

From the Editors: Everyone knows the old adage about Michigan weather...if you don't like it, wait a minute. We've certainly experienced a variety of weather this spring, waiting until the last minute before going to print to get the snowfall data! Many thanks for all the congratulations and kind words as I was recognized as one of the honorable mentions for the Benzie Citizen of the Year earlier this winter. Marlene Wood is retiring as the County's Recycling Coordinator later this spring. We want to congratulate her and thank her for her leadership to bring recycling sites and related activities to Benzie County. Best wishes!

Phil Downs & Vicki Carpenter Downs, Editors



These geese and many other folks probably asked themselves if they came north too soon with our April snowfall.

From the Village President: It's here – the ugly duckling season of year. Sand, still everywhere that kept us from slipping and sliding during the winter months, is being removed and there are still a few forecasts of snow on the eleven o'clock news – but we all know that the swan cannot be far behind. Then real Spring will arrive – and there is no place anywhere... better to be than right here in Benzie County on Crystal Lake.

Reflecting a little on this past winter in Beulah ...it was not one for the record – no plow jockey's dream, but it had its moments. Periods of heavy snow required 14-hour shifts by the Village Crew, who seemed more organized and efficient than ever. There were actually compliments from residents regarding the crew's performance. Many thanks from us year-round residents for keeping us open and safe.

Recent Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) developments have us reflecting back to past times.

During the Spring of 1931, the Village of Beulah was planning the installation of a water storage tank to provide pressure for the Village's water system. A local resident, the grandfather of current residents, graciously offered space for it on the hill behind his home at Peek-A-Boo Point. In 1932, that's where it was constructed and remains to this day. Most drive right by this old tank without even realizing that it's there.

At the March Village Council meeting, it was decided to have this venerable old structure's internals professionally cleaned with the expectation of a giving the community a few more years of service. Councils' intention was to use this time to focus on some mitigation of our sewer system. However, not only was Beulah denied a permit to proceed with the cleaning, it was served with an Administrative Consent Order and a Notice of Violation of the regulations concerning the storage of drinking water by the Department of Environmental Quality. As a temporary alternative, the DEQ recommended flushing the tank – which will be done directly.

In consulting with our licensed professionals, we are told the facts regarding the tank are indisputable. While the water quality remains very good due to the two new wells installed at the northeast end of Beulah, "the tank is past its functional service life (constructed in 1932) and because the tank is not properly secured, thus Beulah is in need of a new water tank," to quote from the DEQ Permit Denial.

The second document, the Violation Notice further states, "The tank has been identified as deficient due to it having inadequate capacity for fire protection, age-related deterioration, having had no professional inspection, and due to lack of security. Specifically the size, age, and condition of the tank violate...requirements of the Safe Drinking Water Act."

Additionally, to illustrate the how serious they (DEQ) are, the Village has also been served with an Administrative Consent Order that contains a timetable outlining the steps to be taken for the replacement of the tank complete with penalties and fines for noncompliance.

The DEQ has stated that one of the reasons they are currently so insistent on enforcement, aside from the physical facts, is that their records show ten years ago Beulah had applied for and was granted a Permit to construct a new tank for all the reasons already stated.

Financing in the form of loan and grant monies had been arranged and a location was being determined, when the project suddenly ceased. Contacts with the Village by the DEQ during that 10-year period regarding the tank basically went unacknowledged or were minimal. Along with current reporting of problems of other Michigan municipal water systems, the DEQ's patience with Beulah has come to an end. This is the beginning of a long process where Village Council will make every effort to keep the citizens informed.

