

## Beulah Newsletter Spring 2015

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**From the Editors:** As the ice fades from the lake, winter is becoming a memory. Our less snowy winter, except for Winterfest weekend, was welcomed. However, the cold temperatures favored those on the ice and challenged those on land. Our Village crew worked to keep the streets clear and water/sewer lines functioning. We're excited about the upgrades to the park, bike trail link and other items that will begin this spring.

Phil Downs & Vicki Carpenter-Downs

**From the Village President:** Thanks to all who participated in this winter's "Run Water Advisory". We managed to emerge from the cold weather with only a few incidents of frozen service lines and only one relatively minor water main break. Water sewer bills are being credited for those who participated. A water/sewer bill insert describes how the credit was determined and to whom it applies. We will continue to use the media, the village website and our urgent message email distribution list described elsewhere in this newsletter to notify customers of these advisories in the future.

We are very sorry to report that newly-appointed village treasurer Jennifer Kloosterman will not be able to continue on in that capacity because she will be leaving the area. We thank Jenny for her service the past several months and we also thank Dawn Olney for helping in the transition. This is a critical vacancy for the village that needs to be filled by appointment until the November, 2016 elections. We encourage residents of the village who believe they may be qualified, to contact the village office for more information about the salaried position.

Corey Toms, until recently a member of our DPW crew, has found other employment in our area. We will miss Corey, we thank him for his service to the village and we wish him the very best in his new job.

Work is expected to begin this spring on the next phase of the waterfront improvement project. Key elements of this project include additional universal access beach matting, tables, litter receptacles, bike racks, interpretive panels on the new fishing dock, refurbishment of existing retaining walls, beach park irrigation (already installed) and a connection of the bike trail with Lake Street through the Beulah Village Park. This \$63,000 project is funded by the Village and a MDNR Land & Water Conservation Fund (L&WCF) Grant on a 50%-50% basis.

Our streetscape project is going through the grant review process by MDOT. If approved, construction would likely not commence until later in 2016.

Dan Hook, Village President



**It appeared that even with Winterfest being delayed a week, due to severe conditions, there was some sort of a 'wind driven outhouse race' regardless. There were 3 entries. We're calling it a tie for first place**

### Village Office Hours

Clerk-Laura Spencer, Tues-Wed-Thurs 10-2 pm  
Treasurer-vacant, Mon & Wed, 5-7 pm  
Zoning-Ron Edwards, Thurs., 10-12  
[beulahzoning@gmail.com](mailto:beulahzoning@gmail.com)  
Phone 231-882-4451 Fax 231-882-5759  
Free Fax services available to residents  
Web Site: [www.villageofbeulah.org](http://www.villageofbeulah.org)

The Village Newsletters, Ordinances and Village Council minutes can be found on the web site: [villageofbeulah.org](http://villageofbeulah.org)

**Village Council Trustees and Staff and Terms**

- Dan Hook – President-2016 (appt'd)
- Phil Downs–Equipment-2016 (appt'd)  
     Co-Chair: Gary Pallin
- Linda Wolfe– Law and Finance-2016 (appt'd)  
     Co-Chair: Robert Fitzke
- Dan Smith– Water and Sewer-2016  
     Co-Chair: Mike Laslo
- Mike Laslo – Streets/Sidewalks-2016  
     Co-Chair: Dan Smith
- Gary Pallin – Parks and Recreation-2016  
     Co-Chair: Phil Downs
- Robert Fitzke– Buildings/Grounds-2016  
     Co-Chair: Linda Wolfe
- Laura Spencer – Clerk-2016
- vacant – Treasurer-2016 Appt'd
- Ron Edwards – Zoning Administrator
- Brian Moore – Supervisor
- Woody Card – Village Crew

**Village Meetings:** First Thursday after the first Monday monthly(5/7, 6/4 7/9, 8/13 at 7 pm). The public is welcome and encouraged to attend.



**CLCBA's Easter Egg Hunt was at Memorial Park, Benzonia.**

**Public Information** is posted on the windows of the Village Office. Minutes, agendas and upcoming events in the Village Park are listed. Also posted would be notices such as run water alerts, annual drinking water report and boil water warnings.

Sponsors of special events that require Village support, such as barricades or staff, should make a request to the Council using the Event Request form available from the Village Office or web site.



**Best in Show Outhouse went to The Corner Pub's Tiki Outhouse**

**Crystal Lake Community Business Association (CLCBA) Past Events:**

**Belated WinterFest:** The Crystal Lake Community Business Association had to delay WinterFest for the first time in anyone's memory this year. Severe snow, high winds and cold temps made it unsafe to proceed. However, the dog pull was held, per their association rules. The next Saturday had better conditions. The winners of the 2015 Beulah/Benzonia Winterfest Chili Cook-Off: 1<sup>st</sup> Amy Stone, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kathy Engelberson 3<sup>rd</sup> John Darien and the Business winner was the Hungry Tummy.

