



# The Village Link

SUMMER 2016

## A Word From The Mayor....

Another Summer is upon us here in Beach Park. This is best evidenced by the construction taking place all over the Village. There are infrastructure projects and residential home improvements taking place throughout Beach Park and Lake County. The County recently came through the Village and did large scale patching of County routes like Wadsworth and York House Roads. The Village of Beach Park will also soon be beginning our own large scale road improvement program which is sure to impact nearly every neighborhood. Although the summer construction season can be disruptive and even slightly painful, it is a sign of investment and improvements here in our suburban community. After another Winter and

typically unpredictable Spring here in Beach Park, we are all looking forward to picnics, children's activities and long weekends to celebrate Summer with family.

This year was a quadrennial tax year, meaning that all properties were re-assessed for this year's tax bill. In regards to Beach Park property tax bills, some Beach Park property owners saw property values decrease; many more residents saw increases, but rarely will anyone see their tax bills go down by much. The significant swings in assessed values has caused some questions and responses from our residents. Our staff has been striving to be a resource for these property owners. Although our staff is here to explain the property tax process, there is



**Mayor John Hucker**

little that the Village can do to impact these taxes. This is because **the Village of Beach Park has never levied a property tax.** At least that is one bright spot!

Another year also means the Village of Beach Park is now a year older. A few weeks ago, on May 23, 2016, the Village celebrated its 27<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a Village. A lot has changed in those 27 years. Looking back over the years, no other times were as exciting and challenging as the past few.

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Join us for the next  
**Neighborhood  
Watch Meeting at  
Founders Park  
Pavilion**

**10385 Beach Road**

**Tuesday, June 28th  
at 6pm**



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The Village has evolved into a highly professional, extremely reputable, and highly regarded community amongst our neighbors. Our staff is dedicated to making your lives and our community a better place to live and work.

During 2016 you can expect to see a number of significant projects taking place. This summer has already begun with the continuation of roadwork throughout the Village, in what is anticipated to be the most significant year yet with over a million dollars to be spent on road resurfacing. This year the Village will be working with Lake County Stormwater Management

Commission on the fourth phase of the Bull Creek bank stabilization project, with 100% percent of the \$435,000 project funded through national and private grants. The Village is also undertaking a Bull Creek Culvert replacement under Talmadge Road which will replace a collapsing 40-year-old pipe before the road is negatively impacted. It will be another busy year as your Village Board and Staff continue to be proactive in our management and maintenance of our Village assets and infrastructure. To get the most current information about construction projects within the Village, check out our “Construction Projects”

page on the Village website which is updated frequently throughout the year.

On behalf of your Village Board, employees, and the volunteers on all of our Boards and Commissions, we wish you a very pleasant summer. Beach Park is a great place to live, work and play. All in all, I am proud to say Beach Park is doing well. Let’s all enjoy our wonderful Village and all it has to offer. If there is anything that our staff can do to better serve you, please contact the Village Hall at (847) 746-1770.

## Beach Park Pageant

The 2016 Beach Park Pageant is looking for young ladies between the ages of 6 & 22 to compete for the titles of Little Miss Beach Park, Junior Miss Beach Park & Miss Beach Park.

If you think volunteering in the Beach Park community along with being a role model for others is what you are looking for, then the Beach Park Pageant is for you. We work on modeling skills, speech presentation skills, interview skills, public speaking, good morals, getting along with others and giving back to our community.

For more information and to get an application, email your name & contact phone number to the pageant director, Socie, at [beachparkpageant@yahoo.com](mailto:beachparkpageant@yahoo.com) The pageant application deadline is July 8th.

There are many fun events held prior to the pageant. This way the contestants can get to know each other prior to the pageant. The pageant date is August 13, 2016 and contestants must live within the Beach Park Village limits.





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## The Waukegan Cares Foundation Event

*The Waukegan Cares Foundation* will be hosting its 4<sup>th</sup> Annual 5K “Wauk” For Awareness, Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup> at Founders Park, 10385 W. Beach Road in Beach Park. The event is to raise awareness for suicide prevention.

*The Waukegan Cares Foundation* was founded four years ago by Jennifer Granger, the wife of Waukegan Police officer Tom Granger, after three Waukegan Police officers took their own lives in less than a two and a half year period. Since then, *The Waukegan Cares Foundation* has held an annual 5K walk to raise money for the Lake County Suicide Prevention Task Force (LCSPTF). Along with the walk, the event provides information booths and tables consisting of various agencies that provide services to the community, most of them free of charge.

