

The Village Link

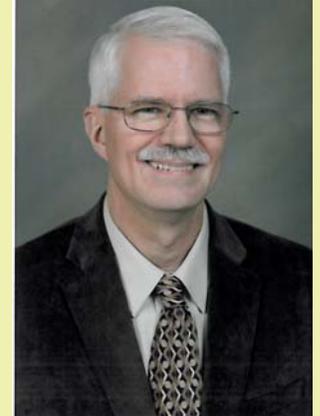
Word from the Mayor...

I always struggle a bit when writing this issue of our newsletter, as it reminds me that summer is over and our Beach Park children are back to school. What started out as a wet summer quickly turned to a record number of hot days. I hope everyone had a good summer, it sure went fast! We have had a busy construction season again here in Lake County and in Beach Park. The Village has undertaken our most aggressive road repair year yet with improvements made in nearly every neighborhood within the Village. There is no doubt that there is still much work to do, but with every passing summer, Beach Park roads are improving.

Managing local government can be a very challenging task. Our Beach Park Village Board faces those challenges and provides us with a community that operates efficiently and economically. One of most difficult roles the board faces is zoning related. To balance changes in land use and the desires of citizens is not simple. An

example being an area which is becoming a more desirable business location, will likely face objection by current property owners. The change must be gradual in order to maintain property values and at the same time allow the natural change in current realities. Later this year the Village will begin the process of updating our Comprehensive Plan from 2008 to reflect our changing community and current economy. Please consider contributing some of your time and input to this public process.

Residential zoning is a more difficult topic altogether. Small changes in use give rise to objection much more quickly than in the business areas. Home-based business uses are more complex and an activity that faces more stringent regulation. Unchecked home-based business occupations can deteriorate a neighborhood very quickly, yet many home businesses operate unnoticed and provide income for families that otherwise would have tougher employment



options. Cottage business has been an American way of life and will likely always have some role in Beach Park. Our regulations for a home business have always been strict and we face some resistance as our staff seeks to enforce the very regulations designed to protect your neighborhood and property values. We always seek to protect the neighborhood from any significant disruption caused by a home-based business use. After all it is first and foremost a residential neighborhood.

A recent regulation passed by the Village Board calls for rental properties in your neighborhood to be inspected and registered with the Village Hall. After lengthy discussion and consideration, the Rental Ordinance was



For more information regarding our new Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau and how it can help promote your local business, check out their Facebook page *Lake County's Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Bureau*

or website at www.lclakeshore.com

For a small fee you can become an active Chamber member and enjoy all of the additional benefits.

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approved earlier this year. No sooner had we passed these regulations when out of town groups began to weigh in their opinions and issues with how Beach Park would treat non owner-occupied dwelling units within the Village of Beach Park. One group even purchased an ad in our community newspaper, the Zion Benton News, to mislead residents that Beach Park officials would not allow them to sell their home. This is absolutely false. Beach Park has never prevented any home or business from being sold during our 26 years of existence. The driving motivation behind our Rental Ordinance is to protect both the tenants and the properties in which they occupy, by setting reasonable standards for rental properties within our community. The Village of Beach Park's neighborhood appearance and your property values are at stake.

If you are aware of a rental property in your neighborhood which may not be complying with Village Code, please call the Village Hall and report it. Your

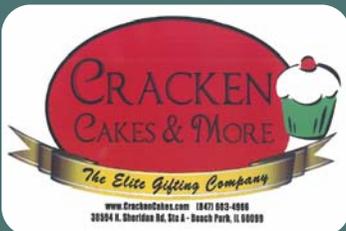
local government has the most influence on your daily lives and you have the greatest influence upon their governance.

I am pleased to report that there is a renewed interest for development in our commercial corridors. Just last month, Beach Park celebrated the Grand Opening of another new business along Sheridan Road, "Cracken Cakes & More". We welcome this new bakery, where everything is made from scratch and without preservatives, to our growing Beach Park business community. We wish Dora and Shawn McCracken and their daughter December the best on their first retail location. Please consider frequenting their business located at 38594 Sheridan Rd. the next time you are out for coffee, tea or dessert.

