

# Beulah Newsletter

## Spring 2009

### From the Editors:

An amazing winter is moving on and a new season of growth and renewal begins. We want to encourage everyone to participate in Beulah's fun activities (beaches, parades, fairs, fireworks, etc.). Everyone is also needed to help with the work so Beulah sustains and prospers, by volunteering, shopping locally, picking up litter whenever you see it and participating in the Beulah Brainstorm meetings and Beulah's Master Plan surveys (see article). Please remember, your ideas and comments for the newsletter are welcome and can be left with the Village Office or sent in with water bill payments.

Phil Downs and Vicki Carpenter- Downs  
Volunteer Editors

### From the Village President:

It won't be long now till we'll be hauling the fishing gear out on the lake in a boat instead of lugging it behind us on a sled! The ice is starting to break up and the forecast is for a warming trend and rain. Maybe this winter **will** end... finally! With above average snowfalls and cold temperatures this winter, the maintenance crew did a great job of keeping the streets plowed and sanded for us. Our two new maintenance men, Brandon Wittig and John Lawrence got their baptism under fire early when we had two water main breaks on Spring Valley in January. Just when the first one was repaired, the second burst and Brian Moore and the guys worked almost 24 hours straight to get them repaired. Thanks, guys!

Kudos to the Benzie Bus system. Seems like every time you look out a window there is a bus going by. And with good reason. Last year they provided more than 70,000 one-way trips for folks in Benzie County, providing an obviously much-needed service to the residents. With their expansion to 20 vehicles and more planned, they are now looking for grants to build a new bus garage. What a great service for the county.

The Village office building got a bit of a facelift this winter. Next time you come in to buy garbage bags, you'll have to see our new handicapped-accessible rest room facilities complete with shower for the maintenance personnel. Often times, when working in a sewer, the guys would appreciate being able to

take a shower and put on a clean uniform before going back to work (no details necessary!). The new rest room/break room looks great!

A new brochure is being printed to lure people to the trailer park. Hopefully it will be sold out this year and more out-of-towners will be able to enjoy the shores of beautiful Crystal Lake! Have a great summer (if it does, in fact, get here!).

Jim Kilgus, President pro-tem



John Lawrence, Brandon Wittig and Brian Moore are our hard working Village Crew. Thanks Guys!

### Beulah Brainstorm Meetings Resume

A new round of Beulah Brainstorm meetings have been scheduled for this spring and summer. The purpose will be to share the progress made since the meetings of winter/2008 and again ask for ideas and input from interested participants on ways to improve Beulah. Also on the agenda will be the Village's Master Plan and the process for its review and revision. A citizen survey specific for the Master Plan will be available mid-summer and everyone's input will be welcome. These meetings will be held at the Village Building, behind the bowling alley. Minutes from the Brainstorm meetings will be posted on the Village website [www.villageofbeulah.org](http://www.villageofbeulah.org). If you're unable to attend, please leave your ideas at the Village office, a 24 hr. drop slot in the door for your convenience.

April 29, 2009 Wednesday 7 – 9 pm

June 24, 2009 Wednesday 7 – 9 pm

August 26, 2009 Wednesday 7 – 9 pm

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### Village Office Hours

Clerk-Laura Spencer Tues-Wed-Thurs 10-2 pm  
Treasurer Dawn Olney has new hours in place, Mon & Wed, 5-7:30  
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.

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

**WinterFest** was held on February 14 with most events in the Village Park. Due to the tragic loss of two local men at the west end of the lake, the ice fishing activities and air boat rides were cancelled. However, the mild weather brought people out and many visitors from around Michigan and other states enjoyed this annual winter event. Thanks to Tim Quick, Hungry Tummy, who chairs this event and his volunteers.



Redneck Horse Shoe Contest was a flying success at WinterFest 2009

**Easter Egg Hunt** was held on the Saturday before Easter at the Sports Fields in Benzonia. This free children's activity is sponsored by CLCBA.

**Fireworks:** Volunteers will again seek donations for the fireworks during the July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade. The July 4<sup>th</sup> and WinterFest fireworks shows are supported by donations which can be sent anytime

to CLCBA/Fireworks, PO Box 557, Beulah, MI 49617.

**July 4<sup>th</sup>:** many activities in the park during the day, a parade in the afternoon and fireworks after dark highlight the day.