The first two years the event was hosted in Waukegan where approximately 150 people participated in the walks and many other families came out to visit the tables and booths. Last year in Beach Park over two hundred people walked. The event also provides a bounce house for the kids, a fire truck for kids to hop up in, a police K9 demonstration and a dunk tank. This year police officers throughout the County have volunteered to be in the dunk tank. There is no charge at the

event as everything is absolutely free thanks to donations made by area businesses. The first three years, Waukegan 1ST Ward Alderman, Sam Cunningham, was instrumental in ensuring the event was a success. Even though the venue is in Beach Park, Cunningham has been working hard with *The Waukegan Cares Foundation* to make sure this year’s event is another success.

The LCSPTF is a group of volunteers who help link people in need with the services that are provided in Lake County. Some examples include services for mental health, physical health, alcohol abuse, substance abuse, homelessness, unemployment, food pantries, and job development. These are all areas that without support, could cause a person to feel alone, depressed, and hopeless.

Waukegan Police Chief, Wayne Wallis, has strongly supported a volunteer group called Embracing the Badge. Embracing the Badge is a volunteer group that helps to promote and maintain wellness among Waukegan Police officers. The organization is in its third year and Waukegan police officer, Marc Jackson and his wife Sara, have done a remarkable job at making it a success. This year Embracing the Badge will again be participating in the event.

### Itinerary

Warm up is at 10:30 a.m.

Opening remarks by Beach Park Mayor, John Hucker, and Waukegan 1<sup>st</sup> Ward Alderman, Sam Cunningham, at 11:00 a.m.

Walk starts at 11:05 a.m.

K9 demo is at 12:30 p.m.

Tables, booths, fire truck, bounce house, and dunk tank 11:00 a.m. – 2 p.m.

This year’s sponsors include; *The Waukegan Cares Foundation, The Waukegan FOP, The Gurnee FOP, The Lake County Sheriff’s FOP, The Waukegan Police Association, Ink N Tees, Jen G’s Pizza and Pub, Norstates Bank, Coral Chemical, Vista Health, Northwestern Hospital, Lake County Health Department, Rental Depot, Waukegan Alderman Sam Cunningham & Wrecker Services*

There is no charge to set up your table or booth and organizations may sign-up to have a table or booth up until August 26<sup>th</sup>.

Anyone who makes a \$25 donation to participate receives a free lunch. Those who make a \$25 donation and sign-up by August 1<sup>st</sup> will also receive a free event t-shirt. To register for the walk or to sign up to host a table or booth, contact Tom Granger at 847.417.2495.

# EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Because your safety is important to me, I want you to be aware, and on the alert, for scam artists claiming to be calling from the IRS or utility companies seeking payment. This has been an on-going issue so it is important to stay informed. A few tips to keep in mind to help keep you from being a potential target are listed below:

- Never provide your social security number or other personal information
- When in doubt, check it out!
- Never make a payment for services to anyone coming to your door.

- If a solicitor comes to your door, they must display a Village issued solicitor's I.D.

With the summer months approaching, it is important to know where your local cooling centers are located when high heat and humidity are forecasted. For those who do not have access to air conditioning the following is a list of cooling centers which may be made available.

Please note these centers are not shelters, therefore food, showers and beds are **not** available.

*Village of Beach Park, Village Hall, 11270 W. Wadsworth Rd., Beach*

*Park, IL 847-746-1770—Monday—Thursday, 8:30 am till 5 pm., Fridays from 8 am till 4pm.*

*Milton C. Jensen, Public Works Facility, 40185 Glendale Ave., Beach Park, IL Monday thru Friday 7 am till 3:30 pm.*

*Illinois Beach Resort, 1 Lakefront Drive, Zion, IL 847-625-7300*

*Beach Park Fire Department, 3233 N. Lewis Ave., Waukegan, IL 847-662-2642.*

Enjoy your summer and stay safe.



**Trustee Linda Sittig**

## BEACH PARK CELEBRATES WITH CEREMONY

It was a beautiful day for our Annual Memorial Day Event that took place at Founders Park on Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to the determination of our Memorial Day

Committee and Staff as well as the participation of many, it was a heartwarming and well-attended event.

