



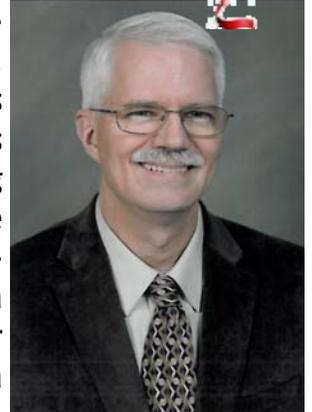
News from the Mayor



Winter is finally upon us after a seasonably warm fall. We received our first snowfall this year the weekend before Thanksgiving, covering our community with nearly a foot of snow. We hope that the winter will be mild here in northern Illinois as predicted for the El Nino winter. Will it happen? Only time will tell. But one thing I can tell you is that we have the Public Works team around. They are ready to move any amount of snow that does fall, out of our way so we can get to work, school or wherever life takes us! The Village has some new plows and drivers alike, while our existing equipment has been well maintained and is all ready to get to work.

Personally, I am hoping for a mild winter but whatever comes will be no match for Village Staff. There are a few things that I will remind you of, which will be a great help to the Village. First, please remember to move your parked vehicles off of the street whenever there is expected to be 2 inches or more of snow. It is very difficult to safely plow our narrow streets when vehicles are parked on them. Secondly, if you live in a neighborhood within the Village with public water and fire hydrants, please consider "adopting" one of these hydrants to keep it clear of snow and visible from the street for

our first responders. The seconds or minutes saved trying to find the closest hydrant can mean life or death in emergencies. Additionally to this point, please be sure that your home has house numbers which can easily be identified. If you have any questions or concerns about any of these reminders, call and talk to Village staff.



Looking back over the past few months of fall we have been busy here in the Village. On Thursday, November 5th the Village participated in the 10th Annual Corporate Spelling Bee sponsored by the Coalition for Healthy Communities. The event was well attended with Jerry Nellessen, Patti Hanson and myself making up our team of 3 and happily making it through the 5th round! The Village of Beach Park is happy to participate in this event, which is a collaborative effort to impact health, wellness and social issues in Beach Park, Winthrop Harbor and Zion. On Saturday, October 24th the Village held our annual Special Needs Event at Krolls Farm in Waukegan. Attendance this year was at an all-time high with 50 participants, which includes special needs children and

their immediate families. For more information regarding our special needs functions, contact Tracy at the Village Hall. As your elected Mayor, I am proud to represent our Village which cares about all of our residents and our neighbors. Last year we made a commitment to renewing strong ties and relationships with our neighboring communities and I am pleased to say, that there is strong synergy between Beach Park and our neighbors on all sides.

Other positive happenings include the recently completed, much needed, interior and exterior renovations at the Village Hall. If you are looking for a place to hold your next birthday party, baby shower or other small event, consider renting our lower level community room, which is now equipped with a kitchenette and restrooms. Call the Village Hall for more information or stop in and check it out. Exterior improvements include reconstruction of the upper level parking lot, brick work on the façade of the Village Hall and amongst the newly planted landscaping, a bench dedicated to our former Mayor, Milt Jensen. This bench was paid for with donations received by the Village in his name. Other positive improvements are taking place throughout the Village. You can see improve-

ments along Sheridan Road, Lewis Avenue and Green Bay all from our increased code enforcement efforts. Over the next few months you will continue to see new changes taking place at the corner of Wadsworth and Green Bay Rd. Staff has applied for a record number of grants this year for potential public improvement projects all over the Village next year. These include sections of the creek cleanup, a sidewalk along a section of Sheridan Rd. and multiple culvert installations or replacements within the Village.

Your Village Board will soon be undertaking the annual Strategic Plan & beginning our budget preparation season. We will be meeting with staff to discuss our priorities, determine the timing of needed improvements and what programs should be expanded or reduced. All of this work will result in a plan that will cover not only this coming year, but three to five years into the future. The Strategic Plan is incorporated into the budget process to continually update our five year Capital Improvement Budget. This year it is going to be tough simply because of the uncertainties facing the Village's revenue due to lack of a State budget. The State of Illinois is

halfway through the fiscal year with no budget, which will make our budget preparation uniquely challenging to the Village because of our lack of a property tax. Rest assured that your Village Board and staff will work tirelessly to ensure that the Village maintains its fiscal responsibility and transparency as we plan for the coming years. The Village recently received our sixth consecutive budget award for our current years budget and we want this trend to continue.