**Music in the Park:** On Thursday, July 2 at 7 pm, the Community Band opens with a performance. Bring a chair or a blanket and a donation to help support these events. Starting July 2, every Thursday thru August 13 a wide range of music will be performed. For a listing of the performers, go to the CLCBA Web site for more information: [www.crystallakecommunitybusinessassoc.com](http://www.crystallakecommunitybusinessassoc.com)

### Darcy Library of Beulah Hours:

Mon.-Wed.-Fri. 12 to 5  
Tues.-Thurs. 3 to 7 pm  
Sat. 9 to 1 pm  
231-882-4037 [beulahpubliclibrary.blogspot.com](http://beulahpubliclibrary.blogspot.com)  
Friends of the Darcy Library meet the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month at 9:30, everyone is invited.

### 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, please check the web site.
- 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.
- 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.
- Call the Recycling Coordinator, Marlene with any recycling or disposal questions 882-0554

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### • **Collection Dates for 2009:**

Mark your calendar for 2009 collections of miscellaneous items not accepted at recycling sites. Miscellaneous collections will include: styrofoam, tires, paper shredding, & electronics and are in addition to the two household hazardous waste (HHW) collections. Tires & some electronics may require a fee.

- 5/2/09 Almira Township Park-HHW & misc.
- 6/27/09 Frankfort School-misc. (no HHW)
- 8/8/09 Honor Road Commission-HHW/misc.
- 10/3/09 Benzie Gov't Center-misc (no HHW)

All collections are on Saturdays from 9 a.m. until noon. **APPOINTMENTS ARE REQUIRED** for HHW Collections. Please email or call 882-0554 to request a Hazardous Waste Brochure that will provide details about the 2009 collections and appointment information.

### **Remember:**

- 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.
- 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. Price increased from \$20 to \$21 for 10 red trash bags when purchased from the Village Office.
- Business owners and staff are encouraged to park away from the downtown parking in order to save spaces for visitors and patrons.
- **Please don't feed the birds on the lake,** it will only increase the risk of swimmer's itch.

### **Pick up litter, let's keep Beulah beautiful!**

**Village Meetings:** First Thursday after the first Monday each month (5/7, 6/4, 7/9, 8/6 at 7 pm). The public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

### **Village Council Trustees and Staff and Terms**

Jerry Rank – President-2010

Patty Cantrell –Equipment-2010

Co-Chair: Gary Pallin

Maxine Hansen– Law and Finance-2010

Co-Chair: Gary Siderman

Jim Kilgus – Water and Sewer-2012

Co-Chair: Charley Kinzel

Charley Kinzel– Streets and Sidewalks-2010

Co-Chair: Jim Kilgus

Gary Pallin – Parks and Recreation-2012

Co-Chair: Patty Cantrell

Gary Siderman – Buildings and Grounds-2012

Co-Chair: Maxine Hansen

Laura Spencer – Clerk-2010

Dawn Olney – Treasurer-2010

Brian Moore – Supervisor

John Lawrence – Village Crew

Brandon Wittig– Village Crew



A little less than a year ago the intersection of Prospect St., Spring Valley, Benzie Blvd., Crystal Ave looked like this and then finished under budget!

### **Did You Know:**

- Steve Loveless, owner of State of the Art and well known photographer, has two of his photographs on and in publications for Benzie County and Michigan. Congratulations Steve!
- Beulah's public beach runs the length of Lake Street, from the beach house/playground to the end of the paved section. The docks are

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privately owned and space is rented from the Village, however, the beach front is public.

- Darcy Library has a variety of activities: foreign films, MAC Users, book group as well as free laptop-Internet availability. Stop in and check things out or call 882-4037 for dates/times.
- Trustees from the County Jail were helpful this winter to shovel out access to fire hydrants that were snow covered. Thanks Sheriff Heckman.
- The Record Patriot ran an interesting and fun story about the well known smelt runs in the Cold Creek, at their peak in the 1930s and 40s. The run attracted 'scoopers' from near and far and was a social event as well.
- This winter the Detroit News ran a travel section cover story about great winter getaways and 3 of the 6 events were in Benzie County! Beulah can be proud that WinterFest was one along with Women's Ski Tour and Crystal Mountain's new spa addition.
- Lakeshore Title on Benzie Blvd. has joined with a Lansing company and is now Bell Title Lakeshore. Their name is the only change you'll notice; all staff are at their posts!
- WinterFest was also mentioned in the 'Happenings' section of the 1/25/09 American Profile Midwest Edition Sunday magazine.
- Fair Park (Crystal Ave and Benzie St) will have its shoreline upgraded to decrease erosion and other improvements once weather clears.
- Beulah's Boat Launch was upgraded last fall and the spring water levels should make launching easier.
- Longtime BCHS coach, Beulah resident and Beulah supporter, "Pete" Moss has retired after many, many successful seasons. However, he has been sighted driving behind the runners and checking in with the coaches. Thanks Coach Moss!
- Crystal Clear Title Co., on US 31, has moved their offices from the north end of the building to the center of the building.
- The DNR planted more than 72,000 fish in Crystal Lake during 2008, primarily lake trout and rainbow trout. The seagulls tried but didn't get them all.