Following our Memorial Day Event, there was a dedication of the gazebo located near the south pond at Founders Park. This gazebo was gifted to the Village of Beach Park by

Newton and Nada Finn from the Madeline Fuqua Garden and thanks to the efforts of our Public Works Department, who transported the gazebo to its current home, has been a welcome addition to our park.





Trustee Don Jensen

## BLIGHT, URBAN DECAY—NOT IN BEACH PARK!

Urban decay (also known as urban rot and urban blight) is the process whereby a previously functioning city, or part of a city, falls into disrepair and decrepitude. Another characteristic of urban decay is blight—the visual, psychological, and physical effect of living among empty lots, buildings and condemned houses. Such desolate properties are socially dangerous to the community because they attract criminals and street gangs, contributing to the volume of crime.

The housing downturn which triggered the 2007 recession impacted all parts of the nation, including Beach Park. We have seen an increase in foreclosed and vacant homes and a decrease in owner-occupied homes with many purchased by investors and converted to rentals. Each of these developments can have adverse impacts on our neighborhoods.

Vacant, boarded-up homes tend to deteriorate over time. They attract vandals and can become hangouts for juveniles. They are eyesores with overgrown lawns. This impacts the marketability of near-by homes.

While it is necessary to have a mix of owner-occupied and rental units in a community, especially in times when obtaining a mortgage is difficult, an imbalance results in a larger percentage of temporary residents who don't have a commitment to the well-being of the community.

### WHAT YOUR VILLAGE IS DOING TO PRESERVE OUR NEIGHBORHOODS

Beach Park has approached this on several fronts;



- Vacant Home Registration—This register provides the Village means of tracking ownership of vacant properties to ensure that they are properly maintained and secured. In the event of a break-in or vandalism, the owner can be quickly notified and required to make corrections.



- Dilapidated Building Demolition—Through an APPA Grant and Village Funds, the Village has aggressively worked to demolish dilapidated buildings. So far 9 have been cleaned up in Beach Park.



- Rental Registration—This initiative enables Village staff to keep track of rental units and ensure that the landlords are properly maintaining the homes to ensure the safety of tenants and the appearance of the neighborhood.



- Mowing of Vacant Properties—In cases where a property owner does not maintain a property, the Village has the property mowed and places a lien on the title in an effort to recoup the mowing costs. This past fiscal year, the Village mowed 257 properties.

### HOW YOU CAN HELP PRESERVE OUR NEIGHBORHOODS

Please inform our Community Development staff at 847-746-1770 of any problems with vacant or abandoned homes, overgrown lots, illegal dumping and the like.

Please be patient. Resolution of some of these may take time when legal proceedings are required, but you can be assured that our staff is working diligently to preserve the appearance of our neighborhoods and the value of your home.

## Serve Kids

As summer is fast approaching so is the graduation season, which means, celebrations for all of the grads!

This is also a time to remind parents that these occasions bring on underage drinking and communities need your help in making sure that your children are not partaking in underage drinking at these social events. As a parent, we may think that it is okay to allow our children to have “just one” while they are at a house party; however, allow me to remind you of a new Social Host Law. It is a \$500 fine (with a maximum \$2,500

## Serve Time...

fine and up to one year in jail) to knowingly allow underage drinking to occur at a private residence. If serious injury or death occurs because of this activity, individuals are subject to a Class 4 Felony (up to three years in prison and fines of up to \$25,000).

The laws for a minor drinking and driving are more severe as they could not only have to have a Breath Alcohol Ignition Interlock Device installed in their vehicle, they could lose their driving privileges and be convicted of a Class 4 Felony.

Graduation is a time for celebrating our children's futures! Let's keep our children educated on the dangers of underage drinking and stress the fact that they can enjoy this great experience without alcohol. For more information, please visit the Illinois Liquor commission website [www.illinois.gov/ilcc](http://www.illinois.gov/ilcc).

Congratulations Graduates, and lets be smart and safe out there this graduation season!

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## Lake County Sheriffs Department

The Lake County Sheriffs Department would like to send some friendly reminders for this upcoming summer season.

During the summer, there will be a lot of kids that will be out of school. They will be riding their bicycles and playing or walking to a friends house. That is why it is important to pull over to answer any text messages or answer the phone. Nothing is more important than keeping our kids safe and

out of harms way. It is also illegal to have an electronic device in our hands while we are driving.

