

**From the Editors:** It is exciting to see so many people enjoying the upgraded waterfront area as well as the downtown merchants. The attendance at Music in the Park continues to grow, thanks to the quality of performers that Chairperson Steve Loveless has secured. The increased use of the new DNR boat launch as freed up more parking space in Beulah. There are some reports of swimmer's itch, please review the article and recommendations in this issue. Phil Downs and Vicki Carpenter- Downs Volunteer Editors

**From the Village President:** Summer is here and so are a lot of our visitors. We welcome them to share our beautiful place. Please treat each other with courtesy and respect during this busy time.

Good News! The Village was informed that we received a \$38,000.00 grant for a new fishing dock. It will be installed for the 2014 season.

Thirty-one people attended the Streetscape Public Input Meeting and a number of good suggestions were put forward.

We have been very understanding with people going the wrong way on Lake Street but the Sheriff's Deputy will be issuing tickets beginning this year for violations. We want everyone to have a safe summer.

NO Fireworks are allowed to be shot from public land and this will also be enforced.

I hope everyone has a safe and great summer.

Jerry Rank, Village President

### **Mollineaux Boat Launch (MDNR) & Boat Washing Facility (CLWA)**

Thanks to the hard work of Ed Hoogterp and his helpers, the Crystal Lake & Watershed Association Boat Washing Station at the MDNR boating Access Site on Mollineaux Road is now fully operational. We plan to have staffing at the site from 6:00am-7:00pm on weekends and holidays and 6:00am-9:00am & 3:00pm-6:00pm on

weekdays. In addition the facility will be available for Self Serve usage 24 hours per day. Signage should be complete by now and printed materials have been prepared for distribution by staffers to boaters.

Staffing will be a combination of volunteers and paid staff who will be working hard to provide the public relations needed to make the operation a success. Ron Edwards, our new Program Coordinator, will be overseeing the site operation, staffing, training, scheduling, signage, and handout materials. Ron is looking for volunteers for some of the busier usage times (weekends and holidays). If you are interested in supporting this worthwhile effort to protect Crystal Lake contact Ron by mobile telephone at 248-758-8958 or at his email: ronedwards48@yahoo.com



Free tennis clinics have been started, thanks to Barb Skurdall, left, and volunteers, to promote wellness for youth and adults.

### **Free Tennis Clinics and New Pickleball Court are available at Village Park:**

The Free2Play tennis clinics resumed on July 26 on the newly resurfaced Beulah Village Park court. All ages are welcome for the Friday Beginners/Advanced Beginner clinic at 3:30 p.m. Children under six must be accompanied by an adult. Advanced skills will be taught at 4:30.

Additional clinics dates are August 2 and August 16 starting at 3:30 pm  
 The tennis court at the Village Park has been upgraded and a pickleball court has been added in the park as well.

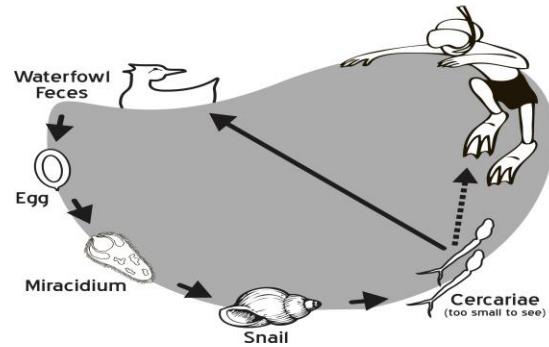
**Swimmer’s Itch Information and Alerts:**

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](http://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 that 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](http://www.clwa.us)

**Beulah Recycling Information**

**SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING**  
**NOW IN EFFECT**

**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**

- **Recycling Update-for info call 882-0554 or go to. [www.benzieco.net](http://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.
- Honor Road Commission-HHW (hazardous household waste), tires, electronics, styrofoam and misc. Sat, Aug 10, 9-noon, call for appointment