Another positive development in our business community is taking place at the intersection of Green Bay and Wadsworth Roads. A developer has purchased nearly 5 acres on the southwest corner for the development of a new Speedway gas

station. The former drive-thru tobacco store building, as well as the muffler shop there, will be demolished later this year to make way for this much needed facelift. By the middle of next year this intersection of Green Bay and Wadsworth Rd., will look very different than it did 2 years ago. Our village staff is working very hard to continue the momentum for new developments going along all of our corridors. We all recognize that our residents' desire to have more food, recreation and shopping close to home. With this in mind, I continuously encourage our staff to pursue economic development throughout the Village.

Internally, we are always a work in progress. The lower level community room at the Village Hall has been transformed into a full functioning area with a kitchenette that includes cabinets, a stove and refrigerator as well as two new bathrooms. If you are interested in renting this room for your next birthday party, shower or any other event, please contact Tracy at tracy.miracle@vofbp.com



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On another note, I would like to take this opportunity to thank my Staff and our Parks & Rec Committee for making this year's Beach Park Fest another successful event. We could not have asked for better weather, which as we all know, is essential for any outdoor event. I would like to thank the Lake County Sheriff's Department and Beach Park Fire Department for providing an array of vehicles and kid-friendly attractions, as well as our food vendors that were readily organized with a variety of tasty foods and drinks, exactly what was desired on a hot day! In addition to our regular activities, a new attraction that was added this year was the

petting zoo, complete with a variety of farm animals enjoyed by everyone young and not so young! A big thanks goes out to North Shore Rods, Inc. for their organization of the car show. As always, it was another amazing turnout with classic cars from near and far. For this year's Mayor's choice I selected a 1958 Pontiac Bonneville, owned by Bill Creanery, a beautiful vehicle that was a well-deserved winner.

We look forward to planning next year's Beach Park Fest and would like your input. Tell us what you would like to see next year. Please email Tracy with your suggestions. We

appreciate your participation!

Our Village Board has been working hard in their various committees to organize celebrations and events, plan infrastructure improvements, deal with safety issues and continue to make Beach Park a great place to live! There is a lot going on in Beach Park and we are preparing for the days ahead when the economy rebounds. At that time, we will be ready for whatever comes next. Thanks for reading and enjoy the Fall season!

Mayor John Hucker



*Mayor John Hucker and
Assistant Village
Administrator Tracy Miracle*

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Old Photo's of Beach Park "Wanted"

Do you have pictures of Beach Park from days gone by that you would like to share, such as local landmarks or historical events? If so, we would love to see them, so we can consider posting them on our website.

Simply drop off a copy at the Village Hall or email the images to

tracy.miracle@vobp.com





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SSA CONSTRUCTION TO START SOON...

Construction of the SSA (Special Service Area) watermain extensions is expected to begin in September! With the design and bidding process complete, the construction contract was awarded to Maneval Construction Co., contingent upon receipt of the IEPA loan commitment. The bid pricing came in generally as expected, with the Village's contribution increasing only slightly. The Village adopted the loan authorizing ordinance at the July 23, 2015, Board Meeting, and

there was a public comment period until August 31. After that, the IEPA is expected to issue the loan commitment and construction can begin. A "SSA" is a uniquely defined area within the Village designed to provide a specific service. In this case, the SSA will provide water to areas of the Village currently unserved by a public water system. The new connections will improve water quality, quantity, pressure, and provide enhanced fire protection. The benefitted residents will pay for the

new water service over the next 20 years, at a low interest rate, on their annual Property Tax bills. The plan is to have construction completed and new connections available to residents this year. The residents are not required to connect immediately, but if the connection is made during the first year, the Village will waive the normal connection fee.

For more information, please visit our website at www.vofbp.com

Beach Park Welcomes "Hughes Carpentry" Premier Custom Cabinetry

A few months ago, a new Beach Park business, "Hughes Carpentry", quietly opened its door at 38834 N. Sheridan Rd., Beach Park. The owner, Benjamin Hughes, launched his carpentry business nearly a decade ago. Recently, he decided to open a design center as part of his wood-working shop in Beach Park. In the design center, customers can see firsthand exactly what he provides as a "Design/Build" company, which includes a full suite of general contractor services. Hughes Carpentry specializes in offering hand-made solid wood

cabinetry using high quality material and the best building techniques.

