

Beulah Newsletter

Spring 2010

From the Editors: Friends will ask us what we find to do in the winter here in Beulah and after we're done listing all the different events and activities, they have a different view of 'up north' life in our lovely community. Our Beulah winter has been busy with planning meetings, festivals, watching ice fishing, the ever changing lake during the thaw and a lovely start of spring. A special thanks to the Village guys: Brian, John and Chris, for keeping the roads cleared and safe. Phil Downs & Vicki Carpenter-Downs, Editors

From the Village President. Well, this was certainly a different winter than we're used to! Only about half the snowfall that we had last winter which saved lots of overtime for the snowplow crews. Unseasonably warm temperatures in March melted the ice on the lake even before the first of April. Now, if the fish were biting off the shore, all things would be ideal here in Beulah! We did, in fact, have some very cold temperatures in January and February which caused two water main breaks. One leading from the water tower, and another on Spring Valley, that pesky, antiquated line that has caused multiple problems over the past few years. We are considering using some funds from a Rural Development loan to replace that entire water main this year to alleviate future problems on that section of water main. I had a few calls from residents who got a letter from a surveyor who was working on a project for MDOT on US 31 and informed them that they may want to be surveying on their property. No mention of what the project consisted of was made in the letter. After numerous calls, it was determined that this is merely a projected 2012 project to resurface US 31 from M 115 down the hill to north of the bridge. They will also be adding a turn lane into the government center to streamline traffic flow. All this only if MDOT receives the matching federal funds they are anticipating. In February we took delivery of a shiny, new red Ford truck complete with dump bed and variable "V" plow for use by the maintenance personnel. We were able to sell an aging truck that was on its last legs shortly thereafter and the only directive to the guys is to

keep the new one clean! Several months ago the Council appointed a committee to look into revitalization of the Beulah waterfront. After several meetings to gain public input and establish an action plan to pursue a grant for the project, it's full speed ahead! The grant has been requested, but it will be many months before we know if it will be approved. If so, we'll see a new, improved beachfront here in Beulah in the future. Charlie Kinzel, chairman of the committee, has a further description of the project in this newsletter. This year, starting in May, all properties in Beulah will be reassessed to bring values to a current state. It has been many years since current property values have been assessed and is an important facet of determining our tax base. This process should be completed by December, but should not be an inconvenience to any property owners. In the meantime, Beulah is greening up, temperatures are warming up, and it's time for the snowbirds to come back to roost right here where the water is blue and the sun is bright! Enjoy the upcoming summer!
Jim Kilgus, President Pro Tem



WinterFest offered a wild airboat ride this year!

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

WinterFest: The Crystal Lake Community Business Association is proud to announce the winners of the 2010 Beulah/Benzonia Winterfest Chili Cook-Off:

Business winner: Crescent Bakery, Frankfort

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Individual winners: 1st Place: Anne Howell (soup #3), 2nd Place: Annette Lawry (soup #4) and 3rd Place: Teresa Wolf (soup #5)

Duck Race winners: Individuals: Glenda Leboret, Eric Newberg, Ashley Burgess, Hansen Family and Matt McCormick Businesses: Benzie Builders, Victoria's Flowers, Central State Bank, Northern Rentals and Watson Auto Sales. Individual winners were awarded cash prizes and the businesses each were awarded the Golden Duck trophy. WinterFest went green thanks to recycling coordinator, Marlene Wood-Zylstra (aka Kermit) whose grant provided portable recycling containers which were throughout downtown and the park area as well as a styrofoam container in the food tent. Due to the high number of participants, tracking winners of the frozen turkey bowling, frozen fish toss and redneck horseshoes wasn't completed. However, the turnout demonstrated the popularity of the events and plans are underway to expand the participation and events in 2011. Many thanks to all the volunteers and participants.



Frozen Turkey bowling is a visitor favorite

Easter Egg Hunt: Nearly 50 children participated in the hunt at Memorial Park in Benzonia. Thanks to the many volunteers (Beulah Boosters, Cricket Salon, Honor State Bank in Benzonia, New Path Girls) who filled nearly 2000 eggs, to the workers on that day and

Shop & Save for the bunny prizes. The rain came and went then came back after the eggs were collected.



Mandy Edinger, Grace Gunderson and Katlyn Kotimko found gold dollar coins in their eggs.

Fishing Events/Contests: Father's Day, June 20, check with Five Corners

Music in the Park begins Thurs., July 1 at 7 pm
4th of July: enjoy races, park events, food, 1:30 parade, fireworks on Crystal Lake approx. 10:30 pm

Sidewalk Days: Saturday, August 7, downtown
Membership: support the CLCBA and become a member. PO Box 754, Beulah, MI 49617 For more info, visit the website: clcba.org

Beulah Recycling Information:

Recycling Update-for info call 882-0554 or go to www.benzieco.net and click on services

Recycling Dates to Calendar:

- April 22 at Benzie Resource Center on M115 – Clean out your files (9-noon)
- May 22 at Frankfort (Glens), HHW, styrofoam, tires, computers/electronics (9 to noon)
- Beulah sites remain behind the Village Offices for glass, paper/cardboard and plastic/tin, available to residents. Businesses should call regarding permits.
- 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.

