

**From the Editors:** Can't change the weather, just adapt and do your best. As many of us are working on WinterFest events, we have backup plans, so plan to come. We recently reviewed a Downtown Beulah Revitalization Plan from 1986. It was very interesting to read the plan to make Lake St. one way primarily for more parking. In another area of that plan, a 'boardwalk' on the west side of Lake St. was recommended. By this time next year, both of these will be in place, all good things come with time. Christmas Magic and all the decorations in storefronts, trees, light poles, parks and the Trailhead Building made for a beautiful downtown Beulah. Have a great 2012!

Phil Downs & Vicki Carpenter-Downs, Editors

**From the Village President:** After a snowless winter right up to the day before Christmas, we woke up to six inches of the white stuff on the ground and did, indeed, have a white Christmas here in Beulah! I hope you all enjoyed a great holiday season.

Wouldn't you know the week President, Jerry Rank, left for the winter in sunny Florida, we had a water main freeze and break on Prospect Ave.! That's par for the course, but Brian and the crew got it repaired in good time and the residents' water is still flowing with minimal interruption.

This has been a busy year in our village. Our third water well project was completed and is producing more than enough water to supply our fire protection and water pressure needs well into the future. Every residence and business location was changed over to electronic water meters which will drastically reduce read time for maintenance personnel and improve accuracy and eliminate estimated water bills in the winter quarters. An energy grant was received and implemented in the form of high-efficiency lighting and other improvements in the Village Administration office. Old, failing piping and valves in the sewer ponds were replaced after finding them corroded and leaking. A new wide-body tractor mower was purchased for use at the sewer pond location to drastically reduce labor time to mow that large area in the summer. A

new v-blade snow plow was purchased to increase efficiency in plowing the Village streets which our crew always does a great job of clearing. The Beachfront Grant was approved (thanks so much to the Beulah Boosters!) and transformation of the beach front on Lake Street should begin in 2012. I'm pleased to say that all of the above were accomplished within our 2011 budget! We do, however, have to say goodbye to our zoning administrator, Nikki Lennox, who will be leaving Jan. 1 to spend more time with her family, and Chris Adsit, Maintenance Personnel, will no longer be on staff. We will be looking for replacements for both of them early in the coming year. I wish you all a happy, healthy and prosperous 2012!  
Jim Kilgus, President Pro Tem



One of many Christmas decorated trees in Beulah.

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

**Halloween Maze:** The weather cooperated and many volunteers worked to set up and run the Haunted Maze for nearly 100 Trick or Treaters.

**Christmas Magic:** Santa had breakfast with children in the morning. Later, Santa and Frosty visited with children at the Trailhead Bldg. and then the children enjoyed holiday activities. Many stores

offered holiday specials and a merchant drawing after the parade ended the day. BCHS Chorus members entertained with holiday songs on downtown streets and in businesses. Remember to pick up your Santa photo at State of the Art.



Frosty and Santa greeted children of all ages!

**Parade Winners:**

1st place – Victoria’s Floral Design & Gifts- \$150.

2nd place - Harbor Lights Resort on Lake Michigan-\$100

3rd place- Living Water Christian Center, Cornerstone Assembly of God, New Hope Church of Christ, and Son Life Wesleyan Church-\$50

Best Lighting on an Entry - Victoria’s Floral Design & Gifts-\$100

Mention for Best Lighting:

The Village of Beulah vehicle -\$25

Thompsonville Fire Dept. Fire Engine-\$25

Later a drawing for prizes, donated by the local businesses, was held at the Trailhead Building.

**WinterFest:** Saturday, 2/11, fun activities for all ages; chili cook-off, frozen fish toss, frozen turkey bowling or play horseshoes with a toilet seat, horse drawn wagon rides, duck races, softball, fishing, parade and fireworks on the lake. Returning events will be dog pulling contest, cookie sale and outhouse races. Watch for more information in newspapers, posters and CLCBA website.

Registration forms for Outhouse Race and Chili Cook-Off are at the Benzie Chamber, Hodge Podge Lodge, State of the Art and the CLCBA website [clcba.org](http://clcba.org)

**Easter Egg Hunt:** Saturday, 4/7 at Memorial Park at Benzonia soccer fields behind the car dealership, 11 am for toddlers to age 12.

