

From the Editors: What a winter we've had! Unfortunately, the snow piles will be with us for a while longer. Despite being short a crew member, having equipment fail under difficult conditions and fielding many concerns about freezing pipes, snow removal and other topics. The Village crew worked an almost round the clock schedule. We want to thank the Village Council and the crew, Brian, Woody and Corey. Despite all the challenges, we had clear streets to travel every day and businesses worked hard as well to keep the sidewalks open. Many thanks to all for jobs well done. Phil Downs & Vicki Carpenter-Downs, Editors



This photo gives a new meaning to the term 'snowbirds', any wonder they head south!

From the Village President Pro Tem:

This has truly been "The Winter of Our Discontent". Record snowfall and extended periods of cold temperatures have most of us longing for summer. Our Village maintenance crew and their equipment were no match for the 216+ inches of snow, which was often accompanied by high winds and drifting. Fortunately, local contractors provided additional crews and equipment to see us through the most intense storms. We literally ran out of room to put the snow within the

Village, so hundreds of yards were transported to the sewer pond area south of M-115. We know the snow removal efforts have inconvenienced many Village residents and businesses. However, our priority has been and must continue to be to keep the Village streets and roads open, especially for emergency vehicles.



As we moved from January and February into March, the cold temperatures continued to drive the frost line deeper into the ground, exposing water mains and service lines to freezing temperatures. Our first freeze occurred on January 2, at which time a voluntary "run water advisory" was issued. Local TV stations were notified and aired the advisory, a notice was posted on the Village website and emails were sent to the Beulah Boosters distribution list. The freezes began to intensify in number into early March. On March 8th alone, we had five freezes. It was on that day that we issued a "Mandatory Run Water Advisory". Volunteers distributed flyers door-to-door to as many residences and businesses as possible. Since that time, only three more freezes have been reported, with two of those being at unoccupied residences. We were unable to thaw lines at three homes, but with the help and cooperation of neighbors, hoses were used to temporarily supply those homes. We will be adjusting water and sewer bills of all active customers to try to minimize the added usage costs associated with these advisories. Customers

will be billed for the lower of 1st quarter 2014 vs. 1st quarter 2013 usage. Once the threat of freezing lines subsides, the advisory will be cancelled. We have learned from this experience that we need a more effective means of communicating emergency messages to our residents, business owners, and property owners. We will be developing a system that will utilize current technology and expect to have this in place before next winter.

On a more positive note, the contract to construct and initially install the new Universal Access Fishing Dock has been awarded to Marine Automated Dock System (MADS) located in Harrison, MI. We expect installation to occur in late May or early June, assuming most of the ice is gone by then. This project was funded in part by a Rural Business Enterprise Grant through the USDA. A related project, funded in part by a Land & Water Conservation Fund Grant through the Michigan DNR will provide a bike trail connector between Lake Street and the Betsie Valley Bike Trail. Design work is in process with construction expected later this year.

Work continues on the Streetscape plan, which covers the two blocks on Benzie Blvd. between Prospect and Clark. Preliminary estimates, which include lighting and other street and sidewalk enhancements, put costs in the range of \$500,000. We will be applying for grants to cover approximately 70% of these costs.

We have filled vacancies on the Council and the Maintenance Department. Please see related articles in this newsletter for more information.

Dan Hook, President Pro Tem

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
 beulahzoning@gmail.com

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 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. villageofbeulah.org



Welcome to Corey Toms, new Village crew member hired earlier this winter

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: Mike Laslo
- Mike Laslo – Streets/Sidewalks-2014 (appt'd)
 Co-Chair: Dan Smith
- Gary Pallin – Parks and Recreation-2016
 Co-Chair: Dan Hook
- Robert Fitzke– Buildings/Grounds-2014 (appt'd)
 Co-Chair: Maxine Hansen
- Laura Spencer – Clerk-2014
- Dawn Olney – Treasurer-2014
- Ron Edwards – Zoning Administrator
- Brian Moore – Supervisor
- Woody Card – Village Crew
- Corey Toms – Village Crew

Village Meetings: First Thursday after the first Monday each month (5/8, 6/5, 7/10, 8/7 at 7 pm).
 The public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

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.

**Let's keep Beulah "Beulah-ful"
 Pick up litter**

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 2014 Beulah/Benzonia Winterfest Chili Cook-Off: 1st Kathy Engelbertson, 2nd John Darien 3rd Steve Kelly and the Business winner was Crystal Mountain Resort.

