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Vote for township Democrats

The current West Deerfield Township team should be kept working to make our township even better. During the past four years, it has strengthened its fiscal position by maintaining a balanced budget and kept taxes to run the township government among the lowest in Illinois. It has improved connections within the community by fostering services and providing financial grants to other local organizations such as the Lake Forest Senior Center and LEAD.

The Independent party does not have a campaign platform that even comes close to quantifying any new ideas and improvements. As we are all too well aware, sound, experienced management is what is needed in our society today. Our township's welfare should not be in the hands of newbies without a cause. Vote for the Democratic team.

Stephanie Victor

Lake Forest

Team supports food pantry

As committee members of the 3 GUYS & A TRUCK event for the past seven years, we have had the wonderful opportunity to work with and know Julie Morrison in her role as West Deerfield Township supervisor, and we enthusiastically support her and her Board of Trustees for reelection this April 7. Together with Julie, the 3 GUYS, and the other event committee members, we work to create awareness of this important community-wide food collection benefiting the West Deerfield Township Food Pantry. We have seen close up Julie's day-to-day dedication to the pantry and to the township residents who utilize it. Her true commitment is evident in the ways in which she goes beyond the expected, and helps the lives of so many among us. Julie proactively initiates quality community assistance programs and works innovatively to get them implemented. We have worked side by side with Julie to plan the 3 GUYS & A TRUCK event and the Going Places transportation service for mobility-challenged residents. Social service programming requires the partnership of civic organizations, schools, volunteers and donors, and Julie draws in these people with creative and focused energy. Her programs work for people, and they last. We hope that voters will let Julie continue to provide West Deerfield Township citizens the community services they have come to rely on.

Amy Charlson and

Elizabeth Ury

Deerfield

Team runs township well

Don't forget to vote on April 7. There are important races to be decided, including several for the governance of West Deerfield Township, namely, supervisor, assessor, clerk and four trustees. Julie Morrison has quietly done an exceptional job as West Deerfield Township supervisor for the past 12 years. Julie is resourceful and committed. Her experience and contacts have enabled her to tap into existing resources to efficiently provide for general assistance to those in need, one of the responsibilities of the township office. The township is fiscally sound and is run very professionally. We could not have a better person at the helm of this branch of our government during these difficult economic times. Please vote for Julie and Township Team 2009: Julie Morrison (supervisor) Tom Healy (assessor) Robbie Boudreau (clerk) and trustees, Ron Levitsky, Betty O'Shaughnessy, Bob Rosenbacher and Ron Schwartz.

Dan and Meg Georgevich

Deerfield

Team connected to community

Although township government is one of the oldest forms in the United States, it often goes underappreciated and overlooked by its citizens. The West Deerfield Township residents have much to be thankful for and need to reelect its current officials. Under Julie Morrison's supervision, the West Deerfield Township has improved access to social services while operating at one of the lowest township tax rates in Illinois. It has sought out state and local grants to provide and pay for programs without any cost to citizens. One example is the township's new van used to assist those who are mobility-challenged get to their medical visits. With Democratic trustees Levitsky, O'Shaughnessy, Rosenbacher and Schwartz in place, these important connections to the community will remain strong.

Ellie Sylvan
Deerfield

Return township incumbents

I would like to thank the Deerfield Township Board for their last four years in office. They have done a tremendous job for the residents of West Deerfield Township. The League of Women's Voters recently had a candidate forum where we met with all the candidates. The candidates of the Independent Party came off as loud, angry and mean-spirited. They even heckled and made faces from the audience while their opponents spoke. Is this the kind of behavior we would expect from them if they were elected and had to deal with the us? During the last four years I attended many of the board meetings and my concerns and suggestions were welcomed by the current board. It was my impression last night that the Independent Party has no idea what the functions of township officials are and what wonderful services Deerfield Township really provides for our community. I urge the West Deerfield Township residents to vote and support the Democratic team of Julie Morrison, Robbie Boudreau, Tom Healy, Ron Levitsky, Betty O'Shaughnessy, Bob Rosenbacher and Ron Schwartz. These highly qualified individuals have great respect for each other as well as for the residents of West Deerfield Township.

Betty Eischen
Bannockburn

Support township slate

I encourage residents to support Julie Morrison for West Deerfield Township supervisor, Robbie Boudreau for town clerk and Tom Healy for assessor, as well as the township slate.

Residents of Deerfield are fortunate to benefit from the many services provided by The West Deerfield Township. These include property assessment, the food pantry, assistance to seniors, voter registration, passport services, and maintenance of roads in unincorporated areas located within the township. Morrison has served as supervisor for 12 years. Boudreau was appointed clerk in 2008 and seamlessly settled into her responsibilities which include voter registration and overseeing the election process. Healy, running for assessor, is a life-long resident of Deerfield, active in the community, is an Illinois State Certified Assessment Officer and committed to keeping the Assessor's office accessible to the public. Please join me in supporting the township slate. By doing so, residents can be assured that West Deerfield Township will continue to be governed in a conscientious and responsible manner.

Joan Reed
Deerfield