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- 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

Village Office Hours

Clerk-Laura Spencer Tues-Wed-Thurs 10-2 pm
Treasurer Dawn Olney Mon & Wed, 5-7:30 pm
Phone 231-882-4451 Fax 231-882-5759
Free Fax services available to residents
Web Site: www.villageofbeulah.org
The Village Newsletter, Park Plan and Village Council minutes can be found on the web site.

Village Meetings: First Thursday after the first Monday each month (5/6, 6/10, 7/8, 8/5 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
Chris Adsit – 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 alerts, 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 web site.

Darcy Library of Beulah: Hours & Info

Mon.-Wed.-Fri. 12 to 5
Tues.-Thurs. 3 to 7 pm
Sat. 9 to 1 pm
231-882-4037 beulahpubliclibrary.blogspot.com
and or www.darcylibraryofbeulah.org
Friends of the Darcy Library meet the 1st Wed. of each month at 9:30 am, everyone is invited.
Library Board meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month, 7 pm. Everyone is invited.



Fishing shanties were in abundance this winter

Did You Know:

- 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 privately owned and space is rented from the Village, however, the beach front is available for public use.
- Congratulations to Eldon "Pete" Moss on his selection as National Coach of the Year! This recently retired Beulah resident continues to support youth and runners.
- Crystal Lake Elementary Odyssey of the Mind team placed 2nd at the winter regionals.
- DNRE boat launch project on Crystal Lake near railroad point has resolved the issues and lawsuits. The DNRE has announced that the launch could be ready by 2011.

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- The Benzie Bus had its ground breaking on their new building! They have a stop at the Betsie Valley Trailhead Building in the back parking lot; call for information and pick up times: 325-3000.
- Crystal Lake Elementary students raised money for Haitian relief.
- Village crew, John and Chris, have been busy this winter, in addition to plowing snow. John completed his D-4 Water Certification and Chris is taking classes to prepare for his tests. All the new hires are taking training and licensing classes.
- Wireless Internet (WiFi) is available at the Phoenix Café and the Darcy Library
- Darcy Library has an ongoing book sale inside the library. Donations of new or gently used hardbound and softbound books are appreciated.
- February's Frozen Shoot-Out fishing contest winners landed a 14 pound lake trout! 59 teams entered and 28 of those teams caught fish! Father's Day is the next fishing event.
- Master list of upcoming events is posted in the Trailhead display sign.
- Village has a paper shredder that is available to residents and businesses during business hours.
- Village Park had a large dead tree removed in April and others trimmed up.

Park Yourself at Crystal Lake:

The Village-owned RV park at the beach in Beulah is ready for your 2010 business. Sites at the park are available for the 2010 season. Contact with 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.

Upcoming or Ongoing Events:

- Hydrants will be flushed in April
- Village Council mtg., Thurs. May 6, at 7 pm
- Benzie Safe Kids Day will be Saturday May 8, 2010 from 11am-2pm. at the Sheriff's office. Many safety exhibits and practice for kids of all ages plus jail tours for adults.

Free car safety checks and give aways for infant and booster seats. Bike helmet give aways, hot dogs and some bike giveaways.

- Water bills due May 15
- Village Council mtg., Thurs. June 10, at 7 pm
- Village Clean Up, Sat., June 20 from 8-1 pm, get permit from Laurie at Village Office
- Father's Day Fishing Event, June 20
- Wheels4Wellness, Saturday June 26, contact Tad Peacock at 882-2123 for more info
- Beulah Boosters host 3rd Annual Welcome to Summer at Village Park on Sat., June 26
- July 4th events all day at the Village Park, race, parade at 1:30 and fireworks after dusk
- July 6 to register to vote for Aug. primaries
- Village Council mtg., Thurs. July 8, at 7 pm
- Beulah Art Fair, Saturday, July 10
- Crystal Lake Art Fair, Wednesday, July 21
- Every Friday, Children's Story time 11 am, Darcy Library
- State Representative Dan Scripps is at the Darcy Library from 11-12, 1st Monday of each month.
- Foreign Films at Darcy Library; check web site www.darcylibraryofbeulah.org
- Fishing Contests: check w/Paul at Five Corners

Benzie Conservation Millage Request: The Benzie Conservation District has been serving our county since 1944, providing a wealth of natural resource services and assistance to community members. Some examples include the development of the Platte River Watershed Management Plan, the Herring Lakes Watershed Management Plan, commitment and involvement in the Betsie River Restoration Project, numerous water quality monitoring activities and the yearly "Leave No Trace" experiential learning program for all sixth grade students in the county. The District has also been instrumental in helping the agricultural community with obtaining grants to help build storage buildings and manage crop lands; the list goes on. Sadly, state funding has been completely cut, the local government hasn't been able to support the District for quite some time, and the only source of revenue now available to the District are the seedling and perennial sales. This income generates enough revenue to operate the office for

