

**From the Editors:** Recently the CBS Sunday Morning show had a survey on the most popular season and fall won! One look around Crystal Lake and Benzie County confirms that's how we'd vote too. The Transportation Enhancement Grant (TE Grant), which will focus on downtown improvements, has been submitted. Notification will be in early 2015, so let's be positive. The Village was also awarded a Northwest MI Council of Government grant to develop and design wayfinding signs for downtown. This work will compliment the streetscape efforts. Thanks to Jerry Rank, Maxine Hansen and Dawn Olney (they did not seek re-election), for their many years of dedicated service to the Village of Beulah.

Phil Downs & Vicki Carpenter-Downs



Good-bye and thank you for your service:  
Dawn Olney, Maxine Hansen and Jerry Rank

**From the Village President:** When Jerry Hammond asked me to run for Village President clear back in 1992, I had no idea that I would be involved with Village Government this long. Needless to say, it has been both a challenging and satisfying experience.

I had a list of objectives that I thought the Village needed to make it a better place for visitors and a better place for residents. Those objectives have been accomplished and I think it is time for me to step down. This will be my last newsletter after 22 years of Village service. In retrospect I would like to mention some of the major changes that have taken place during this period of time.

- Constructed the pavilion in the park
- Constructed the trailhead building
- Constructed 3 new sewer holding ponds
- Constructed 2 new wells for fire protection
- Constructed new Skate Park
- All new beachfront improvement project
- Library relocation allowing new Council Room
- New bathroom in Village Office
- New heavy duty snow plow
- New electronic water meter reading system
- New variable speed lift pumps in Crystal Ave. sewer lift station
- Computerized water billing system
- Remove full time Village police officer and replaced with summer deputy
- Various water and sewer main replacements
- Added pickle ball court
- New fishing dock
- Televised all sewer mains so as to know condition
- Replaced old tractor/loader with new
- Purchased Miller property across from Cold Creek holding pond to be razed and used for additional parking
- Added one maintenance personnel to handle additional water/sewer testing requirements and beachfront maintenance
- Improved financial position of the Village substantially
- The Cold Creek holding pond has been dredged which is done every 5 years.

I believe you will agree that we have spent your tax dollars judiciously. All the above was accomplished without raising taxes. I would like to thank the Village residents for putting their trust and confidence in me over the past years.

Maxine Hansen will also be retiring after over 25 years of dedicated service to the Village. Additionally, Dawn Olney has served our Village well as our treasurer for 18 years. I would like to thank both for all they have done for the Village of Beulah.

Thank you all for allowing me to serve as your President for all these years and please give your full support as the Streetscape Plan is implemented.

Jerry Rank, Village President

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

**Crystal Lake Team Marathon:** August 9<sup>th</sup> found over 100 teams and nearly 20 individual marathon runners participated in the event. Event coordinators Asa & Traci Kelly believe that as the event increases in popularity and the addition of the individual runner opportunity will only make it more of a destination for runners.

**Music in the Park:** Eight summer concerts were held in the Village Park on eight lovely summer evenings. There were record numbers in attendance and many thanks to Chairman Steve Loveless for his coordination in booking the artists and to the many sponsors for helping fund the acts.

**Archibald Jones Day:** Nearly 70 individuals enjoyed a summer's afternoon on August 23 in regards to Archibald Jones' Mistake on the Lake. Stacy Daniels presented a mock-up of his proposed historical marker to commemorate the events of August 1873. Music from 'Three Husbands on the Loose' was again enjoyed.

**Fall Fest:** Beulah/Benzonia's Fall Fest on October 4th had many hardy people come out in the chilly weather but the rain held off until about 1:30. Residents and visitors enjoyed the Lord of the Gourd, face painting, bounce house, pumpkin decorating, chalk art, hula hoop

contest, pony rides, horse drawn wagon rides, the Park & Shine car show and the soup contest. Over 120 people tasted and voted on 15 different soup entries from individuals and restaurants.

