear off as well as a final when completed. During the initial inspection, they are looking for any weak or damaged decking (boards) that have not been replaced and adequately secured, holes from antennas and satellite dishes have been filled, proper underlayment (tar paper) and ice and water shield has been applied. The final inspection looks at the shingle installation, flashing along gutters, skylights and chimneys, along with proper vent installation and reinstallation of antennas or satellite dishes. The cost of the permit is \$115.00 which covers the Village's cost of inspection. The permit is then filed with your property information in the Village records which may be important to the future buyer of your home.



Shredding/E-cycling Community Event Results

by Trustee Rita Finley

On Saturday, April 19, we held our third Paper Shredding and Electronics Recycling Event at the Deer Park Town Center. During these events people bring bags and boxes of sensitive documents, which are discretely shredded on the spot and then recycled. Many also bring obsolete electronics which can not be put in the regular garbage.

We had a record turn-out, bringing total pounds collected to nearly 105,000 pounds to date! That's over 52 TONS of items diverted from landfills!

Thank you to the cooperation from the Deer Park Town Center (DPTC) who helped get the word out and let us use their facility. A special thanks to Lake Zurich Boy

Scout Troop 309 that had over 20 enthusiastic scouts and adult leaders volunteering their time.

Mark your calendars for our fourth event scheduled for **Saturday, October 4 from 9:00a.m. – 1:00p.m.** If you would like to volunteer to help, especially if you need service hours, please contact Rita Finley at rfinley.deerpark@gmail.com.

RESULTS SUMMARY OF DEER PARK PAPER SHREDDING AND E-CYCLING EVENTS									
thru 4/2014									
POUNDS COLLECTED:									
Paper & Electronics									
Date	Paper	% Year Ago	Cume.	Electronics	% Year Ago	Cume.	Total	% Year Ago	Cume.
4/27/2013	18,400		18,400	19,213		19,213	37,613		37,613
10/12/2013	18,620		37,020	7,639		26,852	26,259		63,872
4/19/2014	21,420	16%	58,440	19,700	3%	46,552	41,120	9%	104,992



Mosquito Prevention

by Trustee Rita Finley

Deer Park continues to take steps to reduce mosquitoes. The best way to reduce the number of mosquitoes around your home and to take personal precautions to avoid bites.

Practice the three "R's"—**reduce, repel and report.**

- **REDUCE** exposure – avoid being outdoors when mosquitoes are most active, especially between dusk and dawn.
- Make sure doors and windows have tight-fitting screens.
- Try to keep doors and windows shut, especially at night.

- Eliminate all sources of standing water where mosquitoes can breed, including water in bird baths, flowerpots, wading pools, old tires and any other receptacles.
- Keep roof gutters and downspouts clear of debris
- **REPEL** – when outdoors between dusk and dawn apply insect repellent that contains DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus or IR 3535, according to label instructions.
- **REPORT** – Contact the Lake County Health Department to report dead birds to (847) 377-8500 and areas of stagnant water that may produce mosquitoes to the Clarke Mosquito Hotline at (800) 942-2555.

What is Happening in Our Parks

by Trustee Joel Thomason

The village has engaged Hitchcock Associates, a well respected professional park designer and planner to update the village long term park plan which will impact all of the village's thirteen parks and also develop specific park improvements for our largest three parks—Charlie Brown, Vehe and Town Center. This firm will also help surface ideas to more fully utilize the Vehe Barn. One of Hitchcock's expertise is in securing grants to help pay for any park improvements. On July 1, the village applied for an OSLAD grant, which is one of the largest annual park grants available. As part of this process two public

meetings were held to obtain resident input and get feedback on a proposed major improvement to Charlie Brown Park. We will know the outcome of the grant application later this year or early 2015.

Children playing at Charlie Brown Park.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT news

Planning for the Future of Deer Park

by Trustee Joel Thomason

The Village has hired Teska & Associates to update the Village economic development program and comprehensive plan which were last completed in 2001. This initiative covers three specific areas:

1. Modify plan, ordinances and development review processes to encourage and promote economic growth and partnerships
2. Create a marketing strategy to target desirable and attainable retail and compatible mixed uses
3. Develop a predictable and consistent development process

During the past several weeks Teska has inventoried existing businesses within the village, reviewed zoning requirements and infrastructure capabilities and held interviews with key businesses to get their input towards their view of the business climate within the village. Teska is expected to complete their work and produce updated plans by September.