To be assured, all of us look forward to another wonderful summer in Beulah with the return of family, friends and neighbors who will be greeted by good changes in the Village. To mention only a few, one will again be able to select their favorite bagel sandwich at L'Chayim Deli as owners Jonathan Clark and Dave Scott prepare to re-open their business destroyed by fire early fall last year. Thank you to these two great entrepreneurs for reclaiming their business with great spirit and a new look. You have been missed as an anchor in Beulah. Luna Boutique will now be found in its new home on Benzie Boulevard's first block next to State of the Art Framing where Live for Art closed towards the end of 2015. A new antique/resale shop will replace Luna Boutique next to Kelly's Korner Upholstery across from the Cold Creek Inn. The Inn has also reopened with handsome new flooring and seating and has plans for a new building-front and outside dining. These are all part of the forward movement of Beulah being driven by the excitement garnered from the anticipated Streetscape grant that will commence late this fall or early in the Spring of 2017. Once completed, the business district will boast new sidewalks and curbing, resurfaced streets with some attention to infrastructure beneath it, and the installation of handsome new light fixtures with underground wiring. Star and moonlit skies will be easier to observe with new down-lighting fixtures. Imagine having no wires crisscrossing your views of this sweet Village and beautiful Crystal Lake. An upbeat and inspirational change.

In closing, let me thank Village Clerk Laura Spencer for her indispensable and patient assistance as I take on the responsibilities as Beulah's newly appointed Council President in late fall of 2015. Laura's sense of Village history and attention to detail are a real gift to the ongoing administration of this community.

Best regards, Dan Smith- Village President

CLCBA: past and upcoming events (clcba.org)

WinterFest held to the name, it was winter but much improved over last year's arctic event that caused it to be delayed for the first time in anyone's memory. Crystal Lake finally froze enough to host a new event, 'Take a Kid Ice Fishing' in partnership with the Water Festival, Sport Fish MI and Big Bob's Up North Outfitters in Frankfort. Chili winners for businesses: Pinecroft Golf Course, Perks & Petals and The Maples. Individuals were: 1st place John Darien and Kathy Engelbertson won 2nd and 3rd. Frozen fish were flying, 'fake' snowballs were tossed and frozen poultry was bowling down icy 'pins'. The parade honored the Benzie County Business of the Year: Webber Insurance. Outhouses dominated the parade as they made their way to the Beulah Trailhead to race. Adult winners were 1st Honor Building Supply, 2nd Nugent Ace Hardware and 3rd Corner Pub. Boy Scout Troops 10 and 267 raced and Troop 10 took first and Troop 267 took second. Troop 267 also took Best in Show for their Alaska bound themed entry. The wind calmed down and another beautiful fireworks display on and over Crystal Lake closed the day



Volunteers put up the chili tent on a windy & wintery Friday: Tim Quick, Josh Stoltz., Mike Brougham, Phil Downs, Robert Fitzke, Dan Smith & Dan Hook. It was still up on Saturday morning. Great job guys!

Easter Egg Hunt was held on Saturday, March 26 on a sunny day in a snow covered Memorial Park in Benzonia. Over 100 attended (adults and children) and kept the Easter Bunny busy with photo

opportunities. Winners of the chocolate bunnies were: Kalia Ballard, Anabel Jones and Abigale Orfe, they found special coin hidden in an egg. Thanks to the many volunteers and to the tellers at Central State Bank and Honor Bank for filling the eggs with Easter goodies.



The Easter Bunny gets a high five (or high paw) at the Easter Egg Hunt

July 4th: Firecracker 5K race, parade, events in the park and fireworks over Crystal Lake.

Music in the Park: Thurs., 7 pm from 6/30 to 8/11

Beulah Art Fair: held in the Village Park on Sat., 7/9

Sidewalk Sale Day: Sat., 8/6, Beulah & Benzonia

Crystal Lake Team Marathon: Sat., 8/13

(registration forms for races & events on website)

Membership: support the CLCBA and become a member; PO Box 754, Beulah. Businesses, non-business and citizens are all welcomed. Visit clcba.org for more info or call 231-383-1120.

