

TO: DEER PARK VILLAGE BOARD
FROM: PAT WINKELMAN/VEHE FARM FOUNDATION
SUBJECT: MONTHLY REPORT
DATE: JULY 2009

Action Item:

Follow-up from last month regarding request for appointment of Village Board trustee to fill the empty position on the Vehe Farm Foundation board.

Grounds Stewardship

Prairie/Wetland Restoration

Prairie and wetland restoration continues beyond the normal work period with volunteers concentrating on yellow and white sweet clover, Canadian thistle, curly dock, and Queen Anne's Lace.

Trillium Native Landscapes (company that conducted the Vehe Farm prairie burn) came on site recently and complimented the Village on the high quality of Vehe Farm's prairie. Kevin Rische based his statements on the great variety and large populations of the truly native prairie flora in the farm's prairie. The ten years of restoration efforts and CFC seed donations have made a significant contribution to the quality of open space in the Village and a showcase of what Village-supported volunteer efforts can accomplish.

Bluebird Trail

All bluebirds have fledged and visitors to Vehe Farm can enjoy seeing them fly about the farm property.

Betty McLaughlin Memorial Butterfly Garden

The garden is receiving additional attention due to the attractive June display at the Barrington Area Library. Foundation volunteers continue to maintain the garden looking it's best for the Village and visitors. Also, it will be the focus of two of the upcoming LNCI Vehe Farm events.

The Little Garden Club of Barrington recently made a sizeable donation to the Foundation, with the directive that it be used for something of long-term value at Vehe Farm. Their organization continues to truly value the garden and the garden's recognition of one of its former and very long-term members.

Community Service and Education Programs

Lake-McHenry Historical Alliance

The Foundation continues to represent the Village as a member of the Lake-McHenry Historical Alliance. This month's meeting will be hosted by the Lake County Discovery Museum at the Adlai Stevenson II Historic Home in Mettawa. Discussions will focus on promoting historical locations using the Internet.

Eagle Scout Projects for Deer Park/Vehe Farm

The five Eagle Scout projects continue to make progress.

Barrington Students' Community Services to Vehe Farm

A group of twelve-year-old girls from Prairie Campus volunteered their time cutting buckthorn, wild rose, and wild grape. The girls were part of a summer camp that spend each day of one month volunteering at different not-for-profits in the greater Barrington area.

Outbuilding Restoration

Discussions continue with potential donor.

Vehe Farm's Leave No Child Inside (LNCI) Activities

Upcoming Village LNCI children's programs include:

- ☒ "Butterflies for Children" with Charlene Breitlow of Monarch Waystation July 25.
- ☒ "Butterfly Fun at Vehe Farm" with stories by the Barrington Area Library August 6th.
- ☒ "Ice Cream in the Woods" with naturalist, April Anderson, will take place August. 29th.

Thanks to the interest of a Deer Park resident, Hampshire Farms is making a very generous donation to these programs. More than 300 butterfly-attracting plants (1 gallon in size) will be donated. Each child attending these events will be given a perennial to take home and plant. This donation enables the Village's LNCI efforts to support one of the Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights—plant a flower. This donation came about through the resident and his sons taking part in the "Owls for Children" program in March.

Accounting of Village Contributions Spent June 2009 -July 2009

\$40.00 to Village of Deer Park for "Leave No Trace" LNCI event rental.

\$95.00 to Ancel Glink for legal fees
