

**From the Editors:** We had a disturbing amount of vandalism in Beulah this past summer. From repeated damage to the day dock, problems in the Trailhead building and the skateboard park, these senseless acts cost taxpayers money and peace of mind. Additional security has been added to aid in the halt of this behavior and lead to the identification and prosecution of the perpetrators. One individual has been prosecuted and has community service work hours to complete for the Village. If you see something that looks like vandalism, please contact the Sheriff’s office as soon as you can with details and leave a message at the Village office. I hope that by working together, we can reduce this anti-social behavior and continue making Beulah a pleasant and safe place to live.

On a more positive note, special thanks to the Village crew of Brian, Dave & Rick as they made sure the new trees, plants, and grass at the waterfront project were kept watered. The drought resistant plants should be well established by next spring and won’t require ongoing watering. The ‘guys’ were important liaisons for all the contractors during the project. Phil Downs and Vicki Carpenter-Downs, Editors



**Dave, Brian and Rick battled low water levels and waves to remove swim buoys and the fishing dock. Thanks for the hard work on so many projects this summer!**

**From the Village President:** It seems as though fall came in with a bang. The swim buoys and fishing dock are out and many of the Fall Fest events had to be cancelled due to inclement weather. Fishing has begun from the shore and so far seems to be producing nice catches of rainbow and lake trout. In speaking with some of our merchants, it seems we had a very good summer clientele. The Village employees are busy putting in the stakes along Village roads for snow plowing.

Please exercise your right and privilege to vote to make sure your voice is heard. The fall colors are great as of this writing again reminding us of the wonderful area in which we live. Be safe and stay healthy.

Jerry Rank, Village President



**Summer at Crystal Lake, Music in the Park and ice cream, priceless memories are made.**

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

**Sidewalk Days:** Many bargains were found on one very hot first Saturday in August. Discussion has started about traffic flow with the one-way streets, for next year’s event.

**Crystal Lake Team Marathon** was held on the second Saturday in August and over 90 teams participated. The new shirt design of Crystal Lake with the race legs is great. New this year were about 20 individual runners who ran for their individual marathon race time. One woman

drove up from Arkansas, ran then drove home, this was her 124<sup>th</sup> marathon. Thanks to the many volunteers and Asa & Tracy Kelley, race coordinators.

**Archibald Jones Day:** Over 60 people of all ages attended the 3<sup>rd</sup> Archibald Jones Day. Mr. Jones tried to connect Crystal Lake via a locks system to Lake Michigan. His efforts failed due to a storm but as a result, we have a shoreline, over 1100 residences and the Village of Beulah. Stacy Daniels provided a demonstration of the lowering of the lake, Steve Elrich, as Archie, gave his version of the events and music by “3 Husbands on the Loose” was enjoyed. The grand unveiling of the restored original map of the project was made by Dr. Louis Yock of the Benzie Area Historical Museum and it is now on display at the Museum. Additional thanks to the Friends of the Benzonia Library, the Darcy Library, the Hungry Tummy, Beulah Boosters, Museum volunteers, Al Bryant and Vicki Carpenter for making the event possible.

**Fall Fest:** Undeterred by rain, sleet, wind, hail and sunshine, the 2012 Fall Fest went on despite the conditions. Weather did cancel the climbing wall, bounce house, chalk art contest and several vendors, however, pumpkin decorating, soup and hearty locals and visitors prevailed. It was a morning of adjusting plans however, everyone rallied. High winds off Crystal Lake forced the move across the street to the Betsie Valley Trailhead Building’s covered pavilion. The pumpkin decorating continued with feathers and glitter galore as well as carved gourds, hay-wagon rides, modified petting zoo, an indoor hula hoop contest and the soup contest. Several devoted car owners and a Benzonia Township fire engine came for the car show and agreed to forgo the trophies for next year. Although the weather was a disappointment, the volunteers and visitors seemed to thrive in the challenge of making it work and having fun. Soup contest winners were: Businesses: 1<sup>st</sup> Place-Papa J’s Pizzeria and Diner of Honor with Cheeseburger Chowder, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place-Brookside Inn of Beulah with Beef Barley and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place-Bayview Grille of Frankfort with Corn Bacon Chowder. Individual