Are you thinking about remodeling a bathroom or redesigning your kitchens, but just don't know how to get started? How about that special item you know would look perfect in your home, such as a new entertainment center, custom bookcases, or maybe a built-in-wine rack? Hughes Carpentry can be your one-stop shop. Benjamin and his team can make any remodeling project come together, including offering suggestions for light-

ing, plumbing fixtures, functional layouts, storage and organization. Hughes Carpentry services all of Lake County, Chicago's North Shore and the Northwest suburbs. While their showroom is under construction, consultation appointments can be scheduled by calling (847) 672-7325 weekdays between 7am—4pm, or by visiting their website at hughescarpentry.com and clicking on the "contact" field to send Benjamin an email request for more information.

Trustee Regina Miller
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State of Illinois Budget Impasse

The Village of Beach Park is operating under a balanced budget for the Fiscal Year 2015-2016, but the budget impasse in Springfield is starting to have a negative impact. Because of the impasse, video gaming revenue and Motor Fuel Tax allotments due to the Village are not being disbursed. The video gaming revenue averages about \$4,500 per month and MFT distributions average about \$27,000 a month. While there was a one-time reduction in the MFT distribution in April, it is our understanding that the current delay is just that, a delay, and that the Village will receive the distributions when there is a state budget in place. But

who knows when this will be? The delay in video gaming revenue affects the general operating budget of the Village and the MFT delay could have a direct impact on the Village's road improvement plan. So far the LGDF (Local Government Distributive Fund) has not been impacted, but there are no guarantees. As mentioned in the Summer newsletter, the Village could potentially lose \$650,000.00, or 42% of our general operating fund revenue, if the Governor's proposed cut of the LGDF by 50% comes to fruition. The LGDF is the money shared with municipalities from a portion of the income taxes that are collected by the state. The

sharing formula has been in place for decades and has become a stable source of revenue for all municipalities. This is especially important for non-home rule municipalities like Beach Park. The village receives approximately \$1,300,000.00, or 42% of our total general fund revenue, from the LGDF, and a reduction of 50% would have a severe impact on the Village of Beach Park services and ultimately our residents. To voice your concern of the Village losing this much of your money, please consider visiting www.protectmytown.com

You can also help by expressing your objection to our state legislators!



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Concealed Carry Law & Firearms Safety

American Active Firearms Safety Training Professionals will conduct a public service briefing on the Illinois Concealed Carry Law and Firearms Safety In The Home at the Beach Park Village Hall on October 6, 2015 at 6:30 pm..

Topics to be covered will include:

1. History of concealed carry in Illinois & other states
2. Illinois Concealed Carry License requirements
3. Illinois process for obtaining a CCL
4. Prohibited Location for concealed carry
5. Federal Child Protective Act

The briefing will last approximately 1.25 to 1.5 hours with questions prior to the conclusion for the evening. This briefing is for all who wish to obtain up-to-date information and training on the topic of lawful concealed firearms carry in Illinois and firearms safety in the home.



Rental Property Ordinance



It is understood that rental properties provide a wide variety of residential living opportunities in our community which makes the Village noticeable



Last year, the Village had discussed the fact that rental properties are a significant component of the housing stock in the Village. It was also noted that over the past years, complaints from tenants of rental properties has steadily increased. Their feeling of nowhere to turn for help has turned to the Village. It was estimated that Beach Park could have up to 15% of its current housing stock in rental properties. It is understood that rental properties provide a wide variety of residential living opportunities in our community which makes the Village noticeable and affordable to many individuals and families. To this end, the Village wanted to ensure that we maintained the rental properties as vital components of functional neighborhood life and the integrity of the

neighborhoods by assuring a safe living environment for all.

These discussions on residential rental properties resulted in a rental property registration ordinance adopted by the Village Board of Trustees on December 11, 2014. The Village understands that by enhancing the partnership between landlords and the Village concerning property standards that this will help in maintaining and improving the properties which would result in a direct positive reflection in property values and probable rent increases.

The Village did hold a public meeting on March 24, 2015, to provide further explanation and benefit of the registration program that will help to maintain the integrity of the neighborhoods. Currently we have identified over 590 res-

idential rental properties in the Village. There have been rental registration applications received from nearly 350 of the 590 rental owners and fire, life safety and property maintenance inspections were performed. The results have been mutually beneficial to the owners, renters, the neighbors and the Village.