Also, beware of scammers that claim to be calling from a bank, electricity company, etc. asking for personal information. Please HANG UP the phone. It is very important that you do not give any personal information out to someone that calls asking for it. It is better and safer to call back and know who you are talking to.

Last but not least... make sure to report solicitors that do not have permission or certification to sell items.

If at any time you see or witness any suspicious activity, please call us at 847-549-5200.



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**FIVE REASONS TO OBTAIN PERMITS;**

**SAFETY**

For your family & home

**INSPECTIONS**

Performed by certified professional inspectors

**VALUE**

Protects your largest investment

**PEACE OF MIND**

Knowing the project was done right and to code

**SETS CONSISTENT STANDARDS**

Ensures safe construction standards

## Permitting: *The Other Public Safety Department*

The mission of the Code Enforcement Division is to safeguard and protect the public health, safety and general welfare of the residents of Beach Park.

This is accomplished through application of the adopted codes and ordinances in an efficient and effective manner, through the use and management of all available resources.

Most people understand the concept of “first responders,” primarily in the context of Sept. 11, 2001, as those who respond to emergencies. But the same cannot be said for “first preventers”. First preventer is a new term used to describe anyone that is in a position to prevent an accident, attack or disaster. First preventers keep us from being involved in or from being victims of an accident.

For example, City building inspectors are considered first preventers. They inspect structures during construction in accordance with an approved set of construction docu-

ments, and then issue a “Final Certificate of Occupancy” after a final inspection has been passed. Although no code can eliminate all risks, this process helps to reduce risks to an acceptable level in order to prevent and minimize accidents in buildings.

Fire sprinkler systems, fresh air circulation, exit signs, emergency lighting, aisle widths, fire extinguishers and the direction of how a door swings open are just a few things no one really thinks about, but together they combine to increase and ensure the health and safety of building occupants.

**Who needs building codes and permits?**

We all do—whether in our homes, offices, schools, retail stores or places of entertainment. We rely on the safety of structures that surround us every day. The need for protection from a disaster due to fire, structural collapse or federal deterioration underscores the need for adoption of up-to-date building codes, their administration and inspection by certified professionals.

Today is the perfect time to reinvest in your Beach

Park home by making improvements that will add value during the current housing market. Projects such as remodeling your kitchen and adding a bathroom have been shown to double the cost of the improvement when the home is sold.

In Beach Park building permits are required for many home projects, like building an addition, a deck or patio, remodeling your kitchen or building a shed.

So the next time you see a building inspector please remember that they are on your side as a “first preventer”. Their goal is to keep all of us safe. If you decide to undertake a construction project, look at the permit procedure as a positive thing. Sometimes it takes a little effort to make things right, but together you and your first preventer can make the building process smooth and safe!

If you would like more information on obtaining building permits, contact the Building & Development Department at 847-746-1770.

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## BENTON TOWNSHIP NEWS

**Farmers Market Coupons** available at the Township office for seniors age 62 plus (one coupon book per household) Good for Zion Farmer's Market beginning June 16.

**AARP Driving School:** August 1st & 2nd 10 am till 2 pm at the Zion Benton Public Library. To sign up call the Township as space is limited. AARP members cost \$15.00; non-members; \$20.00.

**Top Box Foods Express** offers fresh fruit, vegetables, frozen food in bulk for a savings up to 40% off grocery store prices. Open to everyone. Pickup location: Shiloh Center 2600 Emmaus Ave in Zion. Dates: June 15, July 13, Aug. 17, & Sept. 14 from 12:30 pm to 2:00 pm. Individuals needing light repairs, lawn clean up etc... A volunteer group will provide this service during the week of July 11. Call Township for details.

**Fall Health Fair:** Mark your calendar for Tuesday, October 4, 9am till

noon at Township. Flu, pneumonia, whooping cough, shingle vaccines, blood pressure & osteoporosis screenings. Also, Illinois State Treasurer's Office will conduct unclaimed property searches. For more details, call the Township offices at 847-746-2100.

**Vehicle Stickers** for unincorporated Benton Township residents are available at the Township office. There is NO charge.

**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 the cost of medications.

**Accepting non-perishable** food, health/

beauty products & used eye glasses.

