



The Village Link

FALL 2009

SPECIAL NOTICE! **BEACH PARK HOLIDAY PARTY**

The Village of Beach Park, Senior Christmas Party will be held on Tuesday, December 8, 2009 at Thunderhawk Golf Course, recreational room. The party will start at noon and end at 3PM.

The event will include lunch, music by Ernie Garner, a surprise visitor, door prizes and a white elephant gift exchange. (make sure to bring yours so you can participate). Make your reservations anytime after November 9th at the Village Hall. Payments of \$10.00 per resident or \$15.00 per non-resident must be made at the time of reservation. No special mailings for this party will be mailed out this year!



A WORD FROM OUR MAYOR.....

It's fall again and we have experienced a very wet spring, a cool summer and now let's look forward to a beautiful fall. The Village of Beach park has been able to move forward in a very progressive manner in spite of the weather and particularly in spite of the severe economic downturn we are experiencing.

Our very beautiful park on Beach Road, Geo-Karis Park, is finished with the exception of some minor touches. The park is beautiful and provides something for everyone including kids, adults, sports, walking trails and family amenities. It also boasts a fine refreshment facility. Thanks to our Parks & Recreation Committee and the staff, this summer has seen numerous activities for the community and many more are planned. If you have not yet visited Geo-Karis Park, now is a good time to, and enjoy it. In spite of the poor economic climate your village has been able to continue



MAYOR JENSEN

services as usual. We are hopeful we will continue as we are, but obviously that depends upon the future. If this shrinking economy continues it may take its toll on us as well. We are in the solid financial condition we are in because of an efficient staff and a frugal administration. We have not retracted at all in our quest for economic development however, we have increased our efforts in this area.

You may have noticed the excitement on the Northeast corner of Wadsworth Rd., & Sheridan Rd., as we prepare for construction of a new CVS Pharmacy. They plan to expedite the building schedule as much

as possible. On Beach Rd., & Sheridan Rd., construction is finishing on a Car-wash/Mini-Mart/Service station. These 2 improvements will be great additions to the Sheridan Rd. corridor. We are not stopping there. Much has to be done to clean up and rebuild Sheridan Rd. and we are whirlwind planning to do just that. We are witnessing the State of Illinois as they improve Sheridan Rd., which was a long time coming and it will be a factor in new business considering this area.

We have neglected an intersection, namely Wadsworth & Lewis Ave., but we are now working with several folks to look at more commercial development in that area. We have not neglected one of the hottest spots in the Village and that is Wadsworth & Greenbay Rd. The hotel at that location is looking more and more promising as each day passes. It was thought that the economy would threaten the development

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however, it appears that financing has been ensured and the project along with a strip mall will be in the picture soon. Interest in development of other sites in that location have been noted as well.

The sports facilities both north of us and on the former Orchard Hills

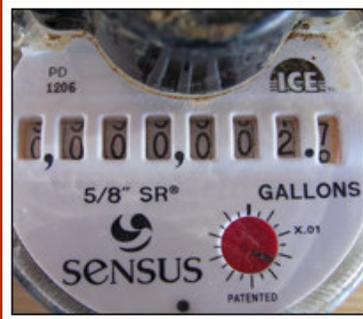
location are provoking interest in more commercial development. The widening of Greenbay Rd, will certainly help this activity as well as provide us with the traffic assistance we need. I wish I could say that we will soon see 4-lanes on Greenbay, but I can only say that it is on that slow track of government

fruition. If they spent as much time & money on building a road as they spent on meetings, planning & engineering we would be driving on 4 lanes now.

All of us at the Village Hall are dedicated to our work and to your service.

Mayor Milt Jensen

How to obtain your current water usage



Pictured to the left is the newest type of meter in our system, Sensus Meters. The reading on your bill is derived from reading the first 4 digits from the left in the odometer style reading device. Your meters are read in thousands of gallons. This meter reads 0 or 2.7 gallons of water. The red dial is a leak detector, so if you have

everything turned off, including things like ice-makers and it is moving, you have a leak on your side of the meter. This meter is fitted with an electronic reading device which transmits readings to a computer at meter reading time. The meter department typically reads your meter about the same time every two months. The date the

meter was read along with the current read is listed on your water bill. Subtract the visual number you obtain from the meter from what is listed on the water bill to find out what your water usage is since the last read. The water usage is in thousands of gallons. For additional assistance, please call the water department at 847-246-6018.

Home Repairs.... Know your rights!

When you plan for a home repair or improvement, it's important to get certain information in a contract, to protect yourself and your investment, such as;

- *contractor's full name, address & telephone number
- * a full description of the work to be performed
- *starting & estimated completion dates

- *total cost of work to be performed
- *method of payment for work including any down payments & final payments
- *language stating the grounds for termination of the contract by either party
- *always obtain a copy of the signed contract & keep it in a safe place for

reference.

The Village of Beach Park has a knowledgeable staff to answer questions about local contractors and any permits required for home improvement projects.

Feel free to call the Village at 847-246-6006, as the staff is always willing and ready to help!

Trustee Regina Miller



From your Beach Park Fire Department

We are very pleased to be of service to you, your continued support has always been our pillar of success and we are appreciative of all who have helped us become what we are today.

The second annual Child Safety Camp got raving reviews from all that attended. We have added so much more to the camps that the children keep coming back year after year. A special "thank you" goes out to Mayor Milt Jensen for presenting the certificates of achievement to the children, they were quite happy. We will advertise next year in March for the June 2010 classes.

As you receive this newsletter, school will have started. Please use extra caution while driving around busses and school zones.

