

DEER PARK needs...

CHANGE WITH ACCOUNTABILITY

March 31, 2009

Dear Neighbor:

We are writing to request that you **vote** in the upcoming **April 7** Village of Deer Park elections, and that you vote for the slate of **Bob Kellermann** (Village President), **Keith Olson** (Village Trustee) and **Dale Sands** (Village Trustee).

You have received two prior mailings from us outlining our platform and how we see the Village future. Our web site, www.SaveDeerPark.net provides further information about how we will be more accountable to you if elected.

Our platform outlines three major areas of focus:

- **Achieve Fiscal Responsibility** (to operate within budget constraints with major expenditures coming before the Village for a vote – **no new taxes or tax increases**);
- **Deliver transparency in governance and decision making** (putting Deer Park residents first in consideration on issues before the Board); and
- **More focus on serving Deer Park Village needs for infrastructure improvements** (roads, drainage, parks).

It is not our intention to debate the benefit of the \$4M Vehe Farm expenditure – the lionshare of that expenditure has been made. We must now consider how to optimize the benefit to the Deer Park residents. The Vehe Farm example does illustrate how the Gifford Village Board has operated: no-bid contracts, multi-million dollar expenditures without citizen approval, and poor overall financial management with misplaced priorities by responding to special interest groups.

At the root of our difference with the Gifford administration is the unilateral nature of how the Board has made decisions with a fundamental lack of accountability to the residents. We believe that the Village President and the Board of Trustees, have an explicit obligation to seek your input, to always consider what is best for the Village overall, and provide frequent communication on the initiatives and the master plan for the Village (which is sorely needed but never has been completed).

This is a pivotal election for the future of Deer Park. A change in the Village Board is needed: to both listen and respond to your concerns.

Voter turnout has historically been low in Deer Park and at this critical time, we need your vote. To create change in this election, we need to hear your voice in exercising your democratic right to **VOTE**. The choice is to either vote for change with accountability in choosing the team of **Kellermann, Olson and Sands**, or to maintain the status quo with the Gifford Administration: chronic over spending, poor fiscal responsibility, issuing no-bid contracts, focusing on special interest group priorities and ignoring the Deer Park residents.

We request your vote for Change with Accountability to select the team of Kellermann, Olson and Sands to be your representatives to save Deer Park. We need your vote to make a difference in these challenging times!



Bob Kellermann
Candidate, Village President



Keith Olson
Candidate, Trustee



Dale Sands
Candidate, Trustee

For further information, please visit: www.savedeerpark.net