awards went to Don Setterbo on behalf of the Darcy Library with his Chicken Vegetable and Peggy Lawrenson and Bob Adams on behalf of the Beulah Boosters with their Jalo Chicken. Thanks to the other entries: Coho Café with Butternut Squash, Geno’s Chicken Noodle and Hungry Tummy’s Vegetable Beef. More than 90 people tasted and voted in the contest with the majority stating they lived outside of Benzie County and or out of state which speaks well for tourism for Benzie County. Next year’s event will be October 5, 2013.

**Halloween Maze:** 10/31, open from 6-8 in the Village Park, same hours for trick or treating.

**Christmas Magic:** 12/8, Photos with Santa, carolers, and kid activities in the Trailhead.

**WinterFest:** Sat., 2/9/2013 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:**

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

- Effective now, #5 plastic can be recycled along with #1 and #2 (make sure it’s all clean)
- **Styrofoam** will have date specific recycling sites each quarter, check the web site. The next one is Dec. 15 at Gov’t. Center, 9-12.
- Beulah sites remain behind the Village Offices for glass, paper/cardboard and plastic/tin, available to 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

- County residents may transport and unload yard waste, tree branches, small brush by appointment, call 882-0554.
- Cardboard may be dropped at BC High School.
- Large trash cans are in place at all sites for #2 plastic shopping bags.
- Many thanks to outgoing recycling coordinator, Marlene Wood-Zylestra. She has been instrumental in Benzie’s successful recycling program.

**SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING**  
**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 is still separate.**

**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 (11/8, 12/6, 1/10, 2/7 at 7 pm). The public is encouraged to attend.

**November Election:** There will be 2 vacant positions on the Beulah Village Council. Interested? You can run as a write in candidate or contact the Village Office, 882-4451, if you’re interested in being appointed to a 4 year term.

**Village Council Trustees and Staff and Terms**

Jerry Rank – President-2012  
 Dan Hook–Equipment-2012  
 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

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 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  
 Ron Edwards – Zoning Administrator  
 Brian Moore – Supervisor  
 Dave Hoogerhyde – Village Crew  
 Rick Worm – 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 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 Council using the Event Request form available from the Village Office or on the web site.

**Messages from Sheriff Heckman:** Halloween safety for kids. Don't go out alone. There is Safety in numbers. Have mom, dad or an adult check all Halloween treats before consuming. Don't wear a mask that obstructs vision. Cross at corners. Wear bright clothing. Motorists drive slowly on Halloween and watch out for children. Deer/ motor vehicle crashes are on the increase. Motorists need to slow down and be aware. If they see one deer assume there are more. If one jumps into the road in front do not turn the steering wheel but apply the brakes.

This is my last news letter. It has been a privilege to serve the citizens of Benzie County. Thank you for all of the support throughout my term in office. Rory Heckman

**Did You Know?**

- Beulah’s public beach runs the length of Lake Street, from the beach house playground area 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.