Outhouse Races: Youth Division: 1<sup>st</sup> Boy Scout Troop #237, 2<sup>nd</sup> Boy Scout Troop #10

Business/Service Organizations: 1<sup>st</sup> Benzie County Recycling, 2<sup>nd</sup> Honor Building Supply and 3<sup>rd</sup> Nugent Ace Hardware.

Best in Show's traveling toilet seat trophy was awarded to The Corner Pub's Tiki Bar.

Fireworks on Crystal Lake ended the day. The CLCBA thanks all its members, volunteers and participants. The Benzie County Showcase was also cancelled and the committee is determining their next steps with their event.



**Winning the Outhouse Race was Team Benzie Recycling**

**Upcoming CLCBA Sponsored Events:**

**Music in the Park** begins Thurs., June 25<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm, every Thurs. Last concert is August 13<sup>th</sup>

**4<sup>th</sup> of July:** enjoy 5K races, park events, food, 1:30 parade, fireworks on Crystal Lake approx. 10:30 pm. Registration on CLCBA website.

**Beulah Art Fair:** Sat, July 11 at Village Park

**Sidewalk Days:** Sat., Aug 1<sup>st</sup> downtown

**Crystal Lake Team Marathon:** Sat., Aug 8, check the website for registration forms and info

**Membership:** support the CLCBA and become a member. PO Box 754, Beulah, MI 49617. For more info, visit the website: [clcba.org](http://clcba.org)

**Did You Know?**

- Benzie County Road Commission reported 117.25 inches (less than 10 ft.) of snow fell this winter as of 4/7/15. Last winter had 227 inches (approx 19 ft.) of snow.
- Congratulations to the 3 Odyssey of the Mind (OM) Teams from Benzie Central Community Schools who qualified for the State competition in Grand Rapids. One of the teams will be advancing to the World Finals held over a four day period at MSU in Lansing May 20-23. Fundraising efforts have started, if you are interested in making a donation please contact Bianca at [bianca\\_mclaren@rocketmail.com](mailto:bianca_mclaren@rocketmail.com)
- Grow Benzie has summer garden spaces available, 882-9510 or [growbenzie.org](http://growbenzie.org)
- Beulah's public beach runs the length of Lake St., from the beach house playground to the end of the paved section. The docks are privately owned and space is rented from the Village, however, the beach front is available for public use.
- DNR boat launch off Mollineaux Rd. will soon be open for business. Crystal Lake Watershed Association (CLWA) established a washing station to keep invasive species from contaminating Crystal Lake.
- Wireless Internet (WiFi) is available at the Hungry Tummy, Blue Caribou and the Darcy Library
- Darcy Library has an ongoing book sale inside the library. Donations of new or gently used hardbound and softbound books are appreciated.
- Conservation District's plant sale will be held in mid April. Stop in their office on Benzie Blvd, for more information.
- Master list of upcoming events is posted in the Trailhead display sign.
- Village has a paper shredder and FAX; both are available to residents and businesses during business hours at no cost.

**Darcy Library of Beulah: Hours & Info**

Mon.-Wed.-Fri.    12 to 5  
 Tues.-Thurs.    12 to 7 pm  
 Sat.    9 to 1 pm  
 www.darcylibraryofbeulah.org 231-882-4037  
 Friends of the Darcy Library meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. of each month at 5:15 pm. Everyone is invited.  
 Darcy Library Board meets the 2nd Monday of each month, 5:15 pm. Everyone is invited.



**The Barber Shop has a new barber, Nick Radionoff has joined his dad, Steve Radionoff behind the swivel chair. Congratulations Nick!**

**Upcoming or Ongoing Events:**

- Hydrants will be flushed in April.
- Zoning/Planning mtg., May 4 at 5 pm
- Village Council mtg., Thurs/May 7 at 7 pm
- Water bills due May 15
- Village Council mtg., Thurs/June 4, at 7 pm
- Village Clean Up, Sat/June 20, 8am -noon  
Get a permit from Laurie at Village Office
- Music in the Park, Thurs/June 25, 7 pm
- Music in the Park, Thurs/July 2, 7 pm
- July 4<sup>th</sup> events all day at the Village Park, 5K race, parade at 1:30 and fireworks after dusk
- Beulah Art Fair, Saturday, July 11
- Village Council mtg., Thurs/July 9 at 7 pm

- Music in the Park, Thurs/July 9, 7 pm
- Music in the Park, Thurs/July 17, 7 pm.
- Music in the Park, Thurs/July 23, 7 pm
- Music in the Park, Thurs/July 30, 7 pm
- Book Sale, Fri/Sat, July 31 & Aug 1 at Trailhead Building, 10-3 pm
- Sidewalk Days, Sat., Aug. 1
- Children’s Story at Darcy Library is at 4 pm on Thursdays
- Foreign & cult films, book club, programs and classes at Darcy Library; check their web site: darcylibraryofbeulah.org