The Village continues to ensure a comfortable standard of living for our residents; rental and owner occupied; alike; in the Village of Beach Park. If you should have any questions regarding the rental registration program then please feel free to contact Gerald Nellesen, Community Development Director or Administrative Assistant Patti Hanson at 847-746-1770.

Gavel to Gavel

ORDINANCES

- 2015-O-13** 5/14/2015 An Ordinance accepting real property (40137 N. Glendale Ave) from Restoration America, Inc.
- 2015-O-14** 5/14/2015 An Ordinance accepting real property (10036 W. Beach Rd) from Victor N. Barcroft
- 2015-O-15** 5/28/2015 An Ordinance approving the petition for a Conditional Use Permit for an Automobile Service Use in the Sheridan Rd Corridor Overlay District at 37704 N. Sheridan Rd
- 2015-O-16** 5/28/2015 An Ordinance approving the petition for Variances to minimum landscape setbacks in the Sheridan Rd Corridor Overlay District at 37704 N. Sheridan Rd
- 2015-O-17** 5/28/2015 An Ordinance approving the petition by Eco-Site for a Conditional Use Permit and Variances for a personal wireless service facilities tower in an SR District at 12849 West Ford Street
- 2015-O-18** 5/28/2015 An Ordinance comprehensively amending Title 15 of the Municipal Code and adopting standards and codes pertaining to building regulations
- 2015-O-19** 5/28/2015 An Ordinance amending Chapter 13.08 of Title 13 of the Village Code pertaining to sewer service regulations
- 2015-O-20** 5/28/2015 An Ordinance amending Chapter 13.04 of Title 13 of the Village Code pertaining to water service regulations
- 2015-O-21** 6/11/2015 An Ordinance amending the Village of Beach Park Sign Ordinance and Zoning Ordinance to address signage regulations
- 2015-O-22** 6/11/2015 An Ordinance ascertaining the prevailing rate of wages for Laborers, Workmen and Mechanics employed in Public Works of this public body
- 2015-O-23** 6/11/2015 An Ordinance amending Paragraph H of Section 5.16.080 entitled "Classification and Fees" of Chapter 5.16 of Title 5 of the Municipal Code to provide for fees for Class I Liquor Licenses and amending the Village Fee Schedule accordingly
- 2015-O-24** 6/25/2015 An Ordinance amending Chapter 5.16 of Title 5 of the Municipal Code by modifying the number of licenses
- 2015-O-25** 7/9/2015 An Ordinance approving the petition of a Variance to the maximum height of an accessory structure in an R-2 District at 10901 W. Wadsworth Rd
- 2015-O-26** 7/23/2015 An Ordinance authorizing the Village of Beach Park, Lake County, IL to borrow funds from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Public Water Supply Loan Program
- 2015-O-27** 7/23/2015 An Ordinance approving the budget amendment for the 2014/2015 budget year
- 2015-O-28** 7/23/2015 An Ordinance establishing a no parking zone along Bayonne Avenue between Beach Rd and Hart St and amending Section 10.08.040A of the Municipal Code
- 2015-O-29** 7/23/2015 An Ordinance amending Paragraph B of Section 5.16.080 entitled "Classification and Fees" of Chapter 5.16 of Title 5 of the Municipal Code to provide for additional classes To obtain a Class B License and amending Section 5.16.090 Number of Licenses; amending Section 5.16.150 of Chapter 5.16 of Title 5 of the Municipal Code to change closing hours
- 2015-O-30** 8/13/2015 An Ordinance approving the petition of Speedway, LLC for a Conditional Use Permit for a planned development of a gasoline service station at 38900 and 38972 N. Greenbay Rd with preliminary and final plat approval

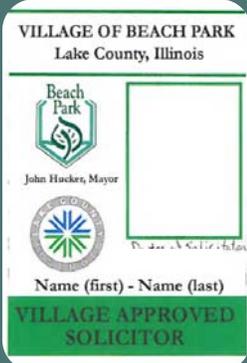
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RESOLUTIONS

