

From the Editors: Wow, winter came late but made an impression. Many kudos to our Village crew: Brian, Rick and Dave, who put in many long hours over the weekend. Thanks to them, our streets were cleared and they kept the water and sewer systems running. You may have seen them pulling the generator between the pumping stations. Please let them know you appreciate all they do, often while we're all asleep. Changes on the Village Council will be finalized at the January meeting as well as public meeting for the zoning changes. Working towards finding grant opportunities continues with the focus on streetscape as a priority and once that has been submitted, looking at other sources for the fishing dock and other improvements. We have to remember it was over 2 years from grant submission to the start of the waterfront project! 2013: "Cheers to a new year and another chance to get it right!" (Oprah Winfrey)

Phil Downs/Vicki Carpenter Downs-Editors

From the Village President: Winter is here! The snow is about 3 inches deep and we are having lake effect at this writing. It is beautiful! The Christmas Magic Parade was short but the quality of the floats was excellent. It also was a great evening weather-wise and the parade was well attended.

I want to thank Jim Kilgus and Gary Sideman for their dedicated service to the Village as council members. They have been replaced by Dan Smith and Robert Fitzke who were appointed for two year terms. Charlie Kinzel has just resigned after loyal service and a replacement has been identified. Dan Hook will be the President Pro-Tem.

The 2013 budget was balanced and approved in December and the Village is financially soluble. The beach front is now complete and we have received numerous complements and we believe it will attract more people to the Village and add business for our merchants.

I would like to wish you each a happy and healthy 2013. Thanks to Tim Quick for donating

the Christmas trees and to the Beulah Boosters, CLCBA and businesses for placing them on the streets. I have had many compliments on the beauty of downtown this Christmas season.

Happy Holidays,

Jerry Rank, Village President



Santa and Frosty greeted families at the Hungry Tummy and in the Trailhead Building

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

Halloween Maze: The wind and weather kept the traditional maze in the park from assembly. However, with the support of the Village, the Trailhead was transformed into a maze, thanks to the CLCBA and Beulah Boosters.

Christmas Magic: Santa had breakfast with children in the morning. Later, Santa and Frosty visited with children at the Trailhead Bldg. and then they enjoyed holiday activities. Steve Loveless shot photos of Santa & Frosty and their visitors. A colorful parade through downtown was enjoyed. Many stores offered holiday specials and BCHS Chorus members entertained with holiday songs on downtown streets and in businesses. Later a drawing for prizes, donated by the local businesses, was held at the Trailhead Building.

Beulah Newsletter

Winter 2013

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Christmas Magic Parade Winners:

1st place – Victoria's Floral Design & Gifts

2nd place – Honor Beauty Salon

3rd place- Beulah Boosters w/Santa on board

Best Lighting - Victoria's Floral Design & Gifts

WinterFest: Saturday, Feb. 9 in the park with fun activities for all ages; chili cook-off, frozen fish toss, frozen turkey bowling, horse drawn wagon rides, duck races, softball, fishing contest, parade and fireworks on the lake. Returning events will be dog pulling contest, cookie sale and outhouse races. Watch for more information in newspapers, posters and CLCBA website.

Registration forms for Outhouse Race and Chili Cook-Off are at the Benzie Chamber, Hodge Podge Lodge, State of the Art and the CLCBA website clcba.org

Easter Egg Hunt: Saturday, March 30 at Memorial Park on Benzonia soccer fields behind the car dealership, 11 am for toddlers to age 12.

Fishing Events/Contests: check with Five Corners

Membership: support the CLCBA and become a member; PO Box 754, Beulah. Businesses, non-business and citizens are all welcomed and encouraged to join. Visit clcba.org for more info.

Village Office Hours

Clerk-Laura Spencer Tues-Wed-Thurs 10-2 pm

Treasurer Dawn Olney Sat. 10-2 pm (winter hrs)

Zoning Adm.: Ron Edwards, Thurs 10-12

Phone 231-882-4451 Fax 231-882-5759

Free Fax services available to residents

Web Site: www.villageofbeulah.org

The Village Newsletter and Village Council minutes can be found on the web site.