Partnership between the Village and its businesses

Each year the village strives to partner with commercial businesses to provide services and events that benefit our residents and promote a healthy business climate. This year the village has committed to partially fund the following:

- Events held at the Deer Park Town Center
 - Jazz Festival
 - Art Show
 - Fall festival
 - Santa's Arrival
 - Black Friday
- Transportation service from the Hampton Inn to Deer Park Town Center

Police Support Our Community in More Ways than One

by Trustee Mark Van Ryne

Solicitor's Ordinance

The Board of Trustees will be voting on amending the Solicitor's Ordinance. Moving forward, Deer Park residents who don't want any solicitors, should post a **"No Solicitors"** sign by their door and report any violations to our police.

Police Services

Our police are available for the following:

- They provide house watches while Deer Park residents are away on vacation.
- They are available to make appearances at block parties, etc.
- They will assist in starting up neighborhood watch programs.
- They can provide home inspections and provide recommendations to make your home safer.

Please contact Officer Roman Buchberger at (847) 377-4211 if you are interested in any of these services.

Special Olympics

So far this year, our police have raised over \$17,000 for Special Olympics. They participated in three events to raise these funds: The Polar Plunge, Cop on a Roof, and The Torch Run. They will be participating in a Plane Pull at O'Hare at the end of September. Thanks for all your support of our police for this very worthy cause.



Police Reminders

by Lake County Sheriff's Deputy David McNichol

Below are some mindful tips for everyone.

Please make sure your home address is clearly visible from the road, because the quicker we can see your address, the quicker we can get to your house in case of an emergency. Landscaping can also cover the addresses either on the mailbox or on the front of your house which makes it difficult to locate a house.

Please be mindful of the posted speed limits and stop signs inside the village when driving. It is also unlawful to use a handheld cell phone while driving. Texting while driving is also unlawful. Keeping these rules in mind will keep our roadways safe for everyone.

If you and or a guest park on the roadway, please make sure that your vehicle is not a hazard on the street such as blocking the view of oncoming traffic either close to an intersection, at a curve, or on a hill as this may have the potential for causing an accident. Always make sure as well that when parking on the street that there is plenty of room for a fire truck to get by in case of an emergency.

Please report any suspicious vehicle(s) and or person(s) immediately to our office. When reporting a suspicious vehicle or person try to get a good description and, if possible, license plate information for any suspicious vehicle. The quicker you report a suspicious incident the quicker we can locate the problem.

The Lake County Sheriff's Office offers a House Watch Service. If you are going to be away from your house for any given time, please contact our office to have your house put on a House Watch Service. This service can be made by contacting the Lake County Sheriff's Office at (847) 549-5200.

If traveling with a pet in your car during the hot summer months, never keep your pet in an unattended vehicle. Even with the windows rolled down, the temperature in a vehicle can get very hot.

On occasion, deputies will find an open garage door during the early morning hours of the night. Please make sure your garage doors are closed, especially at night, as an open garage door can create a crime of opportunity to happen.

Never keep valuables visible from inside your vehicle. Always keep your vehicle locked even when parked in your driveway.

The Lake County Sheriff's Office is committed to providing quality service to the Village of Deer Park.

No Deer Park Property Taxes

by President Bob Kellermann

The Village of Deer Park does not charge and/or collect property tax revenue for operation of village services for Deer Park residents. The real estate tax bill is composed of up to fifteen (15) taxing bodies: Lake County, Ela Township, Library District, and the School District would be examples of the listed districts. On the tax bill, the taxing body and their applicable rates are noted. The rate represents the district's property tax levy to fund their operations for the year. The third taxing body listed, "Vil of Deer Park" is stated with a blank or zero rate. Yes! **NO DEER PARK REAL ESTATE TAX.** For Deer Park residents the total overall tax rate is 7.499. Simply stated, the equalized assessed valuation (EAV), is one-third of the market valuation or the market valuation times .3333 percent. The EAV assessed valuation times the total tax rate would result in the amount of the Lake County real estate tax bill. Without a Deer Park rate, the overall rate for Deer Park would be lower than most communities. The rate for Hawthorn Woods is 8.330 in comparison to Deer Park at 7.499, or Deer Park's overall rate is lower by the .831 difference. What does this mean? For a typical community with homes valued at \$300,000 to \$600,000, Deer Park residents will **annually save \$1,000 to \$2,000 plus** in real estate taxes. Also, there is no property tax collected to maintain our parks.