Individual Winners:

- 1st-Kathy Englebertson w/Chicken Noodle
- 2nd-Kathy Englebertson w/Venison Veggie
- 3rd-Laura Kolberg w/Cauliflower Dill

Business Winners:

- 1st-The Maples w/Golumbki Soup
- 2nd-Coho Café w/North Seas Fish Chowder
- 3rd-Hungry Tummy w/Cream of Cabbage

The Park & Shine Car Show had 13 entries.



Park & Shine Car Show awards went to:

Kirt Wenzel Sheriff's Award w/Sheriff Schendel, Elly Tupper People's Choice w/Phil Downs, Jerry Rank w/Sheldon Penny/Village Award and Jeff Miner w/Ron Flitton/Firemen's Award.

Many thanks to our sponsors: Northern Auto, Watson Benzie and Webber Insurance.

**Halloween:** Friday-10/31, Trick or Treat at downtown businesses and homes and visit the Haunted House (Trailhead Building). All activities will be from 5-7 pm. Darcy Library will have a Halloween Party starts at 4:30.

**Christmas Magic:** 12/13 Photos with Santa, carolers, and kid activities in the Trailhead Bldg.

**WinterFest:** Sat., 2/14/2015 with chili cook-off, frozen fish toss, parade, outhouse races and more! It's not too soon to plan for your outhouse entry. Open to everyone and all ages! Chili and outhouse applications are on the website.

**Membership:** support the CLCBA and become a member. CLCBA, PO Box 754, Beulah, MI 49617, annual dues are \$50. Go to the CLCBA Web site for more information: [www.clcba.org](http://www.clcba.org)

**Beulah Recycling Information:**

**SINGLE STREAM IN EFFECT**

**All clean paper/cardboard, all plastic shopping bags, all clean plastic (all numbers), all clean aluminum (foil, cans, tins) can go in the same dumpster! Glass has a separate bin.**

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

- Beulah sites remain behind the Village Offices for residents. Businesses should call regarding permits.
- Leaves & Yard Waste Drop Off: leaves and waste only (no plastic bags, only paper leaf bags) at 14352 Homestead Rd. 882-5468 for directions.
- Christmas Trees can be left curbside.
- Cardboard may be dropped at BC High School.
- County residents may transport and unload yard waste, tree branches and small brush by appointment. Call 882-0554.



**Heavy rains required repairs to the bike trail at Fair Park on Crystal Ave. this fall.**

**Village Office Hours**

Clerk-Laura Spencer Tues-Wed-Th. 10-2 pm  
 Treasurer Dawn Olney Sat, 10-2 pm, winter  
 Zoning Administrator Ron Edwards, Thurs 10-12  
 Phone 231-882-4451 Fax 231-882-5759  
 Free Fax services available to residents  
 Web Site: [www.villageofbeulah.org](http://www.villageofbeulah.org)  
 The Newsletter and Council minutes can be found on the web site.

**Village Meetings:** First Thursday after the first Monday each month (11/6, 12/4, 1/8/15, 2/5 at 7 pm). The public is encouraged to attend.

**Village Council Trustees and Staff and Terms**

- Jerry Rank – President-2014
- Dan Hook–Equipment-2016  
Co-Chair: Gary Pallin
- Maxine Hansen– Law and Finance-2014  
Co-Chair: Robert Fitzke
- Dan Smith– Water and Sewer-2014 (appt’d)  
Co-Chair: Mike Laslo
- Mike Laslo – Streets/Sidewalks-2014 (appt’d)  
Co-Chair: Dan Smith
- Gary Pallin – Parks and Recreation-2016  
Co-Chair: Dan Hook
- Robert Fitske– Buildings/Grounds-2014 (appt’d)  
Co-Chair: Maxine Hansen
- Laura Spencer – Clerk-2014
- Dawn Olney – Treasurer-2014
- Ron Edwards – Zoning Administrator
- Brian Moore – Supervisor
- Woody Card– Village Crew
- Corey Toms – Village Crew

**To All Village of Beulah Water Service Customers:**

The “run water advisories” issued this past winter resulted in a significant reduction in water line freezes. However, a more efficient method of communicating these advisories is needed. We will continue to post these advisories on the Beulah Village website at <http://www.villageofbeulah.org/>. We are also developing an email distribution list for this purpose. This list will be used for urgent messages pertaining to Beulah Village 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 name and water service address typed in the subject line. Example: Jane Doe 120 Main St. Please remember to re-send a similar message if your email address changes.