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about a month. It is for this reason that the Benzie Conservation District is going to ask for a millage in the August 3, 2010 election. The amount being requested is small: one-tenth of a mill for four years. That means that if the *taxable value* on your property (typically half its market value) is \$50,000.00 (market value of \$100,000.00), your yearly tax would be \$5.00. Yes, just five bucks. If your taxable value is \$100,000.00 (market value of \$200,000.00) you would be assessed \$10 for the year. Please support the Conservation District and its good work “behind the scenes” to help keep Benzie County a clean, healthy and beautiful place to live and visit. Tad Peacock, CD Coordinator

Business Updates:

- Sail Inn Again, formerly the Brookside Inn, will open in June according to new owners Randy & Carol Dye. We look forward to that day!
- The Hodge Podge Lodge will open in May, between the Post Office and Crystal Crate & Cargo. Larry Revnell and Jennifer Kolinske will offer an eclectic selection of gifts and home décor. Some items are original designs. Welcome to Beulah!
- The Inn at Beulah Beach will reopen in May per new owners, Jim and Kim Goldman. Jim is also part owner of the Beach House in Beulah and the Mayfair Tavern in Elberta.
- Jackleen’s Jems recently celebrated 5 years of operating their jewelry store in Beulah.
- Crystal Crate & Cargo is hosting authors and music this summer. Authors Chef Jim Voltz on 5/30 and cartoonist Wendy Stout on 7/10. Musician Jack Carpenter on 7/4 and 7/10.
- Congratulations to Steve Loveless, State of the Art, his photograph of spring trillium is on the cover of the Benzie County magazine from the Benzie Chamber of Commerce!
- Northern Express’s Best of Benzie named Northern Décor in three categories: best shop owner, best jewelry store and most eclectic gift shop. Congratulations to Kitty Ely, staff and Mia, the official greeter!
- Grow Benzie is looking for volunteers and people interested in helping others with a garden or having their own. growbenzie@gmail.com
- Volunteers wanted by Grow It Wild to help with Beulah garden maintenance, contact Jane Gary 231-633-9728

Remember:

- **New sewer/water rates took effect 1/1/2010** and are reflected on your April water bill.
- 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. A weekday holiday, such as Memorial Day, moves pickup to Saturday morning.
- 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.



New plow truck arrived in February and was put to work right away.

Addendum to Water/Sewer Regulations

Effective Jan. 1, 2010, it will be necessary to inform the Village Maintenance Supervisor by November 1 each year if you would like your water meter

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removed for the winter season. Later notifications may not be honored due to inaccessibility of meters due to snow falls. Crew will have three (3) days to turn water on or off, per the request.

Jim Kilgus, Chairman; Water/Sewer

Darcy Library Quilt: The handcrafted quilt "Flowers in My Garden" is now at home with Mayra Malakovich, winner of the Friends of Darcy Library's special quilt raffle. Her ticket was drawn during the Chocolate• Champagne & Treasure Benefit, hosted by Darcy Friends on the evening of February 12. A delighted Mayra exclaimed, "I'm absolutely thrilled with my luck in winning the quilt. It brings such fond memories of my mother who loved the library so much. It is quite an honor to have the quilt that represents the dedication of the town of Beulah." Marya's mother, Imogene, was a member of the Library Board for many years.



Darcy Library Quilt winner Marya Malkovich.

Parks & Recreation Plan and Grant Application Approved: Due to the efforts of citizens, Council members and the Beulah Boosters, the Village Council approved their first Parks & Recreation Plan. The approval of the five year Plan allowed the Village to then submit

a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) Grant to the State for matching monies to develop and improve access along the waterfront. The Plan is available for review at the Village office and the Village's website: villageofbeulah.org GoslingCzubac, an engineering design firm from Traverse City, coordinated the project and in addition to public meetings this winter, included input from the Master Plan survey and the two series of Beulah Brainstorming meetings, all of which are available on the website. There are larger drawings of the proposal available at the Village Office to review as well. The Village will learn this fall if the application is being considered for funding. Meanwhile, efforts on other revitalization efforts continue, with focus on signage on US31 and way-finding signs on Benzie Blvd. as well as streetscape. If you are interested in participating in these efforts, please leave your name and phone number with the Village or email the Village through the website.

Beulah Boosters Want You!: This winter the Booster volunteers worked on the WinterFest event as well as filling Easter Eggs for the annual hunt. Boosters have been active with the new Parks and Recreation Plan and the resulting grant application. Upcoming events such as the June welcome party and 4th of July activities will 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. Membership forms are available now at Crystal Copies. For more information, please contact Steve Wentworth, President, randall_automotive@yahoo.com or 517-202-3807. Everyone is welcome and needed!

Suggestions and information for the newsletter are welcome. Please drop a note to the editors at the Village of Beulah, PO Box 326, Beulah, MI 49617 (you can send it with your water bill payment) or send an email to: Beulah@chartermi.net

Pick up litter. Let's keep Beulah beautiful!