For the past five years, the village has significantly invested in the long-term infrastructure program. The program includes major roads, drainage, and park improvements and maintenance.

For our current fiscal year, the program will cost per household will exceed \$1,000. Again, there will be no special assessments for roads or parks. The net result, the Deer Park residents will **save another \$1,000.** While the quality of life increases, **the average Deer Park residents will save \$2,000 to \$3,000 plus each year. Yes, Deer Park is on the move!**

 LakeCounty	
ROBERT SKIDMORE LAKE COUNTY COLLECTOR	
Your cancelled check is your receipt	
Property Location: DEER PARK	Tax Year 2013
Legal Description:	
Taxing Body	Rate
COUNTY OF LAKE	0.535
COUNTY OF LAKE PENSION	0.128
(VIL OF DEER PARK)	
ROAD AND BRIDGE-ELA	0.011
ROAD AND BRIDGE-ELA PENSION	
LAKE ZURICH RURAL FIRE PROT DIST	0.695
BARRINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY DIST	0.206
BARRINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY DIST PENSION	0.022
LAKE ZURICH COMM UNIT SCHOOL DIST #95	5.113
LAKE ZURICH COMM UNIT SCHOOL DIST #95 PENSION	0.129
COLLEGE OF LAKE COUNTY #532	0.296
SPECIAL ROAD IMPROVEMENT ELA GRAVEL	0.046
FOREST PRESERVE	0.205
FOREST PRESERVE PENSION	0.013
TOWNSHIP OF ELA	0.100
Totals	7.499



Water Softener Systems and Salt in the Groundwater

Protecting the quality of the area’s groundwater for drinking and other uses is an important goal of the Barrington Area Council of Governments (BACOG). Groundwater is defined as all water found below land surface, but residents here rely almost exclusively on the shallow aquifer system, which lies within a few hundred feet of ground surface, for their water needs. Being so near to the surface, the shallow aquifers are especially vulnerable to contamination.

Salt is a groundwater contaminant, and its level in groundwater (reflected as chloride) is increasing. Chloride in groundwater is introduced by humans through winter road salting, synthetic fertilizers, and water softening systems. An over-abundance of salt in water can render it un-fit for consumption and have detrimental effects on ecosystems. The Illinois State Water Survey determined that in the state “concentrations (of chloride) have been increasing since approximately the 1960s, and in general, concentrations continue to increase.”¹ The Barrington Area Council of Governments determined that chloride concentrations in this region increased 260% since 1965².

BACOG is committed to helping reduce the amount of salt going into the environment and the groundwater. One place that residents can help reduce salt is in water softening systems.

Hard Water vs. Soft Water

The mineral level or “hardness” of groundwater in the BACOG area makes it necessary for the majority of residents to install water softening systems in their homes. By the standards set forth by the Water Quality Association, water in the Barrington area is considered “very hard.”

- Some negative effects of hard water in the home include:
 - gray and/or orange staining of washed clothes from minerals and iron in the water
 - scum on wash and bath water following use of soap or detergent
 - reduced lathering of soaps
 - buildup of scale on electric heating elements, boilers and plumbing fixtures
 - reduced water flow in hot water distribution pipes due to scale buildup
- The amount of salt required to soften the water depends on the hardness of the groundwater. Throughout the BACOG area, hardness levels are approximately 30 grains per gallon. That number is adjusted +5 grains to compensate for the high levels of iron in our area, for a total of 35 grains per gallon.³

¹ Kelly, W. R., Panno, S. V., & Hackley, K. (2012). *The Sources, Distribution, and Trends of Chloride in the Waters of Illinois*. Champaign: Illinois State Water Survey.

² BACOG, (2011). *The Impact of Salt on Groundwater*. Know Your Water . Barrington Hills, Illinois.

