

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

Action Item:

Consideration of a Village Board trustee to fill the empty position on the Vehe Farm Foundation board (due to Trustee Thrun's retirement from the Village Board).

Public Relations and Partnerships

Prairie/Wetland Restoration and Conservation

Prairie restoration volunteers continue their Saturday work. Currently we are removing garlic mustard, teasel, yellow sweet clover and buckthorn from the prairie areas and phragmites and cattails from the wetland. Because of the especially large amount of seed Citizen for Conservation donated last fall and the burn done this spring, new and high quality prairie plant species are now growing onsite.

A Foundation member is taking part in the Native Seed Gardener program sponsored by the Chicago Botanic Garden and Citizens for Conservation to grow rare native plants at home and return the seeds they produce for use in restoring conservation lands.

Betty McLaughlin Memorial Butterfly Garden

The Foundation created a particularly attractive butterfly garden exhibit at the Barrington Area Library. Within two days of the exhibit going in on June 1, the Garlands called to arrange a field trip to the Betty McLaughlin Memorial Butterfly Garden. This will be taking place in August and is being coordinated with Yvonne Keith. The Foundation is making a *special* effort to maintain the garden, including the planting of annuals, additional seeds/plants and weeding.

Community Service and Education Programs

Eagle Scout Projects for Deer Park/Vehe Farm

All five Eagle Scout projects continue to make progress.

Barrington Students' Community Services to Vehe Farm

On July 6, students from a Barrington middle school will be volunteering services at Vehe Farm for three hours. They will be involved with grounds cleanup.

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

Vehe Farm's LNCI activities continue to be publicized in June/July Barrington Lifestyles (page 22), 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 local and national websites and publications.

June is Illinois Leave No Child Inside month. Two LNCI events will take place at Vehe Farm. The first, a cultural event, will be "Farm Stories" by the Barrington Area Library. Children and their parents will hear stories about farming and then the Foundation will provide a tour of the outbuildings, barn, and old farm implements. For the second activity, REI of Schaumburg will present "Leave No Trace" on June 27. Check www.funoutside.org for other local LNCI programs.

Leave No Child Inside Consortium of the Greater Barrington, Deer Park and Lake Zurich Area

The LNCI Consortium is focusing this month on reaching out to the area village and township governments to gain formal support for the Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights (developed by Chicago Wilderness) and governmental resolutions to follow Illinois' lead in naming June as Leave No Child Inside Month. Lake Barrington and Fox River Grove have formally done this. All BACOG Village and Township presidents continue to show support for the Consortium.

On behalf of Deer Park, a Foundation member attended a Chicago Wilderness strategic planning meeting to assist that organization in formulating its Leave No Child Inside goals and objectives for the next three years.

Accounting of Village Contributions Spent May 2009 -June 2009

\$600.00 to M & S Landscaping (grounds clean-up)

\$260.00 to The Care of Trees (tree fertilization)

\$7.35 to Pat Winkelman (copying)