

Village of Beulah Newsletter Winter 2015

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From the Editors: Remember last winter? Over 240" fell, so far this snowfall is manageable. Many thanks to all the businesses and homes who made Beulah a very festive Village for Christmas. You can put your trees out by the road for a pick-up by the Village Crew. We wish everyone a wonderful 2015.

Phil Downs & Vicki Carpenter Downs

From the Village President: Those who voted in the recent elections found that there were vacancies on the Village Council for which there were no candidates. While it is unfortunate that this occurred, we are pleased to say that subsequent to the elections, three residents stepped forward with offers to fill the two vacancies available. Our thanks go out to Mitch Szwed, Linda Wolfe and Phil Downs for their offers to serve the Village in this way. At the December council meeting, all three were nominated and each council member was asked to vote for two candidates. The vote resulted in the appointments of Linda Wolfe and Phil Downs to the council. There was also a Village Treasurer position for which there were no candidates. Fortunately, Jennifer Kloosterman offered to accept that office and she was appointed by the Council. We extend our thanks to Jennifer for her offer and to former Treasurer Dawn Olney for agreeing to assist with the transition.

As the weather turns colder, we remind our water & sewer customers to watch for "Run Water Advisories" that may be posted from time-to-time. We will continue to use the media, the Village website and our newly-formed urgent message email distribution list described elsewhere in this newsletter to notify customers of these advisories.

On a personal note, I would like to thank Jerry Rank, Maxine Hansen and Dawn Olney for their many years of service to this Village. The longer I am involved with Village business, the more I appreciate the contributions of time and energy they, and others who have preceded them, have made to keep this Village running.

Work continues 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. Bid packages are being prepared and work is expected to begin in early spring of 2015.

By late spring or early summer, 2015, we expect to learn whether our streetscape project grant has been approved by MDOT. If approved, construction would likely not commence until later in 2016.

Dan Hook, Village President



Beulah Village Council & Staff

back row: Mike Laslo, Robert Fitzke, Gary Pallin, Dan Hook, Dan Smith front row: Jennifer Kloosterman, Linda Wolfe, Phil Downs, missing from photo is Laura Spencer

Crystal Lake Community Business Association (CLCBA) Past and Future Events:

Halloween Haunted Trailhead: Thanks to the leadership of Shelly and Sally at Crystal Crate & Cargo, the Trailhead Building was transformed into a haunted house for over 200. Also, thanks to the many businesses who handed out candy, dressed up and stayed open for Trick or Treat.

Christmas Magic: Santa had a busy day, first breakfast with children in the morning. Later, he visited with children at the Trailhead Bldg. and the kids enjoyed holiday activities. Steve Loveless shot photos of Santa and his friends. Many stores offered holiday specials and BCHS Chorus members entertained with holiday songs on downtown streets and in businesses. Thanks to Amanda McLaren for chairing the parade and storefront decorating contest.

Winners:

Most Magical Decorations: Crystal Clean Laundromat

Parade:

Best Parade Lighting: The Lighthouse Cafe

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1st Place: The Lighthouse Cafe
2nd Place: Eden Bible Church
3rd Place: Victoria's Floral Design
Best Emergency Vehicle: Homestead Township



Santa had many friends during Christmas Magic.

WinterFest: Saturday, Feb. 14 in the Village Park with fun activities for all ages; chili cook-off, frozen fish toss, frozen turkey bowling, horse drawn wagon rides, duck races, fishing contest, parade and fireworks on the lake. Competition grows for the outhouse races after the parade at the Trailhead Building. The dog pull contest will be returning. Watch for more information in newspapers, posters and CLCBA website.

Registration forms for Outhouse Race and Chili Cook-Off are at the Benzie Chamber, State of the Art and the CLCBA website clcba.org

Easter Egg Hunt: Saturday, April 4 at Memorial Park on the Benzonia soccer fields behind the car dealership. 1 pm for toddlers to age 12.

Membership: support the CLCBA and become a member; PO Box 754, Beulah. Businesses, non-business and citizens are all welcomed and encouraged to join. Visit clcba.org for more info.