Over all, our residents and our businesses have been doing well this year and we continue to work hard for them. There are many future improvements already underway which will be changing life here in Beach

Park in the near future, including a new stoplight being added at 29th and Lewis, intersection enhance-

ments at Wadsworth and Sheridan and a rerouting of Kenosha Road at Green Bay. More importantly, I am so happy to say that our Village is in excellent shape and in the best hands. I want to close with my sincere wish for the holiday season, that you and your family have a blessed Christmas & Happiest of New Years!

Mayor John Hucker

"As your elected Mayor, I am proud to represent our Village..."

BENTON TOWNSHIP NEWS

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

Socks for the Soul: Drop off packages of new socks for children, infants, men & women. Preferably crew socks designed for warmth for our residents in need.

Home Owners: In need of repairs you cannot afford? "Rebuilding Together" has applications available at the Benton Township Office. Deadline to file is January 15, 2016. Rebuilding Day is April 30, 2016.

Seniors or disabled persons need assistance fueling your car? November thru April 1, 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 the Township office or the Village office for your placard listing participating stations.

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 and ask for Meals on Wheels program.

Free Discount Prescription Drug Card. Pick up card at the Township office. This card allows all Township residents-regardless of income, age, or health status to save on the cost of medications.

Save the Date Senior Resource Day April 27, 2016.

Electronics Recycling Drop off location: 1700 McAree Rd., Waukegan. Hrs. Monday thru Friday 7:30 am – 4 PM excluding holidays.

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 week in advance to reserve a seat. Medical appointments. Tuesday or Thursday only. Hours: 8:30 am till 3:30 pm. Medical ap-



Jan Suthard, Supervisor

pointments include Waukegan & Gurnee locations.

Community Caregivers support Group: Meets at the Zion Benton Public Library December 28th

Free Rules of The Road & Illinois Highway maps available at township office.

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

For further information on any of the above or general questions, please call 847-746-2100 or visit www.bentontownship.com

Winter Season Reminders

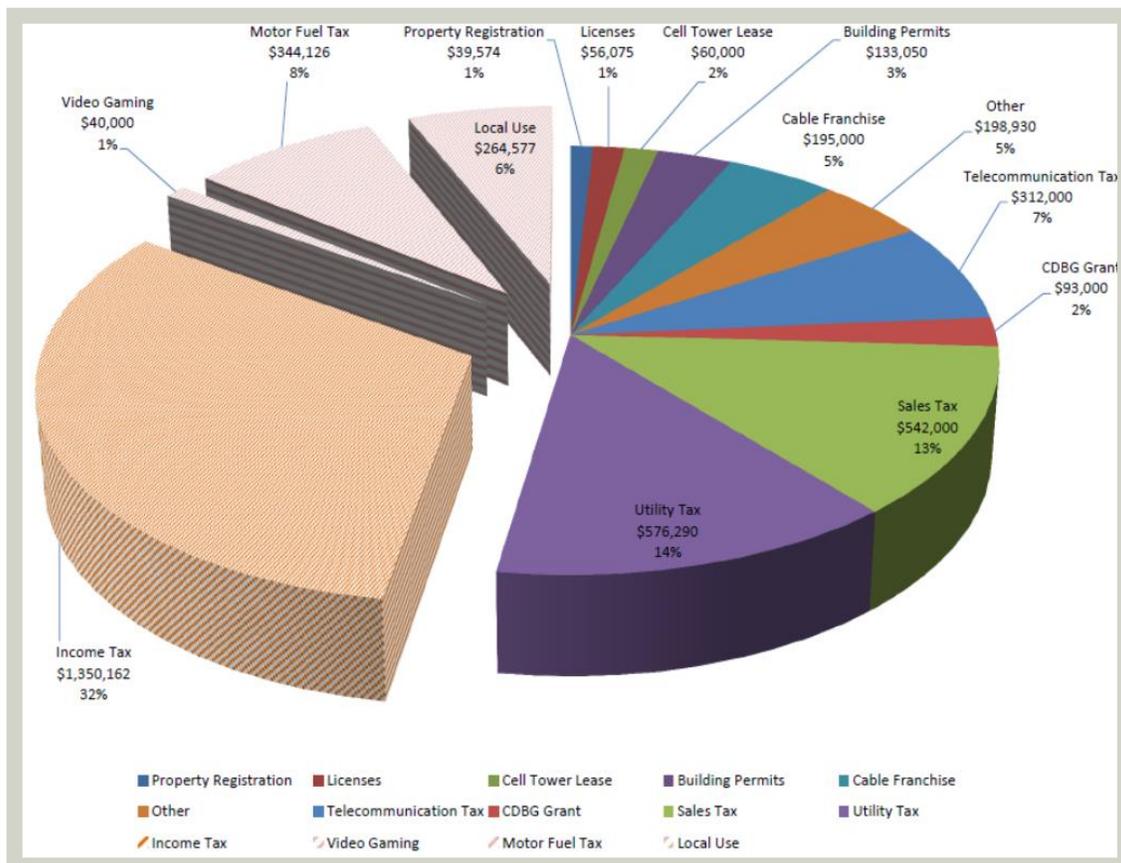
Per Village Ordinance 10.08.050, it is unlawful for any person to park or permit to be parked or to leave standing, any motorized vehicle on any street or shoulder within the Village limits at ANY TIME AFTER A SNOW BEGINS TO FALL AND FOR A PERIOD OF EIGHT (8) HOURS AFTER THE SNOW STOPS FALLING, THE SNOW ON THE STREETS EXCEEDS TWO (2) INCHES IN DEPTH OR UNTIL SNOW REMOVAL OPERATIONS ARE COMPLETED. While removing snow from your driveway, please push snow to the side of your driveway against traffic. This will help diminish the amount of snow that is deposited back into your driveway during clean-up. Please note: The Village of Beach Park **does not** replace mailboxes that are damaged by heavy snow. Please make sure your mailbox is secure with a heavy duty wooden post or metal post securely installed. Plastic mailboxes are not made to withstand the cold temperatures or significant snow falls that we get here in northern Illinois.