Village Office Hours

Clerk-Laura Spencer Tues-Wed-Thurs 10-2 pm

Treasurer-Mitchell Szwed Tues & Thurs 12-3 pm

Zoning Adm.-Ron Edwards, Thurs 10-12

Phone 231-882-4451 Fax 231-882-5759

Free fax services and a paper shredder are available to residents and businesses during Village office hours.

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 Smith – 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

Jeri VanDePerre – Water and Sewer-2016 (appt'd)

Co-Chair: Mike Laslo

Mike Laslo – Streets/Sidewalks-2016

Co-Chair: Jeri VanDePerre

Gary Pallin – Parks and Recreation-2018

Co-Chair: Phil Downs

Robert Fitzke– Buildings/Grounds-2018

Co-Chair: Linda Wolfe

Laura Spencer – Clerk-2016

Mitchell Szwed – Treasurer-2016 Appt'd

Ron Edwards – Zoning Administrator

Brian Moore – Supervisor

Daniel Munsell – Village Crew

Cody Bowers – 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



WinterFest's Best of Show Outhouse was awarded to Scout Troop 267 promoting their Alaska trip.

Snow Update from Benzie Road Commission: As of 4/1/2016 we have had 98” of snow. On this date in 2015 there was 118.25” and in 2014 the snowfall was 225.5” (@19 ft).



Three generations braved the cold for WinterFest.

Did You Know:

- Live Eagle Cam You can join the nesting pair on: carbontv.com/cams/carbontv-eagle-cam and watch other segments on the eagles via the live camera at the Platte River State Fish Hatchery.
- The DNR reports that Crystal Lake has coho salmon which were first spotted in the 1980s. Additionally, the DNR stocks 20,000 rainbows and 60,000 lake trout fingerlings yearly. Pike have been caught with some at 20 pounds.
- Batteries, cell phones, printer cartridges and compact florescent bulbs can be taken to the Benzonia Township Hall for recycling.
- Congratulations to Daniel Munsell from the Village Crew who has passed his EMT basic training. Hard work, well done.
- Tennis clinic schedule: 6/24, 7/1, 7/8, (no 15), 7/22 and 7/29. Beginners-advance at 10 am and advanced skill development at 11:00 am. All clinics will be at the court at the Village Park
- WiFi is available at Darcy Library, Blue Caribou, Cold Creek Inn and Hungry Tummy.
- Darcy Library winter reading contest had 63 participants, reading a total of 616 books!
- 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 has an ongoing book sale inside the library. Donations of new or gently used hardbound and softbound books are appreciated.

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.

The purpose of the inspections is to identify cross connections in need of corrective actions. 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. More info at Village office



WinterFest chili entries were enjoyed by over 120.

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:

- NEW Clean glass bottles & jars can be recycled in the big bins
- 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.)
- Aseptic packaging (juice boxes, milk cartons)

- Paper and flat boxes including magazines & junk mail
- Place shredded paper and mixed paper inside a paper bag
- Paper shredding, 4/20, 9-noon @ Resource Ctr.
- Recycle latex paint, 4/23 9:30-3:30 at ReStore in Honor, \$1/can (must be wet paint to be re-used)
- Hazardous Waste: 6/25 Frankfort and 7/23 Honor (all 9-12), see web site for specifics
- Cardboard may be dropped at BC High School.
- Benzonia Township Hall will accept dead batteries, cellphones, printer cartridges and compact fluorescent bulbs.
- Call Recycling Coordinator, Marlene Wood, with any recycling or disposal questions 882-0554.