Village Office Hours

Clerk-Laura Spencer Tues-Wed-Thurs 10-2 pm
Treasurer-Jennifer Kloosterman Sat. 10-2 pm
Zoning Adm.-Ron Edwards, Thurs 10-12
Phone 231-882-4451 Fax 231-882-5759
Free Fax services available to residents
Web Site: www.villageofbeulah.org
The Village Newsletter and Village Council minutes can be found on the web site.

Village Meetings: First Thursday after the first Monday of each month at 7 pm.
The public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Village Council Trustees and Staff and Terms

Dan Hook – President-2016 (appointed)
Phil Downs – Equipment-2016 (appointed)
Co-Chair: Gary Pallin
Linda Wolfe – Law/Finance-2016 (appointed)
Co-Chair: Robert Fitzke
Dan Smith– Water and Sewer-2018
Co-Chair: Mike Laslo
Mike Laslo – Streets and Sidewalks-2018
Co-Chair: Dan Smith
Gary Pallin – Parks and Recreation-2016
Co-Chair: Phil Downs
Robert Fitske – Buildings/Grounds-2018
Co-Chair: Linda Wolfe
Laura Spencer – Clerk-2016
Jennifer Kloosterman–Treasurer-2016 (appt'd)
Ron Edwards – Zoning Administrator
Brian Moore – Supervisor
Woody Card - Village Crew
Corey Toms – Village Crew

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: water advisories, annual drinking water report and notice of special meetings or public meetings.

Sponsors of special events that require Village support, such as barricades or staff, should make a request to the Village by contacting the clerk, 882-4451

Run Water Advisories will be posted in the Village Office windows, website and sent out by email. During these advisories, you are encouraged to run a small stream of water, no larger than a pencil lead. Go to: villageofbeulah.org

Snow Update from Benzie Road Commission:

As of 12/22/14, we have had 34” of snowfall. This time last year, we had 58.25” of snowfall and much colder weather. Remember that salt is ineffective under 20 degrees and can in fact make matters worse by melting, then refreezing road or sidewalk surfaces.

Did You Know:

- Thanks to Beulah Boosters who decorated the interior of the Trailhead Building for Christmas.



- Thanks to the Village crew and Pat Dixon of Copemish for decorating the large pine at the Village Park. It is beautiful.
- Benzie Central Cross Country Coaches Asa & Tracy Kelly have again been recognized by their peers. They are key to the Firecracker 5K on July 4th and the Crystal Lake Team Marathon in August in addition to the success of the student runners, thanks!
- DNR public launch off Mollineaux is a launch site for shanties.
- WiFi is available at Darcy Library, Blue Caribou and Hungry Tummy.
- The Benzie Bus has a stop at the Betsie Valley Trailhead Building in the back parking lot; call for information and pick up times: 325-3000.
- Darcy Library will again have an adult reading contest this winter with great prizes. Stop in for info or go to website.
- Darcy Library has an ongoing book sale inside the library. Donations of new or gently used hardbound and softbound books are appreciated.
- Village has fax services and a paper shredder that are available free to residents and businesses during Village office hours.

Water Systems Cross Connections: The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has recently required that the Village of Beulah update its water system Cross Connection Control Program. A cross connection is an arrangement of piping which could allow undesirable water, sewage or chemical solutions to enter a drinking water system as a result of backflow. To this end, Village of Beulah employees recently participated in a two-day training program to enable them to inspect individual water systems for cross connections.

The purpose of the inspections is to initially survey all customers to identify cross connections in need of corrective actions. The inspections will be done on a priority basis beginning with the highest risk systems such as commercial and institutional properties, and followed by residential systems.

Initially you'll be contacted by mail to allow you to schedule a convenient time to perform the inspection at your business or residence. If you are a property owner renting your property to others, it is important that you advise your renters that they will be contacted by the Village to schedule this inspection.

Water customers with cross connection problems will be asked to have their systems repaired and will be given ample time to do so before a re-inspection occurs. Costs associated with repairs are the responsibility of the water customer.