**Fishing Events/Contests:** check with Five Corners  
**New Officers:** President/Steve Loveless of State of the Art, Vice President/Jennifer Kolinske and Larry Revnell of Hodge Podge Lodge Secretary/Vicki Carpenter of Beulah Boosters and Treasurer/Nicole Legenc of Central State Bank

**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](http://clcba.org) for more info.

**Beulah Recycling Information**

Recycling Update-for info call 882-0554 or go to [www.benzieco.net](http://www.benzieco.net) and click on services

**SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING IN EFFECT**

**1-1-2012**

**All clean paper/cardboard, all plastic shopping bags, all clean plastic (all numbers), all clean aluminum (foil, cans, pans) can go in the same dumpster!**

- Glass bottles & jars only in glass dumpster
- **Styrofoam and batteries** at Government Center on 3/17, 6/16, 9/15 and 12/15: 9 to 12
- Clean out your files/paper shredding, 4/18 at Benzie Resource Center on M 115
- **Hazardous Waste:** 6/9 in Frankfort and 8/11 in Honor, see web site for specifics
- Cardboard may be dropped at BC High School.
- Call the Recycling Coordinator, Marlene, with any recycling or disposal questions 882-0554

**Village Office Hours**

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

Treasurer Dawn Olney Sat. 10 – 2 pm (winter hrs.)

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 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**

- Jerry Rank – President-2012
- Dan Hook–Equipment-2012 (appointed)  
Co-Chair: Gary Pallin
- Maxine Hansen– Law and Finance-2014  
Co-Chair: Gary Siderman
- Jim Kilgus – Water and Sewer-2012  
Co-Chair: Charley Kinzel
- Charley Kinzel– Streets and Sidewalks-2014  
Co-Chair: Jim Kilgus
- Gary Pallin – Parks and Recreation-2012  
Co-Chair: Dan Hook
- Gary Siderman – Buildings and Grounds-2012  
Co-Chair: Maxine Hansen
- Laura Spencer – Clerk-2012
- Dawn Olney – Treasurer-2012
- Brian Moore – Supervisor
- John Lawrence – Village Crew
- Vacant – 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: run water advisory, annual drinking water report and recommendations to boil water.

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.

**Did You Know:**

- Beulah’s public beach runs the length of Lake Street, starting 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 public.
- Thanks to Beulah Boosters Dan & Bonnie Smith, who decorated the interior of the Trailhead Building. Peg Lawrenson and Steve Wentworth did the lights outside on the Trailhead and Pavilion. Thanks!

- DNR public launch, at the eastern entrance to Mollineaux Rd and M115, is finished. Formal grand opening will be spring 2012.
- 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.
- Village has fax services and a paper shredder that are available free to residents and businesses during Village office hours.

**Darcy Library of Beulah: Hours & Info (NEW HRS AND FUTURE PLANS)**

Mon.-Wed.-Fri. 12 to 5  
 Tues.-Thurs. 12 to 7 pm  
 Sat. 9 to 1 pm  
 231-882-4037 beulahpubliclibrary.blogspot.com  
 and or www.darcylibraryofbeulah.org The Website has information on classes, events and you can read the current Darcy Newsletter.  
 Friends of the Darcy Library meet the 1<sup>st</sup> Wed. of each month at 9:30 am, everyone is invited.  
 Library Board meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month, 7 pm. Everyone is invited.

**Park Yourself at Beulah Beach**

The Village-owned travel trailer park at the beach in Beulah is ready for your 2012 business. Sites at the park are available for the upcoming season. Contact the Village Clerk at 231-882-4451 or email [beulah@chartermi.net](mailto:beulah@chartermi.net) 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., 2/9 at 7 pm
- Chocolate-Champagne-Treasures Party, 2/10, at 7 pm, party and tickets at the Darcy Library.
- WinterFest, Saturday, 2/11, events begin late morning, chili cook-off, many contests, parade, outhouse races, dog pulling and fireworks
- Water bill due 2/15
- Village Council Meeting ,Thurs., 3/8 at 7 pm
- Planning Commission, Tues., 4/3 at 5 pm
- Village Council Meeting ,Thurs., 4/5 at 7 pm

- Easter Egg Hunt 4/7, 11 am at Benzonia Memorial Park (soccer/ball fields)
- Maypole Dance in Village Park, 4/28
- Hydrants will be flushed in April
- Village Council Meeting, Thurs., 5/10 at 7 pm
- Every Tuesday (new day), Children's Story time 11 am, Darcy Library
- Fly-tying classes every Saturday (1/21 to 3/10) from 10 to noon at the Darcy Library.
- Foreign Films at Darcy Library, 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed., call the library for more info  
**CONFIRM DAYS**
- Fishing Contests: check w/Paul at Five Corners

**Business Updates:**

- Many thanks to the businesses for their holiday spirit with decorations, lights and the lovely decorated trees throughout. Additional thanks to Tim Quick of the Hungry Tummy for donating the trees and to Boosters and CLCBA members who cut and delivered.



CLCBA and Beulah Booster Tree cutters: Steve Loveless, Dan Smith, Steve Radinoff, Phil Downs, Larry Revnell and photographer, Vicki Carpenter.