Park Yourself at Beulah Beach: The Village-owned RV park in Beulah will be ready in April for your 2016 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:

- Planning Commission, Mon, 5/2 at 5 pm
- Village Council Meeting, Thurs., 5/5 at 7 pm
- Water bill due 5/15
- Benzonia Township dump day is 5/21 7 am – noon, get a ticket to participate at their office
- Village Council Meeting, Thurs., 6/9 at 7 pm
- Tennis clinics begin, see note at tennis court
- Beulah Trash Day, 6/18, 8-noon, see Laurie-Village Clerk, for a permit
- Music in the Park, Thurs, 6/30, 7 pm
- Village Council Meeting, Thurs., 7/7. 7 pm
- Music in the Park, Thurs, 7/7, 7 pm
- Music in the Park, Thurs, 7/14, 7 pm
- Music in the Park, Thurs, 7/21, 7 pm
- Music in the Park, Thurs, 7/28, 7 pm
- Planning Commission, Mon, 8/1, 5 pm
- Primary Election: 8/2, Township Office
- Village Council Meeting, Thurs., 8/4 at 7 pm
- Music in the Park, Thurs, 8/4, 7 pm
- Music in the Park, Thurs, 8/11, 7 pm

- Foreign and Cult Films at Darcy Library, call the library or check web site for more info

Odyssey of the Mind: Benzie Central Middle School received first place at the regional level in February, and then took the gold at State Finals in March. As state champions, they will be advancing to World Finals in Ames, Iowa May 25-28. Although other BC OM teams have advanced to World, this is the first time for this particular team! The team consists of AuSable Kreiner, Clara Reed, Emma Quick, Finn McLaren, Logan Jones, and Tyler Iverson, all 8th graders at Benzie Central Middle School. Coached by Jimmy McLaren and Connie McLaren. This May 25-28 they hope to compete with more than 800 teams from all over the world and are responsible for fundraising the over \$6,000.00 it will cost to get them there. They are gladly accepting any kind of help you can give. Upcoming fundraisers: rummage sale/April 16&17, Mill’s Community House, pancake breakfast/April 23, Hungry Tummy and a car wash is being planned. Monetary donations can be send to: Benzie Central O.M. c/o Jimmy McLaren 1241 Trucker Trail, Beulah, MI 49617.



The BC O&M team celebrates their win!

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 5:15 pm, everyone is invited.

Library Board meets the 2nd Monday of each month, 5:30 pm. Everyone is invited.

Business Updates:

- Northern Decor is opening a second store in Frankfort at the former Olsen-Sayles building.
- Benzie Conservation District's Seedling sale is in early April. Check with them for catalog and sale dates, 882-4391
- Cold Creek Inn upgraded this winter in the bar area and is offering additional craft/draft beers
- Welcome to Deja-Vu, a vintage resale and consignment shop which opened in late March. The owners, Maria Driver and Marsha Driver (mother/daughter) are next to Kelly's Korner, across from the Cold Creek Inn. Hours will be 10-5, 6 days a week, stop in and welcome them to B



- Betsie Point Firearms Training owner/instructor Andrew Miller has established a classroom space



A. Papano's Pizza building. Call 231 920.8300 or visit migunclass.com for more information.

- Salon Dahlia has opened in the former Salon 31, next to A. Papano's Pizza on US 31. Owner/stylist Jessica Lee Evans is taking new clients, 231-631-3514.



- The framing portion of the State of the Art Framing & Gallery (SOTA) has been sold to Patty Wolfe. Patty has been working and doing framing at SOTA for several years. Steve will be able to focus more on his photography and the gallery will still show exclusive work of Steve's photography and Ann Loveless quilts. Steve will still do his work at his SOTA space and is available for consultation work.
- Luna Boutique has moved into the former Live for Art Gallery, next to State of the Art and across from East Shore Market. Owner Mary Perzigian is now open for business.
- L'Chayim will re-open in early May in Beulah and Frankfort in May too. We've missed you!

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.**

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- 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.