³ Wilson, A. (2014, June 9). Phone conversation with owner of Angel Water. Also phone conversation with representative at Culligan Tri-City Soft Water (2014, June 18).

Salt Output

- Water softeners use large quantities of salt on an on-going basis to remove the undesired minerals and iron through a process called ion exchange.
- With a traditional softening system, the BACOG area’s water hardness level requires that a softener for a household of three consume approximately 12 pounds of salt every 2-3 days in the regeneration process:
 - One month: 12 regeneration cycles = 144 pounds of salt used
 - One year: 146 regeneration cycles = 1,752 pounds of salt used

Environmental Impact in a Home with a Private Septic System:

- Water softeners discharge the salty backwash from regeneration into either the septic system or a surface drainage system (ditches, waterways), depending on when the system was installed. Neither removes the salt from the backwash, resulting in the salty water being absorbed into the septic field or directly into the ground and eventually reaching groundwater.
- In a home connected to a public sewer:
 - Wastewater goes to a municipal treatment facility where it is treated for many different contaminants, but the majority of wastewater facilities do not remove salt⁴. The salt-containing effluent will enter surface waterways and possibly re-enter the groundwater.
- What is important to remember is that regardless of disposal of softener backwash, nearly all the salt used in the softening process re-enters the environment.

What Can We Do To Reduce Salt?

While the mineral and iron levels in the BACOG area make it desirable to treat groundwater before it is consumed, recent improvements in softening technology greatly reduce the amount of salt used in the softening process, thus reducing environmental impacts. For those residents who still have a time clock operating water softener, here are several salt reducing options:

- Upgrade your water softener to a DIR (Demand Initiated Regeneration) unit.
 - DIR softeners monitor water usage and adjust the regeneration schedule to improve efficiency. Check out <http://www.waterking.com/references/refsoftcontrol.htm> for more info.
 - You can also retrofit a time clock unit with a DIR controller. Look for Energy Star products.
 - DIR technology can cut salt output by nearly 50%⁵ because these units only regenerate when absolutely necessary.
 - Using DIR technology would therefore also reduce the household salt bill by about 50%.
- If you are not yet ready to replace your softener system, practice water conservation and adjust your time clock unit to regenerate less often.
- Install an iron filtration system that uses chemicals other than salt to combat the iron.

⁴ Holm, T. R. Illinois State Water Survey.

⁵ Wilson, A. (2014, June 9). Phone conversation with owner of Angel Water. Also phone conversation with representative at Culligan Tri-City Soft Water (2014, June 18).

Village Clerk Job Opening

The Village of Deer Park is hiring for the Village Clerk position. Please submit cover letter, current resume, and 3 references to:

Village of Deer Park
Attn: Beth McAndrews
23680 W. Cuba Rd.
Deer Park, IL 60010

or BMcAndrews@vodp.net

Safety Around Power Lines ComEd's 6 Safety Rules to Live By

1. Always assume power lines are live.
2. Never stand ladders near power lines.
3. Keep all cranes, scaffolding and high reach equipment away from power lines.
4. Keep yourself and others away from any fallen power lines.
5. Do not climb or trim trees near power lines.
6. You are required by law to call 811 to locate gas, electric and telephone lines before you dig.



Easter Bunny Visit at Brilliant Sky Toys & Books in April was a huge success with the kids big and small.

Events at Deer Park Town Center

Jazz Patio

Saturday, August 9, 1:30-8:00pm

Drum virtuoso and long time Smashing Pumpkin, Jimmy Chamberlin, joins forces with platinum selling saxophone powerhouse, Frank Catalano to headline the 3rd Annual Deer Park Jazz Patio and Wine Festival August 9, 2014 at the Deer Town Center

1:30 - 2:30pm Roger Harris Trio

3:00 - 4:15pm Judy Roberts with vocalist Paul Marinaro and Saxophonist Greg Fishman

4:45 - 6:00pm Stephanie Browning and Golden Mean

6:30 - 8:00pm Jimmy Chamberlin and Frank Catalano Group

Autumn Harvest

Saturday, September 13 & Sunday, September 14

Please contact D & W Events to become a part of the artist line-up. <http://www.dwevents.org/artists.html>

Saturday, September 13, 10:00am - 5:00pm

Sunday, September 14, 11:00am - 5:00pm

E-Cycling & Shred Event

Saturday, October 4, 9:00am-1:00pm

Electronics and paper shredding will begin at 9am. Cars will line-up on the south end of the shopping center, near Cozy Feet and be directed through the line. The event concludes at 1:00pm.