Outhouse Races: Youth Division: 1st Boy Scout Troop #10, 2nd Boy Scout Troop #10
 Business/Service Organizations: 1st Beulah Boosters, 2nd Watson Benzie, 3rd Honor Building Supply

Best in Show's traveling toilet seat trophy was awarded to The Corner Pub

Other events:

Again, the number of participants in Snowball Throw, 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 CLCBA thanks all its members, volunteers and participants.



Best in Show Outhouse went to The Corner Pub's Juke Box entry, racing to the 'oldies'!

Upcoming CLCBA Sponsored Events:

Easter Egg Hunt will be at Memorial Park, Benzonia, Sat-April 19, 1 pm. Ages up to 12 yrs. are invited to participate

Music in the Park begins Thurs., June 28 at 7 pm, every Thurs. Last concert is August 14th.

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 5 at Village Park

Crystal Lake Team Marathon: Sat., Aug 9, check the website for registration forms and info

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 reported that 227 inches (approx. 19 ft.) of snow fell this winter as of 4/7/14. Last winter had 151 inches (approx 12.5 ft.) of snow.

- Congratulations to the 4 Odyssey of the Mind (OM) Teams from Benzie Central Community Schools who qualified for the State competition in Traverse City on 3/28. Crystal Lake Elementary's 4th grade team placed 1st and will travel to Iowa for the Nationals in late May. BCMS 6th graders placed 4th in their group. Financial support for the Iowa trip is needed. Great job!
- 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.
- DNR boat launch off Mollineaux Rd. will soon be open for business. Crystal Lake Watershed Association (CLWA) has established a washing station to keep more invasive species from contaminating Crystal Lake.
- Wireless Internet (WiFi) is available at the Hungry Tummy 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 will be held in mid April. Stop in their office on Benzie Blvd, for more information.
- 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 at no cost.
- The silt removal from the Cold Creek Settling Basin has started. This is a shared cost project between Beulah and Benzonia Township. Some problems with the process are being resolved with the support of the DEQ."

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 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 2nd Tuesday of each month, 7 pm. Everyone is invited.

Park Yourself at Crystal Lake:

Sites at the Village-owned RV Park at the beach in Beulah is ready for your 2014 business. Contact the Village Clerk at 231-882-4451 or email: clerk@chartermi.net for more information.

Dock Space has a waiting list; contact Laurie at the Village Office for info. 231-882-4451.



Daytime only rules in place for ice shanties

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: clerk@villageofbeulah.org

“No winter lasts forever; no spring skips its turn.”

Hal Borland



High flying fish toss at Winterfest!

Upcoming or Ongoing Events:

- Hydrants will be flushed this spring
- Village Council mtg., Thurs/May 8, at 7 pm
- Water bills due May 15
- Village Council mtg., Thurs/June 5, at 7 pm
- Village Clean Up, Sat/June 14 from 8-noon
Get a permit from Laurie at Village Office
- Music in the Park, Thurs/June 26, 7 pm
- Darcy Dog Days, Sat/June 28 in Village Park, check at the library or their website
- July 4th events all day at the Village Park, 5K race, parade at 1:30 and fireworks after dusk
- Beulah Art Fair, Friday/July 5
- Village Council mtg., Thurs/July 12 at 7 pm
- Music in the Park, Thurs/July 12, 7 pm
- Music in the Park, Thurs/July 19, 7 pm.
- Music in the Park, Thurs/July 26, 7 pm
- Sidewalk Days, Sat., Aug. 2
- Tuesday's Children's Story at Darcy Library returns in June
- Foreign & cult films, book club, programs and classes at Darcy Library; check their web site: darcylibraryofbeulah.org

Remember:
Clark St. is one way between Lake St. and Benzie Blvd. Tickets will be issued. Drive safe!

Business Updates:

- Thanks to Jonathan Clark and David Scott of L'Chayim for supporting the ice rink in Benzonia. They sponsored a skate exchange earlier this winter. L'Chayim has also updated with windows, more energy efficient as well as good looking.
- Grow Benzie is looking for volunteers and people interested in helping others with a garden or having their own. growbenzie@gmail.com
- Good-bye to Five Corners in downtown Beulah. Mike Bishop will open Traverse Watch & Clock at Logan's Landing in April, call 633-TIME.
- Sugar Moon has closed with hopes to reopen in another downtown location.
- Northern Express's Best of Northern Michigan issue (3/17/2014) named these Beulah businesses as Best in Benzie County:
 - Men's Clothing: Five Corners
 - Women's Clothing: Northern Décor
 - Art Gallery: State of the Art
- Thanks to the business owners for working so hard to keep sidewalks open with all the snowfall.
- Good Bye to Second Hand Macs, computer services on Clark St.
- Welcome to Sweet Cheeks Treats, opening this spring. The shop is between the Cold Creek Inn and Library Park downtown. See a recent Record Eagle article, 4/2/14.