Please read the brochure accompanying this 2014 Winter Newsletter for an explanation of the importance of this requirement. For more detail, please refer to the MDEQ's *Cross Connection Control Manual* at http://www.michigan.gov/documents/deq/CrossConnectionManual_251521_7.pdf. Everyone appreciates your participation in maintaining a healthy water system throughout our community.

Dan Smith, Water & Sewer Chair

Beulah Recycling Information

Recycling Update-for info call 882-0554 or go to www.benzieco.net and click on services

Single Stream Recycling: Here's what you CAN recycle in the same bin

- Clean tin and aluminum containers
- All numbers of plastic including plastic bags
- Polystyrene (styrofoam packaging that has a symbol on it (clean take-out packaging, produce trays, cups, etc.)

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- Aseptic packaging (juice boxes, milk cartons)
- Paper and flat boxes including magazines & junk mail
- Shredded paper and mixed paper can be inside a paper bag
- Glass bottles & jars only in glass dumpster
- Hazardous Waste: 5/2 Almira, 7/11 Frankfort and 8/8 Honor (all 9-12), see web site for specifics
- Cardboard may be dropped at BC High School.
- Call Recycling Coordinator, Marlene Wood, with any recycling or disposal questions 882-0554.

Don't forget to clear your sidewalks of snow

Park Yourself at Beulah Beach: The Village-owned RV park in Beulah will be ready in April for your 2015 reservations. Sites at the park are available for the upcoming season. Contact the Village Clerk at 231-882-4451 or email clerk@villageofbeulah.org for more information.

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

Upcoming or Ongoing Events:

- Village Council Meeting, Thurs., 2/5 at 7 pm
- WinterFest, Saturday, 2/14, events begin late morning, chili cook-off, many contests, parade, outhouse races, and fireworks
- Cookie Sale at the Trailhead Building by Friends of the Darcy Library, 2/14 10-2 pm
- Benzonia Township taxes due 2/14
- Water bill due 2/15
- Village Council Meeting, Thurs., 3/5 at 7
- Planning Commission, Mon, 3/9, 5 pm
- Hydrants will be flushed in early April
- Easter Egg Hunt, Sat, 4/4, 1 pm at Benzonia Memorial Park (soccer/ball fields)
- Village Council Meeting, Thurs., 4/9. 7 pm
- Village Council Meeting, Thurs., 5/7 at 7 pm
- Foreign and Cult Films at Darcy Library, call the library or check web site for more info
- Thursday is Children's Story time 3 pm, Darcy

2014 Best of Benzie People's Choice Award Winners (Record Patriot) Beulah Winners

- Best Antique Shop: Myers Granary
- Best Attorney: John Grogan/Grogan Law

- Best Art Gallery: State of the Art
- Best Lunch: East Shore Market
- Best Deli: L'Chayim
- Best New Business: Blue Caribou
- Best Golf Course: Crystal Lake Golf Club
- Best Real Estate Agency: Stapleton Realty
- Best Real Estate Agent: Chris Stapleton
- Best Retail Clerk: Kelli Luedtke/Crystal Crate & Cargo
- Best Place to Buy Jewelry: Northern Decor

Darcy Library of Beulah: Hours & Info

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

Tues.-Thurs. 12 to 7 pm

Sat. 9 to 1 pm

www.darcylibraryofbeulah.org call 882-4037

The Website has information on classes, events and you can read the current Darcy Newsletter.

Friends of the Darcy Library meet the 2nd Wed. of each month at 5:30 pm, everyone is invited.

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

Business Updates:

- Many thanks to the businesses for their holiday spirit with decorations, lights and the lovely decorated trees throughout. The CLCBA partnered with businesses and Scout Troop #10 for the Christmas trees this year.
- Benzie Conservation District's Seedling sale happens in early April. Check with them for catalog and sale dates, 882-4391



• Welcome to Creation Pharm and owners Anna Sangemino and Mike Holbert. They opened in December in

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the former Five Corners store. You may know them from their booth at farmers markets and art fairs. Beulah is their new home!

