

Village of Beulah Newsletter Winter 2014

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From the Editors: Yes, it is winter, no doubt. This quote from John Steinbeck seems to be appropriate: "What good is the warmth of summer without the cold of winter to give it sweetness." Thanks to everyone who works to keep the sidewalks and streets open.
Phil Downs & Vicki Carpenter-Downs

From the Village President Pro Tem:

And it keeps on snowing... Yes, it is Northern Michigan in winter and we expect this. However, our village maintenance crew, equipment and supplies of sand have been stretched thin by the unusually high snowfall so far this winter. Our thanks go to the crew as well as our residents who understand the difficulty in managing this much snow in a small community.

Run Water Advisories... Thanks to all village residents and business owners who participated in the recent advisory. Cold temperatures and a freezing residential water meter prompted the advisory for active water service customers to run a water tap with a drip stream the size of a pencil lead until the advisory was lifted. Advisory participation is voluntary and additional water use charges are the responsibility of the customer. Local media, the Village website and an email message from the Beulah Boosters helped us publicize the advisory.

Grant Update: Grants totaling nearly \$70,000 from the MDNR's Land & Water Conservation Fund and from the USDA's Rural Business Enterprise Grant program have been approved. These grants, along with funds from the Village, will purchase a new Universal Access (UA) fishing dock with interpretative/educational panels, additional universal access (UA) beach matting and furniture and an irrigation system for the small grassy area south of the boat launch. It will also fund a connector between the Betsie Valley Bike Trail and the bike lanes along Lake Street. Bid packages have been prepared and distributed for the fishing dock. We have also applied for an MDNR

Stormwater, Asset Management and Wastewater (SAW) grant for a project in the amount of \$200,000 to fund the development of a Stormwater Management Plan. As Streetscape plans were developed, it became apparent that we needed to factor stormwater drainage into the Streetscape design.

Village Council vacancy: Gary Brouwer's resignation has created a vacancy that must be filled by an appointee of the Council. Gary's business knowledge and familiarity with the village and its residents made him a fine addition to the Council and we will miss his presence there. Individuals interested in serving their fellow village residents in this way are asked to contact Dan Hook, President Pro Tem at 231-882-1392.

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

Halloween Haunted Trailhead: Thanks to the leadership of Shelly and Sally at Crystal Crate & Cargo, the Trailhead Building was transformed into a haunted house. Also, thanks to the many businesses who handed out candy, dressed up and stayed open for Trick or Treat. In past years, the Halloween Maze was always subject to bad weather, this new event will avoid that problem.



Witches and fortune tellers were a part of the new Haunted Halloween event this fall

Christmas Magic: Santa had breakfast with children in the morning. Later, Santa and

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Frosty visited with children at the Trailhead Bldg. and the kids enjoyed holiday activities. Ben Wolfe shot photos of Santa, Frosty and their visitors. Many stores offered holiday specials and BCHS Chorus members entertained with holiday songs on downtown streets and in businesses. Many of the businesses held their own raffle drawings.



Santa met with many of his fans for breakfast at the Hungry Tummy for Christmas Magic

WinterFest: Saturday, Feb. 8 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 will be the outhouse races after the parade at the Trailhead Building. Sadly the dog pull contest was cancelled due to lack of licensed judges. Watch for more information in newspapers, posters and CLCBA website.

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

Easter Egg Hunt: Saturday, April 19 at Memorial Park on the Benzonia soccer fields behind the car dealership. 1 pm 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

Woody Card - Village Crew

Dave Hoogerhyde – Village Crew

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Woody Card is new to the 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: 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.

Run Water Advisories will be posted in the Village Office windows. During these advisories, you are encouraged to run a small stream of water, no larger than a pencil lead.

Snow Update from Benzie Road Commission:

To date (1/8/14) we have had 94.5" of snow. We have had snow for 25 days out of the last 31. Temperatures have been below 20 degrees for the last 10 days. Salt is ineffective under 20 degrees and can in fact make matters worse by melting, then refreezing the road surface.

Our 20 year average snowfall by Jan 8 is

52.6". Average temp on Jan 8 is 30.6 degrees. This has been an exceptional winter. Only 2 other years out of the last 20 years having more snow on this date; 2009-106.75" and 2001-119.5".

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 who decorated the interior of the Trailhead Building for Christmas.
- Thanks to the Village crew and Smitty's for decorating the large pine at the Village Park. Smitty's donates their crew and equipment to put up the holiday lights. It was beautiful.
- Benzie Central Cross Country Coaches Asa & Tracy Kelly have again been recognized by their peers. They are key to the Firecracker 5K on July 4th and the Crystal Lake Team Marathon in August in addition to the success of the student runners, thanks!
- DNR public launch off Mollineaux is a launch site for shanties.
- 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.
- Council members Jerry Rank & Dan Hook were interviewed by 9&10 News earlier this fall regarding the grants for the waterfront. With short notice, they did a fine job representing the Village and sharing the plans for the grant monies.
- Darcy Library will again have an adult reading contest this winter, great prizes. Stop in for info.