- 2015-R-18** 5/28/2015 A Resolution authorizing execution of loan application documents to borrow funds from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Public Water Supply Loan Program for the watermain extensions – Special Service Area No’s. 9, 10, 11 and 12 projects
- 2015-R-19** 5/28/2015 A Resolution accepting the United Healthcare Renewal for Village Health Insurance and Humana renewal for Dental, Vision and Life coverage
- 2015-R-20** 5/28/2015 A Resolution authorizing a lease agreement with Eco-Site, Inc. for telecommunications facilities at 12849 W. Ford St
- 2015-R-21** 6/11/2015 A Resolution appropriating \$427,000 of 2015 MFT funds for the purpose of road & street maintenance
- 2015-R-22** 6/11/2015 A Resolution appropriating an additional \$90,341.13 of MFT funds for the 2013 road & street maintenance
- 2015-R-23** 6/25/2015 A Resolution authorizing execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Village of Wadsworth and the Village of Beach Park for storm water facility maintenance services
- 2015-R-24** 6/25/2015 A Resolution with IDOT for construction and maintenance in state right of ways
- 2015-R-25** 6/25/2015 A Resolution amending the Village of Beach Park employee handbook in regards to vacation
- 2015-R-26** 6/25/2015 A Resolution executing a reciprocal agreement between the Village of Beach Park and the Illinois Department of Revenue for information sharing of sales tax data
- 2015-R-27** 7/9/2015 A Resolution supporting the Waukegan Regional Airshow to take place September 11-13th, 2015 and the closure of Green Bay Rd
- 2015-R-28** 7/23/2015 A Resolution awarding the contract for SSA 9-12 watermain extensions to Maneval Construction Co, Inc.
- 2015-R-29** 7/23/2015 A Resolution authorizing execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Village of Wadsworth and the Village of Beach Park for snow plowing services
- 2015-R-30** 8/13/2015 A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an electricity supply agreement for Village electric accounts

Beach Park Requires Solicitor’s ID

We have had several calls regarding solicitors in our area. Please remember, a Village issued photo ID is required for all solicitors in Beach Park. If you encounter someone trying to solicit without a valid Village solicitors ID and our Village office is closed, please contact the Lake County Sheriff’s Department’s non-emergency number at 847-549-5200. For your convenience we have free “No Soliciting” stickers available at the Village Hall.



BENTON TOWNSHIP NEWS

Fall Health Fair: September 29th from 9 am till 2 pm at the Township office. Flu/Pneumonia, whooping cough & shingle vaccines available. Free Screenings for blood pressure & Osteoporosis provided by Rosalind Franklin University Center.

Secretary of State Mobile Unit October 15th from 9:30 am till 2 pm at the Zion Benton Public Library. Renew, replace or correct your driver's license and/or State ID. You can purchase vehicle stickers.

Seniors need assistance fueling your car? Beginning Nov. 1st thru April 1st, on Wednesdays from 9 am to 1 pm a station attendant will assist you by filling your tank (you pay for the gasoline). Stop in at township or Beach Park Village office for your placard listing participating stations.

10th Annual Corporate Community Spelling Bee Nov. 5th at North Point Church, 9th St. & Lewis Ave., in Winthrop Harbor. Refreshments begin at 6 pm; Spelling Bee starts at

7 pm. Spectators are welcome. There is a \$5 guest fee (includes refreshments). Questions, please call Jan at 847-746-2100.

Free Thanksgiving meal Nov. 26th from noon to 2 pm at the Schlader Building, 9th St. in Winthrop Harbor. Sponsored by Eternal Word Prayer Community Church. Reservations call 847-246-4428 or email ourfatherstable09@comcast.net.

Volunteers needed to help serve.

Free Senior Activity Guide pick up at township office.

Free Amplified Phone Applications are available at the township office. Neither age nor income a requirement. Free Senior Activity Guides are also available.

Meals on Wheels call 847-546-5733 ask for meals on wheels program.

Free Discount Prescription Drug Card. Pick up card at Township office. This card

allows all Township residents-regardless of income, age, or health status to save on cost of medications.

Prescription Disposal locations: Zion Police & Winthrop Harbor Police Dept.

Accepting non-perishable food, health/beauty products & used eye glasses.

