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The Deerpark Monthly Update – March 2008

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I would like to start this month's article by thanking everyone who attended my first open house constituent day on March 15th. Some good issues were brought up at that meeting in which I look forward to addressing. Unfortunately, Orange County Legislator Melissa Bonacic, who was scheduled to be at the meeting, could not make it. She was feeling under the weather that day but she has promised to attend another one in the near future.

The Recreation Committee organized their annual Easter Egg Hunt at Harriet Space Park on March 15th. The event was attended by over 100 parents and children and was a great success. My thanks go out to all the committee members and all of the people that donated money and various items to make this event a success.

Our town historian Norma Schadt has organized a "Stories about Deerpark" lecture series that will highlight different periods of the town's history. A different lecture will take place one Sunday each month until October at the 1863 School House (town museum) on Grange Road. For dates, times and topics, visit our homepage at www.townofdeerpark.org or call Mrs. Schadt at 845-856-2702 or 845-754-8070.

The town board is continuing to work on our budget crisis. The board unanimously passed a resolution calling for an independent audit for the years 2004, 2005, 2006, and 2007. This audit will be done by the New York State Office of Audit and Control and when completed they will give us further recommendations on how to handle this situation. We have also made adjustments to many 2008 budget items that effect all departments. These changes will be closely monitored to see if we have to make further adjustments. Our board is doing everything possible to control spending while having minimal impact on town services.

Finally, I want to make a correction to my February article. I incorrectly wrote that the Bond Anticipation Note (BAN) for \$868,000 was coming from the state of New York. I should have written that applying for the BAN is to be approved by the state and the funding would come from a banking institution.

Until next month, I wish you health and happiness.