**PACE Dial-A-Ride** for ALL Benton Township residents. Service available Mon thru Fri 8:30 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: Call (1) week in advance to reserve a seat; Tues or Thurs only. 8:30 to 3:30 pm.

**Community Caregivers support Group:** Meets at the Zion Benton Public Library June 27, July 25, August 22, Sept. 26 from 6 pm till 7:30 pm.

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

**Visit our website at**

[www.bentontownship.com](http://www.bentontownship.com)



**JAN SUTHARD, SUPERVISOR**

## Water Rate Increase for Beach Park



The Village of Beach Park purchases potable water from the City of Waukegan to supply to our residents who are connected to the water system.

Effective May 1, 2016, the City of Waukegan increased the cost to the Village \$.09 cents per 1,000 gallons. Due to this increase the Village water rate will increase from \$6.43 to \$6.52 per 1,000 gallons. This increase will be in effect with the July billing cycle, which bills customers for water used during the months of May and June.

**JOIwithFITNESS**

**WALK  
for  
TSMRC**



*Teen & Single Mother  
Resource Center, Inc.*

**Saturday,  
June 25  
@Founders Park**

10385 W. Beach Rd., Beach Park, IL

**Walk begins at 9:00am**

Join Joiwithfitness as we sponsor the TSMRC (Teen & Single Mother Resource Center, Inc.) for the 2nd annual Fitness Fundraiser to help raise money for single moms to go to college. *A \$10 minimum donation is appreciated.*

Sign up online at [www.teenandsinglemom.com](http://www.teenandsinglemom.com) and click the DONATE button or reserve your group by emailing [mvaughn.tsmrc@gmail.com](mailto:mvaughn.tsmrc@gmail.com) by June 18.

\*Your donation is tax deductible!

# GAVEL TO GAVEL

## ORDINANCES

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| <b>2016-O-4</b>  | 2/11/2016 | An Ordinance vacating the alley west of 38036 N. Wilson Avenue in the Village of Beach Park   |
| <b>2016-O-5</b>  | 2/11/2016 | An Ordinance authorizing the sale or disposal of surplus personal property owned by the Village of Beach Park   |
| <b>2016-O-6</b>  | 2/25/2016 | An Ordinance establishing a no parking zone on North Avenue south of Beach Road and amending Section 10.08.040A of the Municipal Code   |
| <b>2016-O-7</b>  | 2/25/2016 | An Ordinance adopting by reference the Lake County Watershed Development Ordinance  |
| <b>2016-O-8</b>  | 2/25/2016 | An Ordinance accepting real property from Joyce A. Spencer  |
| <b>2016-O-9</b>  | 3/24/2016 | An Ordinance approving the budget for the Village of Beach Park for Fiscal Year 2016-2017   |
| <b>2016-O-10</b> | 4/14/2016 | An Ordinance approving the extension of a conditional use permit to operate a "Parking Lot for Towed Vehicles" at 38401 N. Sheridan Road  |
| <b>2016-O-11</b> | 4/28/2016 | An Ordinance approving the petition of TDRW, LLC for a variation from the Sign Ordinance and Zoning Ordinance for the continued use of off premise advertising signage beyond the five year amortization period at the location of 38136 N. Sheridan Road |
| <b>2016-O-12</b> | 4/28/2016 | An Ordinance vacating a portion of Chaplin Avenue near 38735 N. Gilbert Avenue in the Village of Beach Park   |
| <b>2016-O-13</b> | 4/28/2016 | An Ordinance authorizing the sale or disposal of surplus personal property owned by the Village of Beach Park   |
| <b>2016-O-14</b> | 4/28/2016 | An Ordinance dedicating a portion of North Avenue near 10534 W. Wadsworth Road in the Village of Beach Park   |