Village Meetings: First Thursday after the first Monday of each month at 7 pm.

The public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

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: Streets/Sidewalks

Vacant – Streets and 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



Council members: (l-r) Dan Hook, Dan Smith, Charley Kinzel, Robert Fitzke Maxine Hansen, Jerry Rank and Gary Pallin (newsletter was printed prior to the January meeting, replacement for Charley Kinzel will be reported in the April newsletter)

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: water advisories, annual drinking water report and notice of special meetings or public 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.

Did You Know:

- Beulah’s public beach runs the length of Lake Street, starting 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 public.
- Thanks to Beulah Boosters Dan & Bonnie Smith and Peg Lawrenson, who decorated the interior of the Trailhead Building and the lights outside on the Trailhead.
- Dave Hoogerhyde has passed his water tests which supports the Village in qualified services.

- Thanks to the Village crew and Smitty’s for their two efforts of decorating the tree at the Village Park. High winds made a second effort necessary and the storm before Christmas didn’t help, however, the colors and effort are great.



Long time residents, Paul and Shelly Szymanski, honored the Newtown, CT, children and adults by hanging wreaths along the trail. The 3 wreaths held 26 ornaments for the staff and children lost.

- DNR put 50,000 steelhead/brown fingerling trout in Crystal Lake earlier this fall.



Our storm made our holiday decorations a bit less festive as several of the streetlight snowflakes were blown down. Although a bit too big, it does adorn the top (and middle) of this tree put up by Live for Art.

- DNR public launch off of Mollineaux is a launch site for shanties. The CLWA will have the washing station ready for this spring.
- WiFi is available at Darcy Library, Sugar Moon Café and Hungry Tummy.
- 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.
- Multiple bald eagle sightings near Fair Park and Village Park downtown.
- Bonnie Smith was appointed the Planning Commission.

- Darcy Library will again have an adult reading contest this winter, great prizes. Stop in for info.
- Darcy Library has an ongoing book sale inside the library. Donations of new or gently used hardbound and softbound books are appreciated.
- Village has fax services and a paper shredder that are available free to residents and businesses during Village office hours.

Re-Zoning Information: The Planning Commission has been working hard with support from the Zoning Administrator to make a proposal to the Village Council on updates, along with some proposed changes to the Zoning Map. This map has not been updated for a number of years. Since it is the “Gospel” for property use in the Village, it should be kept up to date. The Public Hearing to be held at the Village offices on January 7 at 5:00pm will be an opportunity for the Planning commission to hear input from the Village residents concerning the proposed zoning changes. After input the Planning commission will continue discussions and make recommendations to the Council. The majority of changes are just housekeeping to properly reflect parcels which belong to the Village but were not shown as Public Land. Some changes to parcels north of 3rd St along US 31 to reflect actual use as General Commercial (GC) rather than the current Office Commercial (OC) are also being considered. The 2 northern most parcels in this strip which front on both US31 and Center Street are also being considered for change from Residential 1 (R1) to GC in keeping with the character of the US 31 commercial corridor. The map of proposed zoning along with the current map are shown on the www.villageofbeulah.org web site. You can always feel free to provide input by e-mail to: beulahzoning@gmail.com or by letter to the Village offices, PO Box 326, Beulah, MI 49617
Ron Edwards-Zoning Administrator

Beulah Recycling Information

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

SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING

All clean paper/cardboard, all plastic shopping bags, all clean plastic (all numbers), all clean aluminum (foil, cans, pans) can go in the same dumpster!

- Glass bottles & jars only in glass dumpster
- Styrofoam and batteries at Government Center on 9 to 12,date to be determined
- Hazardous Waste: 6/8/13 in Frankfort and 8/10/13 in Honor, see web site for specifics
- Cardboard may be dropped at BC High School.
- Call the new Recycling Coordinator, Mike Fiebing, with any recycling or disposal questions 882-0554. Welcome Mike!

