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The Deerpark Monthly Update – April 2008 **By: Karl A. Brabenec, Councilman**

Spring showers, bring May flowers and that is exactly what will be happening at Town Hall on May 3rd and 4th starting at 9 AM. Special thanks to Karen Garvey-Crown, who is organizing a Spring spruce up of the town hall property. Volunteers and donations are still being accepted. To make an in-kind donation or to volunteer your time on those days, please call Karen at 856-1734 or call Supervisor Gary Flieger at 856-2210, ext. 1.

The Spring and Fall Garbage Clean Up events that are organized by the town each year had to be canceled because of our ongoing budget crisis. To hold a spring and fall clean up, it would cost the town approximately \$30,000. We are currently looking for ways to restore funding to schedule a clean up in the fall months, however we cannot make any promises at this time. I will update you as to the progress of this effort.

Our summer recreation program will run from July 7 - August 15 at Harriet Space Park and Sparrowbush Park. The town is seeking letters of interest and/or resumes for one director position and four counselor positions. Two counselors will work at Space Park and two will work at Sparrowbush Park. Letters of interest and/or resumes should be returned to the Town Clerk's office by Friday, May 16, 2008. For any questions concerning the program, please contact the Town Clerk's office at 845-856-2210 ext. 2

I am hoping to get better acquainted with the duties of each of our departments, so this past month, I participated in a ride along with Officer Tony Vicaretti of the Deerpark Police Department. It was a fantastic experience and I learned a great deal of knowledge about the department, the makeup of our town, and about what goes on during a regular shift. We are very lucky to have such a fine group of men and women protecting the citizens of our town each and every day and I thank them for their hard work and dedication.

On April 26th, Supervisor Gary Flieger, Town Clerk Flo Santini and I represented the town at the Annual Sparrowbush Fire Department Awards Banquet. Congratulations go out to Captain James Oosterum, who was named 2007 Firefighter of the Year, John Tunney and James Oosterum as EMT of the Year, Brad Dain for the Bravery Award, and Martin Reiser for Rookie of the Year. In addition, a big thank you to all the members of the Sparrowbush Fire Company and ladies auxiliary for the wonderful job you do for our residents. Keep up the good work!

Finally, a friendly reminder to please exercise your right to vote at the Port Jervis School Board and Budget election taking place on Tuesday, May 20th from 6 AM – 9 PM. Polling locations are at the Huguenot Fire House, Building #2, Sparrowbush Fire House, and Port Jervis Middle School. For more information on the election or the budget, visit the school district's website at [www. portjerviscsd.k12.ny.us](http://www.portjerviscsd.k12.ny.us).

Until next month, I wish you health and happiness.