- Welcome to Mike Vogel, financial advisor, who has the corner office in 244 Benzie Blvd.
- Many businesses have winter schedules: Please call for specific hours and days.
- Best wishes to Michelle Heckman as she closed the Yarn Market in December.
- Northern Decor got a 'face lift or tuck' this fall on their brick facade per owner Kitty Ely.

CLCBA Winterfest Partnering w/Benzie Showcase
Saturday, February 14th is not only Valentine's Day but it also marks the date of the Crystal Lake Community Business (CLCBA)'s Winterfest. Winterfest has been known for its family fun activities that feature contests such as turkey bowling, fish toss, and the outhouse race. A chili cook-off is also part of the festivities and helps keep everyone warm from the inside out. The grand finale is fireworks over Crystal Lake.

This year there will be a new component of Winterfest – the Benzie Showcase. Benzie Showcase is a new venture that hopes to introduce County residents to services that are available through a variety of organizations - everything from baby pantry to services for the aging; from zoning to fire protection; from recycling to donations; and from emergency operations to policing patrols. A passport drawing will help keep people warm and moving.

Non-profits from around the County will be invited. It is a chance for citizens to speak directly to resource organizations and learn about where to go when needs arise for themselves, family, friends, and neighbors. Posters will be distributed throughout the County with more specific information about exhibitors, prizes, and contests, as well as future news releases. This event is sponsored by the Benzie Resources Team.

Remember:

- 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, 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.

- Business owners and staff are encouraged to park in the parking lots in order to save spaces for visitors and patrons.
- **Please don't feed the birds on the lake.** It will only increase cases of swimmer's itch.
- Snow is here and must be removed from your sidewalks per Village ordinance.
- **No overnight parking on streets ordinance is in effect November 1 to April 1.** Please encourage renters, visitors and everyone to comply with the ordinance to support the Village crews in snow removal. Remember, the ordinance is in effect regardless of snowfall. Failure to comply may get your vehicle towed.

Outhouse Races: Returning to WinterFest 2015 will be the Outhouse Races! The competition is open to all ages, families, groups, businesses, service clubs, etc.! Information and applications are available at clcba.org as well as State of the Art, and the Benzie Chamber of Commerce. Size and materials are limited but not your imagination. Each entry requires a toilet seat and a roll of toilet paper. The race will be a short sprint on a snow covered base. The theme is: "Build It and They Will Go!" Great publicity for your group or business and great fun!



We hope to have a competition between Kehr Dentistry's Little Deuce Poop and Watson Benzie's Jeep at the 2015 Outhouse Races on Sat., Feb. 14.

Snowmobile Reminder and Snowmobile Class Information: A reminder that snowmobiles going through the Village need to follow the posted trails. Don't go alone, go with a partner. Never drink and ride your snowmobile; wear protective gear (helmet, goggles, gloves, boots) and proper winter clothing. Know your equipment, watch your speed, ride with head light on, obtain a trail sticker and current registration before using the trails. The Benzie County Sheriff's Office is offering snowmobile safety classes for first time operators and for youth who want to learn about safe snowmobile operation.

Tentative class date is 1/17/2015. Contact the Sheriff's Office at 882-4494 to sign up for the class.

Enjoy the winter season, and be safe.

WinterFest Chili Cook-Off: Cooks are needed for the Chili Cook-Off on Saturday, Feb. 14 at the Village Park. Competition is open to businesses and individuals. Bring 2 gallons of chili by 11:30 am and volunteers handle the rest. Prizes for winners! Call the Hungry Tummy, 882-5103 or get registration forms at Benzie Chamber, State of the Art and on line at clcba.org

Please pre-register as it helps with planning and volunteer needs. Thanks!



The Beulah Boosters serve the WinterFest chili contest entries at noon. Don't be late, they run out!

Downtown Business Meeting Planned: Based on discussions last winter, the CLCBA and Beulah Boosters are hosting a meeting for current and potential downtown Beulah businesses. The purpose

of the 2/3/2015 meeting will be to share resources available to them through the Alliance for Economic Success and the MI Economic Development Corporation. Fliers will be distributed to downtown businesses and those interested should contact Betsy Nugent Evans at 231-383-2798. The meeting will be at 5:15 pm at the Village Offices, snowdate is 2/10/15.

