

**From the Editors:** Summer has been worth the wait! We continue to appreciate our small town magic, when you wave at strangers who later become friends. So many thanks to all the volunteers who step up to help with just a phone call or email or casual remark at the post office. Phil Downs & Vicki Carpenter-Downs, Editors

**From the Village President:** As I write this, we have just come through another very busy 4th of July holiday. Lots of visitors in town created a few traffic snarls, but the weather was fabulous, the parade was exciting and the sponsored fireworks were spectacular. We have many attractions in this little village that continue to bring folks back. My thanks to all of you residents and merchants who were such gracious hosts. I know it can be trying sometimes. Thanks also to those residents who helped clean up the aftermath. Some were out on the beach area before 7:00 am Sunday. Special thanks to DPW employees Woody and Daniel for sacrificing their holiday to provide the support needed for all of the day's activities. The only serious incident that came to my attention was some damage to the boaters' day dock which caused it to be closed for safety reasons. Plans for repair and redesign are in the works. We hope to have that completed by the time you read this. The day dock is just another one of those attractions that draws people to town.

Updates on the project to create a bike trail connection from Lake Street to the Betsie Valley Trail and on the Streetscape project are included elsewhere in this newsletter. Beyond that, we will be exploring options to evaluate our water and sewer infrastructure and to develop some long-range plans for any needed improvements. Dan Hook, President, Village of Beulah

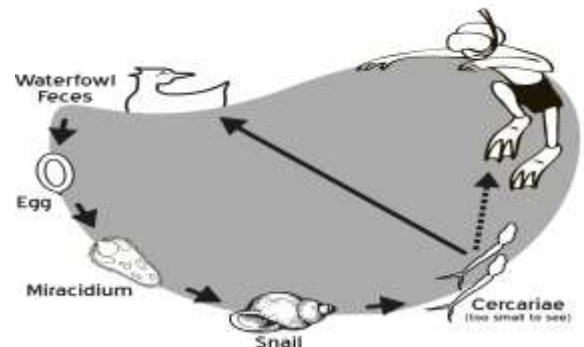
**Benzie Compost Project is a reality.** To support the county-wide recycling program of household waste, the next step of composting evolved with several Benzie County participants. Partnering is Solid Waste/Recycling, Grow Benzie and Conservation District. Grow Benzie is accepting food waste (free of meat/dairy/bones and oil) with

the goal of having nutrient rich soil available next season. Please go to [GrowBenzie.org](http://GrowBenzie.org) or call 882-9510 for more information on how to participate. Congratulations to these organizations to collaborate for the environment and Benzie County.



**Parades are always better with a marching band!**

**Swimmer's Itch Information** can be found at the CLWA (Crystal Lake Watershed Association's website: [www.clwa.us](http://www.clwa.us) Please report incidents of 'itch' to the CLWA Hotline: 231-882-4001



Life cycle of a single organism that burrows into people by mistake; it wants to return to waterfowl. After it gets under a person's skin, it dies and the 'itch' is a result of an allergic reaction to this microorganism, which is too small to see. Use of lotions, frequent wiping down with towels and showering afterwards help avoid swimmers itch.

**Day Dock:** The Day Dock is open to all boaters during daylight hours. Bring your bumpers and lines and use caution as waves and wind can be tricky. The dock was closed for repairs on the 4<sup>th</sup> which have been completed.

**Beulah Recycling Information**

**SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING**  
**NOW IN EFFECT**

**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 dumpster! Glass is still separate**

- **Recycling Update-for info call 882-0554 or go to. [www.benzieco.net](http://www.benzieco.net) and click on services and go to recycle for more info**
- Beulah sites remain behind the Village Offices for glass, paper/cardboard and plastic/tin, available to residents. Businesses should call regarding permits.
- Cardboard may be dropped at BCHS
- Honor Road Commission-HHW (hazardous household waste), tires, electronics and misc. Sat, Aug 8, 9-noon, call for an appointment

All collections are on Saturdays from 9 am to 12. APPOINTMENTS ARE REQUIRED for HHW Collections. Please email or call 882-0554 to request a Hazardous Waste Brochure that will provide details about the 2015 collections and appointment information.

**Village Office Hours**

Clerk-Laura Spencer, Tues-Wed-Thurs 10-2  
[clerk@villageofbeulah.org](mailto:clerk@villageofbeulah.org)  
Treasurer-Mitchell Szwed Tue & Thur, 10:30-1:30  
[villageofbeulah.treasurer@gmail.com](mailto:villageofbeulah.treasurer@gmail.com)  
Zoning Adm.-Ron Edwards Thurs. 10-noon  
[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)  
Newsletter and Council minutes are on the web site.

