

From the Editors: What a summer! It was just over 24 months from the time the waterfront grant was submitted to the equipment being set up on the beach. Just a few details to finish up, thanks to the new grant awarded. Streetscape funding sources are next on the 'to do' list. Businesses are busy and the road construction will soon be done. Rinse and dry off to avoid the 'itch'.

Phil Downs and Vicki Carpenter- Downs
Volunteer Editors

From the Village President: Can you believe the summer is passing so quickly. With all of the construction on US 31 and the beach it seems we have managed pretty well. Congratulations to Dick and Rose Ide for a great fireworks and Fourth of July Parade. I do believe the new boat launch has relieved some of the pressure on ours. We will be receiving an additional Grant from RBEG for \$60,000.00 to put the final touches on our beach this Fall. We will also be removing the dried silt from the Cold Creek Holding Pond so it can be dredged next year. Congratulations to David Hoogerhyde who passed all three of his water exams. Have a great rest of the summer, be safe and good luck finding a parking space.

Jerry Rank, Village President

Swimmer's Itch Information and Alerts:

The 'itch' is all around Crystal Lake and this will repeat several remedies for the 'itch' as well as additional information.

- **Please don't feed the birds. Scare them away from the swimming areas.**
- **More information: www.clwa.us**
- **Suggested preventatives and/or remedies:**

*Before swimming, apply baby oil, waterproof lotion or waterproof sunscreen

*Apply nail polish on the bites to stop itching

*Apply Ancient Healer salve (Creation Farms) on the bites to stop itching

*Leave the water from the ends of docks, try to avoid the shores and rinse & towel off ASAP

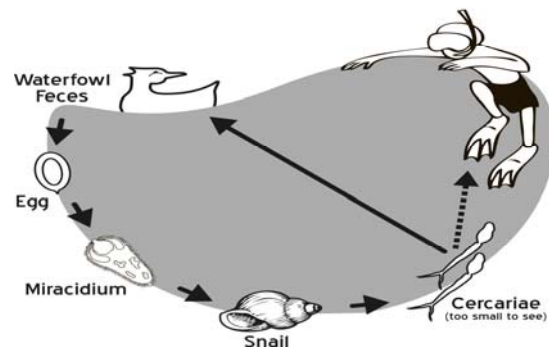
*Look out for warning signs at the beaches, however, once 'bit', try antihistamines, like benadryl and cortisone based creams on the bites

*Wipe your skin down with your hands when you're in the water to remove anything on you.

*Beulah Beach bath house has outside showers. Rinse off asap after leaving the water and towel off.

*Try "Swimmer's Itch Guard" available at pharmacies.

- Call and report incidents of 'itch' to the Hotline: 231-882-4001
- The swim areas around the Lake will be 'raked' periodically this summer to disrupt the "itch" cycle. Warning signs will posted to alert swimmers as the 'itch' may be worse for the next 24-48 hours after the raking procedure.



Life cycle of a single organism which burrows into people by mistake, it wants to return to waterfowl. After it gets under a person's skin, it dies and the 'itch' is a result of an allergic reaction to this microorganism, which is too small to see. The Crystal Lake Watershed Association's website, is a source of additional information. www.clwa.us

**Pick up litter.
Let's keep Beulah beautiful!**

President's Request to Residents and Guests: The Beach Renovation Project is nearing completion and as you are aware traffic patterns have changed. The Council is asking for your participation to help keep our Village safe and clean. We have signs: posted for One Way Streets, regarding dogs on the beach, concerning skateboards/bikes, feeding the water fowl (swimmers itch), etc. As our summer visitors come and enjoy our Village we are requesting our residents to observe these rules and kindly remind our guests to also observe the signs as well. Thanks in advance for your participation.



We need everyone's help to keep the beaches clean and free of animal waste.

**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



Remember, Clark St. is one way from the boat launch (Lake St.) to Benzie Blvd. Lake St. is one way from Prospect to Clark.

Beulah Recycling Information:

- **Recycling Update-for info call 882-0554 or go to. www.benzieco.net and click on services and go to recycle for more info**
- Styrofoam will have date specific recycling sites each quarter. 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 BCHS
- Large green 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

Collection Dates for 2012

- Honor Road Commission-HHW (hazardous household waste), tires, electronics, styrofoam and misc. Sat, Aug 11, 9-noon, call for appointment

- Styrofoam, plastic bags, batteries at Government Center, Sat. Sept. 15, 9-noon

All collections are on Saturdays from 9 am to 12. APPOINTMENTS ARE REQUIRED for HHW Collections. Please email or call 882-0554 to request a Hazardous Waste Brochure that will provide details about the 2012 collections and appointment information.