Park Yourself at Beulah Beach

The Village-owned RV park in Beulah will be ready in April for your 2013 reservations. Sites at the park are available for the upcoming season.

Contact the Village Clerk at 231-882-4451 or email beulah@chartermi.net for more information.

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



Children enjoyed decorating cookies during Christmas Magic activities

Upcoming or Ongoing Events:

- Village Council Meeting, Thurs., 2/7 at 7 pm
- WinterFest, Saturday, 2/9, events begin late morning, chili cook-off, many contests, parade, outhouse races, dog pulling and fireworks
- Cookie Sale at the Trailhead Building by Friends of the Darcy Library, 2/9 10-2 pm
- Water bill due 2/15
- Village Council Meeting ,Thurs., 3/7 at 7 pm
- Easter Egg Hunt 3/30, 11 am at Benzonia Memorial Park (soccer/ball fields)
- Planning Commission, Tues., 4/1 at 5 pm
- Village Council Meeting ,Thurs., 4/4 at 7 pm
- Maypole Dance in Village Park, 4/6
- Hydrants will be flushed in early April
- Village Council Meeting, Thurs., 5/9 at 7 pm
- Every Tuesday is Children's Story time 11 am, Darcy Library
- Foreign and Cult Films at Darcy Library, call the library or check web site for more info
- Fishing Contests: check w/Paul at Five Corners



Les Donaldson, Steve Loveless, Phil Downs, Vicki Carpenter & Peg Lawrenson (CLCBA and Beulah Boosters) and others not pictured worked taking corn stalks down, cutting and moving trees in preparation for Moonlight Madness and Christmas Magic.

Business Updates:

- Many thanks to the businesses for their holiday spirit with decorations, lights and the lovely decorated trees throughout. Additional thanks to Tim Quick of the Hungry Tummy for donating the trees and to Boosters and CLCBA members who cut and delivered.
- Many businesses have winter schedules: Please call for specific hours and days.
- L'Chayim will be open this winter, 8-3. Mon-Sat and continues with their Hit the Wall art displays. Local student and TBAISD student work will be exhibited throughout the next few months.
- Johnson Chiropractic is now Crystal Lake Chiropractic and has moved to the Sleeping Bear Realty building on US 31.
- Benzie Conservation District's Seedling sale happens in early April. Check with them for catalog and sale dates 882-4391
- Editor's error, New to You Resale store on US 31 remains open.
- Upgraded windows at Conservation Office will help with utility costs and visibility.
- Benzie Bus received the 2012 Grand Visionary award for Benzie County earlier this winter.

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

The Website has information on classes, events and you can read the current Darcy Newsletter. Friends of the Darcy Library meet the 2nd Wed. of each month at 9:30 am, everyone is invited. Library Board meets the 2nd Tues day of each month, 7 pm. Everyone is invited.

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.
- 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.
- Snow is here and must be removed from your sidewalks per Village ordinances.
- **No overnight parking on streets ordinance is in effect November 1 to April 1.** Please encourage renters, visitors and everyone to comply with the ordinance to support the Village crews in snow removal. Remember, the ordinance is in effect regardless of snowfall. Failure to comply may get your vehicle towed.

Snowmobile Reminder and Snowmobile Class Information:

A reminder that snowmobiles going through the Village need to follow the posted trails and stay off Benzie Blvd. Snowmobilers are also reminded to stay off Crystal Lake due to poor ice conditions and safety. Don't go alone, go with a partner. Never drink and ride your snowmobile; wear protective gear (helmet, goggles, gloves, boots) and proper winter clothing. Know your equipment, watch your speed, ride with head light on, obtain a trail sticker and current registration before using the trails. The Benzie County Sheriff's Office is offering snowmobile safety classes for first time operators and for youth who want to learn about safe snowmobile operation. Contact the Sheriff's Office at 882-4494 to sign up for the February 2013 class.

Enjoy the winter season, and be safe.

