

From the Editors: Oops on the error on the header the last newsletter, it really was Winter 2012 issue, not Fall 2011. We hope that you find all the information in the newsletter helpful.
Phil Downs & Vicki Carpenter-Downs, Editors

From the Village President: This has been a record-breaking winter by all measures! After the warmest March on record with temperatures in the 70s and 80s, we then had the worst winter storm in recent memory with snowfalls up to 18 inches which knocked out power for several days in Benzie County and Beulah. Trees and power lines were down across roads in the Village, but Maintenance Supervisor, Brian Moore was able to keep power to our sewer lift pumps in order to avoid sewer backups in the Village during the worst of it as well as plowing the wet, heavy snow from the streets. How can you applaud, enough the efforts of a guy who is so dedicated to the Village to work 36 hours straight to ensure that the facilities of the Village continue without interruption!? Thanks so much, Brian! All this while being shorthanded for maintenance personnel. After the departure of Chris Adsit in late December, we had a new hire, Dave Hoogerhyde, ready to start the Monday following the snowstorm. However, the previous week, we got a notice from current employee, John Lawrence, that he was leaving for another position. After scrambling, we got our second hire, Rick Worm, to assist Brian on the Saturday after the storm. Both guys have experience with water and sewer operation as well as licenses to operate our heavy equipment and snow plows. We now have a full maintenance staff and welcome both Dave and Rick to round out a fully capable and experience maintenance crew! We also filled our open position for a zoning administrator with a very capable individual, Ron Edwards. Ron has great experience with zoning and planning and is a welcome addition to the Village operations staff. The beach waterfront project is now in full swing. Low bidders, Swidorski Brothers of Manistee, was awarded the bid to proceed with the revitalization of the beachfront and will start the project in early April. Substantial

construction should be completed by Memorial Day for summer visitors to enjoy without any interruption of summer fun on the beach. This has been a major project in the works for Beulah and we hope to see a great return in tourist excitement as well as business enhancement for the Village. This will be a major revitalization to the attraction of the Beulah beach to all who come here for summer fun and enjoyment of what the Village has to offer.

We recently had another clog in our sewer lift station, a repeat of the one mentioned in the last newsletter. This seems to be a result of a new product, a plastic-backed “baby wipe” which is not degradable in our sewer lines. These, and other similar products, cause clogs that are expensive to clear in order to keep our sewage flowing. Please place these products in your trash rather than flushing them down the toilet! Enjoy the summer, let’s hope the fish are biting better than they have been so far this spring!

Jim Kilgus, President Pro Tem



New faces working for the Village: Rick Worm, Jr., Village Crew, Ron Edwards, Zoning Administrator and Dave Hoogerhyde, Village Crew

Waterfront Restoration Project (DNR Grant): Attached at the end of this newsletter is a copy of a letter and map of the waterfront project. Timelines and specific dates are approximate at this time. Please check the Village office window for updates.

Village Office Hours

Clerk-Laura Spencer, Tues-Wed-Thurs 10-2 pm
Treasurer Dawn Olney, Mon & Wed, 5-7 pm
Zoning: Ron Edwards, Thurs., 10-12
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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 (5/10, 6/7, 7/5, 8/9 at 7 pm). The public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Village Council Trustees and Staff and Terms

- Jerry Rank – President-2012
- Dan Hook–Equipment-2014
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
Co-Chair: Jim Kilgus
- 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
- Rick Worm, Jr. – Village Crew
- Dave Hoogerhyde – Village Crew

Public Information is posted on the windows of the Village Office. Minutes, agendas and 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.

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 2012 Beulah/Benzonia Winterfest **Chili Cook-Off:** 1st: Johna LaPrad, 2nd: Kevin Knudson, 3rd: Dick & Peggy Clarke and Business winner was Cold Creek Inn



2012 Chili Winners: 1st Johna La Prad, 2nd Kevin Knudson, 3rd Peggy & Dick Clarke

Duck Race winners: Individual winners were awarded cash prizes and the businesses were awarded the Golden Duck trophy.

Dog Race: The 2nd year of the International Weight Pulling Association (IWPA) sanctioned dog weight pulling event was held. Medals and prizes are awarded, based on dog weight classes and amounts of weight pulled on the sled.

Outhouse Races: Youth Division: 1st: Benzonia/Darcy Library

Business/Service Organizations: 1st: Nugent Ace Hardware, 2nd:Honor Building Supply, 3rd: Beulah Boosters

Best in Show’s traveling toilet seat trophy was awarded to Nugent Ace Hardware for the 2nd yr.

Other events:

The softball tournament returned although it was held at Memorial Park in Benzonia. Team Dan Kelly took first and Honor Insurance was second.

