

From the Editors: What crazy winter so far! Had the top down on my convertible in December, just for bragging rights! We do hope the lake freezes to avoid evaporation concerns as well as for ice fishing and WinterFest fireworks. Thanks to everyone who decorated their businesses, windows, homes and trees for a festive holiday season. Exciting to have the streetscape efforts closer to reality, if all go as planned, downtown will look different this time next year. Be good to each other.

Phil Downs & Vicki Carpenter Downs, Editors



Not a professional photographer but the truth is that Crystal Lake and Beulah are at the end of this rainbow as seen in December.

From the Village President: As I write this, I'm able to look out the window at Downtown Beulah, all decked out in her winter best. There's a fresh blanket of snow reflecting all the warm holiday lights – put there by the shop owners, the Boosters, committed volunteers, and, of course, the Village Crew. This time of year is made very special by the folks who care deeply for their unique village – and you can feel it. Speaking of the snow - great to look at – it needs to be moved from the streets and sidewalks. This year it's being moved according to a plan worked out by Beulah Village Council's Chairman of Streets & Sidewalks Mike Lazlo, and Village Superintendent Brian Moore. A printed copy of the plan is in the cab of each snowplow. Part of the new plan is to prioritize the clearing of the sidewalks in the downtown business district. Chairman Lazlo and Superintendent Moore say that while the plan is ongoing, they are open to suggestions that would improve the operation.

Without a doubt the latest and greatest news of this past year is that the Ad Hoc Streetscape Committee - comprised of Beulah Booster President Vicki Carpenter, CLCBA Past President Steve Loveless, Beulah Village President Pro Tem Phil Downs, former Village President Dan Hook, and Village Planning Commission Chairman Steve Stephens - is finally seeing its long term efforts come to fruition. In a recent meeting with Gozling-Czubak Engineering consultants, the committee was informed that the Village's latest streetscape grant application to the Michigan Department of Transportation is in the final stages of approval. The grant - with matching funds from the Village of Beulah - will provide for extensive improvements to streets, curbs, sidewalks, and lights in the core of the downtown business district. In addition to the Streetscape Committee, this exciting news will be happily greeted by many other citizens of Beulah such as Joan Duggan, Charley Kinzel and Jerry Rank who have been long time participants in this effort.

Village Council welcomes Ms. Jeri VanDePere as a new trustee to Beulah Village Council. Jeri was nominated and voted affirmatively to become a new trustee of council at its January 7 monthly meeting. She fills a vacancy created by the resignation of former council president Dan Hook.

Dan Smith, Village of Beulah President



Snowmen battle it out at Kelly's Korner.

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 150 brave little ones. Also, thanks to the many businesses who handed out candy, dressed up and stayed open for Trick or Treaters.



St. Bernards pulled their friend in the parade.

Santa listens to Christmas wishes

Christmas Magic: Santa and Frosty had a busy day, first breakfast with children at the Hungry Tummy. Later, he visited with kids at the Trailhead Bldg. and they enjoyed holiday activities. 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 Store Decorations: Victoria's Floral Parade:

1st Place: St. Bernard's Christmas Wagon

2nd Place: Scout Troop #10

3rd Place: Eden Bible Church

Best Emergency Vehicle: Benzonia Township

Best Parade Float Lighting: Lighthouse Cafe

WinterFest: Saturday, Feb. 13 in the Village Park with fun activities for all ages. Activities start at noon, beginning with the chili cook-off,. Others are frozen fish toss, frozen turkey bowling, horse drawn wagon rides, duck races, kid fishing event, parade and fireworks on the lake. Competition grows for the outhouse races, starting after the parade at the Trailhead Building. 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, March 26 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-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.

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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



Welcome to Jeri VanDePeere, newly appointed Village Council member. Thanks for your service.

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 1/8/2016 we have had 10.76” of snow. On this date in 2015 there was 48.5” and in 2014 the snowfall was 94” (@8 ft). 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 Barb Skurdall and Ann Strehle for taking over the care of the Garden of Possibilities.
- Batteries, cell phones, printer cartridges and compact florescent bulbs can be taken to the Benzonia Township Hall for recycling.
- Thanks to the Village crew for decorating the large pine at the Village Park. It is beautiful.
- Benzie Central Cross Country Coach Asa Kelly was again been recognized by his peers. Asa and his wife Tracy, are key to the Firecracker 5K on July 4th and the Crystal Lake Team Marathon in August. Congratulations and thanks!
- DNR public launch off Mollineaux is a launch site for ice shanties (whenever we get enough ice).
- WiFi is available at Darcy Library, Blue Caribou, Cold Creek Inn and Hungry Tummy.
- Darcy Library will again have reading contest, for all ages, this winter with great prizes. Stop in for info or go to their website.
- 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.