Fall Festival

Saturday, October 25, Noon

Trick-or-Treat begins at noon

Santa's Arrival & Fireworks Extravaganza

Friday, November 7, 6:00pm



Deer Park Town Center is dog friendly!

GOOD NEIGHBOR reminders

Lawns

Lawns should be mowed on a regular basis and tall invasive weeds should be removed. In addition, please take care of your **dandelions** that pop up throughout the season as a courtesy to your neighbors. They are not only aesthetically unattractive, but also spread into adjacent yards and landscapes.

Yard Waste

If you have limited volumes of yard waste you can purchase a sticker at the Deer Park Village Office or through Groot's website at www.groot.com. For 2014, the cost of the stickers is \$2.90 each.

If you generate a higher volume of yard waste, the subscription program allows up to six bag/34 gallon cans a week. Groot also provides a cart (similar to the regular waste and recycling carts) designated for yard waste. The service is available April 1 thru November 30. Contact **Groot Customer Service at (800) 244-1977** for more details or visit **www.groot.com**.

Refuse

Please do not put garbage or yard waste out before 6:00 p.m. on the day prior to collection. Please remove your garbage carts from the curb as soon as possible after pick up and **place out of view from your front yard**.

A senior discount is available to those 65+ years old. Bring a copy of your driver's license to the Village Hall Monday-Friday 8:00a.m.-4:00p.m. and staff will coordinate discount with Groot.

Burning Seasons

Spring: April 1-May 31

Fall: October 15-November 30

ONLY ON WEEKENDS
10:00a.m.-6:00p.m.

Please be a courteous neighbor and avoid excessively smokey fires. Burning suggestions:

- burn small piles
- avoid wet leaves
- mix leaves with brush for a better burn
- do not burn on windy days

Violations will be served in cases of abuse.

Boats, Trailers, Motor Homes, Commercial or Inoperable Vehicles

The above must be kept in a garage, or stored off-site. They may not be parked in the driveway or anywhere else on your property except for loading and unloading.

Building Permits

Most residential building alterations, from new houses and additions to small improvements such as decks, patios, fences, pools, re-roofs, including septic repairs, etc. require a permit. Permits are required for the protection of the property owner, neighbors and village.

If you have any questions regarding permit application, process, inspections, or requirements, please contact Josie Doniec, Permit Coordinator at (847) 726.1648 or email at permitcoordinator@villageofdeerpark.com.

Septic Systems

All septic systems must be maintained. In addition to the usual pumping required for the tank, homeowners with aerator systems are required to have their aerator inspected every six months. Be aware that the Village's requirements for septic systems are in addition to, and are more restrictive than, those of Lake County.

Animals

Animals on private property (dead or alive) are the responsibility of the property owner. The Village can provide assistance in removal of unwanted animals through cooperative programs with Lake County and Ela Township. However, property owners will be billed for removal of these animals.

Vehicle Stickers

Vehicle stickers are not required by the Village. However, they are available to residents at the Village office during regular business hours. The cost for each sticker is \$5.00 with no expiration date.

Power Outage

In the event of a power outage, residents are urged to contact ComEd directly at (800) 334-7661 with their electrical outage questions.

Electronic Newsletter Option

Want to start getting your newsletters electronically? Help us get a little greener and reduce mailing costs?

Send an email to: officeassistant@villageofdeerpark.com, put "Newsletter Sign-Up" in the subject line and include your name and postal address.



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Deer Park, Illinois 60010

Important Contact Information

Lake County Sheriff

Police Emergency: 911
Non-emergency Police (24 hour):
847.549.5200
General Information:
847.377.4000

Lake Zurich Fire Department

Emergency: 911
Office: 847.540.5070

Commonwealth Edison

800.334.7661

Nicor

888.642.6748

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Then you will miss important announcements, as well as other emergency and community updates. You can choose to receive messages by phone, email and/or text.

Please go to the Village web site at www.villageofdeerpark.com; under the Residents tab, scroll down to Connect-CTY[®] today and provide your latest contact information.