- The Cold Creek Settling Basin, by Trapp Park, traps sediment so it doesn't get into Crystal Lake. Benzonia Township and Beulah share the costs of clearing out the sediment (aka 'muck'). Enough organic muck was removed to cover a football field more than 3 ft deep, that's a lot of muck!
- 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.
- L'Chayim's "Hit the Wall" art contest is starting. Interested artists should contact them: [lchayimdeli@hotmail.com](mailto:lchayimdeli@hotmail.com) or 231-620-4356

### **Park Yourself at Beulah Beach**

The Village-owned travel trailer park at the beach in Beulah is ready for your 2009 business. Sites at the park are available for the 2009 season. Contact with 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 information, 231-882-4451.



June 13 is World Wide Knit in Public Day, 1-4 pm.

### **Upcoming or Ongoing Events:**

- Every Thursday, 'Read to Rosie' at the Darcy Library, 3-7 and call for a time slot, 882-4037
- Every Friday, Children's Story time 11 am, Darcy Library
- Benzie County Sheriff's K-9 Unit Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser, Wed. 4/22 at Platte River

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Association Hall in Honor; \$6/adults, \$5/kids 5-12, under 5/free, 4:30 – 7:30 pm

- Kids Safety Day, 5/2/ at Gov't Bldg. 11-2 pm
- Water bills due, 5/15
- World Wide Knit in Public Day is 6/13 from 1-4 in the Park Pavilion, hosted by Yarn Market
- Darcy Library hosts its 2<sup>nd</sup> Birthday Party and Indian Carving Dedication: 1 pm Saturday, 6/3
- Village Clean Up, 6/27, 8-1. Permits available at the Village Office.
- Beulah Boosters' Welcome Back Picnic and Taste of Beulah, 6/27, open to everyone, 11-2 pm at the Park Pavilion
- Music in the Park: 7 pm every Thursday, starting with Community Band, from 7/2 to 8/13
- 4<sup>th</sup> of July events throughout the day in the park, parade and fireworks
- Beulah Art Fair: 7/11
- Fishing Contests: check w/Paul at Five Corners
- State Representative Dan Scripps is at the Darcy Library from 11-12, 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month.

#### **New Angled Parking on Benzie Blvd:**

Feedback continues on the new parking alignment. Snow covered roads hid the center line and snow piles which impacted curb access were cited as areas of concerns this winter as well as some visibility issues. Drivers have used caution and traffic has slowed down which is safer for drivers and pedestrians.

#### **Beulah Boosters Host Welcome Back Picnic**

The Beulah Boosters, a volunteer group, will host its 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Welcome Back to Beulah and Taste of Beulah on Saturday, June 27 at the Village Park. Groups and families are encouraged to use the Bike Trail in the morning and join the Boosters at 11 for children's activities. Free hotdogs and other donated food by Beulah businesses will be found at the Taste of Beulah starting at 12:30, followed by a soccer demonstration. 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. A list of yearly events will be available for

volunteers to sign up to help. The Boosters have helped with July 4<sup>th</sup> events, WinterFest, FallFest, Halloween Maze, Christmas Magic and Team Marathon as well as decorating the Village with cornstalks! Membership forms are available now at Crystal Copies and at the picnic. Beulah Booster tee shirts will be available for sale. As a non-profit, donations are accepted as well. For more information please contact Email Steve Wentworth, President, [randall\\_automotive@yahoo.com](mailto:randall_automotive@yahoo.com) or Joan Duggan, Secretary, [dugganjoan@aol.com](mailto:dugganjoan@aol.com) or PO Box 570, Beulah, 49716.. Everyone is welcome!



