



Village of Beach Park

The Village Link

A WORD FROM OUR MAYOR



MAYOR MILT JENSEN

AARP 55- ALIVE CLASS

The Village of Beach park will be hosting another 55-Alive, AARP Driving class on Monday & Tuesday, August 11th & 12th. The class will be held from 9 AM to 1 PM in the lower level of the Village Hall. The cost is \$12.00 for AARP members and \$14.00 for non-members. For more information, please call 847-746-1770.

The days are longer and warmer and we feel just wonderful after abandoning the bonds of winter. We are looking forward to schools being out and our family vacation plans are cooking on the front burner. It is a grand time of year.... that first blush of summer!

With the fun and freedom of the summer months taking our time and attention, we have to remember that those who are not so interested in our good fortune are out to seek our fortune or in some way spoil it all for us. I refer to the vandals and burglars who like the long days and warm evenings of summer.

With the season comes a rash of burglaries along with increased vandalism. These acts are not concentrated in one particular area of our village, but throughout the entire community and our

neighboring communities as well. It is a time we must be vigilant and take every precaution to protect our belongings and our property. There are some very simple, yet effective measures, that do just that.

In Beach Park, we have conducted an ongoing effort to conscript neighborhood watch communities within our village. They are proving extremely effective and we encourage more participation. There are not enough police officers to watch the world night and day, and not enough to watch this community, so we have to be the eyes for law enforcement and when we do, it is unbelievable how crime drops. Neighborhoods that have adopted Neighborhood Watch have residents who feel safer and more comfortable, not to mention that they now know and ap-

preciate their neighbors.

Creating a watch in your neighborhood is not complicated and in fact is much like a neighborhood picnic as it brings neighbors closer together. If you or your neighbors feel uncomfortable with suspicious activities in your community, it may be time to take that first step. Call the Village Hall and simply tell them you are interested in forming a watch community and our staff will do the rest.

You will meet with neighbors and learn how this program is organized, how it is conducted and how effective it is. Our experience shows it is extremely effective and allows people to feel free to relax and enjoy this summer and for that matter... all seasons.

We have the phone notification service in the





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Village that we refer to as the “reverse 911” program. In the event that various crime problems occur in a neighborhood, we augment the Neighborhood Watch program with a very select area and warn individuals of the situation and ask them to be vigi-

lant as well. Coupled with the watch program we make our community a very poor place to ply your trade if you are bent on robbing or vandalizing property. We are the eyes and ears of our police, which makes them more responsive and effective.

I hope you all have a very wonderful summer and that the suggestions I have offered here will make it even more enjoyable.

Mayor Milt Jensen

PARKS & RECREATION'S



TRUSTEE RICHARD GUST

There has been a lot of activity in the Parks & Recreation Department of Beach Park and we are not finished yet! Beach Park celebrated our 20th Anniversary on May 22, 2009. There was a resident appreciation day held at the Village Hall open to all residents, with cake and coffee and a tour of the Village Hall for anyone interested in coming out. It really was a great day! Thank you to everyone who stopped to check us out.

Here is a list of upcoming events to keep your eye out for....

Starting May 19, 2009 and running through October 20, 2009,

Beach Park will host a Farmer’s Market. It will be open from 1PM to 5:30PM on the corner of Wadsworth Road and Lewis Ave.

Movie in the Park—TBA.

Movie at Cambridge—TBA

Swim Night for children with “Special needs” - July 9, 2009 &

August 6, 2009 at the Shiloh Pool in Zion. Call 847-746-1770 for more information.

Concert in the Park—Saturday, July 18, 2009 from 2PM to 4PM. Brian R. Harris and his Group.

2nd Annual Beach Park Fest—August 22, 2009, crafts, car show and lots of food & drinks.

Enjoy your summer!

Trustee Richard Gust

Chairman, Parks &

Recreation Department

Sheridan Road Streetscape Plan

The Village of Beach Park adopted a Streetscape Plan for the continued redevelopment of Sheridan Rd. Formally known as the Sheridan Road Corridor Design Guidelines, this plan is designed to improve Sheridan Roads' ambiance by improving its "view-scape". Items covered include guidelines for sidewalks, landscaping, streetlights, signs, façades and other structural amenities designed to make Sheridan Rd a more attractive place to shop.

The criteria contained in these guidelines are specific, yet the implementation methods are somewhat flexible, giving consideration to the current economic slowdown and the fact that Sheridan Road's turnaround is still in its early stages. The guidelines will lead us to a much better Sheridan Road Corridor. Although it won't happen overnight, our goal is to encourage business growth through the improvement of quality of Sheridan Road as a

place to do business.

But we also felt that we needed to start somewhere, and our journey toward a greatly improved Sheridan Road began with the formal approval of this document. By adopting these guidelines, the Village Board provides developers with a set of goals that are large enough to make them stretch, yet are also flexible, realistic and attainable.

Beach Park, like any other community, can be viewed as a "product." To increase "sales" (new business moving in), a community can engage in "discounting" (providing incentives, or lowering the price). Better yet, it can make "product improvements". Our Sheridan Road Corridor Design Guidelines is clearly "product improvement!"

The Sheridan Road Corridor Design Guidelines can be viewed on Beach Park's website, www.villagerofbeachpark.com, or at the Village Hall.



*Congratulations to
"Team Beach Park"
on their re-election!*



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