**Village Meetings:** First Thursday after the first Monday each month (8/6, 9/10, 10/8, 11/5 and 12/10) at 7 pm. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

**Village Council Trustees, Staff & 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  
Mitchell Szwed – Treasurer-2016 Appt'd  
Ron Edwards – Zoning Administrator  
Brian Moore – Supervisor  
Woody Card – Village Crew  
Daniel Munsell – Village Crew



**Welcome Daniel, new to the Village Crew.**

**Public Information** is posted on the windows of the Village Office. Minutes, agendas, upcoming events in the Village Park are listed. Also posted would be notices such as winter’s run water request, annual drinking water report and special meetings. Sponsors of special events that require Village support, such as barricades or staff, should make a request to the Village.

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

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

**Fireworks:** Volunteers collected over \$800 for the fireworks during the July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade. The July 4<sup>th</sup> and WinterFest fireworks shows are supported by donations which can be sent anytime to CLCBA Fireworks, PO Box 557, Beulah, MI 49617.

**Music in the Park:** Started June 25, every Thursday thru August 14, a variety of music will be performed starting at 7 pm

**Crystal Lake Team Marathon:** Sat/Aug. 8, registration and info on website clcba.org

**Archibald Jones Marker Ceremony:** Sat/Aug 22, 10am at Outlet

**Cold Creek Bridge Walk:** Labor Day-9/7, 10 am

**Fall Fest:** 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in Oct. (10/3)

**Halloween Downtown Trick or Treat:** 10/31, 5-6:30 downtown business and haunted trailhead 5-7 for trick or treat at homes

**Christmas Magic:** 12/12 at the Trailhead w/ Santa, carolers, kid's activities and parade

**WinterFest:** Sat. 2/13/16: chili cook-off, games, fireworks, parade and outhouse races

**Membership:** support the CLCBA and become a member, go to CLCBA.org or see Mary Lane at Live for Art, downtown Beulah

**Darcy Library of Beulah Hours:**

Mon.-Wed.-Fri. 12 to 5 pm

Tues.-Thurs. 12 to 7 pm

Sat. 9 to 1 pm

Friends of the Darcy Library meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. of each month at 5:15 pm. Everyone is invited.

Library Board meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month, 5:15 pm. Everyone is invited.

Visit: darcylibraryofbeulah.org

Summer Reading Program and Events are posted on the website or call: 882-4037

**Update on bike trail extension project:** Work was expected to begin this spring on the next phase of the waterfront improvement project. Key elements of this project included a connection of the bike trail with Lake Street through the Beulah Village Park,

additional universal access beach matting, picnic tables, litter receptacles, bike racks, interpretive panels on the new fishing dock and refurbishment of existing retaining walls. This \$63,000 project will be funded by the Village and a MDNR Land & Water Conservation Fund (L&WCF) Grant on a 50%-50% basis. Bids were solicited but only one bid was received and it was well beyond our budget. We plan to modify the project by changing some of the bid elements and specifications and by extending the completion timeline. If we are successful in the re-bid, work would commence after Labor Day.

**Update on the Streetscape project:** Our Streetscape grant application is scheduled for review by MDOT on July 20, 2015. By October, we should learn if the application has been approved. If approved, work would not likely begin until the fall of 2016 and resume in the Spring of 2017. Those plans could change, depending upon conditions. Unfortunately, changes in the grant program have eliminated the US-31 north and south "gateway" improvements, so we will need to search other options to make that happen. "Gateway" improvements were a high priority item at one of the first visioning meetings held several years ago



and we will not lose sight of that.

**Lots of family fun on July 4<sup>th</sup> in the Village Park.**

**Did You Know:**

- Water turn on or shut off requests need a 3 day notice for crew to schedule the work, so please be timely with your request: 231-882-4451
- John Brazaski continues as the contracted summer sheriff deputy for the Village. He

works a limited schedule, monitors the public areas and watches for speeders. Give him a friendly wave!

- The Village has contracted with Jane Gary as a part-time worker who will focus on the gardens and waterfront landscaping.
- Beulah's public beach runs the length of Lake Street, from the beach house and 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 public.
- Thanks to Lucie and Charley Kinzel for tending to the Garden of Possibilities by the Trailhead Building. It continues to look great!
- The Benzie Bus has a stop at the Betsie Valley Trailhead Building in the back parking lot. New express runs to Traverse daily. Call for information and pick up times: call 325-3000 or go to their web site: benziebus.com
- Darcy Library has an ongoing book sale inside the library. Donations of new or gently used hardbound, softbound and collectable books are accepted and needed for the Book Sale on July 31 & Aug 1 at the Trailhead.
- Village flower boxes and waterfront planters were planted by the Beulah Boosters. The Village pays for the flowers from Eden Hill Greenhouse. Plant It Wild supports the two gardens at the Village entrances. Thanks to the businesses for their upkeep of the flower boxes.
- The yellow park benches downtown were painted 'Beulah Blue', to match the flower boxes. Many thanks to Peter Niemi for donating his time to this project.