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:** 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](http://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 (8/8, 9/5, 10/10 11/7 and 12/5) at 7 pm. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

#### **Village Council Trustees, Staff & 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: Gary Brouwer  
 Gary Brouwer – Streets/Sidewalks-2014 (appt'd)

Co-Chair: Dan Smith  
 Gary Pallin – Parks and Recreation-2016

Co-Chair: Dan Hook  
 Robert Fitske– Buildings/Grounds-2014 (appt'd)

Co-Chair: Maxine Hansen  
 Laura Spencer – Clerk-2014  
 Dawn Olney – Treasurer-2014  
 Ron Edwards – Zoning Administrator  
 Brian Moore – Supervisor  
 Rick Worm– Village Crew  
 Dave Hoogerhyde – Village Crew



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

**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.

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

**Crystal Lake Community Business Association (CLCBA) Events: (several events have been modified or dropped)**

**Fireworks:** Volunteers collected over \$800 in 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.

**Music in the Park:** Started June 27, every Thursday thru August 8, where a wide range of music will be performed starting at 7 pm

**Crystal Lake Team Marathon:** Sat/Aug. 10, registration and info on website

**Fall Fest:** 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in Oct. (10/6)

**Halloween Downtown Trick or Treat:** 10/31, 5-6:30 trick & treating at participating businesses and homes, no maze

**Moonlight Madness:** this event is dropped

**Christmas Magic:** 12/14 at the Trailhead w/ Santa photos and kid's activities

**WinterFest:** Sat. Feb 8: 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

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

Library Board meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month, 5:15 pm. 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!
- 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.
- Beach repairs at Fair Park were done.
- Council voted no change in tax rates!



**Swimmer's Itch information is posted at the beach. Rinse off and dry off ASAP.**

**Darcy Library of Beulah Hours:**

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



Beulah Boosters promote their Pig Roast on August 10 at the Village Park during the July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade. Money raised supports the Day Dock's annual costs for installation and removal.

#### **Beulah Boosters:**

Beulah Boosters were also involved with many of the 4<sup>th</sup> 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, Crystal Lake Team Marathon, 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 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. Email her at thebonzer@charter.net or mail at PO Box 570, Beulah, MI 49617 or phone 231-882-7008.

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

- Music in the Park - 8/1
- Darcy Library Book Sale, Fri/Sat. 8/2 & 8/3, at the Trailhead Building (2 days)
- Walk for Seniors, Sat., 8/3
- Beulah Sales Days, Sat, 8/3, 10-5 pm

- Village Council Meeting, 8/8, 7 pm
- Music in the Park, 8/8, 7 pm
- Crystal Lake Team Marathon, Sat. 8/10
- Beulah Boosters Pulled Pork Picnic-Fundraiser, Sat., 8/10, Village Park
- Benzonia Art Fair, Wed, 8/14
- Village taxes due 8/15
- Water bills due, 8/15
- Village Council, Thurs., 7 pm, 9/5
- Benzonia Township taxes due 9/16
- Fall Fest: (soup contest, car show, games, bounce house and more), Sat. 10/5
- Darcy Cookie Sale, Trailhead, Sat 10/5, 10-2pm
- Village Council, 10/10, 7 pm
- Halloween Downtown Trick or Treat, 10/31, 5-6:30 (no maze)
- Fishing Contests: check w/Paul at Five Corners
- 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

**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. They were also

in an article in the 6/17/2013 Northern Express Weekly.

- Thanks to the participating downtown businesses for their commitment to water the Village furnished planter boxes. And thanks to the Boosters for planting, Jane Gary and Eden Hill Greenhouse for plant selection and quality, receiving many good comments.
- Jackleen's Jems has moved to across and up the street to the corner of Clark and Benzie, 164 S. Benzie.
- Editor error: Cottage Antiques on US 31 has increased floor space, they expanded into the former New to You space. Sorry for the oversight.
- Upgraded façades on the following are noticed and appreciated:
  - Conservation District building has new paint, new sign is next
  - State of the Art's building signage has a new coat of paint.
  - Classic Interiors put a new sign on their roof. It is visible and eye-catching from the US31 overpass.
  - Live for Art has a new hanging sign, a good addition for business visibility
- Name and owner change for Kaskinen Auto Supply is now Napa Auto Parts, however, same smiling faces and great service staff remain.
- Welcome to Lydia Gallegos, massage therapist, at the Sleeping Bear building.