- 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.
- Continued thanks to Lucie and Charley Kinzel as they have now 'winterized' the Garden of Possibilities. We appreciate you.
- CLWA did testing this summer on 2 different lotion applications to see their impact on swimmers itch. The data is being collected and results will be shared in a future newsletter. Thanks to the participants who willingly went into the water over 2 weeks to test the products.
- The settling pond at Trapp Park has had the 'spoils' removed and piled next to the pond to be dried. Currently the piles are being removed and this next year, the pond will again be cleaned up. The spoils are an accumulation of decaying materials that are being washed down the Cold Creek. The settling pond is dredged to capture the materials so they don't wash out into Crystal Lake. The cost of this effort is shared between Beulah and Benzonia.
- Annual thanks to Pete & Blair Moss for donating their corn stalks to the CLCBA to use for Beulah/Benzonia's Fall Fest decorations. Thanks to the Boosters for the labor and Victoria's Floral for the ribbons.
- DNR boat launch at Mollieaux has a wash station, sponsored by the CLWA, nearly complete. The goal is to address invasive species in Crystal Lake by washing boats.
- 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 12/7-12/8 at the Trailhead.
- WiFi (wireless Internet services) available at the Sugar Moon Café and Darcy Library
- The DEQ (Department of Environmental Quality) inspection of the sewer ponds which serve the Village and are maintained by the Village crew received a very positive review.

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

Mon.-Wed.-Fri. 12 to 5

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 9:30 am, everyone is invited.

Library Board meets the 2<sup>nd</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 2013 business. Sites at the park are available for the 2013 season. Contact Laurie, 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 Laurie at the Village Office for info, 231-882-4451.

**Beulah Boosters are Busy Volunteers:**

Crystal Lake Team Marathon, Annual Pig Roast, Archibald Jones Day, corn stalks and Fall Fest were activities supported by Boosters. Boosters installed a kiosk at the beach front which has a map, local advertisers and additional Beulah information.

The Halloween Maze, Winter Fest and Christmas Magic 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 of this non-profit are asked to volunteer on at least one community activity each year. For more information, please contact Bonnie Smith, 882-7008. Support Beulah, make friends and have fun as well!

**Remember:**

- **Please don't rake leaves into the street or mulch or mow the leaves in the street. They clog up the storm drains.**
- 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.
- 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 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:**

- The Brookside Inn is expecting their liquor license soon. They open at 11 for the winter.
- L'Chayim will remain open this winter, Monday-Saturday, 8-3 pm.
- Exterior upgrades: Hodge Podge Lodge, Marshall Insurance, the Barber Shop, Crystal Clean Lakeside Laundromat, Weishaar & Company, Thanks for keeping the Village looking good.
- Salon 31 has opened next to Papano's. Sharon Lindsey is the owner/stylist, 882-5042, Mon-Sat and by appt., best wishes.
- Kalo Skate is available by appointment.
- Market Basket will remain open for winter.
- Dan Bailey has closed his Beulah office (formerly Boekeloo Financial) and is full time his Cadillac office.
- "New to You" on US 3 has closed.
- Sugar Moon Café, formerly the Phoenix Café (same owners) reopened with table/counter service, Tuesday-Saturday, 8-3 pm.
- Bowling alley status is not known.
- Many businesses are going to fall/winter hours. Be sure to call and check for business hours.



Stilts were popular to try for all ages at Archibald Jones Day in August.



Fall Fest pumpkin decorating was popular, especially since it was under cover at the Trailhead Building.

**Update on Grants:** The good news is the DNR funded Waterfront Revitalization project is nearly done. Using the Rural Business Enterprise Grant monies, the final pieces of the waterfront will be completed before winter sets in. Remaining work: dune grass plantings, boardwalk that connects the sidewalk around the parking/picnic area to the Cold Creek pedestrian bridge and some additional trash containers. We will know later in November if the MI Passport Grant is awarded which will focus on replacing the fishing-T dock with a wider and more accessible dock as well as another section of mobility mat to help with waterfront accessibility.

The most recent grant application was to the Northwest Michigan Council of Governments, as part of the Grand Vision/Community Enhancement projects with one being awarded to each county. Beulah's grant focused on developing a master signage plan which includes US 31, M 115 as well as signage in the Village to help locate parks, amenities, village office, library, beach, recycling, etc. Unfortunately, we were not awarded this grant and were encouraged to resubmit next year.

Thanks to the work of the Beulah Boosters as they wrote and/or collaborated on the applications. The Village continues to seek funding sources to support the streetscape plans and other related projects.