Beautiful holiday fashions in Luna Boutique's windows fooled many at first glance as they were crafted from wrapping paper!

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.



Sadly, sign vandalism returned again at the beach this winter. The kiosk was destroyed as the posts were cut. Anyone with information can contact the Sheriff's office 882-4494 or the Village office 882-4451.

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.)
- 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: 6/25 Frankfort and 7/23 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 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, 2/1 at 5 pm
- Village Council Meeting, Thurs., 2/4 at 7 pm
- WinterFest, Saturday, 2/13, events begin late morning, chili cook-off, many contests, parade, outhouse races, and fireworks

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- Cookie Sale at the Trailhead Building by Friends of the Darcy Library, 2/13 10-2 pm
- Benzonia Township taxes due 2/15
- Water bill due 2/15
- Village Council Meeting, Thurs., 3/10 at 7
- Easter Egg Hunt, Sat, 3/26, 1 pm at Benzonia Memorial Park (soccer/ball fields)
- Hydrants will be flushed in early April
- Village Council Meeting, Thurs., 4/7. 7 pm
- Paper shredding, 4/20, 9-noon, Resource Ctr.
- Recycle latex paint, 4/23, 9:30-3:30 at ReStore, \$1/ can
- Planning Commission, Mon, 5/2 at 5 pm
- Village Council Meeting, Thurs., 5/5 at 7 pm
- Benzonia Township dump day is 5/21, 7 am – noon, get a ticket to participate at their office
- Foreign and Cult Films at Darcy Library, call the library or check web site for more info
- 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 again this year.
- Benzie Conservation District's Seedling sale is in early April. Check with them for catalog and sale dates, 882-4391
- Cold Creek Inn is upgrading this winter and will announce their reopening later this winter.
- Live for Art has closed. Best wishes to Mary Lane.
- Luna Boutique will be moving into the former Live for Art building, next to State of the Art.
- L'Chayim is planning to re-open in April in Beulah and the Frankfort site in May. We've missed you
- The winner of 2015 Grand Rapids Art Prize "Northwood Awakening" is on display at the Dennon Museum at NMC campus in Traverse City. We're all proud of Ann & Steve Loveless



Christmas Magic helped make memories for this family at the Beulah Trailhead.

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:

with their unique photofiber entry and for putting Beulah on the map, again!

- BUSINESS TRAINING JAN(CLIPPING)
- Many businesses have winter schedules: Please call for specific hours and days.

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 2016 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!

Have a Beulah-ful New Year!



The Pub's Tiki Bar outhouse won best in show at the 2015 Winterfest Outhouse race. The traveling toilet seat trophy could be yours at WinterFest 2016!

Best decorated emergency vehicle went to Benzonia Township in the 2015 Christmas Magic Parade

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 will be offering a snowmobile safety classes for first time operators and for youth who want to learn about safe snowmobile operation. Contact the Sheriff's Office at 882-4494 for class info.

Enjoy the winter season and be safe.

WinterFest Chili Cook-Off: Cooks are needed for the Chili Cook-Off on Saturday, Feb. 13 at the Village Park. Competition is open to businesses and individuals. Bring 2 gallons of hot 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!

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, cookies/ornaments/bracelets. Next events, for interested volunteers, will be WinterFest in February and the Easter Egg Hunt in March. Volunteers are needed for WinterFest activities. Please contact Vicki Carpenter 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 Vicki Carpenter, President at 882-4847, 9 am - 9 pm. Come 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

winter, check the window at the Village office for dates and times.

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.

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 again 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**



The Grinch did not steal Christmas during the Christmas Magic parade but stayed at the Northwoods Lodge instead.

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.



The Village crew helped bring in the holidays with stringing the large pine in the Village Park, thanks to the warmer weather. They also put up the icicle lights around the Beulah Trailhead building.

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.

WinterFest

Saturday @ Noon

Feb. 13, 2016

Chili Contest

Parade

Outhouse Races

Fishing Contest

Rubber Duck Races

Frozen Turkey Bowling

Snow Ball Throw

Frozen Fish Toss

Poker Run and more!

Activities start at noon

FIREWORKS @ 7:15 pm

**Go to: clcba.org for schedule
and registration forms**

“If you want to live a happy life, tie it to a goal, not to people or objects.”

Albert Einstein

This space saved for mailing.

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