Day Dock: A wooden boat show will be held at the Day Dock on Saturday, August 18 from 9 to noon. Boats will be tied up at the Day Dock and some will be on trailers near the park. Come and enjoy the show, weather permitting.

The Day Dock is open to all boaters during daylight hours. Bring your bumpers and lines and use caution as waves and wind can be tricky.

Village Office Hours

Clerk-Laura Spencer, Tues-Wed-Thurs 10-2
Treasurer-Dawn Olney Mon & Wed, 5-7:00
Zoning Adm-Ron Edwards Thurs. 10-noon
Phone 231-882-4451 Fax 231-882-5759

Free Fax services available to residents

Web Site: www.villageofbeulah.org

The Newsletter and Council minutes are on the web site. New email address:

clerk@villageofbeulah.org

Village Meetings: First Thursday after the first Monday each month (8/9, 9/6, 10/4, 11/8 and 12/6) 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-2012

Co-Chair: Gary Pallin

Maxine Hansen– Law and Finance-2014

Co-Chair: Gary Siderman

Jim Kilgus – Water and Sewer-2012

Co-Chair: Charley Kinzel 2014

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– 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 winter's run water request, annual drinking water report and special meetings.

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) Events/Fireworks:

Volunteers collected nearly \$600 in donations for the fireworks during the July 4th Parade. The July 4th and WinterFest fireworks shows are supported by donations which can be sent anytime to CLCBA/Fireworks, PO Box 557, Beulah, MI 49617.

Music in the Park: Started June 28, every Thursday thru August 9, where a wide range of music will be performed.

Sidewalk Days: Sat, Aug. 4, downtown Beulah

Crystal Lake Team Marathon: Sat. Aug. 11

Archibald Jones Day: Sat, Aug 25, Village Park, 11-3

Fall Fest: 1st weekend in Oct. (10/6)

Halloween Maze: 10/31, 6-8 for maze & trick & treating

Moonlight Madness: Fri. Nov. 23

Christmas Magic: 12/8 in the park w/a parade, Santa photos and kid's activities

WinterFest: Sat. Feb 9: chili cook-off, games, fireworks, parade and outhouse races

Membership: support the CLCBA and become a member, go to CLCBA.org or see Steve Loveless at State of the Art

Darcy Library of Beulah Hours:

Mon.-Wed.-Fri.	12 to 5 pm
Tues.-Thurs.	12 to 7 pm
Sat.	9 to 1 pm

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

Library Board meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month, 7 pm, (Aug mtg. @7:30). Everyone is invited. Visit: darcylibraryofbeulah.org

Did You Know:

- John Brazaski has returned as the contracted summer sheriff deputy for the Village. He works a limited schedule, monitors the public areas and watches for speeders. Give him a friendly wave!
- New US flag pole & flag up at Post Office
- The upkeep of the Village parks and streets has been noticed and appreciated. The efforts to keep mayflies swept up by businesses are appreciated as is the Village crew running the street sweeper.
- Beulah's public beach runs the length of Lake Street, from the beach house and 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 public.

- Thanks to Lucie and Charley Kinzel for tending to the Garden of Possibilities by the Trailhead Building. It looks great!
- 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.
- 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 Book Sale on Aug 4 at the Trailhead.
- Village flower boxes were planted by Beulah Boosters, with leadership by Jane Gary of Plant It Wild. The Village pays for the flowers from Eden Hill Greenhouse. Plant It Wild maintains the two gardens at the Village entrances. Thanks to the businesses for their upkeep of the flowers.
- Steve Loveless, State of the Art, has a photo on the cover of the 2012-2013 Yellowbook Benzie telephone book and Chamber's Directory and Benzie Map.
- Council approved ATV access to Village on specific streets, same as snowmobiles.
- Council voted no change in tax rates!
- Village RV park had electrical upgrades done to 15 sites to increase amps to users in the park.