**MDOT Project:** The addition of a turning lane on US 31 for the Government Center as well as upgrades to curbing, sidewalks and signage/street markings was completed ahead of schedule. One advantage of the project, many more people discovered downtown Beulah, businesses and the waterfront in their efforts to avoid the flagman delays. Congrats to MDOT and the construction crews for their good work.

**From the Zoning Administrator:** It has been an interesting learning experience for me to work here in the Village of Beulah. Although I have visited and lived here summers all my life, I am now getting to know different aspects of Beulah.

While Zoning Administrator is the main title of my job, the majority of my work has focused on Code (Ordinance) Enforcement.

Not surprisingly almost everyone in the Village wants it to be clean, neat, orderly and a safe place to live, and bring up our children and grandchildren. This said, there are a few who do not seem to share this interest or concern and they constitute the majority of the work I do. I am sure that part of this issue is the result of a lack of understanding of the Village Zoning Ordinance and the associated Village of Beulah Blight Prevention Ordinance (2003-2). Both are available for all to read and understand at: [http://villageofbeulah.org/beulah\\_ordinances/beulah\\_blight\\_ordinance.html](http://villageofbeulah.org/beulah_ordinances/beulah_blight_ordinance.html) ,

<http://villageofbeulah.org/beulahzoning/beulah-zoningord-june2008rev.pdf> .

Specific attention should be given to the following portions of the Zoning Ordinance:

**3.8 COLLECTION OR STORAGE OF RUBBISH** It shall be unlawful to store, collect, dispose of, or place building materials, refuse, junk, garbage, inoperable and/or unlicensed vehicles and trailers, lawn or garden waste, vehicle parts, dead animal carcasses, animal waste, or any such materials or substances anywhere in the Village except where specifically permitted by this Ordinance.

These sections are of special importance to those landowners who are renting out their properties to others. Renters must be informed of the code and the landlord must ensure they meet the requirements as specified in the ordinance. The burden falls on the landowner.

Additionally, owners of Commercial and Office properties within the Village who rent out these buildings must be aware of the "Permitted Uses" as well as the Zoning of their properties. When renting or leasing it is incumbent on the property owner to make sure the use being contemplated by the potential business is permitted by the Zoning Ordinance. Owners should ensure they read the section of the Zoning Ordinance that applies to their property and act accordingly.

One other area that gets significant attention is the section of the Zoning Ordinance on signs.

Many signs are erected in the Village that have not been approved or permitted. It is important to ensure that the requirements are understood and that the required sign permit is obtained. If we all continue to work together on these items, the Village will become an even better and more beautiful place for all of us to live. Feel free to stop by the Village Offices and discuss this further at any time. My office hours are 10:00-Noon on Thursdays. Or by appointment, just call the office and leave a message or e-mail me at beulahzoning@gmail.com. I will get back to you. Ron Edwards Zoning Administrator and Code Enforcement Officer



Now is a good time to plan and build your Outhouse for WinterFest. Entry forms are on the clcba.org website. Dr. Kehr's entry, Little Deuce Poop was great fun.

**Upcoming or Ongoing Events:**

- Every Thursday, 'Read to Rosie' at the Darcy Library, 3-7 pm. Call for a time slot, 882-4037
- Every Tuesday Children's Story Time at 11 am, Darcy Library
- Foreign and Cult Films at Darcy Library. Check web site: darcylibraryofbeulah.org
- Halloween Maze, 10/31, 6-8 pm in Park
- Village Trick-Treat hours, 6-8 pm
- Election: Tuesday, 11/6 (national, state and local elections)
- Village Council Mtg. 11/8, Thurs. 7 pm