## RESOLUTIONS

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| <b>2016-R-8</b>  | 2/11/2016 | A Resolution approving the 2016 Village of Beach Park Zoning Map  |
| <b>2016-R-9</b>  | 2/11/2016 | A Resolution to lower the special tax levy placed on all taxable property within Special Service Area 9, Special Service Area 10 and Special Service Area 11 in the Village of Beach Park for the 2015 Tax Year     |
| <b>2016-R-10</b> | 2/25/2016 | A Resolution appropriating \$472,644.00 of MFT funds for the 2016 MFT Street Improvement Project  |
| <b>2016-R-11</b> | 2/25/2016 | A Resolution supporting the City of Zion's pursuit to collect funds in reference to the Nuclear Waste Policy Act  |
| <b>2016-R-12</b> | 3/10/2016 | A Resolution of a governmental body accepting membership as a member of the Northern Illinois Health Insurance Initiative (NIHII) sub-pool which is a member of the Intergovernmental Personnel Benefit Cooperative |
| <b>2016-R-13</b> | 3/10/2016 | A Resolution supporting the ability of municipalities to share local sales tax information with outside professionals   |
| <b>2016-R-14</b> | 3/10/2016 | A Resolution authorizing an agreement between the Village of Beach Park and ComEd for LED Street lighting   |
| <b>2016-R-15</b> | 3/24/2016 | A Resolution approving an agreement between the Village of Beach Park and RHMG Engineers for the construction of the Sheridan Rd Sanitary Sewer Extension and pedestrian facilities along Sheridan Rd               |

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| <b>2016-R-16</b> | 3/24/2016 | A Resolution approving a travel policy for elected officials   |
| <b>2016-R-17</b> | 3/24/2016 | A Resolution to adopt the ICMA Retirement Corporation Section 457 Deferred Compensation Plan   |
| <b>2016-R-18</b> | 3/24/2016 | A Resolution urging Illinois State Leaders to pass a final budget  |
| <b>2016-R-19</b> | 3/24/2016 | A Resolution renewing the contract with Brickman Group for landscaping services within the Heatherstone subdivision  |
| <b>2016-R-20</b> | 4/14/2016 | A Resolution approving a contract with Program One for street sweeping in the Village of Beach Park  |
| <b>2016-R-21</b> | 4/14/2016 | A Resolution approving an agreement between the Village of Beach Park and the Lake County Stormwater Management Commission for the Talmadge Avenue Culvert Replacement and Culvert Installation on 29th Street |
| <b>2016-R-22</b> | 4/14/2016 | A Resolution authorizing an intergovernmental agreement between the County of Lake and the Village of Beach Park for aesthetic median enhancements on Wadsworth Rd.  |
| <b>2016-R-23</b> | 4/14/2016 | A Resolution to include Vehicle Allowance compensation as IMRF earnings  |
| <b>2016-R-24</b> | 4/28/2016 | A Resolution accepting the proposals from Webs Excavating Co. Inc. for the demolition services of multiple structures along Green Bay Road   |

*If you would like a paper copy of the 2015 Annual Water Quality Report mailed to your home, please call 847-246-6000...*



## Water Quality Report for Beach Park

If you live on the east side of Lewis Avenue and are on Beach Park Water, please go to [http://villageofbeachpark.com/sitemedia/documents/IL0970190\\_2015\\_East\\_of\\_Lewis.pdf](http://villageofbeachpark.com/sitemedia/documents/IL0970190_2015_East_of_Lewis.pdf) to view your 2015 Annual Water Quality Report and learn more about your drinking water. This report contains important information about the source and quality of your drinking water during 2015. If you would like a paper copy of the 2015 Annual Water Quality Report mailed to your home, please call 847-246-6000.

If you live on the west side of Lewis Avenue and are on Beach Park Water, Please go to [http://villageofbeachpark.com/sitemedia/documents/IL0971220\\_2015\\_West\\_of\\_Lewis.pdf](http://villageofbeachpark.com/sitemedia/documents/IL0971220_2015_West_of_Lewis.pdf) to view your 2015 Annual Water Quality Report.



Trustee Richard Gust

Summer is finally here and we have a ton of events planned throughout the Village. Our Annual Beach Park Fest will

be held on Saturday, August 20, 2016. Come join us at Founders Park and enjoy activities for the kids, participation by our local police and fire and of course our Annual Car Show. If you are interested in participating as a craft or food vendor, please visit our website or call the Village Hall at 847-746-1770 for more information.

<http://villageofbeachpark.com/residents/beach-park-fest>

The Village wide rummage sale will be June 24th—26th.

If you would like your address listed on our website, call the Village Hall. Our next AARP Driving course will be held at the Village Hall on July 11th & 12th from 9 am till 1pm. Call 847-746-1770 to sign up.

Village Hall will be closed on Monday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day and Monday, September 5th in observance of Labor Day.