Dan Hook, Village Council

**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 request, annual drinking water report and boil water warnings.

Sponsors of special events that require Village support, such as barricades or staff, should make a request to the Village Clerk at 882-4451.



### Did You Know?

- 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.
- The Betsie Current is a new free newspaper that promotes all things Benzie County. There have been articles specific to Beulah in each issue. Please pick up an issue and enjoy another source of special interest news and activities.
- The settling pond work at Trapp Park has been completed. The spoils, which are an accumulation of decaying materials, are dredged to capture the materials so they don't wash out into Crystal Lake.
- Darcy Library has an ongoing book sale inside the library. Donations of new or gently used hardbound and softbound books are accepted and needed for the Holiday Book Sale on 12/12-12/13 at the Trailhead.
- Thanks to Barb Skurdall, who again provided several free tennis clinics during the summer on the upgraded tennis court in the Village

Park. Many folks enjoyed playing pickle ball too.

- **ALERT:** Village crew have discovered medical sharps/needles are being flushed. This represents a **serious safety issue** for the crew when they are working in the sewer systems. Please use the appropriate containers for needle/sharps disposal.
- WiFi (wireless Internet services) available at the Blue Caribou, Hungry Tummy and the Darcy Library
- Sadly, the new swim platform, donated to the Village by the Beulah Boosters, was vandalized to the degree it took on water and was nearly submerged. The platform was removed early from the swim area and efforts have been made to repair it.

### Park Yourself at Beulah Beach

The Village-owned travel trailer park at the beach in Beulah will be ready for your 2015 reservations in April 2015. Contact Laurie, the Village Clerk at 231-882-4451 or email [clerk@villageofbeulah.org](mailto:clerk@villageofbeulah.org) for more information.

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



**Beulah Boosters and others were ready to serve at the Fall Fest Soup Contest on 10/4.**

### Beulah Boosters are Busy Volunteers:

Crystal Lake Team Marathon, corn stalks and Fall Fest were activities supported by Boosters. Christmas Magic and Winter Fest are upcoming

events that need volunteers. 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 are asked to volunteer on at least one activity yearly. For more information, please contact Phil Downs, President at 882-4847.

Election of officers was held in September and the following are serving

President Phil Downs (2013-2015)

Vice President John Darien (2014-2016)

Treasurer Trudi Hook (2013-2015)

Secretary Marsha Case (2014-2016)

Directors: Pam Fisher/Vicki Carpenter (2013-2015) and Lindi Milner (2014-2016)

**BEST OF BENZIE** (Grand Traverse Insider, August 24, 2014 issue) Beulah Businesses:

Restaurant: 2<sup>nd</sup>-Cold Creek Inn

Salad Bar: 2<sup>nd</sup>-Hungry Tummy

Sandwich/Sub: 1<sup>st</sup>-Eash Shore Market

Cup of Coffee: 1<sup>st</sup> Blue Caribou

Place for Pizza: 1<sup>st</sup>-Papanos

Bakery: 3<sup>rd</sup>-Market Basket

Place for Breakfast: 1<sup>st</sup>-Cherry Hut,

3<sup>rd</sup> -L'Chayim Delicatessen

Auto Parts Shop: 2<sup>nd</sup> -Napa/Kaskinen Auto

Law Firm: 1<sup>st</sup>-Grogan Law, 3<sup>rd</sup>-John B. Daughtery

Marina: 1<sup>st</sup> Crystal Lake Marina

Optometrist/Ophthalmologist: 2<sup>nd</sup>-Scarborough

Dentist/Orthodontist: 2<sup>nd</sup>-Abramson Family Dentistry, 3<sup>rd</sup>-Northway Orthodontics