Speaking of safety, let's all remember that we need a smoke detector and Carbon Monoxide detectors in our home. If you need help installing one, please call us we will be more than happy to help you install yours

Beach Park Fire Protection District is pleased to announce that we have added to the available hospitals we may transport to, The North Chicago Veteran's hospital, (for qualified veterans with veteran benefits). As a re-

minder, we transport residents to Vista East and West in Waukegan, Lake Forest, Con-dell in Libertyville and St. Catherine's in Kenosha, WI.

Keep an eye out for dates and times of our Open House we will be hosting soon. We hope to see you there!

As most of you probably have read or seen, we have a First Aid Trailer stationed at the Illinois State Beach. Please stop by for a tour! We are there on holiday weekends and warm week-ends.



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Village Board approves Water Rate Increase.....

On August 25, 2009, the Beach Park Village Board approved a water rate increase by 5.25%. The new rates will be effective on September 1, 2009. All bills generated on or after that date will be impacted by the new rates.

The residential & commercial water rates will go from \$5.53 per 1,000 gallons to \$5.82 per 1,000 gallons. (a 5.2% increase) The rate adjustment is necessary to continually pay for increasing costs of equipment, supplies, salaries, and services re-

quired for the operation and maintenance of the water rates, or what might be called our "fixed costs".

The Village of Beach Park buys all of our community's drinking water from one source, the City of Waukegan. The revenue from the consumption rates pays for the purchase of wholesale water, power to run the pumping systems which transport the water, and capital improvements to the water system. The proposed rate increases are needed to offset a 10% in-

crease in the wholesale cost of water to the Village from the City of Waukegan.

The Village must pass these cost increases along to our customers; however, it's important for our customers to know that these efforts will enable the Village to continue to provide the most reliable and efficient water supply to our community possible, both for existing customers and the generations of the future.



Village Administration

News from Benton Township Offices



Jan Suthard

Benton Township Office is located at the Northwest corner of 29th Street and Greenbay Road at 40020 N. Greenbay Road, Beach Park IL 847-746-2100

United States
Census 2010

AARP Driving Class - October 6th & 7th from 10 am till 2 pm. Call to sign up, space is limited.

Senior Spelling Bee—For ages 62 & up. October 15, 2009 starting at 10 am. Includes lunch & great prizes. Sign up at 847-746-2100.

Passport Fair October 22, 2009. Noon till 3 pm at the Township Offices. Call 847-746-2100 for more information.

Flu & Pneumonia Vaccines—October 29th from 8:30 till 3:30 pm at the Township Offices. Medicare FREE. Credit cards excepted.

Lake Forest Care Coach—October 29th, 8:30 till noon & 1pm till 3:30 pm for FREE health screenings.

Cash Dash Event (unclaimed property) November 5th from 1 pm till 4 pm at the Township Offices. IL State Treasurer's Office representative will be available to help residents find out if they have any monies owed to them.

4th Annual Community Corporate Spelling Bee—November 12th at North Point Community Church, Winthrop Harbor.

6pm refreshments, 7pm spelling bee begins. Nominal fee charged at the door. Proceeds support Community Resources for Education & Wellness in Beach Park, Winthrop Harbor and Zion communities. Call Jan for more information.

CLC provides GED Classes at Pearce Campus East, call 847-731-9143 for more information.

Meals on Wheels—call 847-546-5733 ask for the Meals on Wheels program.

Drop off used eye glasses for refurbishing at the Township Offices.

It's in our hands.....



The Village of Beach Park is working with the U.S. Census Bureau to ensure that Beach Park gets an accurate count during the 2010 U.S. Census.

The U.S. census will define who we are as a nation! The census affects political representation and directs the allocation of billions of dollars in government funding. The U.S. Constitution requires a national census once every 10 years. This includes people of all ages, races, ethnic

groups, both citizens and non-citizens. The 2010 Census will create hundreds of thousands of temporary jobs across the nation. The 2010 Census questionnaire asks only a few simple questions of each person; name, relationship, gender, age and date of birth, race and whether you own or rent your home. This simple short form only takes a few minutes to complete and return by mail. The Census Bureau does not

release or share information that identifies individual respondents or their household for 72 years. All information is kept confidential.

So, when you receive your questionnaire in April, 2010, please fill it out and return it to the Census bureau as soon as possible to ensure an accurate count for Beach Park!!

Thank you!

Solid Waste Agency of Lake County

Beach Park residents have two ways to dispose of their household chemical waste;

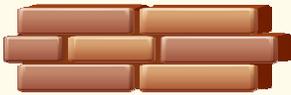
- 1) Year-round Collection Events are held at the SWALCO permanent facility in Gurnee
- 2) Mobile Collection Events held at various locations through out Lake County from April through November.

An appointment is necessary for the year round program, The collection is held twice a month, including the second Saturday of every month. These collections are for residential waste only. Commercial Waste will be turned away.

The facility is located at

1311 N. Estes St., Gurnee, IL.

(due to construction in the area, please use Rt. #41 to Delany Rd. (north) to Grove (east to Estes).



BRICKS FOR SALE...



The Parks & Recreation Department is undertaking a project known as a memorial/celebration walk at the Geo-Karis Park, located on Beach Road. We are selling engraved bricks to residents/businesses for a fee of \$50.00 each. The brick will be laser engraved with up to 3 lines of 14 characters per line. This is a unique opportunity in which to remember, celebrate or recognize someone. (Special occasions, pets, etc)

You may order your brick by submitting the bottom 1/2 of this form along with your payment to the Village of Beach Park. (Cash, Visa or MasterCard accepted in person only)

We all hope everyone enjoyed their summer and we look forward to an eventful fall....

Richard Gust

Chairman, Parks & Recreation Committee

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Checks shall be made payable to: Village of Beach Park
For questions, please call 847-246-6006

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