**Business Updates:**

- Thanks to Jonathan Clark and David Scott of L’Chayim for again supporting the ice rink in Benzonia. They sponsored a skate exchange earlier this winter.
- Dream Weaver Antiques, Collectables and Floral Design will open this spring, in downtown Beulah



- Upgrades to Northern Decor has brightened up downtown. Kelly's Korner and Luna have exterior upgrades planned as well.
- The Cold Creek Inn has completed interior improvements as well as a new menu and new chef, Matt.
- Cottage Antiques is now L&J's Resale.
- Caleb Luilbrand, Architect, has moved to the Coldwell Banker building'
- Thanks to the businesses for keeping their sidewalks clear.

**Remember:**

- **Please don't feed the birds on the lake.** It will only increase cases of swimmer's itch.
- **Please clean up after your pets.**
- Red trash bags are sold at Village Office, yellow at Stapletons (single bags) and Shop & Save (10/pkg). Friday mornings is pick-up for red and yellow bags in the Village. The Village charges \$21 for 10 red trash bags. A weekday holiday, such as Memorial Day, moves pickup to Saturday.
- Business owners and staff are encouraged to park in the parking lots in order to save spaces for visitors and patrons.

The Beulah Day Dock & Fishing Dock will be ready for visitors soon.  
Start planning your trip to Beulah now!

**Park Yourself at Crystal Lake:**

Sites at the Village-owned RV Park at the beach in Beulah is ready for your 2015 business. Contact the Village Clerk at 231-882-4451 or email: clerk@villageofbeulah.org for more information.

**Dock Space** has a waiting list; contact Laurie at the Village Office for info. 231-882-4451.

Suggestions and information for the newsletter are welcome. Please drop a note to the editors at the Village of Beulah, PO Box 326, Beulah, MI 49617 or send an email to:

**clerk@villageofbeulah.org**

**Village Zoning & Ordinance Reminders:**

Spring is trying hard to get here and this is a reminder to Village residents that there are a few areas of Ordinance compliance which need your support again this year.

The Blight Prevention Ordinance and the Noxious Weed ordinance are both for the protection of Village residents. They are designed to ensure that you do not have to live

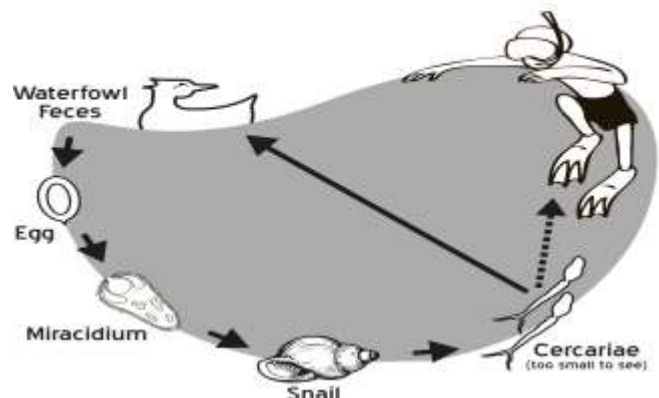
next to an unkempt lot or residence with excess discarded collections of junk or overgrown landscapes. Feel free to contact the Village Office for more details on this.

The House Trailer Ordinance provides for portable sleeping quarters to be used in the Village Trailer Park but not in any other area of the Village. This is to ensure that you do not have an excess of people and obstacles on any property in the village as ensure the health and safety of village residents. There is a provision in the Ordinance to obtain a permit from the Village Council to store an unoccupied camp trailer, motor home or trailer home but you must apply for this at the Village Office.

We have been successful in removing several blights from the Village in the past year and things are looking much better this spring. Let's all continue to work together to ensure the comfort and safety of all our residents and visitors. Thanks for all your support.

Ron Edwards-Zoning Administrator

**Free Tennis Clinics:** Friday, June 20 will be the first Beulah clinic. The Tennis Across America's free clinic will be in Benzonia on May 30. Junior Tennis events will be in Benzonia on July 9 and 23. Watch for more information on the Beulah court fence and the local paper.