Remember:

- **Please don't feed the birds on the lake.** It will only increase cases of swimmer's itch.

- 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 or July 4th 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.

The Beulah Day Dock will be ready for visitors soon, start planning your outing to Beulah now!

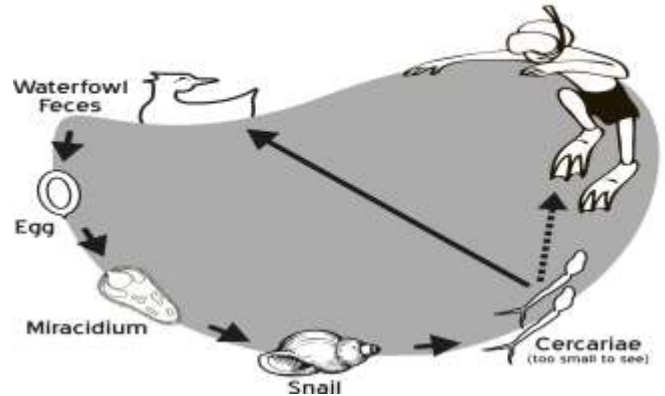
Tennis Clinics for youth and adults are again being planned for Friday afternoons with Barb Skurdall. Watch for more information on the court fence and the local paper.



The Ten Pin Bowling Alley as it looked when it opened in the Fall of 1944.



It was a sad day for many when the roof on the bowling alley collapsed. Many memories were shared. Clean up has started.



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 as resuming the 'scarification' or raking of the shoreline periodically to disrupt the itch cycle. Signs will be posted to alert swimmers of problem areas and to advise them to avoid the raked area for 48 hours. One cream seems to be a better preventative, Swimmers Itch Guard. It can be purchased at local pharmacies. Also, efforts are underway to address the merganser duck problem, which are the ducks most responsible for the 'itch'. This spring, the use of pyrotechnics will be used near mergansers to disrupt their nesting locations around the lake. Research shows this is an effective way to interrupt the cycle of swimmer's itch. Those doing the blasts are affiliated with the CLWA and the activity presents no danger to anyone or anything. The blasts are loud noises that cause the ducks to leave the area, primarily Crystal. 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, won the outhouse race and will be hiding Easter Eggs for the annual hunt. Boosters have been active with the Streetscape Design and the several grant efforts. The Day Dock will be in for boaters to visit Beulah, once the ice clears. The 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. For more information, please contact Phil Downs 882-4847. Everyone is welcome and needed!



Perhaps we do have a lifeguard on duty!

Beulah Recycling Information and Dates:

SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING

All clean paper/cardboard, all plastic shopping bags, all clean plastic (all numbers), all clean aluminum (foil, cans, tins) and styrofoam can go in the same collection bin! Glass is still separate

- Electronics-Sat, 4/19 at Betsie Valley Elem
- Paper Shred-Tues. 4/22 at Benzie Resource
- Hazardous Waste Days: 6/7 & 8/9 (see website for locations & appointment times)
- Beulah's clean-up day is June 14. See Laurie at the Village Office for a 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

Signs: Two efforts are underway to develop signage for Beulah. Both connected to public meetings and the Streetscape planning. First a grant has been submitted to the Northwest Michigan Council of Government to fund the development a of signage plan for the Village. If awarded, this grant would fund the design work as well as determining the scope of sites and location of signs. Additional grants would then be sought to fund the fabrication and installation of the signs.

The second effort is MDOT approved signs on US-31 at the north and south entrances to Beulah. These efforts support the ongoing streetscape efforts and the Village is receiving support from the Beulah Boosters, Crystal Lake Community Business Association and guidance from MDOT in Traverse City.

Betsie/Crystal Watershed Management Plan Meeting:

A meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 16, to discuss the Trapp Farm and Cold Creek. This meeting will be held at the Benzonia Township Hall and begins at 6:30 pm. A wide variety of topics related to issues, regulations, problems and potential actions will be covered. For more information, contact Ed Hoogterp at 882-4931



**Easter Egg Hunt at Memorial Park in
Benzonia, Sat., April 19, 1 pm
For toddlers to age 12**



**Welcome and many thanks to new Village
Council member, Mike Laslo. He was
appointed to fill a vacancy and be
responsible for Streets & Sidewalks.**

Have a Beulah-ful Day

Save space for mailing info