## 7TH ANNUAL BEACH PARK FEST CAR SHOW

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20, 2016  
ALL CARS WELCOME  
9AM TO 3PM

SHOW IS HELD  
RAIN OR SHINE



FOUNDERS PARK  
10385 BEACH RD.  
JUST WEST OF SHERIDAN RD.

### EVENT INFORMATION

- Event Fee - \$10
- Registration - 9:00am to 11:30am
- Voting 11:30am to 1:00pm
- Awards Presentation at 3:00pm
- Dash Plaque - 1<sup>st</sup> 100 Cars
- Awards to Top 40 Cars
- Door Prizes
- Food & Beverage Available at Park
- Music by the Mis-Shifts



MIS-SHIFTS CAR CLUB INC.COM  
HOSTED BY THE MIS-SHIFTS CAR CLUB

FOR MORE INFO  
JOHN AGNEW (847) 731-6148  
BOB PATAKY (847) 731-9912

FLYER DESIGNED BY:



## Community Development/Building & Zoning/Code Enforcement

I know for months you have seen me write and expand upon the transformative efforts currently being initiated by Village Staff in the areas of Community Development, Building & Site Enhancement, Clean-up & Code Enforcement, to name a few. These efforts have not ceased, as a-matter-of-fact, they have continually increased & expanded. In this edition of our newsletter, we thought it would be quite insightful for you to take a small glimpse into some of the efforts your Village Staff have been involved in over the past 12 months. Now mind you, this is just a small snapshot into what staff does on a daily basis; to continue to implement policies & initiatives geared toward enhancing the quality of life & to maintain stable neighborhoods and project property values.

### **Demolition Actions in the past 12 months;**

10303 Beach Road—House and Garage  
 38153 N. Sheridan Road—Buildings and Site  
 Major and Green Bay Road—House  
 9966 N. Paxton Road—House and Garage

Chaney and Sheridan Road - Two-Story Commercial Structure and Lot

37937 N. Sheridan Road - Trailer/sales office

38766 N. Green Bay Road - House and Garage

38754 N. Green Bay Road -House and Shed

38991 N. Green Bay Road -Commercial Building

38991 N. Green Bay Road -House

10242 Ford Avenue - Garage and House

39793 Stockton -Due to a fire

### **Rebuilding Agreements in the past 12 months;**

10574 Yorkhouse Road - Fire Damaged house to an occupied structure

10020 Ford Avenue - Vacant dilapidated house to occupied structure

40511 Green Bay Road - Dilapidated storage building rebuilt

### **Vacant Properties**

The Village had approximately 211 vacant properties last year. Through the cooperation of banks, investors, homeowners and the Village, that number has been reduced to 94 vacant properties. The number was reduced through the purchase and

rehabilitation of those structures which are all now viable residences within our Village.

### **Health Department & Health Related Issues**

The Village has worked with the Health Department on 5 water well issues and 3 septic system issues. The Village has a very good working relationship with the Health Department and we are in contact with them for various issues throughout the year.

### **Cooperative Redevelopment**

The Village worked with Habitat for Humanity to assist them in their demolition of the house at 10350 Chicago Avenue and the construction of a new house at this site. This work was primarily performed by volunteer labor.

### **Emergency Response Preparation**

The Village was an active participant in the process for the development and presentation of the Lake County Sheriff's Office Full Scale Exercise in October. This exercise was a simulated school shooting and was held at the Newport School which is one of the Beach Park School District 3 Schools. This exercise utilized the resources of the Sheriff's Office, Lake County EMA, numerous Police and Fire Departments, LCEMA,

LCDOT, IDOT, several outside EMA Agencies, numerous volunteers and generous donations from Costco and Meijer Stores. This was an accredited exercise and it mainly tested the Police, Law Enforcement and EMA plans as well as the School District Emergency Plan.

### **Shared Planning, Participation & Strategies**

The Village was awarded an LTAP grant to assist in planning purposes for the Village. This planning process is a precursor to the start of an update to the Village Comprehensive Plan. Consultants who are assisting the Village in this comprehensive Plan process have been collecting data & conducting interviews with the Mayor, Board members, Staff & others to assess needs & future direction of the Village of Beach Park.