PACE Dial-A-Ride for ALL Benton Township residents. Service available Monday thru Friday 8:30 am to 5:30 pm. Must call 1-800-201-6446 one (1) day in advance to secure a seat. Area served: anywhere in Benton or Zion Township. For medical appointments, you can call 1 (one) week in advance to reserve a seat. Medical appointments must be Tuesday or Thursday only. Hours: 8:30 am till 3:30 pm. Medical appointments include Waukegan & Gurnee locations.

Benton Greenwood Cemetery: cemetery plots are available. Call for information.



*Jan Suthard Supervisor
847-746-2100 or visit
www.bentontownship.com*

**Benton Township
Office is located at the
NW corner of
Greenbay Road &
29th Street in Beach
Park, IL.**

Guidelines for Draining Swimming Pools



Direct discharges from the pool across your lawn, not down your driveway or into nearby storm sewer inlets.

Chlorinated water discharged to surface water (wetlands, lakes, streams, rivers, etc.), roadways or storm sewers has an adverse impact on local water quality. High concentrations of chlorine, which are present in swimming pools, are toxic to wildlife and fish. When draining your pool for the late fall/ early winter, please follow one of the following measures: **De-chlorinate the water in the pool prior to draining.** This can be done through mechanical or chemical means. These types of products are readily available at local stores. Or, **Drain the pool over a period of several days across your lawn** following these additional guidelines: *1) Allow pool water to sit for at least 2 days while receiving a reasonable amount of sunlight, and without further addition of chlorine or bromine. Test the chlorine level after 2 days to ensure that safe levels are met (below 0.1 mg/l). 2) Direct discharges from the pool across your lawn, not down your driveway or into nearby storm sewer inlets. Our storm sewer system leads directly to wetlands, streams, lakes or rivers.*

These recommendations are based on guidance from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.

Visit www.epa.state.il.us/water for additional information.

Thank you for doing your part to help promote cleaner wetlands, streams, lakes and rivers.

Ordinance Reminders

As the Fall approaches, please note the following rules for open burning; *you can only burn landscape waste that is generated upon your property and only during the months of April through November.* It is unlawful for any person to burn any material within 25 feet of any structure on any property within Beach Park. The permitted times of open burning are from dawn until dusk and with a slight wind and no wind

of more than 8-10 mph. No fire shall be set unless there is fire extinguishing source available such as a garden hose with water from the house or some other type of water source of sufficient supply to extinguish the fire in the event of an emergency or complaint. The fire may not be left unattended and no fire shall be set in any public-right-of-way, public land or public places, including ditches. If the fire becomes a nuisance to the

neighbors you may be asked to extinguish the fire. There are some exceptions for open burning of landscape waste during the off months, but this is by permit only. Those can be applied for, at no cost, at the Village Hall. Complete details on open burning can be found by visiting the Village website at www.vofbp.com Another reminder regarding Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors



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Is that all residences are required to have one for all levels of the structure, within 15 feet of the sleeping rooms and it is recommended that they be installed in every sleeping room. There shall be a smoke detector within 10 feet of the furnace and 3 feet of the bottom of the basement stair and carbon monoxide detectors also placed within 15 feet of the living areas, basement stairs and furnace rooms. The smoke and carbon monoxide detectors can be the combination type units. Please insure that the units being used are Underwriters Laboratories listed devices. If you have any questions regarding these life safety requirements, please contact Village Staff for direc-

tion or input at (847) 746 -1770. The bluffs and ravines located in and through Beach Park are part of the ecosystems that assist in the removal of storm water from not only the Village but also areas that adjoin the Village. The bluffs and ravines in the Village are predominantly on private property and as such require private stewardship of them to help keep them maintained and functional and also to reduce slope instability and enhance the viability of these systems. Many areas of these bluffs and ravines have received little or no maintenance over the years and this has resulted in invasive species growing in these areas,

decreased slope stability, decrease in native plantings and the failure to remove felled trees and branches, grass clippings and leaves being dumped in the ravines and over bluffs and a lot of junk and debris making its way into the systems. There are many structures along the ravine and bluff system and there are some that are experiencing or are close to having structural issues due to the erosion and slope stability of the systems. Please try to respect the bluff and ravine systems and if you should need guidance on proper maintenance or modifications to the ravine or bluff system then please call the Community Development Department at the Village Hall.