Again, the number of participants in Redneck Horseshoes, Frozen Turkey and the Frozen Fish Toss made tracking winners challenging. The number of participants speaks to the popularity of Winterfest’s special activities!

Another beautiful fireworks display on Crystal Lake ended the day. The day and evening long bonfire was appreciated, thanks to the Village crew for the wood supply. The CLCBA thanks all its members, volunteers and participants.



2012 Outhouse Race Winner Race and Best in Show: “S-Tool Box” Nugent’s Ace Hardware

Upcoming CLCBA Sponsored Events:

Music in the Park begins Thurs., June 28 at 7 pm, every Thurs. Last concert is on August 9th.

4th of July: enjoy 5K races, park events, food, 1:30 parade, fireworks on Crystal Lake approx. 10:30 pm

Beulah Art Fair: Sat, July 7, Village Park

Sidewalk Days: Sat., Aug. 4 downtown Beulah

Crystal Lake Team Marathon: Sat., Aug 11, check the website for registration forms and info

Archibald Jones Day: Sat., August 25, at Park
Fishing Events/Contests: check with Five Corners

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

Did You Know:

- Benzie County Road Commission reports that 69 inches of snow fell this winter; 98 inches of snow fell last winter.
- Beulah’s public beach runs the length of Lake St., 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.
- DNRE boat launch off Mollineaux Rd. is open for business. Crystal Lake Watershed Association (CLWA) is raising funds for a washing station to try to keep more invasive species from contaminating Crystal Lake.
- Jackie Carmack of Jackleen’s Jems demonstrated her culinary skills this winter with a cooking class at Crystal Crate & Cargo. Record Eagle gave her the Food section cover in their 2-2-2012 issue.
- Crystal Lake and Lake Ann Elem. Schools were recognized as Distinguished Schools for Exceptional Student Performance. Our local schools were 2 of 9 recognized by the MI Department of Education across the state. Congratulations to everyone for their work.
- BCHS coaches, Asa and Traci Kelly were recognized as Division 3 Coaches of the Year. In addition to their role with BCHS, they are key to the Firecracker 5K and Team Marathon races in Beulah. Congratulations and thanks!
- Village crew planted twenty six new trees this fall, 20 maples and 6 flowering crab trees. The Village had to remove 9 infected ash trees. The new trees were donated by a greenhouse in Copmish which was closing.
- Thanks to Wesco at M-115 & US-31 during the March snowstorm for letting the Village

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'run a tab' to keep the trucks fueled and clearing snow as the usual supplier was without power.

- Beulah's mercury vapor street lights are being replaced with high pressure sodium lights by Consumer's Energy at no cost to the Village. The lights will be more energy efficient. Installation is expected this spring
- 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.
- Conservation District's plant sale was held in early April. Stop in the office on Benzie Blvd, for more information.
- Congratulations to the Odyssey of the Mind teams from Benzie Central Community Schools as they competed on local, regional and will be at state levels later in April
- Master list of upcoming events is posted in the Trailhead display sign.
- Village has a paper shredder and FAX; both are available to residents and businesses during business hours.

Darcy Library of Beulah: Hours & Info

Mon.-Wed.-Fri. 12 to 5

Tues.-Thurs. 12 to 7 pm

Sat. 9 to 1 pm

www.darcylibraryofbeulah.org and or

beulahlibrary.blogspot.com, 231-882-4037

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

Darcy Library Board meets the **1st Tuesday** of each month, 7 pm. Everyone is invited.

Darcy Library Update: Heather Doran was appointed Director of the Darcy Library earlier this winter. She has been busy with expanding activities, programs and events. See the full list at darcylibraryofbeulah.org

Park Yourself at Crystal Lake: The Village-owned RV Park at the beach in Beulah is ready for your 2012 business. Sites at

the park are available for the 2012 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 on April 13
- May Pole, Village Park, May 5
- Village Council mtg., Thurs May 10, at 7 pm
- Water bills due May 16
- Village Council mtg., Thurs. June 7, at 7 pm
- Village Clean Up, Sat., June 16 from 8-1 pm. Get a permit from Laurie at Village Office
- Music in the Park, Thurs, June 28, 7 pm
- Beulah Boosters host 5th Annual Welcome to Summer at Village Park on Sat., June 30
- July 4th events all day at the Village Park, race, parade at 1:30 and fireworks after dusk
- Village Council mtg., Thurs. July 5 at 7 pm
- Music in the Park, Thurs, July 5, 7 pm
- Beulah Art Fair, Saturday, July 7
- Music in the Park, Thurs, July 12, 7 pm.
- Tuesday's Children's Story at Darcy Library is resuming in June
- Foreign & family films, book club, programs and classes at Darcy Library; check the web site darcylibraryofbeulah.org