Beulah Boosters are Busy Volunteers: Thanks to the Boosters for their support of WinterFest in February. Boosters again served 16 different chili entries, helped with games, walked in the parade and cheered the upgraded Booster outhouse race entry. The Easter Egg Hunt in March had many volunteers behind the scenes and at Memorial Park. We anticipate another volunteer event this spring to help with clean up, planting flower boxes and waterfront pots. Additionally, Boosters have been asked to help with a face-lift on the CLCBA's bright green storage building on the corner of US 31 and Benzie Blvd.,. Please contact Vicki Carpenter if you're available to help. We also need help on July 4th with the 5K race and the parade. The Beulah 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 Vicki Carpenter, President at 231-882-4847, 9 am-9 pm. Come make friends and have fun, Everyone is welcome!

Streetscape Efforts Continue: The Village is making final adjustments to the Transportation Enhancement (TE) Grant for approval. It would continue efforts to mark a bike path from the north end of Benzie Blvd to the bike lanes on Lake St. Foremost will be the main 2 business blocks with new street lights, underground lines, improved sidewalks and street surfaces. There will be opportunities to attend meetings later this spring, so check the window at the Village office for dates and times. The meeting time-lines and the 'letting' of the grant by MDOT will determine when the work may begin.

The work on the DNR park project, started this fall with the connector to the Betsie Valley Trail, will finish this spring. Plantings and grass seeding in the park areas, picnic benches, a new tree and additional waste receptacles along the beach and park areas will be finished this spring.

Village of Beulah Water Service Customers: The "run water advisories" issued last winter resulted in a significant reduction of water line freezes. 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.



Using a 10 person insulated shanty, this group enjoyed learning how to ice fish during the WinterFest in February. Sadly, no fish were caught but the memories will last longer!

Please forward written suggestions and corrections on the newsletter to the Village of Beulah office.
Thanks for your support

Have a Beulah-ful Spring!

“Change is the law of life. And those who only look to the past or the present are certain to miss the future.”

John F. Kennedy

Swimmer’s Itch Control

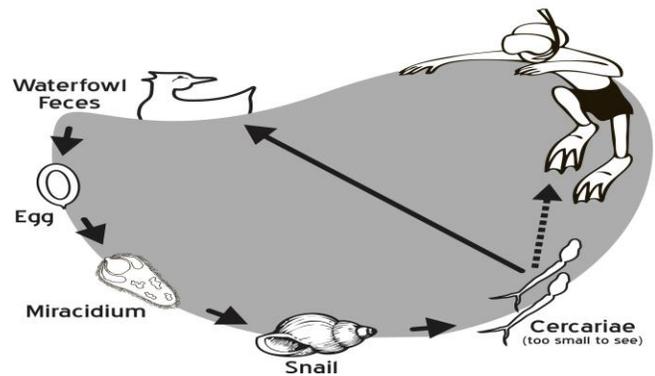
Swimmer’s Itch is public health problem we are all too familiar with. Swimmer’s Itch (SI) results from an avian waterfowl and lake bottom snail parasite lifecycle disrupted when the parasite mistakenly finds a swimmer to infect. (see graphic) The Crystal Lake & Watershed Association (CLWA) has been working on many facets of SI control and in 2016 we are taking a serious turn with two projects:

* One involves a season long action to establish the metrics necessary to gauge the effectiveness of our SI control programs and to support our future funding requests. This complicated yet necessary project involves a complete vector characterization (identify all contributing waterfowl) and an infection rate determination of the related snail populations. The cost is significant, and the resulting data very valuable to our efforts.

Second, CLWA continues to host and financially support the SI predictive research project at Oakland University. Using DNA analysis and the charting of all contributing environmental factors, this project helps us to understand the likelihood and timing of SI outbreaks.

With this information in hand, we can engage and evaluate additional infection control methods that are most effective (pyrotechnics programs, additional hunting, bird relocation, lake bed scarification, etc.). Further, these benchmarks are essential to back up our funding requests required to build our SI control programs. There are no quick answers to SI however, your CLWA is moving ahead, leading Michigan’s efforts to control SI on Crystal Lake. These control measures are in part the result of CLWA’s leading role in the Michigan Swimmer’s Itch Partnership.

Joel Buzzell, President/CLWA



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