Beulah Boosters are Busy Volunteers: Christmas Magic kept the Boosters busy in December. Boosters helped with the Christmas trees, decorated the Trailhead Building. They were involved with the children's activities in the Trailhead Building, making bird feeders, designing slap bracelets and decorating cookies. Next events, for interested volunteers, will be WinterFest in February and the Easter Egg Hunt in April. Volunteers are needed for WinterFest activities. Please contact Phil Downs if you can give a couple of hours on that day. If not WinterFest, perhaps you can help the bunny with the egg hunt in March. 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 or to volunteer, please contact Phil Downs, President at 882-4847 or email retired_phil@hotmail.com 9am-9 pm. Come and have fun, everyone is welcome!**

Streetscape Efforts Continue: The Village is waiting to learn if the Transportation Enhancement (TE) Grant has been approved. Meanwhile, initial design efforts have started for the wayfinding street sign grant project.



FIREWORKS @ 7:15 pm
Go to: clcba.org for schedule
and registration forms

The Village purchased the foreclosed property off the public parking lot and demolished the building. The space will be used for snow this winter and parking the rest of the seasons.

Library/Recycling/Public Parking lot will have barricades placed to ensure clear access for the maintenance crew during snow removal periods. Please support the crew and respect the barricades. Crews need to get in and out of the garage to better maintain the Village streets.

Ice Skating Rink: Last year there was great support to fund the upkeep for the rink at Homestead/US 31 in Benzonia. This year, Benzie County Parks & Recreation Committee is coordinating donations for the upkeep of the ice rink. Your donations are still needed and should be made out and sent to: **Benzie County** (write skating rink on the check memo line)
448 Court Place, Beulah, MI 49617

Central State Bank Expansion: Recently the Beulah site of Central State Bank cleared the building from the south side of the bank. This space will be used for additional parking for their patrons.

Village of Beulah Water Service Customers: The “run water advisories” issued last winter resulted in a significant reduction of water line freezes. However, a more efficient method of communicating these advisories was needed. We will continue to post these advisories on the Beulah Village website at <http://www.villageofbeulah.org/>. We have also developed an email distribution list for this purpose. 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 with your name and water service address (street number and name only) typed in the subject line. Please remember to re-send a similar message to us if your email address changes.

WinterFest

Saturday, Feb. 14, 2015

Chili Contest

Parade

Outhouse Races

Fishing Contest

Rubber Duck Races

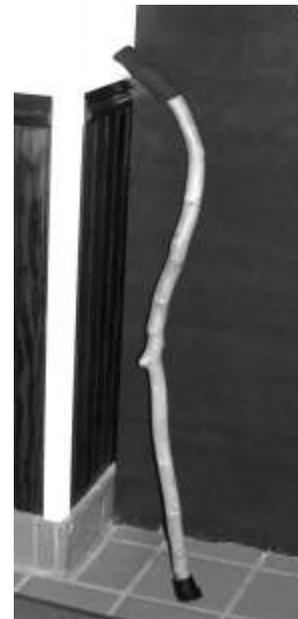
Frozen Turkey Bowling

Snow Ball Throw

Frozen Fish Toss

Poker Run

Softball and more



Someone left their cane at the Trailhead Building. It can be claimed at the Village Office, Tues-Thurs from 10-2 pm.



Homestead Township was one of several emergency vehicles in the CLCBA's Christmas Magic Parade. The revitalized parade was great fun. Beulah and Benzonia's downtown businesses were full of lights and magic!

What's wrong with the second picture? It appears that someone took the custom made Beulah Beach sign along with other Village signage off the beach. Sadly, this expensive sign will be difficult to replace and match the other Village signs. Returning the signs would be appreciated and demonstrate better citizenship.

This space saved for mailing info



Please read the newsletter article on pg 3 and the insert on Water Systems Cross Connections in regards to the Village water systems and what are the next steps that apply to all water systems in the Village.

“The smallest good deed is better than the grandest intention.” Jacques Joseph Duguet

Have a Beulah-ful New Year!