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We have our web site posted--just a beginning, so enjoy and give us feedback!
<http://deerparkneighbors.com>

Happy Passover, and, if we don't get out another blast before the weekend, Happy Easter. I never like springtime until I moved to Deer Park. It is so fabulous, it's now my favorite season.

Tomorrow night is a candidates' event at Lake Zurich High School, 7-9. Deer Park electorate has their own room and their moderator. Frankly, I haven't seen too many of you at village meetings or the last candidate event. We ourselves have had a terrible time to find a date agreeable. So tomorrow, Wednesday, is your chance to give questions to the moderator and hear what the candidates have to say.

We tried to schedule a forum, but by the time our schedule met theirs, the candidates are out there pounding the streets, and the best we can hope for is questions and answers—we hope to submit written questions, and hopefully the candidates will have time to answer. But for anyone out there who isn't sure, call us (847-867-1867 or 550-1275). In any case, we will make our endorsement following Saturday's open house at the library. This is not rhetoric, this is the facts. You watch the tapes or read the minutes and you know what the issues are. What more can do help you?

Can't make it Wednesday night? You have one last chance. Saturday, 2-5 pm, Deer Park Neighbors will be at the Barrington Library. And for those that can't separate the truth from the campaign promises, we will have with us the DVDs, the minutes, access to other resources. This is not candidate event, this is a voters event, and we expect to see you. Or, as always, if you have questions, call Al's office at 550-1277 or call our cell, 867-1867. Remember these people who will elected form the next FOUR YEARS.

Still too much a commitment. Check out <http://deerparkneighbors.com>. That's our new web site. We're publishing candidate brochures, and lots of other things. Since putting the site up in its current form just yesterday, we already have people signing up for our email blast. This site is what they "Google-able." And for those that are afraid to come to a meeting and speak their opinion, we hope you'll read the web site and vote. Vote, but make it an educated vote.

That being said, we were out in the yard and cooking for family and friends, we didn't get a chance to tell you about the Plan Commission meeting Monday night

to review the coming hotel (Hampton Inn) and the office condos. Since they were public hearings, Deborah decided to attend, and she said that the hotel was recommended by the Plan Commission to go before the board with a long list of provisos. First of all, it sounds to me like the hotel (with a hotel tax of 12%) could generate \$300k to \$350k per year for this village.

But you have to say, while we're not always happy with our board, we don't tell the residents enough about the plan commission. The most enjoyable meeting we go to is the plan commission, because these people are true guardians of our village. They do such a superb job that you go out smiling and whistling a tune. They are fabulous people who volunteer and you're just proud to be a Deer Park resident. (Just Al's opinion. That is how much enjoyment I get out of seeing these people, I would be willing to buy a ticket. I think, every time the plan commission gets together, there should be a round of applause.) Enough said.

The other hearing was on the proposed twin condo office buildings for lot 9 and 10. The petitioners were in a hurry due to some contractual issues—which I understand. However, again, congratulations to the commissioners. As this part of the meeting proceeded, these petitioners really wanted to move quickly. Time is money to both sides, and our team took a straw vote to say that they liked the project the way it is conceived. But no short cuts. And this is why I'm willing to pay for a ticket to see these guys. You are really missing an enjoyable evening not sitting in on the Plan Commission. So the office buildings will be back before the commission. Watch the village web site, and we'll try to be on top of this, gardens and holidays permitting.