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

Upcoming or Ongoing Events:

- Music in the Park-He Said She Said, 7/26
- Music in the Park-Triple Shot, 8/2
- Collectible Book Sale at Darcy, 8/3, 2-5
- Beulah Sidewalk Days, Sat., 8/4, 10-5 pm
- Darcy Library Book Sale, Sat. 8/4, at the Trailhead Building

- Benzonia Art Fair, Wed, 8/8
- Village Council Meeting, 8/9, 7 pm
- Music in the Park-Neptune Trio, 8/9
- Crystal Lake Team Marathon, Sat. 8/11,
- Beulah Boosters Pulled Pork Picnic-Day Dock Fundraiser, Sat., 8/11, Village Park
- Village taxes due 8/15
- Water bills due, 8/15
- Wooden Boat Show, Sat, 8/18, at Day Dock from 9-noon
- Village Council, Thurs., 7 pm, 9/6
- Benzonia Township taxes due 9/14
- Village Council, 10/4, 7 pm
- Fall Fest: (soup contest, car show, games, bounce house and more), Sat. 10/6
- Cookie Sale, Trailhead, Sat 10/6, 10-2pm
- Halloween Maze, 10/31, 6 pm in the park
- Fishing Contests: check w/Paul at Five Corners
- Farmers Market at Myer's Granary, every Sun. 12-5
- Every Thursday, 'Read to Rosie' at the Darcy Library, 3-7 and call for a time slot, 882-4037
- Every Tuesday, Children's Story time 11 am, Darcy Library

Waterfront Restoration Project: The Beulah Boosters were pleased to coordinate the Waterfront Restoration Dedication on June 30 at the Welcome Back to Beulah Day. The dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony, attended by 150+ people, recognized the community effort in the project as well as the designers and contractors. Only a few items remain for installation on the project. In addition to specials by many downtown businesses, music by Uncle Ted's Crawlers, tennis, kayak, paddle board and chess instruction was provided.



Village President Jerry Rank and Beulah Booster President Phil Downs cut the ribbon for the Waterfront Restoration project!

Beulah Boosters were also involved with many of the 4th of July activities: 5K race, games on the beach, activities in the park and collecting donations for the fireworks. Boosters volunteer in these activities: Music in the Park, Beulah Art Fair, Crystal Lake Team Marathon, Halloween Maze, Fall Fest, Winter Fest, Easter Egg Hunt and Christmas Magic. The Booster's goal is to support local groups by providing volunteers and financial resources in order to build



Swimmer's Itch information is posted at the beach, be sure to rinse off and dry off.

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 Bonnie Smith, secretary, for membership or donation information. Email her at thebonzer@charter.net or mail at P. O. Box 570, Beulah, MI 49617 or phone 231-882-7008.

Mayflies: Every summer Crystal Lake experiences mayfly (fishfly) hatches...but did you know that mayflies are one of the oldest living insects. Although viewed as a nuisance, they are a valuable source of food for fish and birds, and an indication of good water quality. Mayflies basically have no mouth therefore they don't bite (or sting). They may live 30 minutes or up to 2 weeks. Their eggs are laid in the water and either hatch immediately or wait up to 11 months. We only have them hatching in summer months. Climates that are warm year-round may have hatches throughout the year.

Business Updates:

- **L'Chayim's** Hit the Wall art efforts have featured artist throughout the summer. Art shows travel to L'Chayim in Frankfort after Beulah.
- Brookside Inn has opened for breakfast, lunch, dinner and Sunday Brunch.
- The Bowling Alley has sold. There is no confirmed information on plans.
- Orchard Lane Country Store, featuring handcrafted/US made furniture, opened next to Papano's Pizza. An extension of the Stutzman family's Bear Lake store.
- Exterior upgrades on the former Soap Barrel (now moved to US 31) and Adventure Sports. A fresh paint does wonders, both store fronts look great.

4th of July in Beulah: Hot weather brought many people to the parks, beaches and sidewalks of Beulah for the 4th of July events. Nearly 500 ran in the Firecracker 5K race and many participated in the Family Fun Run. The park was busy with food, face painting, greased pole climbs, rubber ducks and coin hunts on the beach. Nearly 75 entrants for the parade made it exciting and colorful as floats, cars, bands, and outhouses were present, just to name a few. Entries were reviewed by spectators and judged by MaryAnn Fleetwood, Marilyn Wells and Carol Dipzinski. First place was a tie between the Key West Kite Co. and the CLCBA. Second place went to the Honor Historical Society who wore their own hand made costumes. Third place was also a tie between Benzie Area Remote Control Planes (BARC) and the Benzonia Congregational Church. Candy was abundant and the entries who happened to have squirt guns or other forms of cooling water were also popular.