**4<sup>th</sup> of July in Beulah:** Morning fog faded and sunshine brought many people to the parks, beaches and sidewalks of Beulah for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July events. A record of more than 600 ran in the Firecracker 5K race and many participated in the Family Fun Run. The park was busy with food, music, face painting, greased pole climbs, rubber ducks and coin hunts on the beach. Nearly 70 entrants for the parade made it exciting and

colorful as floats, cars, bands, and outhouses were present, just to name a few. Parade winners were: 1<sup>st</sup> American Legion, 2<sup>nd</sup> Nugents Ace Hardware and 3<sup>rd</sup> Cherry Capitol Antique Car Club. Candy was abundant and the entries that happened to have squirt guns or other forms of cooling water were also popular. Congratulations to all and thanks for participating.

The fireworks were well done judging from the applause and oohs and ahhs heard. Many new fireworks were viewed and the expanded mini finales were well appreciated, judging from the cheers and car horns heard around the east 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.



**Billy Strings and Don Julin provided a lively bluegrass concert on July 4<sup>th</sup> as part of the Music in the Park Series, every Thurs at 7 pm through Aug 8.**

**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.

**Grant Updates:** The Village received a matching grant from the Rural Business Enterprise as part of the USDA-Rural Development program. The entire grant covers: a new fishing/T-dock that will be installed in spring of 2014, irrigation for the green area near the boat launch (in process), additional mobility mat for waterfront access, refurbishing of the retaining walls on Lake St./across the Cold Creek and additional trash containers and wheel stops. The efforts to find funding sources for the streetscape work continue. As reported in earlier newsletter, a Transportation Grant is being developed in partnership with Gosling Czubak Engineering and a committee of Council members and Beulah Boosters. Public input was received earlier this spring. More opportunity for input will be offered after grant approval is received and more specific plans are developed. The goal is to submit the grant in August 2013. It is important to remember that the process is lengthy and could take 1-2 years.



**New and improved fishing dock will be in place in spring of 2014**

**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 (\$21 for 10), 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. (ie: Labor Day Monday will move trash pickup to Saturday, Sept 7)
- 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.

**Preserving Crystal Lake's Water Quality:**

The Village of Beulah recently joined Benzonia Township and Crystal Lake Township in passing the Aquatic Nuisance Ordinance which has been in effect on Glen Lake for several years. This will help us ensure the water quality in Crystal Lake is maintained. The Crystal Lake & Watershed Association has been active in protecting the Water Quality. Our Village Zoning Administrator is their Program Coordinator in charge of staffing the Boat Wash facility. The Ordinance will be posted at our Beulah Boat Launch site providing information to boaters about the wash facility. The complete ordinance can be seen on the Village website: [villageofbeulah.org](http://villageofbeulah.org)

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

**Have a Beulah-ful Day!**



**The ice cream truck music you've heard isn't a memory, it's the real deal.**

Mike Klingelsmith and his 'Forever Yum' snack truck has been traveling in Northwest MI this summer. He gets to Beulah about once a week and the "Sponge Bob Square Pants" popsicle is a favorite.



**Many dogs and their 'people' enjoyed the recent Darcy Dog Day event. A dog parade through downtown, activities and prizes in the Park were great fun for everyone.**

**CAUTION/SEWER ALERT**

**Ongoing problems due to flushing adult diapers and other sanitary products are creating sewer line clogs that may cause sewer backups into homes. Please do not flush these or related items.**

**Save space for mailing information**