Insurance Agency: 3<sup>rd</sup>-John Marshall Agency

Thrift Store: 3<sup>rd</sup>-Black Horse Antiques

Real Estate Agent: 2<sup>nd</sup>-Kathy Neveu w/Real Estate One

Real Estate Agency: 1<sup>st</sup>-Real Estate One, 3<sup>rd</sup> Century 21/Sleeping Bear

Photographer: 1<sup>st</sup>-Steve Loveless Photography

Accountant/CPA: 1<sup>st</sup>-Weishaar & Company, 3<sup>rd</sup>-Accounting & Financial Services

Financial Advisor: 3<sup>rd</sup>-Accounting & Financial Services

Furniture Store: 2<sup>nd</sup>-Classic Interiors & Design

Floor Covering: 1<sup>st</sup>-Classic Interiors & Design

Gift Shop: 2<sup>nd</sup>-Northern Decor, 3<sup>rd</sup>-Crystal Crate & Cargo

Place for Produce: 3<sup>rd</sup>-Market Basket

Women's Clothes: 3<sup>rd</sup>-Luna Boutique

Shoe Store: 2<sup>nd</sup>-Northern Decor

Jewelry Store: 1<sup>st</sup>-Northern Decor, 3<sup>rd</sup>-Jackleen's Jems

Copy/Print Shop: 1<sup>st</sup>-Crystal Copies

Golf Courses: 2<sup>nd</sup>-Pinecroft, 3<sup>rd</sup>-Crystal Lake Golf Club

Bank/CU: 2<sup>nd</sup>-Central State Bank

Barber Shop: The Barber Shop

Hair Salon: 1<sup>st</sup>-Cricket Salon

Hair Stylist: 1<sup>st</sup>-Marilyn/Cricket Salon, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Lisa/Cricket Salon

Nail Care: 1<sup>st</sup>-Eden Hill Salon & Day Spa, 3<sup>rd</sup>-Cricket Salon

Tanning Salon: 2<sup>nd</sup>-Eden Hill Salon & Day Spa

Antiques/Collectibles: 1<sup>st</sup>-Myers Granary Antique Market, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Cottage Antiques, 3<sup>rd</sup>-Black Horse Antiques

Excavating Co.: 2<sup>nd</sup>-AJ's Excavating

Hotel: 1<sup>st</sup>-Best Western

Laundromat: 1<sup>st</sup>-Crystal Clean Lakeside Laundromat



Art Gallery: 1<sup>st</sup>-Live For Art

**Racing jeeps, juke boxes and paint cans were some of the WinterFest Outhouse entries last year. It's not too early to start on this year's entries! Go to [clcba.org](http://clcba.org) for entry form.**

**Remember:**

- Trash pick up is on Friday unless there is a weekday holiday and it is moved to Saturday. Please do not put bagged trash out too early as animals tear bags and scatter trash. Covered trash containers can be put out with the red or yellow bag visible to avoid this problem. Let's keep Beulah litter free.
- Please bag your leaves for pickup. They clog up the storm drains if not bagged.
- 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.
- Christmas trees, with their branches bound, can be left curbside for pickup.
- 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. Weekday holidays move pick-up to Saturday morning. Village charges \$21 for 10 red trash bags.
- **Please don't feed the birds on the lake.** It will only increase cases of swimmer's itch.
- Snow is coming and must be removed from your sidewalks, businesses and residences.
- **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.

**Business Updates:**

- Many businesses will start fall/winter hours, please call and/or check on-line.
- The Yarn Market will be closing in early December due to health reasons.
- L'Chayim and Market Basket will remain open again this winter. Call for hours.
- Elaine/Randy Newbold have nearly finished the renovation of the former bowling alley.

Spaces are available to lease, buy or they will build to suit. It all looks good!



