

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

Public Relations and Partnerships

- By invitation, the Vehe Farm Foundation has become a member of the Lake-McHenry Historical Alliance and will attend its first Alliance meeting this month. The invitation was extended to the Foundation because of the historical importance of Vehe Farm and the farm's widely recognized community presence. Other member organizations include Long Grove Historical Society, Lake County Discovery Museum, Mother Rudd Museum of Warren Township, Highwood Historical Society; Russell Military Museum; Wauconda Historical Society; Highland Park Historical Society; and the Fox Lake Historical Society to name a few.
- Foundation members continue ongoing prairie restoration/maintenance efforts 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 continues to be updated and expanded.
- As part of the Greater Barrington, Deer Park, and Lake Zurich Leave No Child Inside (LNCI) Consortium initiative, the Foundation has created a Consortium website, www.funoutside.org. This website provides area residents with information about local LNCI activities for children, as well as information about international, national, and regional LNCI initiatives and research.

Community Service and Education Programs

- The Barrington Area Education Foundation is currently reviewing the draft proposal for the collaborative project between District 220 and Vehe Farm. Review will most likely continue into next month.
- The LNCI initiative for the greater Barrington, Deer Park, and Lake Zurich area is making excellent progress. Phase 1 of the community engagement has been strong and the geographic area to be involved has greatly expanded to include all communities in School Districts 220 and 95.
- Both the Vehe Farm's and the Consortium's LNCI activities are now referenced on the websites of the "Children and Nature Network" and Chicago Wilderness.
- The IDNR educational trunk-lending program at Vehe Farm has been introduced to School District 15.
- As part of Deer Park's LNCI initiative, two LNCI events will be held at the farm prior to the next Village Board meeting.
 - On January 24th, from noon to 2 PM, Flint Creek Wildlife Rehabilitation and the Foundation will present a program called "Raptors for Children". Attendees will see and learn about a live hawk, falcon, owl, and vulture and be able to have their pictures taken with one of the raptors.
 - On 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 their 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.
 - Both of these events have been promoted in local newspapers and on-line at different websites. Both events are supported in part by Harris Bank, McGinty Brothers, Tallgrass Restoration LLC, Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital, and Lake Zurich Chamber of Commerce. There are no admission fees for these events. Attendees will be able to make donations for future LNCI events at Vehe Farm.

Accounting of Village Contributions Spent December 2008 - January 2009

Pat Winkelman: \$14.17 for building materials/shed reconstruction; \$12.29 for prairie maintenance supplies; \$12.28 for dust masks for Eagle/Boy Scouts clean up of large shed.

Tom Benjamin: \$199.48 for building materials/shed reconstruction

Teri Bridge: \$29.75 for prairie maintenance supplies

Forest Agency: \$1,913.00 for comprehensive general liability insurance