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PARKS & RECREATION

With Summer coming to an end, the Parks & Recreation Department will be getting ready for our Fall & Winter events. The following is a list of the events we have scheduled;

Senior Picnic will be held on September 18th at Founders Park. Tickets cost \$5.00 and are available at the Village Hall.

The Village will host another **Pet Vaccination Clinic** at the Milton C. Jensen Public Works Facility located at 40185 Glendale Ave., in Beach Park on Saturday, October 10th. For more information or a copy of the flyer, please visit our website at www.vofbp.com

Fall event for children with Special Needs will be held on Saturday, October 24th at Kroll's Farm. You must call the Village Hall to sign up PRIOR to the event.

The **Annual Senior Holiday Party** will be held on Wednesday, December 9th at the Illinois Beach State Resort starting at 11:30am. Please come to the Village Hall to purchase your tickets for this event.

Children's Holiday Party on Saturday, December 5th from 11 am till 2pm at Oak Crest School. (38550 Lewis Ave., Beach Park,).

AARP Class for 55 and older will be held on November 9th & 10th at the Village Hall. Please call to sign up.



Community Development Initiative



"They are a very dedicated and highly motivated staff with the Village of Beach Park residence's best interest in mind."



For those of you who may not be aware, over the past few months, there have been a significant number of positive changes and accomplishments by the Village Administrator and Community Development personnel.

They are a very dedicated and highly motivated staff with the Village of Beach Park residence's best interest in mind. They have been making great stride in tackling the priorities highlighted by the Mayor and Village Board's last Annual Priority Session review. These sessions conducted by staff, consultants, the Mayor and Village Board attempts to target areas deemed most important or impactful to improve and enhance quality of life issues for our Beach Park residents.

Also factored into these decisions were your input as citizens & emphasized in a village wide survey. Some of these priorities from a Community Development perspective included Business and

Economic Development, neighborhood revitalization, property value stabilization, enhanced and expanded code enforcement and village wide clean-up. Some of the initiatives adopted thus far by the village and staff include the hiring and training of additional personnel to assist in code enforcement & clean-up efforts, maximizing staff and resources by contracting services with neighboring villages and cities and the use of shared service agreements. Thus reducing the overall department operating expenses and cost reductions for Beach Park residents. Some of these shared services include an enhanced and expanded adjudication process and inspection services for personnel. This collaboration of services has led to greater efficiency, a reduction of branch court cases and increased collection of fines & revenue. Staff has also implemented a "vacant building registry" to aid in the tracking while also maintaining minimal

standards and to hold property owners responsible for vacant structures located within the Village of Beach Park. They have also adopted a "rental inspection program" to assist in maintaining a set of minimal standards for rental property to help stabilize property values and neighborhoods within the Village of Beach Park. This new rental program is approximately 60% COMPLIANT. Staff have also completed an update of the Village Sign Ordinance, adopted sustainability regulation by expanding beekeeping and chicken allowances within the Village limits, as well as a host of other notable accomplishments.

Drive, ride or walk through our fine Village and take a close look around and I'm certain that you notice a myriad of changes unfolding before your very eyes. And I assure you, that this is not the end, as we have so much more we intend to accomplish for the Village of Beach Park

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and its wonderful residents. Also, please tell a friend and join us for our next unified Neighborhood Watch meeting scheduled for Monday, October 5, 2015 at the Village Hall, lower level.

The success of this program is dependent on your involvement and participation. Also, remember you have a vested interest in the safety and security of your property

and your neighborhood. See you there. Best Wishes to you and Yours Always

Trustee Larry Wells



Beach Park Chipping Policy

Chipping is intended to provide a service to Village residents in the removal of incidental tree and brush debris resulting from damage due to storms and other natural causes. All debris to be chipped and removed by the Village should be placed on the street right-of-way by the property owner with the broke ends facing the road and spread out evenly along the parkway within the **first week** following

the storm. Branches must not be larger than 10 inches in diameter.

Tangled piles of limbs or branches placed haphazardly will not be picked up.

Chipping will be done as scheduling allows in the Public Works Department.

Chipping will not include entire tree removals.

The Village of Beach Park assumes no liability for any damage which may occur to private property when remov-

ing debris as requested by the property owner.

