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Greetings, Neighbors! Lots to cover this issue, so here's a table of Contents

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YOUTUBE

We have a number of videos posted at our **YouTube** site, (<http://youtube.com> and type in Deer Park Neighbors). The Aug. 27 videos are courtesy of TRAC (The Region's Answer to Congestion). You need to scroll through a number of videos.

But right on our own front page is Representative Don Manzullo (Dist. 16) (<http://deerparkneighbors.com>).

He captures the frustration of citizens—see him about one-third through, following Congresswoman Bean.

MEETINGS:

>>VODP Board of Trustees, Monday, 9/15, 7pm, the Barn. Agenda at Village Web site). As for the final accounting on Vehe, "**Vehe renovation cost report delayed**": Read on: <http://www.pioneerlocal.com/barrington/news/1115743,ba-vehenoacc-081908-s1.article>

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT:

Why not consider your attendance at an upcoming village meeting to be like attending an audition. Four of these people will be up for re-election in April: President Gifford and Trustees Plautz, Thrun and Rotter.

That's FOUR. And you know what the number FOUR is, don't you? That's a simply MAJORITY. There's an old saying in local politics, no matter the issue. "Can you count to four?" That means, it takes four votes to pass any matter.

Watch your leaders in action before the campaign literature starts to flow. Or at least become familiar with what they are supposed to do. Maybe these four won't run at all, and you'll have to back new talent!

EVENTS

>> League of Women Voters, CANDIDATE FORUM: Wed., 9/17/09, 7pm, Barrington Area Library. Candidates have been invited from U.S. Congressional Districts 8 & 16, Illinois Senate Districts 26 & 27, and Illinois House Districts 51, 52 & 64. Info: (847) 951-0778.

>>Friends of Ela Library Fall Book Sale, Sept. 19-21, donations of gently used or rare books accepted, contact eapl.org

>>LZHS Band Uniform Replacement Fund Drive, they need items for their silent auction and raffle. Call Josh Thompson, 847-438-5155

AROUND TOWN

>>Do drop in on Tokio Sake and Gala Tea, on the south side of the mall near the cinemas. Let's support our local business, especially owner/operator enterprises.

>>Coming soon to DPTC is Campus Colors, the original off-campus college gear store. So wherever your kids or grandkids go to school, you can honor their alma mater. Watch for opening, and in the meantime, visit <http://ecampuscolors.com>

VOTER REGISTRATION

>>Do you have a new voter in your household? Have you recently moved to a new

address? Don't forget to register to be eligible to vote on November 4, 2008. You can register at our Village Hall, 23680 W. Cuba Road, Phone: (847) 726-1648. You can also register by mail:

<http://www.co.lake.il.us/cntyck/elections/voterservices/registerVRform.asp>

You may register to vote if you are: * A United States citizen and, * 18 years of age by the date of the next election and, * A resident of your Lake County precinct address for 30 days immediately prior to an election. Two forms of identification are required to register through a deputy registrar: * at least one of the two forms must show your name and current address, * only one form of identification may be a piece of mail for a contractual service addressed and delivered to you.

CANADIAN NATIONAL—DEADLINE SEPTEMBER 30

If you ever thought the voice of the people is unheard, think again. We believe that the strong, consistent public protests on the CN-EJ&E deal was an important factor on the Surface Transportation Board's decision AGAINST an early approval of the proposed acquisition.

CN NEWS

Read the STB decision on TRAC's web site:

<http://www.fightrailcongestion.com/default.aspx> <<http://www.fightrailcongestion.com/default.aspx>>

And here's recent news coverage.

"Freight traffic would soar in some places and drop in others if Canadian National deal OKd":

http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/chi-railroad-intro_0914sep14,0,1685769.story

Railway opponents speak out in Congress

<http://www.dailyherald.com/story/?id=233831>

U.S. regulators reject Canadian National's request for early approval:

<http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/chicago/chi-cn-railroad-both-sep09,0,6287175.story> <<http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/chicago/chi-cn-railroad-both-sep09,0,6287175.story>>

Feds refuse to give early decision

<http://www.dailyherald.com/story/?id=233578> <<http://www.dailyherald.com/story/?id=233578>>

Darch testifies to Congress supporting process change:

<http://www.pioneerlocal.com/barrington/news/1156649,ba-ejeupdate-091108-s1.article>

President Gifford was at the Public Forum Aug. 27 and was registered to speak; he left before his name was called—must have been a tremendous emergency for Scott to forego speaking out on our behalf. But his written remarks are posted on the village web site's front page.

CONTACTING CONGRESS ABOUT HR 6707

To learn more about this important legislation—which could impact the CN deal if passed—see <http://fightrailcongestion.com> <<http://fightrailcongestion.com>>

Don't know how to make your voice heard? Neighbor Rita Finley tells you just how easy it is:

STEP 1: Create your message. Enter the first comment below and as many of the additional comments listed you want. (copy and paste; feel free to change wording **I URGE YOU TO SPONSOR AND PASS HR 6707 ("Taking Responsible Action for Community Safety" Act) THIS YEAR BEFORE ADJOURNMENT OF CONGRESS IN SEPTEMBER OF 2008.**

- HR 6707 is legislation that is long overdue. Right now in rail transactions the railroads are in the driver's seat in as much Big Rail's interests not only outweigh the interests of impacted communities, but an action by a private company can trump the hard work of policymakers at all levels of government when it comes to defining and addressing the nation's transportation investment needs.
- The CN acquisition of the EJ&E would result in a significant increase in HAZMAT carried on the EJ&E. The EJ&E runs thru areas that are 100% dependent on shallow groundwater aquifers for their drinking water, unlike Chicagoans who get their water from Lake Michigan. Toxic and carcinogenic liquid chemicals can quickly enter the shallow aquifers and destroy our drinking water. No amount of mitigation will pay for the risk of contamination of groundwater. While the STB will examine this they have never denied a railroad sale for environmental reasons. It's not clear if the STB has the authority to do so. HR6707 would bring clarity needed.
- HR 6707 would require the STB to more thoroughly consider the impacts of a transaction on the surrounding communities and reinforces the STB's ability to include mitigation requirements. The STB needs additional authority and clarity.