**Beulah Boosters:** June 20 was a Beulah Clean-Up Day and 15 volunteers came to work to plant flowers, paint the pavilion uprights, power-wash and edge the pickle ball court. Thanks everyone

who helped get the season started. Beulah Boosters were also involved with many of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July activities: 5K race, games on the beach, activities in the park and collecting donations for the fireworks. Boosters volunteer in these activities: Music in the Park, Crystal Lake Team Marathon, Fall Fest,

Winter Fest, Easter Egg Hunt and Christmas Magic. 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/President or mail at PO Box 570, Beulah, MI 49617 or phone 231-882-4847 (9am -9 pm)



**Beulah Boosters planted, painted and cleaned.**

**Upcoming or Ongoing Events:**

- Music/Park, 7/16, 7 pm, Fat Pocket
- Music/Park, 7/23, 7 pm, Robin Connell
- Music/Park, 7/30, 7 pm Keith Scott
- Off the Page authors series, 7/31, 7 pm, Darcy
- Darcy Library Book Sale, Fri/Sat. 7/31 & 8/1, at the Trailhead Building (2 days)
- Sidewalk Sale Days, Sat/Aug 8/1
- General Election, 8/4
- Village Council Meeting, 8/6, 7 pm
- Music/Park, 8/6, 7 pm, Don Julin/Billy Strings
- Crystal Lake Team Marathon, Sat. 8/8

- Benzonia Township 2<sup>nd</sup> Dump Day, 8/8, 7-noon, get permit & info from Township office
- Music/Park, 8/13, 7 pm, Jimmy Olsen Trio
- Village taxes due 8/15
- Water bills due, 8/15
- Off the Page author series, 8/21, 7 pm, Darcy
- Public Meeting for Zoning Issues/State guidelines on 8/24 at 7 pm at Village offices.
- Archibald Jones Plaque Dedication at the Outlet, Aug 22 10 am
- Beulah Booster meeting, 9/1, 5 pm, Village
- Cold Creek Bridge Walk, 9/7, 10 am, Lake St.
- Village Council, Thurs., 7 pm, 9/10
- Benzonia Township taxes due 9/15
- Off the Page author series, 9/18, 7 pm, Darcy
- Fall Fest: Sat, Oct 2, soup contest, car show, games, bounce house and more
- Darcy Cookie Sale, Trailhead, Sat 10/3, 10-2pm
- Village Council, 10/8, 7 pm
- Great Benzie Read, 10/28, 5 pm
- Off the Page author series, 11/4, 1 pm, Darcy
- Halloween: 10/31, Downtown Trick or Treat and Haunted Trailhead, 5-6:30. Door to door trick or treat will run from 5-7 pm
- Every Thursday, 'Read to Rosie' at the Darcy Library, 1-5 and call for a time slot, 882-4037
- Every Tuesday, Children's Story time. 4:30 pm, Darcy Library

**Business Updates:**

- Creation Pharm & Dream Weaver have their store fronts completed.



- Exterior painting has started on the former Benzie Center building, Clark/Benzie.
- Welcome to Mary's Asian Cuisine food truck. The truck will set up daily, 12-9 between Brookside and Market Basket (former gas station site) on US31, now til October.
- Welcome to "Here Today, Gone Tomorrow" artists' gallery on the first floor of 254 S. Benzie Blvd. (former Hodge Podge Lodge). Showcasing the work of local artists and directing visitors to the artist or other galleries where more can be seen. Their open times are Thursday evenings, Friday, and Saturdays.



**Troop 10 scouts were busy working several events on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and doing clean up. Thanks to the Scouts and their leaders!**

**4<sup>th</sup> of July in Beulah:** Blue skies and sunshine brought many people to the parks, beaches and sidewalks of Beulah for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July events. Over 600 people ran in the Firecracker 5K race and the Family Fun Run. The park was busy with food, music, face painting, greased pole climbs, rubber ducks and coin hunts on the beach. Nearly 60 entrants for the parade made it exciting and colorful as floats, cars, bands and outhouses were paraded, just to name a few. Parade winners were: 1<sup>st</sup> The Corner Pub's Tiki Bar/Outhouse, 2<sup>nd</sup> Benzonia Township Firetrucks and 3<sup>rd</sup> Jowette Funeral Home

Horse-Drawn Funeral Hearse. Candy and beads were abundant. Volunteers collected over \$900 in firework donations along the parade route. Congratulations to all and thanks for participating. The fireworks were well done judging from the applause and oohs and ahhs heard. The finale was

very well received and brought an end to lovely day. Many thanks to the CLCBA's sponsorship and coordination of the day's event and chairpersons, Richard (Dick) and Rose Ide. Numerous volunteers worked and made the day's activities go smoothly.