Chipping will not be provided to persons trimming branches or removing trees, bushes etc., unless during the annual spring or fall pickups.

All storm damage chipping requests must be made to the Public Works Department.

Any decision as to whether requested debris removal should be done will be made by the Superintendent of Public Works.



New Addition to Founders Park

Founders Park has a new addition. Due to the generous donation of Newton and Nada Finn and Madeleine Fuqua, a gazebo has been placed near the pond at the south end of Founders Park for all to enjoy. This gazebo will make an attractive addition to our park as well as provide an optional place to sit and enjoy the park on a nice day. If you haven't made it out to see Beach Park's first park, please try to schedule a time to come on out and enjoy. We have many senior events, as well as children's events throughout the year for residents to enjoy.



Public Safety Announcement



With school now back in session, please remember that it is illegal and unsafe for any kind of cell phone usage in a school zone!

Also, the Lake County Sheriff's Office has received reports of Lake County residents getting fraudulent telephone calls from individuals representing themselves as someone from the Lake County Sheriff's Office. In these instances, the of-

fenders are using tools to "spoof" their telephone number, making it appear on recipients' caller ID as a telephone number used by the Sheriff's Office, when that is not the case! DO NOT give any information over the phone unless you are able to verify who it is that you are talking to. If you think you've received a fraudulent telephone call, contact the Sheriff's Office at 847-

377-4000. For more information, visit the Sheriff's Office Website at lakecountyil.gov/sheriff or "like" their Facebook page.



"Please be conscientious of your neighbors surrounding your event."

HAVING A "SPECIAL EVENT" - PERMIT REQUIRED

If you are having a special event and require a permit from the Village for any kind of "special use" (such as a tent onsite, requesting special parking on the roadway etc.,) you will need to apply for a "special event" permit with the Village of Beach Park. All permits are required to be applied for 30-days prior to the event.

During your event, there are a few reminders the Village would like you to keep in mind;

No excessive Noise. It is unlawful for any person to make, continue or cause to be made continued, any loud, unnecessary or unusual noise, or any noise which either annoys, disturbs, injuries and/or endan-

gers the comfort, repose, health, peace or safety of others within the Village. Between the hours of eleven o'clock (11pm) and seven o'clock (7am) or at any time or place so as to annoy or disturb the quiet, comfort or repose of persons in any office, or in any dwelling, hotel or other type of residence of any persons in the vicinity shall excessive noise be allowed.

No loitering and congregating. No person shall, with other persons, congregate about or in front of any business or place of dwelling, theater, hall, church or elsewhere and by so doing obstruct or interfere with the free passage of persons entering or occupying any such premises or by his language, conversation or conduct

annoy, insult or disturb persons passing along the streets or alleys or occupying, residing or doing business in any such houses or place.

No drunk or disorderly conduct. No person shall be drunk or in the state of intoxication in any street, public way or public place or in any private house or place to the disturbance of any person.

Parking shall only be permitted on the odd numbered side of the roadway between the hours of 6 am and 1 am. No vehicles shall be permitted on the roadway from 1 am till 6 am.

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Pet Vaccination and Microchip Clinic

The Lake County Health Department/Community Health Center's Animal Care and Control Program, together with the Village of Beach Park, will offer a low-cost pet vaccination and microchip clinic.



Clinic Details

Saturday, October 10
9:00 a.m.- Noon
Beach Park Public Works
40185 Glendale, Beach Park

For Pets Spayed/Neutered

One-year rabies vaccination and Lake County tag: \$20.00
One-year rabies vaccination, tag and distemper: \$25.00
Distemper complex only: \$10.00
Microchip: \$15.00

For Pets Not Spayed/Neutered

One-year rabies vaccination and Lake County tag: \$60.00
One-year rabies vaccination, tag and distemper: \$65.00
Distemper complex only: \$10.00
Microchip: \$15.00

All animals brought to the clinic should be at least four months old. In addition, dogs must be leashed and cats placed in carriers. Cash payment is required at the time of vaccination. **Cash only.**

For additional information, contact the Lake County Health Department's Animal Care and Control facility at (847) 377-4700.



Tony Beltran, MBA
Executive Director

*For additional information,
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