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- Computer help available on Thursdays at the Darcy Library with Carol McAnulty, call for a time: 882-4037.
- 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.

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!

NEW-Clean Styrofoam can go in the bins (take out trays, cups, etc. but no peanuts)

- Glass bottles & jars only in glass dumpster
- Hazardous Waste: 6/7/14 in Frankfort and 8/9/14 in Honor, see web site for specifics
- Cardboard may be dropped at BC High School.
- Call Recycling Coordinator, Marlene Wood, with any recycling or disposal questions 882-0554. Welcome Back Marlene!

Don't forget to salt your sidewalks after your clear them of snow.

Have a Beulah-ful New Year!



Boy Scout Troop 10 took first place for youth in the 2013 Outhouse races.

Park Yourself at Beulah Beach

The Village-owned RV park in Beulah will be ready in April for your 2014 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.

Upcoming or Ongoing Events:

- Village Council Meeting, Thurs., 2/6 at 7 pm
- WinterFest, Saturday, 2/8, events begin late morning, chili cook-off, many contests, parade, outhouse races, and fireworks
- Cookie Sale at the Trailhead Building by Friends of the Darcy Library, 2/8 10-2 pm
- Benzonia Township taxes due 2/14
- Water bill due 2/15
- Village Council Meeting, Thurs., 3/6 at 7
- Planning Commission, Mon, 3/10, 5 pm
- Hydrants will be flushed in early April
- Village Council Meeting-Thurs, 4/10 at 7 pm

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- Easter Egg Hunt 4/19, 1 pm at Benzonia Memorial Park (soccer/ball fields)
- Maypole Dance in Village Park, 5/26
- Village Council Meeting, Thurs., 5/8 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

2013 Best of Benzie People's Choice Award Winners (Record Patriot) Beulah Winners

- Best Attorney: John Grogan/Grogan Law
- Best Auto Parts: NAPA/Kaskinen
- Best Bank Teller: Jan/Central State Bank
- Best Lunch: Cold Creek Inn
- Best Fish Fry: Cold Creek Inn
- Best CPA Firm: Weishaar & Co.
- Best Deli: L'Chayim
- Best Dentist: Dr. Charles Kehr
- Best Furniture Store: Classic Interiors
- Best Golf Course: Crystal Lake Golf Club
- Best Gift Shop: Northern Décor
- Best Photographer: Steve Loveless/State of the Art Gallery & Framing
- Best Place to Buy Jewelry: Jackleen's Jems

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 call 882-4037

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 5:30 pm, everyone is invited.

Library Board meets the 2nd Monday of each month, 5:15 pm. Everyone is invited.



Benzie Central Carolers lent their voices to Christmas Magic through out Beulah

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.
- Benzie Conservation District's Seedling sale happens in early April. Check with them for catalog and sale dates 882-4391
- Hodge Podge Lodge closed their doors this fall.
- 2nd Hand Mac is a new computer repair and service store. They are located on Clark St, next to Cricket Salon. Check their door for business hours.
- A new business coming to the former Art Cetera building downtown Beulah.

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

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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 ordinance.
- **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. 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 882-4484 ext 227 to sign up for the 1/25/14 class.

Enjoy the winter season, and be safe.

WinterFest Chili Cook-Off: Cooks are needed for the Chili Cook-Off on Saturday, Feb. 8 at the Village Park. Competition is open to businesses and individuals. Bring 2 gallons 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!



100+ people enjoyed the 17 different chili entries in 2013.

Beulah Boosters are Busy Volunteers:

Christmas Magic kept the Boosters busy in December. Boosters helped with the Christmas trees, decorated the Trailhead Building. They were involved with the children's activities in the Trailhead Building, making ornaments, holiday picture frames 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!



Honor Building Supply's Outhouse entry, 'Whizzer', won the Best of Show in 2013.

Outhouse Races: Returning to WinterFest 2014 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!

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

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.

Streetscape Efforts Continue: Council members and Beulah Boosters continue to work with Gosling/Czubac Engineering to design and seek funding for the streetscape project. A proposal will come to Council this winter for an application for a Dept. of Transportation grant. Public meetings to seek input will be held this winter, so please watch the newspapers and the Village office windows for notices. The work will reflect the design work done through a Northwest Michigan Council of Governments grant used for Streetscape plan 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.

WinterFest

Saturday, Feb. 8, 2014

Chili Contest

Parade

Outhouse Races

Fishing Contest

Duck Races

Frozen Turkey Bowling

Snow Ball Throw

Frozen Fish Toss

Poker Run

Softball and more

FIREWORKS @ 7:15!

clcba.org for schedule and registration forms