The Village has met with and is working with our neighboring communities on a couple of initiatives that will benefit our residents. The first one is working with our neighbors towards having common building & construction codes. All of the communities are currently using some version of the International Code Council (ICC) family of codes. It is our intent to try and adopt the same codes with the same or similar amendments so that it will make it consid-

erably easier for the contractors who work in the various communities. This process is moving along and there are subsequent meetings scheduled. The current participants are Zion, Winthrop Harbor, Wadsworth and Beach Park. The City of Waukegan was already in the code adoption process but are participating in the discussion with us. The other initiative is an economic development related initiative. The City of Zion, Village of Beach Park and the Village of Winthrop Harbor are working towards a cost and revenue sharing Intergovernmental Agreement for economic development prospecting and revenue sharing from those prospects coming to fruition. This is new and very exciting venture that will benefit the whole 3 municipality region.

### **Zoning & Non-Conforming Uses**

The Village has been working to correct zoning issues that have been noted throughout the Village. Many have to deal with businesses located in areas that are not zoned for that business use.

Some of the zoning corrections that have been made include; Lone Oak Electric, Magnus Automotive, Beach Automotive, Jose and Sons Landscaping, Ivan's Landscaping, Lee's Daycare and the former Toolamation building

on Lewis Avenue. There was also a revocation of a Conditional Use Permit for failure to comply with the conditions. 7 total businesses have been brought into compliance through this process, so far.

### **Collaboration to Enhance Emergency Services**

The Village staff assisted the Beach Park Fire Protection District with hydrant water flow-testing during their Insurance Services Office grading of the Fire Department. With the assistance from the Community Development and Public Works Departments, the information gathered assisted the evaluators in their determination that the Fire Department would be receiving an ISO Class 4 grade (1 is the highest grade). This is an improvement from their last grade.

### **Enhanced Code Enforcement**

The Village has helped clean up several properties in the Village and/or assisted in ensuring that the clean-up took place through ordinance and non-traffic tickets. This was due in part to the Mayor & Village Board's priority agenda to continue the enhancement of the Village's code enforcement & clean-up efforts. Residents should expect to see continued & expanded code enforcement efforts throughout the Vil-

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lage including proactive & complaint-driven for some time to come.

**A Breakdown of staff activities include:**

Complaint calls received: 383

Code enforcement self-initiated actions: 899

Confirmed Code Violations: 1282

Ordinance violation tickets issued: 554

Non-traffic tickets issued 89  
Ordinance warning tickets issued: 174

Warning letters sent: 21

Properties mowed: 257

Compliant violations: 631

Non-compliant violations: 651

Adjudication cases: 125

Branch Court cases: 80

Foreclosures: 46

Rental Units registered: 440

Rental units to be registered: 93

**New & Expanded Staff Initiatives**

Village Staff has also made great strides with our newly established rental inspection program with at least 440 units registered to date.

Staff has also prepared vacant property letters & handouts ready for dissemination as part of the Villages new vacant property registry.

Staff has been diligently working with realtors, new owners, and prospective buyers to assist them in better understanding corrections needed to address some of our problematic foreclosed & nuisance properties.

Permits have been released for the expansion of Emily's Restaurant's parking lot.

The Village has also entered into an IGA with the Village of Wadsworth to conduct their building inspections as part of the Villages shared services initiative.

Expanded adjudication process.

**New Development**

Staff has had meetings with person(s) of interest of various properties & sites within our Village. Potential developers & business owners interested in developing or expanding in Beach Park has increased and staff will continue to work with these interested parties in hopes of bringing new development & business to our Village. We will continue to work with existing businesses to expand, enhance or upgrade their buildings and sites, as well.

The Village has received plans for a new retail store just south of the Marathon Station on Greenbay Road and plans for the new

Speedway Mini Mart & Gas Station on Greenbay has been approved by the Village, however, both of these new projects along Greenbay Road are still awaiting State approval.

**New Business's & Projects**

Cracken Cakes & More

Lee's Family Daycare

M&S Muffler

Star Com Network

Cadence Carpentry

The Village of Beach Park will be hosting a unified Neighborhood Watch meeting on Tuesday, June, 28, 2016 at Founders Park at 6pm. Please bring a chair and remember to tell a friend.

We'd like to send a big shout out to all our Department Heads and Staff for a job well done!

Thank you for allowing us to continue to service your needs and wish you and yours all the best.



*Trustee Larry Wells*

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