

From the Editors: Another busy summer in Beulah and Benzie County, lots of visitors and people making memories on Crystal Lake. Looking back at the past year, much has happened and looking ahead in anticipation of more good things to come. The Village has been successful with grants, hoping to get more submitted and funded. Not all grant submissions have made the cut, however, we are closer to the goals outlined by the many brainstorming sessions and public meetings. Visitors to Beulah come to enjoy the waterfront and participate in the many events sponsored by the CLCBA. Thanks to them, all the volunteers and the Village Council for their continued efforts.
Phil Downs & Vicki Carpenter-Downs

From the Village President: The fall colors are beginning to appear here as of this writing. This is as close to paradise as it gets. A number of things have taken place since our last newsletter that are significant.

- The beach irrigation system is in and operating.
- We now have a new roof on the pavilion.
- The Cold Creek Holding Pond will be dredged in November. The cost of this is approximately \$40,000.00 and is shared with the Township. Dredging is done every five to six years to help protect our pristine Crystal Lake.
- Meetings are taking place to see what we can do to reduce the e-coli problems that were experienced this past year.
- The tennis court and pickle ball courts in the Park were completely resurfaced and thanks to Barb Skurdall for providing free tennis lessons to the kids.
- The stop sign at Benzie and North Street has been changed so Benzie is now a thru street.
- Road patching and filling of potholes has been completed.
- The new fishing dock is currently being developed and is scheduled for installation next Spring. The cost of this is being covered by an MDNR Grant.

- Fall Fest was a success and congrats to the CLCBA.
- The 2014 budget is currently being developed and is scheduled for approval in December.
- The Village water department is doing periodic night meter reads to locate possible water leaks. During the most recent checks, 11 water leaks were detected and the residents were informed. The readouts can only determine that a leak is present, not where it is located. Hopefully this will help alert to a problem and when corrected, reduce increased water charges.
- Our sincere congratulations to Ann Loveless on her first place at ArtPrize in Grand Rapids. Way to go Ann!

Everyone be safe and have a very happy Fall Season and enjoy the great area resources that we have been given.

Jerry Rank, Village President

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



The “Too Too Fast” team participating in the Crystal Lake Team Marathon team got everyone into the fun spirit with their colorful tutu’s!

Crystal Lake Team Marathon: August 10th 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.

Archibald Jones Day: Will return in 2014

Fall Fest: What's a little rain, lightning and thunder early in the morning...it was all gone in time for Fall Fest to start. Thanks to the Beulah Boosters for staffing the soup contest and Benzie Central High School volunteers for helping with all the other events, making the day a success. Families enjoyed the bounce house, climbing wall, hula hoop contest, chalk art, pumpkin decorating and Smokey Bear was there too! The car show had 15 cars despite the overcast conditions. People's Choice went to Pete Peterson's '49 Packard, Fireman's Award to Kevin Kraak's '86 AMC Jeep, Sheriff's Award to Gene Kirby's '69 Ford Mustang and the Village Award to Neil Nugent's '35 Dodge pickup.



Car Show Winners: Dan Smith, Neil Nugent winner, Gene Kirby winner and Sheriff Schendel, Kevin Kraak winner and Phil Downs. Thanks to sponsors: Northern Auto, Watson Benzie and Webber Insurance for the trophies.

Soup contest winners were: Business: 1st Place-Brookside Inn with Cream of Chicken, 2nd Place-The Manitou with White Cheddar Asparagus and 3rd Place-Hungry Tummy Restaurant and Pub with Cream of Cabbage and Corn Beef. Other business entries were Crystal Mountain with 2 soups: Pork Green Chili and Butternut Squash Bisque. Kathy Engelbertson took first in

Individual Awards with Chicken with Homemade Noodles and second to Vicki Carpenter with Lotsa Beans/Some Meat. More than 100 people tasted and voted for their favorite soup. Voters were split between living in or out of Benzie County which speaks well for tourism for Benzie County. Next year's event will be October 4, 2014.

Halloween Maze: 10/31, **NEW** Business Trick or Treat and the Haunted House (Trailhead Building) will be 4-7. Village Trick or Treat will move up to 5-7 pm.



Brookside Inn's Cream of Chicken soup took first place for businesses. Art Jeannot/ owner, Rhonda Nugent/ chef and Tim Quick/ President of CLCBA makes the presentation.

Christmas Magic: 12/14 Photos with Santa, carolers, and kid activities in the Trailhead Bldg.

WinterFest: Sat., 2/8/2014 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

Beulah Recycling Information:

Recycling Update-for info call 882-0554 or go to. 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. 28 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.
- Welcome back to recycling coordinator, Marlene Wood

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 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
 The Newsletter and Council minutes can be found on the web site.

Village Meetings: First Thursday after the first Monday each month (11/7, 12/5, 1/9/14, 2/6 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: Gary Brouwer
 Gary Brouwer – 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
 Rick Worm– Village Crew
 Dave Hoogerhyde – 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.