An example of volunteer activities as Beulah Boosters: Kitty, Carroll and Barb, helped CLCBA cut and assemble cornstalks on light poles for fall decorations in Beulah and Benzonia.

Good Job Ladies!

#### **Kid Safety Day Offered**

Benzie County Sheriffs Department offers Benzie Safe Kids Day at the Government Center on Saturday, 5-2-09, 11 -2 pm. Activities include a small bike rodeo for kids, free bike helmets and car safety seat inspections, hot dog lunch, plus give aways for kids. Adults can also have a tour of the jail that day. Let's keep our kids safe!

#### **Fishing Shoot-Out**

Five Corners helped host an ice fishing contest this winter, as part of the Grand Traverse Area Sport Fishing Association, with over 130 people on the ice. A 7.4 pound burbot, from team Jeff Mix and

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Russ Carrier of Beulah, took home the Crystal Trophy and over \$800 in cash. Largest perch was 2.5 pounds caught by Nicole Tubbergen, on the Hook, Line and Broke team of Kaleva. Largest Whitefish, Youth and Women's fish was a 3.0 pound whitefish caught by Jessica Ferguson of team Fish Face. Smallest fish caught was a .0 c5 pound smelt by Ron Domn Jr. of Traverse City. This new Crystal Lake event was well attended and next year's event is in the works!



Lake trout caught at the Fishing Shoot Out on 1/24/09 on Crystal Lake, co-hosted by Five Corners

#### 2008 People's Choice Awards

The Grand Traverse Insider Newspaper announced the People's Choice Awards as "The Best of the Best" earlier this winter. (sorry for the delay) Listed are Benzie County's People Choice Awards which recognized the top three in each category:

- Restaurant: The Fusion – Frankfort
- Salad Bar: Pappa J's – Honor
- Sandwich/Sub: East Shore – Beulah
- Bakery: Frankfort Bakery - Frankfort
- Breakfast: The Lighthouse Café – Elberta
- Chinese Food: The Fusion – Frankfort
- Auto Service Dept: Platte Valley Auto – Honor
- Optometrist/Ophthalmologist: Dr. Nelson – Frankfort
- Insurance: Webber Insurance – Benzonia
- Real Estate Agent: Chris Stapleton-Benzie Cty.
- Accountants/CPA: Weishire & Co. - Beulah
- Appliance Store: Benzie Appliance – Benzonia
- Appliance Repair: Benzie Appliance – Benzonia

- Pharmacy: Community Drug – Benzonia
- Gift Shop: Community Drug – Benzonia
- Veterinarian: Platte Lake, Dr. Nelson – Honor
- Golf Courses: Crystal Lake Golf Club – Beulah
- Nail Care: Eden Salon – Beulah
- Hardware Store: Nugent's Ace Hardware – Benzonia
- Dry Cleaners: Robbies Dry Cleaners – Benzonia
- TV, Stereo, VCR Store: Benzie Appliance – Benzonia
- Nursery & Landscaping: Crystal Gardens – Frankfort
- Ski Resort: Crystal Mountain – Thompsonville
- Place to Buy Meat: Honor Family Market - Honor

It appears that Benzie County fares well when compared to the neighboring areas to the north and east. Congratulations!

#### Grow Benzie!

If you haven't been on 115 going west to Frankfort lately, you may have missed this newest addition to Benzie County, Grow Benzie! Located across from Crystal View AFC Home, this newly formed community group's focus is to support a garden based center that will nourish a wide range of needs, from individual to groups, with the emphasis on learning, life and business opportunities. The group, which is a non-profit, acquired the buildings and greenhouses when the "forces of nature" aligned and resources supported their venture. Connections with Benzie Sunrise Rotary Club and Benzie Area 4-H helped jump start funds and activities. For more information see the Benzie County Record Patriot (4/1/09); email at [GrowBenzie@gmail.com](mailto:GrowBenzie@gmail.com), at [www.growbenzie.org](http://www.growbenzie.org) or write to Grow Benzie! PO Box 132, Beulah, MI 49617.

A final note: The editors are appreciative of the support and feedback we receive on the Beulah Newsletter. The purpose is to keep residents, businesses and visitors aware of events and news of the Village. Again, your ideas and suggestions are welcome.