· It simply makes no sense for a private company to have this level of power when it comes to determining what is in the best interests of the nation and deciding that taxpayers should foot the bill for righting the wrongs the company plans to do in our region. Today it is the EJ&E, but tomorrow, it will be a rail line that runs through Florida, New York, California, Ohio--you name it. This scenario will be replayed across the nation if Congress doesn't put a stop to it NOW!

I URGE YOU TO FIGHT AGAINST THE CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAY'S PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF THE ELGIN, JOILLET AND EASTERN WEST COMPANY (EJ&E) TRACKS (DOCKET #35087). I STRONGLY OBJECT TO THE CN ACQUISITION AS IT WILL NEGATIVELY AFFECT ME, MY FAMILY AND MY COMMUNITY. THE RISK TO THE GROUNDWATER IS SERIOUS. HR6707 WOULD BRING CLARITY ON THE STB's AUTHORITY.

STEP 2: Click on each representative link bellow. Enter your contact info. Enter "Transportation" or "Environment" in the "Issue" field. Cut and paste your message. You can call if you'd prefer.

1. Senator Dick Durbin. Click here

<http://durbin.senate.gov/contact.cfm>

or call (202) 224-2152.

2. _Senator Barack Obama. Click here

<http://obama.senate.gov/contact/> or call (202) 224-2854

3. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi. Click here

<http://speaker.house.gov/contact/>

or call (202) 225-0100.

4. House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer. Click here http://democraticleader.house.gov/email_and_rss/email_the_leader/

or call (202) 225-3130

5. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid. Click here

<http://reid.senate.gov/contact/index.cfm>

or call (202) 224-3542.

6. Congresswoman Melissa Bean

http://www.house.gov/bean/bean_contact_issue.shtml

or call 202-225-3711

Rita has also found the following 2 congresspeople that accept email messages from citizens **outside** their district, so click links below and ask them to VOTE YES on HR6707.

1) <http://www.house.gov/mica/messageform.shtml> <<http://www.house.gov/mica/messageform.shtml>>

2) <http://www.henrybrownforcongress.com/?catID=5088> <<http://www.henrybrownforcongress.com/?catID=5088>>

FURTHER, please call the two congresspeople below for reasons stated.

3) Please call Congressman John Salazar's office 202-225-4761 and ask him to support HR6707. His website only takes inquiries from people in his district. This congressman has a focus on maintaining high quality water supply so our issue with the threat to our water supply could motivate him support this bill.

4) Please also call Congressman Steve Cohen's office 202-225-3265 and leave message asking him to support HR 6707. He is from Memphis-- Hunter Harrison's home area so needs pressure to support!!

ADDITIONAL TARGETS: Think of people you might know who you could recruit to contact the Members of Congress listed below. We are looking to have people in these districts contact their Member of Congress to ask them to vote YES on HR 6707. So, if you have an old college roommate, a relative, your business has a branch office in one of these areas, now is the time to get folks activated.

- 1) John Mica (FL)—northeast coast of FL; Augustine area
- 2) Eleanor Holmes Norton—(DC)
- 3) Russ Carnahan (MO)—East MO; south of St. Louis; Jefferson County
- 4) Tom Petri (WI)—Sheboygan, Oshkosh, Fond du Lac, Neenah, Watertown
- 5) Todd Platts (PA)—Southern PA on MD border; Mechanicsburg; Carlisle; East York; Hanover
- 6) Lincoln Diaz-Balart (FL)—southern part of the state; part of Broward County; Hialeah; Olympia Heights
- 7) Henry Brown (SC)—Coast of SC from Charleston up to Myrtle Beach
- 8) John Salazar (CO)—eastern CO including Denver
- 9) Chris Carney (PA)—northeast corner of PA
- 10) Steve Cohen (TN)—Memphis southwest corner of TN
- 11) Laura Richardson (CA)—LA County; Compton, Carson, Long Beach
- 12) Don Young (Alaska)
- 13) Robert Latta (OH)—northern OH along Lake Erie; west of Cleveland

OTHER LOCAL NEWS

“Library to seek \$34 million referendum for expansion: The Barrington Area Library recently announced it will ask for a \$34.3 million bond referendum on the Nov. 4 general election ballot to fund a 44,000-square-foot expansion project.

<http://www.pioneerlocal.com/barrington/news/1156602,ba-library-090408-s1.article>

>>Lake County Help with Assessments:

<http://www.pioneerlocal.com/barrington/news/1156602,ba-library-090408-s1.article>

>>”District 95 may bar Aramark”:

<http://www.pioneerlocal.com/lakezurich/news/1156686,lz-aramark-091108-s1.article>

BRIEF PERSONAL NOTE

The Barrys were at the rally, and seeing the families gather and march, street by street, from the east end of Barrington down Lake Cook to the high school—all dressed in red shirts—was very impressive. And very moving. An amazing effort—just shows what working together can achieve. Well done! Congratulations to the school staff and the Barrington Police for an amazing job of organization and traffic control.

See you soon.

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