**Swimmer's Itch Project:** Efforts continue with the Crystal Lake Watershed Association

(CLWA) and several other groups to address the problem of swimmer's itch. Efforts to discourage geese and ducks continue as well as resuming the 'scarification' or raking of the shoreline periodically to disrupt the itch cycle. Signs will be posted to alert swimmers of problem areas and to advise them to avoid the raked area for 48 hours. One cream seems to be a better preventative, Swimmers Itch Guard. It can be purchased at local pharmacies. Also, efforts are underway to address the merganser duck problem, which are the ducks most responsible for the 'itch'. This spring, the use of pyrotechnics will be used near mergansers to disrupt their nesting locations around the lake. Research shows this is an effective way to interrupt the cycle of swimmer's itch. Those doing the blasts are affiliated with the CLWA and the activity presents no danger to anyone or anything. The blasts are loud noises that cause the ducks to leave the area, primarily Crystal. More information is available at CLWA's website: [www.CLWA.us](http://www.CLWA.us)

**Beulah Boosters Want You!:** This winter the Booster volunteers worked on the WinterFest event, entered the outhouse race and hid Easter Eggs for the annual hunt. Boosters have been active with the Streetscape Design and several grant efforts. The Day Dock will soon be in for boaters to visit Beulah, once the ice clears. The swim platform, donated and vandalized in 2014, was repaired and will be in for the summer season. The 4<sup>th</sup> of July activities will need volunteers. The Booster's goal is to support local groups by providing volunteers and financial resources in order to build cohesiveness in the community and to promote Beulah as a vacation destination. Members of this non-profit are asked to volunteer on at least one community activity each year. For more information, please contact Phil Downs 882-4847, 9 am -9 pm. Everyone is welcome and needed!



**Beulah Boosters were serving chili for nearly 100 voters at the belated WinterFest event**

**Beulah Recycling Information and Dates:**

**SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING**

**All clean paper/cardboard, all plastic shopping bags, all clean plastic (all numbers), all clean aluminum (foil, cans, tins) and styrofoam can go in the same collection bin! Glass is still separate**

- Hazardous Waste Days: 5/2,7 & 11 8/8 (see website for locations & appointment times)
- Beulah sites remain behind the Village Offices for glass, paper/cardboard and plastic/tin, available to residents. Businesses should call regarding permits.
- County residents may transport and unload yard waste, tree branches, small brush by appointment. Call 882-0554.
- Cardboard may be dropped at BC High School.
- Call the Recycling Coordinator, Marlene, with any recycling or disposal questions 882-0554
- Visit [www.benzieco.net](http://www.benzieco.net) and click on services for more information

**Please consider** putting your spring yard cleanup in biodegradable 30 gal paper yard waste bags. The bags are better for the environment and save time and energy for the Village crew. Bags are available at Nugent's Ace Hardware and Shop & Save in Benzonia.

**Remember the One Way Streets  
Clark St. is one way between Lake St.  
to Benzie Blvd. Lake St. is one way  
northbound, Prospect to Clark. Tickets will  
be issued. Drive safe!**



**Teens “enjoyed” beach time on a recent Sunday. No worries about sharing the beach with lake ice not ready to give up on winter!**

**Let’s keep Beulah “Beulah-ful”  
Pick up litter**

**Cross Connection Prevention Program**  
The Village of Beulah Winter 2015 Newsletter contained a brochure that explained water cross connection and the potential danger it creates for village drinking water . If you didn’t get the flyer, copies available at the Village Office.  
The Cross Connection Inspection Program, a requirement of the Michigan Department of Environmental Equality (DEQ), is an ongoing program throughout the State of Michigan. Each Village water customer will receive a notice requesting a time when the Village crew can perform a brief plumbing inspection to determine if a potential cross connection hazard exists. Should a potential hazard exist, a recommendation will be made to correct it. For the safety of all Village residents’ drinking water, your cooperation is needed. Thank you!  
Dan Smith, Sewer/Water



**Earlier this winter, thick ice and wind were a source of entertainment for this kite boarder.**

**Village email system implemented this winter:** The Village has developed an email distribution list for notification of urgent messages specific to the Village of Beulah. This winter the system was used to notify water users of the mandatory run water advisory and this spring for the end of the advisory. Email addresses are not shared with third parties. We will continue to post these advisories on the Beulah Village website at <http://www.villageofbeulah.org/> Please send your address to the Village email and on the subject line print your physical address on the subject line. Thanks for your participation.

**Work in Village Park Begins:** Work will begin in June on the upgrades in the Village Park as part of the L&WCF grant as referenced in the Village President's report. Portions of the park, by the tennis & pickle ball courts, will be part of the work. Please heed barricades and signage during this project. Work should be concluded by July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend.

**Have a Beulah-ful Day**

**VILLAGE TREASURER  
NEEDED**

The Village of Beulah has an immediate opening for a treasurer. This is an elected position and must be held by a legal resident of the Village of Beulah. The position will be filled through appointment by the Village Council on a temporary basis until the November, 2016 election. The current salary for this position is \$8,500 per year.

Knowledge of and experience with municipal accounting systems is preferred. Job responsibilities include handling and accounting for water/sewer bills and tax bills, maintaining ledgers, reconciling bank statements and preparing reports and budgets. Qualified applicants are encouraged to send a resume and letter of interest to the Village Office, PO Box 326.

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