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 continues to have a negative impact on the Village revenues. Because of the impasse, video gaming revenue, Motor Fuel Tax allotments, and now local use tax due to the Village are not being disbursed. These revenues are Village revenues that the state is charged with disbursing, not revenues that the state can decide not to share with local municipalities. The year to date impact for Beach Park is a reduction of revenue of over \$181,000! While there was a one-time reduction in the MFT distribution in April, it is our understanding 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 local use tax revenue and 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, 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, 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 <http://www.protectmytown.com> You can also help by expressing your objection to our state legislators.



Beach Park Emergency Services and Disaster Agency

Citizens Preparedness Training Class.

Disasters disrupt hundreds of thousands of lives every year. Each disaster has lasting effects, both to people and property. One such disaster happened during July 2011 in our community. Electrical power was out for a full week in parts of the Village. Local citizens need to know how to respond to protect their families, businesses and property. Local responders may not be able to reach you immediately, or they may need to focus their efforts elsewhere. The four phases of Emergency

Managements are; *Preparedness, Response, Recovery and Mitigation.* The training class will focus on *Preparedness.* Preparedness will help local citizens understand what they can do to prepare for emergencies. We will also address starting a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Our next class is scheduled for **Monday, January 25, 2016 at 6pm** in the Board room at the **Village Hall.** Please contact the Village Hall at 847-746-1770 to reserve your place or for additional information about the course.



Congratulations and Good Luck

Longtime receptionist,
Claudia Hillyer

will be retiring in December after
13 years of service.

Claudia started at the Village in
October of 2002 and throughout
her tenure has brought a smile to
not only those she worked with, but
to many residents as well.

Claudia's smile and joyful
demeanor will definitely be missed.
We wish her all of the best in her
retirement!



Gavel to Gavel

ORDINANCES

- 2015-O-31** 8/27/2015 An Ordinance approving the petition of Beach Star, Inc. for a conditional use permit for an electronic message center and a signage setback variation at 39119 N. Lewis Ave.
- 2015-O-32** 8/27/2015 An Ordinance amending Ordinance 2014-O-48 known as an Ordinance providing for the regulation and inspection of rental housing properties within the Village.
- 2015-O-33** 9/10/2015 An Ordinance amending section 10.08.010 of the Municipal Code regarding parking provisions within the Village.
- 2015-O-34** 9/24/2015 An Ordinance approving the petition of John and Nicholas Schambari, DBA Webs Excavating Co., Inc. for a conditional use permit for the conversion of a non-conforming contractor business use in an SR District at 12966 W. Wadsworth Rd.
- 2015-O-35** 10/8/2015 An Ordinance approving the petition of Kostantine Maravelas for variances to minimum landscape setbacks in the Sheridan Rd corridor overlay district at 38704 and 38730 N. Sheridan Rd.
- 2015-O-36** 10/22/2015 An Ordinance approving the petition of Michael Magnuski for a conditional use permit for an automobile service use and certain variations in the Sheridan Rd corridor overlay district at 9902 and 9962 Beach Rd.
- 2015-O-37** 10/22/2015 An Ordinance establishing stop signs at the intersections of Cornell & Everett and Charleston & Everett and amending section 10.08.040B of the Municipal Code.
- 2015-O-38** 10/22/2015 An Ordinance vacating 27th Street near 40222 Green Bay Road in the Village of Beach Park.
- 2015-O-39** 11/12/2015 An Ordinance abating the tax hereto levied for the year 2015 to pay the principal of and interest on \$1,250,000 general obligation bonds (water and sewer alternate revenue source), Series B 2010, of the Village of Beach Park, Lake County, Illinois.
- 2015-O-40** 11/12/2015 An Ordinance abating the tax hereto levied for the year 2015 to pay the principal of and interest on \$1,825,000 general obligation bonds (alternate revenue source), Series A 2010, of the Village of Beach Park, Lake County Illinois.
- 2015-O-41** 11/18/2015 An Ordinance waiving public bidding requirements & awarding contract for road repairs located over a portion of 28th Place.