Beulah Boosters are Busy Volunteers:

Christmas Magic kept the Boosters busy in December. Boosters helped with the Christmas trees, decorated the Trailhead Building and the pavilion. They were involved with the children's

activities in the Trailhead Building, making bird feeders, face painting and decorating cookies. Next event, for interested volunteers, will be WinterFest in February and the Easter Egg Hunt in March. Volunteers are needed for WinterFest activities. Please contact Phil Downs if you can give a couple of hours on that day. If not WinterFest, perhaps you can help the bunny with the egg hunt in March. 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 or to volunteer, please contact Phil Downs, President at 882-4847 or email retired_phil@hotmail.com**

Come and have fun, everyone is welcome!



Our Village crew moved snow quickly after our pre-Christmas snow storm. Phil Downs shows how much snow was in just one pile.

WinterFest Chili Cook-Off: Cooks are needed for the Chili Cook-Off on Saturday, Feb. 9 at the Village Park. Competition is open to businesses and individuals. Bring 2 gal of chili by 11:30 am and volunteers handle the rest. Prizes for winners! Call the Hungry Tummy, 882-5103 or

get registration forms at Benzie Chamber, State of the Art and on line at clcba.org

Please pre-register as it helps with planning and volunteer needs. Thanks!

Waterfront Revitalization Project Update:

The major work is now done. Late fall the boardwalk was installed around the parking/picnic area and a concrete pad to connect it to the bridge walk was complete. The stormwater runoff has been addressed with an additional drain at the south end of the parking/picnic area. This seems to be helping the runoff and washing out problem. Punchlist details will be reviewed this spring, dune grasses were overplanted near the launch and will be replanted elsewhere. Grants from the DNR/ MI Natural Resources Trust Fund and the USDA Rural Business Enterprise program funded the work. The MI Passport grant application to replace the fishing dock wasn't approved and efforts to find funding sources continue.

Streetscape Efforts Continue: Council members and Beulah Boosters continue to work with Gosling/Czubac Engineering to seek funding for the streetscape project. A proposal will come to Council this winter for an application for a MI Dept. of Transportation grant. Public meetings to seek input will be held this winter, please watch the newspapers and the Village office windows for notices. The work will reflect the design work done through a NWMichigan Council of Governments grant used for Streetscape in 2010. Design work from that project is available on the Village website: villageofbeulah.org Timelines for these types of grants are lengthy, patience is essential.

Ice Skating Rink: Last year there was great support to fund the upkeep for the rink at Homestead/US 31 in Benzonia. This year, Benzie County Parks & Recreation Committee is coordinating donations for the upkeep of the ice rink. Your donations are still needed and should

be sent to: Benzie County (skating rink in the memo line), 448 Court Place, Beulah, MI 49617



Members of the BCHS Chorus performed throughout downtown and in the parade for Christmas Magic.

Library/Recycling/Public Parking lot will have barricades placed to ensure clear access for the maintenance crew during snow removal periods. Please support the crew and respect the barricades. Crews need to get in and out of the garage to better maintain the Village streets.

Outhouse Races: Returning to WinterFest 2013 will be the Outhouse Races! The competition is open to all ages, families, groups, businesses, service clubs, etc.! Information and applications are available at clcba.org as well as State of the Art, and the Benzie Chamber of Commerce. Size and materials are limited but not your imagination. Each entry requires a toilet seat and a roll of toilet paper. The race will be a short sprint on a snow covered base. The theme is: "Build It and They Will Go!" Great publicity for your group or business and great fun!

Have a Beulah-ful New Year!

WinterFest
Saturday, Feb. 9, 2013
Chili Contest
Parade
Outhouse Races
Fishing Contest
Duck Races
Frozen Fish Toss
Poker Run
Softball and more
FIREWORKS!
clcba.org for schedule and
registration



Nugent Ace Hardware's Outhouse entry won 1st place in 2011 & 2012. The judges awarded them Best in Show as well and the traveling toilet seat award was presented. Who will win the coveted oak toilet seat at WinterFest's 2013 Outhouse Race on February 9? Maybe your team! See Larry or Jennifer at The Hodge Podge Lodge or Steve at State of the Art for more info and applications.

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