Business Updates:

- Congratulations to Steve Loveless, State of the Art. His photograph, Pointe Betsie at Dusk, will be on the cover of the upcoming Benzie Chamber of Commerce & Visitor's Bureau Membership Directory!
- Grow Benzie is looking for volunteers and people interested in helping others with a garden or having their own. growbenzie@gmail.com
- Kalo Skate Shop, at the corner of Benzie and Clark (former site of Beading Frenzy) will be opening soon. The owners, Jay McKinney and Elizabeth Curler, will feature skate and long boards and related equipment. Watch for their Grand Opening later this spring.

- Record Patriot had a great article on the Henke brothers, Joel and Eric, from the Soap Barrel in downtown Beulah. The story covered the role the boys played in developing their soap making process and the family business.
- The Soap Barrel has closed its current site and it is in the process of relocating. Watch their windows for news of their new site and re-opening date.
- Volunteers wanted by Grow It Wild to help with Beulah garden maintenance. Contact Jane Gary 231-633-9728
- Beulah’s laundromat has reopened as the Crystal Clean Lakeside Laundromat. New owners are Cathi & John Kwapich. You can drop off laundry or do it yourself.
- Brookside Inn is planning a May 2012 re-opening of the restaurant. Steve Hamilton will be managing the Brookside.
- Dan Bailey of Northern Financial Group will be operating for Sigma Financial Corp. at the Boekeloo Financial offices. Dan can be reached at 231-779-5943 or 882-7790.
- Real Estate One recognized the following recipients from the Beulah office: Bob Weisbrodt, Carolyn Lalas, Kathy Neveu, Sandy Jackson and Ben Ewing.
- Northern Express’s Best of Northern Michigan (3/19/2012) issue named the following as Best in Benzie County:
 - Athletic Gear Shop: Crystal Lake Adventure Sports
 - Store Staff: Northern Décor
 - New Store: Live for Art
 - Jewelry Store: Jackleen’s Gems
 - Healthiest Restaurant: L’Chayim Deli
 - Salads: East Shore Market
 - Pizza: A. Papano’s
 - Coffee Hangout: Phoenix Café

Remember:

- 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.

Swimmer’s Itch Project: Efforts continue with the Crystal Lake Watershed Association (CLWA) and several other groups to address the problem of swimmer’s itch. Efforts to discourage geese and ducks continue as well resuming the ‘scrafing’ of the shoreline periodically to disrupt the itch cycle. Signs will be posted to alert swimmers of problem areas as well as recommendations for treatment. More information is available at CLWA’s website www.CLWA.us

Beulah Boosters Want You!: This winter the Booster volunteers worked on the WinterFest event, pushed an outhouse in the race, as well as hiding Easter Eggs for the annual hunt. Boosters have been active with the Streetscape Design and the several grant efforts. The Day Dock is in for boaters to visit Beulah. Upcoming events such as the June 30th Welcome Back Picnic 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 at:

The editors send their apologies to Mary Weishaar & staff for missing them in the Winter issue as Best CPA Firm: Weishaar & Company from Record Patriot’s Best of Benzie 2011.

randall_automotive@yahoo.com or 517-202-3807. Everyone is welcome and needed!



Waterfront project started with old concrete removal and excavation along Lake Street. One way traffic is in effect going north on Lake St. Please be safe and obey the traffic signs.

Beulah Recycling Information and Dates:

SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING
IN EFFECT 1-1-2012

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

- Clean out your files, April 18, Wed., at Benzie Resource Center on M-115
- Electronics drop at Betsie Valley Elem., April 21, 10 – 2 pm (no items w/Freon accepted)
- Styrofoam & batteries at Gov't Center: 6/16, 9/15 and 12/15 and at all Clean-Up Days.
- Hazardous Waste Days: 6/9 & 8/11 (see web)
- Beulah's clean-up day is June 16 see Laurie at the Village Office for permit
- 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.
- Call the Recycling Coordinator, Marlene, with any recycling or disposal questions 882-0554
- Visit www.benzieco.net and click on services for more information

Village Seeks Additional Grants: The Village recently submitted 2 grants to help fund enhancements not covered by the DNR grant for the waterfront project. Rural Business Enterprise Grant (RBEG) and the Michigan Recreation Passport Grant have the applications and now we wait. Items submitted include: new fishing dock (also called the T-dock), resurfacing the bike lane on Lake St., pavement striping for bike lanes and crosswalks.



Fallen tree on Center St. from March blizzard

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 or send an email to: Beulah@chartermi.net

Have a Beulah-ful Day!