

TO: DEER PARK VILLAGE BOARD
FROM: PAT WINKELMAN/VEHE FARM FOUNDATION
SUBJECT: MONTHLY REPORT—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ITEMS
DATE: FEBRUARY 2009

Public Relations and Partnerships

On behalf of the Village, the Foundation attended the January 28th Lake-McHenry Historical Alliance meeting where the discussion topics included how to increase volunteerism and obtain grants. Members such as the Cuneo Museum, Lake County Discovery Museum and the Lindenhurst Historical Society were in attendance. Vehe Farm received compliments on the resource it has become to the broader community and on the achievements made by the Foundation on the Village's behalf.

Foundation members continue prairie restoration on Saturday afternoons at both Vehe Farm and with Citizens for Conservation. Work continues to expand beyond the noon to 2 PM period.

The Foundation's website www.vehefarmfoundation.org has been updated and expanded.

Community Service and Education Programs

The proposed pilot program, where District 220 second grade classes would use Vehe Farm for field and classroom science education, continues to be considered by the Barrington Area Education Foundation. More information is expected during the week of Feb. 9.

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources thanks the Village for Vehe Farm's hosting of the Illinois Winner's Ducks Stamp exhibit, which has now moved on to the Bartlett Park District

Vehe Farm's LNCI Programs

Vehe Farm's LNCI activities have been publicized in the Courier Review, the Burbz, Barrington Lifestyles, Children and Nature Network, Chicago Wilderness, the Barrington Area Library's calendar of events, District 95's School Information Gathering Network (SIGN), and many other websites and publications.

Vehe Farm's LNCI event, "Raptors for Children" was a huge success. More information to be provided at the Village Board meeting.

Lake Zurich Target and LLBean have donated binoculars for Vehe Farm's LNCI programs. Lake Zurich Costco, has donated the snacks and fruit juice for the Big Backyard Bird Count.

February 14th, from noon to 2 PM, Prairie Woods Audubon Society and the Foundation will host the second annual Great Backyard Bird Count. This event is associated with the National Audubon Society's national children's initiative of the same name. Children and Audubon Society guides will walk the property and count/identify the number of birds they see. Data from Vehe Farm will be sent to Cornell Lab of Ornithology to be compiled with data from all other Great Backyard Bird Count sites around the country.

March 7th, from noon to 2 PM, Flint Creek Wildlife Rehabilitation and the Foundation will host "Owls for Children". This event includes learning about and seeing a live, rescued Screech Owl and Great Horned Owl. In addition, children will have the opportunity to dissect owl pellets.

Both of the above events have been promoted in local newspapers and on-line at different websites. These events are supported in part by Harris Bank, McGinty Brothers, Tallgrass Restoration LLC, Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital, and Lake Zurich Chamber of Commerce.

The LNCI Initiative for the Greater Barrington, Deer Park and Lake Zurich Area

The LNCI Initiative for the greater Barrington, Deer Park and Lake Zurich area will hold one February and two March meetings at Vehe Farm. The first of these meetings are two planning sessions with the consortium's steering committee. The second is the stakeholder committee's all day kick-off meeting, the rental cost for which the Foundation is requesting a waiver.

Two Foundation members attended a Chicago Wilderness conference on LNCI and outdoor education programming. More than 1,000 government, education, conservation and volunteer organization representatives were present.

Accounting of Village Contributions Spent January 2009 - February 2009

\$45.00 to Pat Winkelman to reimburse for cost of brass name plates identifying perpetual loan donations.

\$791.81 to Mail Processing Associates Inc. for mailing of "Vehe Farm Volunteer and Fundraising Campaign" brochures.