Trick or Treat Changes: The maze has been changed into a Haunted House at the Beulah Trailhead building. Many downtown businesses will be open for Trick or Treaters and the Haunted House from 4-7 pm on Thursday, October 31. Trick or Treat hours for the Village residents has been moved to 5-7 pm.

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.
- Continued thanks to Lucie and Charley Kinzel as they have now 'winterized' the Garden of Possibilities. We appreciate you.
- The settling pond at Trapp Park will be dredged and the 'spoils' removed and piled next to the pond to be dried. 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.
- 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 12/13-12/14 at the Trailhead.
- Barb Skurdall provided several free tennis clinics during the summer on the upgraded tennis court in the Village Park. Many folks also enjoyed the new pickle ball court on the former 4-square court in the park as well. Thanks to Barb for her leadership in these activities and the Village's support.
- WiFi (wireless Internet services) available at the Sugar Moon Café, Hungry Tummy and the Darcy Library
- Bob Humphrey, Beulah resident, has been weeding along the waterfront. Many thanks for his help keeping our beach beautiful.
- The Village crew will do periodic late night checks on the water meters. With the new electronic meters and readers, they are able to identify those residences and businesses which may have a water leak. This past month, 11 homeowners were contacted as possible leaks were noted. They were able to identify a leak at this writer's home last year which saved us a larger water bill!
- Welcome to Kama Ross, new forester for Benzie Conservation District. She'll be in Benzie on Wed, call for appt. 231-256-9783.

Park Yourself at Beulah Beach

The Village-owned travel trailer park at the beach in Beulah is ready for your 2014 business. Sites at the park are available for the 2014 season. Contact Laurie, the Village Clerk at 231-882-4451 or email 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, 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 of this non-profit are asked to volunteer on at least one community activity each year. For more information, please contact Phil Downs, President at 882-4847. Support Beulah, make friends and have fun as well.



Beulah Boosters worked on the Pig Roast in August. Many people enjoyed the food and Uncle Ted's Crawler's music.

Remember:

- 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.
- 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:

- Many businesses will start fall/winter hours, please call and check.
- Congratulations to Ann Loveless who won the Grand Rapids ArtPrize in October. She is the wife of Steve Loveless, photographer and owner of State of the Art Gallery and Framing (SOTA). Many people have come to Beulah to see Ann's work at SOTA and as a result have discovered Beulah! Win-Win!
- New digital signage at Northwoods Lodge is very eye-catching, easily seen am or pm.
- L'Chayim will remain open again this winter, Monday-Saturday, 8-3 pm.

- Exterior upgrades: Bell-Lakeshore Title and Marshall Insurance. Peggy Timm and Jackie/Pat Carmack did much of the exterior work and landscaping on Jackleen's Jems. Thanks for keeping the Village looking good.
- Welcome to Big Dog, hunting and outdoor shop in the A Papanos Pizza building.
- Market Basket will again remain open for winter.



New Pickle Ball court is being enjoyed in the Village Park

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 Events, 10/31, see the article
- Village Trick-Treat hours, 5-7 pm **new time**
- Village Council Mtg. 11/7, Thurs. 7 pm
- Water bills due, 11/15
- Small Business Saturday will be held the weekend after Thanksgiving, on Nov 30 and **will replace** our Friday Moonlight Madness event.
- Village Council Meeting 12/5, 7 pm
- Fishing Contests: check w/Paul at Five Corners

- Darcy Library Cookie & Book Sale in the Trailhead Building, 12/13 and 12/14, 10-2 pm., gift quality books and great cookies
- Christmas Magic: 12/14 events all day with Santa, carolers, kids crafts and park activities
- Village Council Meeting 1/9/2014, 7 pm
- Village Council Meeting 2/6/2014 7 pm
- Winter Fest: Saturday, 2/8/2014
- Village Council Meeting, 3/6/2014, 7 pm

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

Friends of the Darcy Library meet the 2nd Wed. of each month at 9:30 am, everyone is invited.

Library Board meets the 2nd Monday of each month, 5:15 pm. Everyone is invited.

Not Hollywood, perhaps Beulah-wood:

Beulah experienced a bit of Hollywood this fall as a Richard Brauer’s crew filmed portions of the sequel to the “Dogman” movie. Scenes were shot downtown Beulah and off Narrow Gauge. The former bowling alley was also used in the sequel “Dogman 2, The Wrath of the Litter”.

This space saved for mailing



NEW STOP SIGN has been installed at the intersection of Benzie St. and North St. off Crystal Ave. North St., which comes off M-115 by the trailer park, now has a stop at Benzie St (also known as Danger Hill). The stop sign that was at this intersection on Benzie St. has been removed. Benzie St. is now a through street and North is a stop, Always use caution at the intersection.

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