- Tyler Armstrong of Investors Capital Corporation is providing financial services

for clients of the late Dave Boekeloo, in the downtown Beulah office

- Many businesses have winter schedules: Please call for specific hours and days.
- Market Basket and Floral remains open this winter.
- John Orr of Orr Insurance has retired and Marshall Insurance, across the street, has assumed the contracts and added new staff as a result.
- Good news: Jackleen's Gems had no physical damage from a furnace problem. Stinky smoke across several spaces in the Benzie Center building \ a wash down and fresh paint helped
- Brookside Inn is still planning to reopen in April of 2012
- Benzie Conservation District's Seedling sale happens in early April. Check with them for catalog and sale dates 882-4391
- Five Corners experienced a break-in earlier this winter. Antique watches were stolen and the broken window and door glass were quickly repaired. Contact the Sheriff with information



Glass damage from break in at Five Corners

**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 ordinances.
- **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.

**Record Patriot's 2011 Best of Benzie (Beulah)**

- Best Art Gallery: Live for Art Gallery
- Best Attorney: John Grogan, Grogan Law
- Best Auto Parts Store: Kaskinen
- Best Bank Teller: Stacey Bechler, Central State Bank
- Best Bar w/Cold Beer: Cold Creek Inn
- Best Restaurant/Breakfast: Cherry Hut
- Best Restaurant/Fish Fry: Cold Creek Inn
- Best Restaurant/Soup: Phoenix Café
- Best Coffee Hangout: Phoenix Café
- Best Community Volunteer: Mary Weishaar
- Best Dentist: Nathan Pound, DDS
- Best Financial Institution: Central State Bank
- Best Deli: L'Chayim Deli
- Best Golf: Crystal Lake Golf Club
- Best Hair Salon: Cricket Hair Salon
- Best Pizza; A. Papano's Pizza
- Best Politician: Sheriff Rory Heckman

- Best Photographer: Steve Loveless, State of the Art Framing & Gallery
- Best Real Estate Agency: Century 21 Sleeping Bear Realty
- Best Real Estate Agent: Dave Kramer, Century 21 Sleeping Bear Realty
- Best Retail Shop: Northern Décor & More
- Best Waitress/Waiter: Britta Cicansky, Cherry Hut Restaurant

Congratulations to the Beulah Winners!

**Snowmobile Reminder and Snowmobile Class Information:**

Sheriff Rory Heckman sends a reminder that snowmobiles going through the Village need to follow the posted trails and stay off Benzie Blvd. Snowmobilers are also reminded to stay off Crystal Lake due to poor ice conditions and safety. 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. Contact the Sheriff's Office at 882-4494 to sign up for the 1/21/2012 class. 9 am to noon at the Sheriff's Department. Enjoy the winter season, and be safe.

**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.

**Beulah Boosters are Busy Volunteers:** Christmas Magic kept the Boosters busy in December. Boosters helped with the Christmas trees, decorated the Trailhead Building and the pavilion. They were involved with the children's activities in the Trailhead Building, making bird feeders, face painting and decorating cookies. Next event, for interested volunteers, will be WinterFest in February and the Easter Egg Hunt in April.

Volunteers are needed for WinterFest activities. Please contact Steve Wentworth 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 April. 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. Membership forms are available now at Crystal Copies. **For more information or to volunteer, please contact Steve Wentworth at 517-202-3807 or email at: randall\_automotive@yahoo.com**  
**Come and have fun, everyone is welcome!**

**WinterFest Chili Cook-Off:** Cooks are needed for the Chili Cook-Off on Saturday, Feb. 11 the Village Park. Competition is open to businesses and individuals. Bring 2 gal 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](http://clcba.org)  
Please pre-register as it helps with planning and volunteer needs. Thanks!

**DNR Waterfront Update:** The goal of having some work started this fall didn't happen. Grant process requires more oversight from DNR than we realized and that has put the project behind. However, engineering work has been submitted for review and it is expected that a bid package will be out in February. Despite the delay, work will start this spring. **Final design included the change of Clark Street to one-way from Lake St. to Benzie Blvd.** This was necessary due to the change of the southbound lane of Lake St. to a 2-way bike lane. This eliminated the boat prep-lane that now exists. Therefore, there will be a designated boat prep-lane on the north side of Clark St. Part of the work plan includes signage to alert drivers of these changes in traffic flow. Drawings are available in the Village Office for review.

**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 sent to: Benzie County Parks & Recreation Cmte, 448 Court Place, Beulah, MI 49617

**Outhouse Races:** Returning to WinterFest 2012 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](http://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 and great fun!



Nugent Ace Hardware's Outhouse entry won 1<sup>st</sup> place in 2011. The judges awarded them Best in Show as well and the traveling toilet seat award was presented. Who will win the coveted toilet seat at WinterFest's 2012 Outhouse Race on February 11? Maybe your team, see Larry at Hodge Podge Lodge, Steve at State of the Art for more info.

**Have a Beulah-ful Day!**