- Water bills due, 11/15
- Moonlight Madness in downtown Beulah on Friday night after Thanksgiving; open 'til 10 pm
- Village Council Meeting 12/6, 7 pm
- Fishing Contests: check w/Paul at Five Corners
- Darcy Library Cookie & Book Sale in the Trailhead Building, 12/7 and 12/8, 10-2 pm., gift quality books and great cookies
- Christmas Magic: 12/8 events all day with Santa, carolers, kids crafts and park activities
- Village Council Meeting 1/10/2013, 7 pm
- Village Council Meeting 2/7/2013 7 pm
- Winter Fest: Saturday, 2/9/2013
- Village Council Meeting, 3/7/2013, 7 pm



**Kayak launch demonstration got TV coverage on 7&4 News over Labor Day Weekend**

**Kayak Launch Demo:** The Beulah Boosters, Adventure Sports and the Village of Beulah sponsored a universal access kayak launch over the Labor Day Weekend. Over 100 people of all ages, sizes and abilities got into a kayak and launched themselves and returned to the launch without getting wet. Another 90+ people inquired and watched the process. The launch provides a barrier free access for kayakers and canoes with a transfer set and rails and rollers for moving off and onto the platform. It is important to understand that the launch would serve able bodied users as well as those with limits, such as

back or knee or balance needs. Feedback was very positive and the Village is interested in seeking funding for the purchase of the unit.



Keith Scott enjoyed performing at Music in the Park this summer, with no rain delays!

**2012 Benzie People’s Choice Winners (Beulah Businesses):** From the Grand Traverse Insider newspaper (free and published on Sundays, formerly the Advisor, found in the purple news boxes) listing the top 3 in each category. Congratulations to the winners and thanks to the voters for recognizing our local businesses.

- **Best Salad Bar:** #3 Cold Creek Inn
- **Best Sandwich/Sub:** #1 East Shore Market  
#3 L’Chayim Delicatessen
- **Place for Pizza:** #3 Hungry Tummy Corner Pub
- **Bakery:** #3 Market Basket
- **Place for Breakfast:** #3 Cherry Hut
- **Auto Parts Store:** #1 Kaskinen Auto
- **Law Firm:** #1 Grogan Law, #2 Linda Kehr
- **Optometrist/Ophthalmologist:** Scarborough Family Eyecare
- **Dentist:** #2 Pound Family Dentistry, #3 Dr. Kehr
- **Insurance:** #3 John Marshall Insurance

- **Thrift Store:** #3 Cottage Antiques
- **Real Estate Agent:** #1 Century 21, Sleeping Bear Realty
- **Photographer:** #1 Steve Loveless
- **Accountant:** #1 Weishaar & Company, #3 Accounting and Financial Services
- **Furniture Store:** #2 Classic Interiors & Design
- **Place for Floor Coverings:** #1 Classic Interiors & Design
- **Gift Shop:** #2 Northern Décor #2 Crystal Crate & Cargo
- **Place for Produce:** #3 Market Basket
- **Jewelry Store:** #1 Jackleen’s Jems  
#3 Northern Décor
- **Copy/Print Store:** #1 Crystal Copies
- **Golf Course:** #2 Crystal Lake Golf Course
- **Bank/Credit Union:** #1 Central State Bank
- **Barber Shop:** #1 The Barber Shop
- **Hair Salon:** #1 Cricket Salon, #3 Eden Hill Day Spa
- **Hair Stylist:** #1 Marilyn/Cricket Salon, #2 Lisa/Cricket Salon
- **Flower Shop:** #2 Market Basket
- **Place for Nail Care:** #1 Eden Hill Day Spa
- **Tanning Salon:** #2 Eden Hill Day Spa
- **Caterer:** #2 L’Chayim Delicatessen
- **Antiques and Collectibles:** #1 Myers Granary Antique Market, #2 Hodge Podge Lodge, #3 Cottage Antiques
- **Nursery/Landscaping:** #3 Eden Hill Greenhouse
- **Hotel:** #1 Best Western
- **Laundromat:** #1 Crystal Clean Lakeside Laundromat
- **Art Gallery:** #1 Live for Art Gallery, #2 State of the Art Framing & Gallery

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