**Two views: north and south views of the former bowling alley, the center area is an open space with a retail space in the back.**

**Upcoming or Ongoing Events:**

- Every Thursday, 'Read to Rosie' at the Darcy Library, 3-7 pm. Call for a time slot, 882-4037. Halloween Party on 10/31 at 4:30
- Foreign and Cult Films at Darcy Library. Check web site: [darcylibraryofbeulah.org](http://darcylibraryofbeulah.org)
- Halloween Events, 10/31, see the article
- Village Trick-Treat hours, 5-7 pm, 10/31
- Election Day, 11/4, Tuesday
- Minecraft Club begins at Darcy, 10/4
- Village Council Mtg. 11/6, Thurs. 7 pm
- Water bills due, 11/15
- Moonlight Madness on Friday, 11/28, check with the businesses for their hours.
- Small Business Saturday will be held after Thanksgiving, on 11/29

- Village Council Meeting 12/4, 7 pm
- Darcy Library Cookie & Book Sale in the Trailhead Building, 12/12 and 12/13, 10-2 pm., gift quality books and great cookies
- Christmas Magic: 12/13 events all day with Santa, carolers, kids arts and crafts activities
- Village Council Meeting 1/8/2015, 7 pm
- Village Council Meeting 2/5/2015 7 pm
- Winter Fest: Saturday, 2/14/2015
- Village Council Meeting, 3/5/2015, 7 pm

**Darcy Library of Beulah: Hours & Info**

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

Tues.-Thurs. 12 to 7 pm

Sat. 9 to 1 pm

Visit the Library for info at: [www.darcylibraryofbeulah.org](http://www.darcylibraryofbeulah.org)

- Friends of the Darcy Library meet the 2nd 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.

**Keeping Beulah Beautiful:** Summer flowers, waterfront plants and gardens were lovely and well kept. Thanks to the work of Jane Gary for planting the waterfront pots and the flower boxes, newly painted by the Beulah Boosters. And thanks to the local businesses who kept their flower boxes watered. Rhonda Czarneke kept the waterfront weeded and the pots watered as

well as tending to the existing garden areas. Rhonda also planted many fall mums to bring more seasonal color. Many compliments were heard from locals and visitors. Good job all!

**Music in the Park was a summer destination on Thursday evenings with record crowds.**

**Have a Beulah-ful Day!**



**Curb and sidewalk repairs were made this summer.**

**Water Usage Fees:** After reviewing the Village water revenues and expenses at its October 9 regular meeting, the Beulah Village Council voted to increase water usage fees, effective January 1, 2015 from \$3.10 per 1000 gallons to \$3.35 per 1000 gallons. This is the first increase since 2009 and will not appear on quarterly water bills until April 2015.

This increase was necessitated by mandated monitoring testing and infrastructure maintenance – all of which contribute to Beulah's quality water system. This increase applies only to water bills and not sewer usage fees.

Dan Smith, Water/Sewer Supervisor

**Reminder**

**Water shut off and turn on requests need a three (3) work day notice. Calls can be made to the Village office at 231-882-4451**



**Election Reminders:** Nov 4 is election day and voting takes place at the Benzonia Township office. Absentee ballots available at the Township Office until 4 pm on 11/3/15. Candidates that missed the filing deadlines to be on the ballot, may submit application as a 'write in' candidate. Applications must be made by 4 pm on 10/24/15 at the Township office. Contact Benzonia Township, 882-4411 for info.



**Year two of Adventure Sports' Stand Up Paddleboard (SUP) competition continues to grow and bring new visitors to Beulah and Benzie County.**



**The waterfront grows as a destination spot.**

**This space saved for mailing**



**The dredging project that was stopped last spring has been completed. All aspects of permits and DNR standards were met. The costs of the dredging is shared with Benzonia Township.**

**Your ideas and feedback are welcome. Drop off notes or leave a message at the Village Office. Newsletters (past and current) are on the Village's website: [villageofbeulah.org](http://villageofbeulah.org)**