The Duck Race winners for businesses were awarded a 'Golden Duck' trophy by event coordinator Connie McLaren. Winners across the finish line were: Classic Interiors, L'Chayim Deli, Subway, Victoria's Floral, Shop & Save, Watson/Benzie, Cherry Hut and Phoenix Café. Individual winner was Chris Mekas. Congratulations to all and thanks for participating.

The fireworks were well done and the time shift to 10:30 made the visibility better with the western skies being darker. Many new fireworks were viewed and the expanded grand finale was well appreciated, judging from the cheers heard around this end of the lake. Many thanks to the CLCBA's sponsorship and coordination of the day's event by the CLCBA and chairpersons, Richard (Dick) and Rose Ide. Numerous volunteers worked and made the day's activities go smoothly.

Landlords and Rental Agents: Please inform renters about the Friday trash pick up and how to get bags. Village and business trash receptacles and street receptacles are not intended for trash from private residences. Your support and help is appreciated. Let's keep our Village beautiful and clean.



Many dogs brought their owners and family members to enjoy the Darcy Library's Dog Days event in June.



Setting the bridge over Cold Creek was fun

Grant updates: The MI Natural Resources Trust Fund project (Waterfront Restoration) is basically finished. Final details with planter pots, signage and the boardwalk

sections to connect the sidewalk to the bridge are ordered. The Village also received \$60,000 from the USDA Rural Development/Rural Business Enterprise Grant to help fund some additional features of the waterfront work. Disposition of a MI Passport Grant won't be known until later this fall. A major focus of these newer grants is to replace the fishing/T-Dock for 2013 season. The efforts to find funding sources for the streetscape work have started. Finding funding for the entire project may not happen however, working in sections as with the waterfront effort will still help the Village reach their goal.



David Dennison, Phil Downs, Jim Turner, Jerry Rank, Mike Urban, Brandon Fewins share in the USDA/RBEG (Rural Enterprise Business Grant) ceremony.

2012 Election Information: Filing deadline for library boards and village council positions is August 14 at 4 pm and must be filed with the Township Clerk. All positions are non-partisan. Election will be Nov 6. More information is available from the Benzie County Clerks office.

Donations and Art Ideas: Several individuals have expressed an interest in 'donating' to the new waterfront project in the form of bench, picnic table, etc. and to

honor individuals. The process to do so is being developed. Additionally, the original concept plans for the waterfront included a piece of art to be in the circle at the first seat-wall, at the end of Prospect. Several volunteers have offered to help organize a process, develop criteria, get funding, solicit artist submissions and select a design. Information will be in future newsletters and in the newspapers as a process is formalized.

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. (Labor Day will move trash pickup to Saturday, Sept 8)
- Village charges \$21 for 10 red trash bags.
- Business owners and staff are encouraged to park away from 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.

Archibald Jones Day: The 3rd Archibald Jones Day will be held on Saturday, August 25 at the Village Park. Archibald Jones was the man who 'pulled the plug' on Crystal

Lake in 1873 which lowered the lake. Secondly this event opened up land which is now the Village of Beulah and made beachfront available around the lake. The book, Tragedy of Crystal Lake, focused on the events that led to the lowering of the lake, hence the 'tragedy'. Learn more through presentations and enjoy era related activities for adults and children along with music by Three Husbands on the Loose on Saturday, Aug. 25. All events will be at the Village Park starting at 11-3. Music, a water demonstration and Mr. Jones will share his side of the story at 1 pm. The day's focus will be the unveiling of the restored original map used by Archibald Jones in his effort to connect Crystal to Lake Michigan. Dr. Stacy Daniels will make a more formal presentation on the "Tragedy" on Friday night, 7 pm at the Darcy Library. Thanks to the Benzie Area Historical Museum, CLCBA, Darcy Library of Beulah, Beulah Boosters and Benzonia Public Library for their sponsorship.

Got any ideas or suggestions or corrections on the newsletter? Drop us a note at the Village Office. Thanks, Phil & Vicki

A final thought from the editors: There were lots of comments about the waterfront changes: it's a concrete beach, what are the rocks for, etc. Now that it's done, we believe it is a positive change. The waterfront is now accessible for all people, especially with the bright blue mobility mat by the Creek. The street is for bikes and cars and the sidewalk is for people. The rainwater is filtered through catch ponds and permeable pavement, then it enters the Lake. Change takes time and practice (1 way streets) however, these changes are better for Crystal Lake as well as safer for people.

Have a Beulah-ful Day!