RESOLUTIONS

- 2015-R-31** 8/27/2015 A Resolution appropriating \$427,000.00 of MFT funds for the 2015 MFT Street Improvement Project.
- 2015-R-32** 8/27/2015 A Resolution awarding the contract to Peter Baker & Son for the 2015 MFT Street Maintenance Project.
- 2015-R-33** 9/10/2015 A Resolution approving change order No. 1 for Peter Baker & Son in the amount of \$143,049.
- 2015-R-34** 9/24/2015 A Resolution authorizing a rate adjustment for RHMG Engineers for Engineering Services.
- 2015-R-35** 9/24/2015 A Resolution approving change order No. 1 in the amount of 3,629.37 as a reduction to the initial contract amount for the 2014 MFT & CDBG Street Maintenance Project.
- 2015-R-36** 10/22/2015 A Resolution authorizing the Village of Beach Park to enter into a contract with Platinum Systems for computer & network management services.
- 2015-R-37** 11/12/2015 A Resolution authorizing the Village of Beach Park to enter into a contract with Comcast for phone and internet service.
- 2015-R-38** 11/12/2015 A Resolution accepting the renewal from IMLRMA for Village liability and worker's compensation insurance.

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- 2015-R-39** 11/12/2015 A Resolution renewing the contract for tow services with Roger Whitmore Automotive Inc.
- 2015-R-40** 11/18/2015 A Resolution supporting the submission of the 2016 Lake County Community Development Block Grant program.



Enroll Lake County! begins 2016 ACA enrollment drive

Open enrollment for plans in the Health Insurance Marketplace runs Nov. 1, 2015 – Jan. 31, 2016

Enroll Lake County!, the county-wide initiative designed to facilitate access to healthcare for Lake County residents, returns for its third annual enrollment drive. A project of the Lake County Health Department and Community Health Center in partnership with the Waukegan Public Library, Enroll Lake County! aims to enroll or re-enroll at least 3,000 Lake County residents in health insurance plans through the Health Insurance Marketplace. The Marketplace will open for three months, from November 1, 2015 through January 31, 2016. Certified navigators will be in place at various sites throughout the county to answer questions and help residents enroll or re-enroll in health insurance plans through the Marketplace or Medicaid. Appointments may be requested in English and Spanish by calling (847) 775-2582 or (847) 377-4999.

The Enroll Lake County! program has been very successful in decreasing the total number of county-wide uninsured in the previous two years. At the start of the program in 2014, 11% of Lake County residents were uninsured. By the end of the initiative's second year (2015), the number of uninsured had dropped to 5%. Enroll Lake County! will place special focus on enrolling residents who do not speak English as a primary language, as they are disproportionately uninsured.

The Lake County Health Department and Community Health Center, in partnership with the Waukegan Public Library, will coordinate with four local agencies as its Year 3 Grant Partners: A Safe Place, Mano a Mano, Moraine Township, and the YWCA Lake County.

Residents who enrolled in a health insurance plan through the Marketplace last year must re-enroll this year or be automatically re-enrolled in their current plan. Those interested in exploring healthcare options through the Marketplace are encouraged to contact Enroll Lake County! for an appointment with a certified navigator.

For more information, please contact Tatiana Alonso, Program Manager for Enroll Lake County!, at (847) 775-2565.

TOP LINE TRANSPORTION

is hiring drivers to transport special needs students.

NO CDL REQUIRED

Also looking for bus drivers. Please call 847-244-8700 between the hours of 9 am and 2pm, Monday thru Friday.

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