

Subject: Roads and Drainage, CNRR and more

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It's been a busy kick-off to the New Year. So we're going to hit the high points and refer you to our web site for more details. Again, please remember to change our email address to info@deerparkneighbors.com, which we read frequently. And thank you, thank you, thank you to our 2008 Subscribers, your feedback is most rewarding! See web site to take out your subscription.

OPEN FORUM on Roads and Drainage. Mon., Jan. 28, 7-9 at the Barn. This is to be an open house like the parks forum, NOT a meeting of the board. Details at <http://deerparkneighbors.com/pages/events.html>

CANANDIAN NATIONAL We attended last week's Open Forum, with the expressed intention of hearing both sides of this controversy. We heard it, and we recorded our exclusive interviews:

<http://deerparkneighbors.com/pages/CNRailAcquisition.html>

>>NOTE Deadline for public comments and this issue is Feb. 1

BOARD MEETING, Tues., TUESDAY, Jan. 22, 7pm, the Barn.

SALES TAX We urge you to educate yourself on this referendum before placing a vote. Certainly, if you missed both special meetings, you will want to come to next week's regular board meeting. Watch this board in action and close-and-personal look at your village government before deciding about a permanent tax increase.

We were at both meetings, and asked many questions: What exactly are the limits of "public infrastructure"? A Tot Lot on the Municipal Campus? A "floating island"? Playing fields at Town Center Park? Landscaping? The answer we heard was that the trustees don't want to tie themselves down. But you can see and hear for yourself; ask to see the DVDs before you cast your vote on Feb. 5.

VEHE FARM FOUNDATION CONTRACT Will this board really approve five more years from the VFF? We don't know if the contract will specify what public funds might be either given to the foundation for its operating expenses or disbursed on the foundation's recommendation. What we do know is that the foundation has taken a firm step back from any responsibilities for renting or maintaining the \$2,000,000 (interior only) barn, or for the \$600,000 cost overrun. Not their job.

IN THE NEWS Interesting Guest Essay in the Lake Zurich Courier by Pat Winkleman, president of the Vehe Foundation, in the 1/10 paper or link to it from our Press Room. Deborah Barry's letter to the editor is available only in the print version—and on our editorial page, of course. Feel free to send us a link to a story you think is important.

DISTRICT 220. The complicated issue of school boundaries is covered in Tuesday's Chicago Tribune (link from our Press Room). With May Whitney closed for remediation, Quentin in poor repair, District 95 wondering about the shortfall from Lake Zurich's TIF, and District 220 trying to solve their school population re-balancing—well, isn't this the time for you parents to get out there with both school districts and get the school lines redrawn so that all Deer Park children go to school together? What do you think? Is there a solution?

Hope to see you Tuesday, we're always here by phone or email, and you'll see us out and about in the village doing more video interviews.

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