**Landlords and Rental Agents:** Please inform renters about the Friday trash pick up and how to get bags. Village and business trash receptacles and street receptacles are not intended for trash from private residences or rentals. Your support and help is appreciated. Let's keep our Village beautiful and clean.

**Remember:**

- Tie up your branches and large yard refuse for pick up. Yard waste, leaves, cuttings should be bagged and left street side for pick up. Please keep bags to 25 pounds or less.
- All dogs in the Village are to be on leash. **Only certified service animals are allowed on the Trail.** Please clean up after your pets.
- Red trash bags are sold at Village Office (\$21 for 10), yellow at Stapletons (single bags) and Shop & Save (10/pkg). Friday mornings is pick-up for red and yellow bags in the Village. Weekday holidays move pick-up to Saturday morning. (ie: Labor Day Monday will move trash pickup to Saturday, Sept 12)
- Business owners and staff are encouraged to park away from downtown parking in order to save spaces for visitors and patrons.
- **Please don't feed the birds on the lake** It will only increase the risk of swimmer's itch.

**Tidbits:**

\*If you listen on Friday afternoons, you'll hear the music of the ice cream truck, making you smile.

\*Benzie's Odyssey of the Mind team took 13th out of 63 teams at the International Meet this spring!

\*Many thanks to Scout Troop #10 for re-walking the parade route and picking up trash along Benzie Blvd and elsewhere during the afternoon.

\*Art events on Thursdays eve, check Live for Art, L'Chayim and Here Today/Gone Tomorrow

\*The Crystal Lake Running Club invites runners of all levels to join them on runs every Mon-Wed-Fri at 7 pm at the Beulah Pavilion. The club meets throughout the summer for casual runs, averaging 2-8 miles on a variety of routes. Runners of all abilities are welcome.

\*Tennis /Pickle Ball Clinics schedule is posted on the downtown courts. Thanks to Barb Skurdall.

\*Dog Park at Benzonia Memorial Park is scheduled for completion in July.

\*"Back The Track" had their kick-off event with the mile relay against Beijing Olympian Miler, Nick Willis, in early June. Working on funding the track surface, the group has another fundraiser set for Aug 8 at St. Ambrose Cellars.



**Coaches Traci and Asa Kelly (with daughters) support 'Back the Track' as well as coordinating the Firecracker 5K and Crystal Lake Team Marathon events every summer. Go Team Kelly!**



Start planning your WinterFest Outhouse entry now, while the weather is warm! Race day is 2/13/16. More info on: [clcba.org](http://www.clcba.org)

**Cross Connections** review continues. The priority users have been businesses and then will move to have all water service users connections reviewed by the Village staff. The program, mandated by the State, is to assure that no cross contamination exists that can affect drinking water. The brochure, that accompanied the Winter newsletter, is available at the Village office.

**Village of Beulah Water Service Customers:** The “run water advisories” issued this past winter resulted in a significant reduction in water line freezes. We will continue to post these advisories on the Beulah Village website at <http://www.villageofbeulah.org/>. We are still developing an email distribution list for this purpose. Currently we have about 25% of the water service customers email addresses. This list will be used for urgent messages pertaining to Village of Beulah business only. Email addresses will not be shared with third parties. We encourage both year-round and seasonal residents to participate in this **voluntary program** by sending an email to [villageofbeulah@gmail.com](mailto:villageofbeulah@gmail.com) with your water service address (street number and name only).

**typed in the subject line.**

Example: Jane Doe 120 Main Street



The new Beulah Beach sign has been installed, replacing the one that was stolen sometime this winter. Replacement cost was nearly \$1000.



Thanks to Peter Niemi for painting the downtown benches 'Beulah Blue', in time for July 4<sup>th</sup> activities.

**Archibald Jones Marker Dedication:** The event will be on Sat, Aug. 22 at the outlet area on Crystal Lake. Thanks to Dr. Stacy Daniels (aka Archibald Jones) for his work in making the marker possible. A short program is scheduled for 10 am, everyone is invited.



**'Archibald Jones' with his memorial marker.**

**Come walk the Cold Creek Bridge on Labor Day Monday.**



**Wayfinding Signage:** This logo may look familiar as you've seen it on the Village of Beulah trucks. The logo was designed years ago for the Village. As the wayfinding signage grant work proceeds, this logo will become a more formal part of recognizing Beulah.

**Got any ideas or suggestions or corrections on the newsletter? Drop us a note at the Village Office. Thanks, Phil & Vicki**

**Have a Beulah-ful Day!**

**1<sup>st</sup> Annual Cold Creek Bridge Walk** is scheduled for Labor Day Monday at 10 am. Walkers will start on the launch side of the bridge and finish at the Pavilion. Door prizes from local businesses will be



drawn. See CLCBA website for more information.