



## WINTER 2009

Winter 2009

### A WORD FROM OUR MAYOR.....

Our summer, that is, what we had of it, has passed and we are heading into fall & winter and like you, the Village is gearing up for the winter season.

As you may recall, last winter was extremely tough. Snow & ice kept our Public Works staff busy almost full time and in spite of extreme difficulties, they did an excellent job. Remember how the highways and streets were outside the Village of Beach Park? In our Village, streets, for the most part, were ice free and passable. To accomplish this was extremely difficult for several reasons, the worst of which was the difficulty of obtaining salt and the extremely high prices they were demanding for it. Our Superintendent of Public Works, Gene Gross, spent endless hours on the telephone attempting to obtain salt at any price. Gene's efforts paid off eventually, as

Beach Park was able to obtain the necessary salt and sand to carry us throughout the winter.

Since that time, we have taken several steps to ensure that we are prepared for the same circumstances this coming winter. We have built a new salt barn on Glendale Avenue that is adequate to hold all the salt we will need for a normal winter and we have begun filling it as this is being written and have contracted for additional salt in the future. All of this being said, I think we are going to experience a winter with excellent driving conditions in the Village of Beach Park, just as we did in 2008.

As you may know, we are in the process of building a new Public Works Facility on Glendale Avenue. It is our hope to have all of our maintenance and equipment located at that site by Christmas. This facility provides

storage for all our equipment as well as base for repairing machinery. Our crews have worked under very difficult circumstances since our Village was incorporated at the Public Works Facility located on 29th Street & Greenbay Road. I know our crew is looking forward to working from their new facility as are all of us on the Board and staff.

Turning to another subject, I am sure that you've all been well informed as to the financial plight of many villages & cities in our area, and for that matter, over the Country. It is my privilege to inform you that in spite of the economic conditions we face, your Village is in good financial condition. We do this without a real estate tax and for that reason alone we should take pride in the management of our public affairs. It is not that we are geniuses or exceptional financial people, but



Mayor Milton C. Jensen

*Trustee Richard Gust would like to thank everyone who attended the various parks & recreation events in 2009. The Parks & Recreation committee is looking forward to a great 2010 year ahead with a lot more activities to attend.*

*Please make sure to check out our calendar of events in the coming new year!*

*Happy Holiday Season!*





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rather that we employ people that manage money well and have a Board of Trustees that monitors and establishes a budget that is workable.

The Village Board recently enacted ordinances creating two new TIF (Tax Increment Finance) Districts. These districts include most of Lewis Avenue lying within the Village of Beach Park as well as a major portion of Greenbay Road lying within the Village of Beach Park. These districts are crucial to the development of commercial establishments along these arteries. These districts provide the Village with the ability to attract new business by virtue of economic incentives. We have found it to be quite successful on Sheridan Road where two major developments are underway and a third in the planning stages. Without this tool, we may not

have been able to accomplish that.

Things happening along Greenbay Road look promising to us. For example, the Sports Complex being developed by the Waukegan Park District on the old golf course site, will be a substantial generator of traffic that will spend dollars in our commercial district on Greenbay Road. The advent of the Wal-Mart store in Zion has created more traffic on Greenbay Road, south of Kenosha Road and on Kenosha Road itself. We also feel that the new ballpark at 9th & Greenbay Road will serve to generate more traffic and provide us with many more potential customers along that highway.

You have heard a great deal about a hotel development on the SE corner of Wadsworth Road and Greenbay Road and I want to tell you that that pro-

ject is still alive. The economic conditions that we are experiencing has made venture capital very difficult to obtain, however, we are vigorously pursuing all avenue available for financing and we feel confident that we are very close to our goal.

As we close another year at the Village of Beach Park, I want to thank personally, a dedicated staff at the Village Hall, an enthusiastic Public Works crew, a very progressive and active Board of Trustees and most of all citizens who support the endeavors of their elected officials.

With that, I want to wish all of you a very pleasant and Happy Holiday season as we move into 2010.

Milt Jensen  
Mayor

## **AARP DRIVER'S SAFETY CLASS**

The AARP Drivers Safety Class will be offered from 9 AM to 1 PM at the Village of Beach Park, Village Hall, on March 8th & 9th, 2010. The 8-hour class is a refresher course designed to meet the needs of mature drivers. The program covers driver's safety techniques and can help prevent injury and even lower insurance rates.

The cost is \$12.00 for AARP members or \$14.00 for non-members. This cost is payable at the time of the class. Participants must attend both half day sessions to complete the course. Registration is limited, so please call the Village Hall at 847-746-1770 to sign up.





## Benton Township News

Benton Township Office is located at the NW corner of 29th Street & Greenbay Road. The office number is 847-746-2100. The following are services their office offers:

Drop off gently used coats—thru January 2010 for local residents in need.

AARP Drivers Class—February 1st & 8th from 10 am till 2 pm. Call to sign up for space is limited.

Senior Resource Day—Wednesday, April 28th, 2010 from 8:30 till noon at the Zion Park District Leisure center. Over 30 exhibitors, door prizes, donuts, coffee and lunch will be provided.

Senior Circle—Seniors 50+ pick up an application to join activities, events & trips. Sponsored by Vista Health System.

Dial-A-Ride Bus Service—Benton Township residents can call to schedule a ride one day

in advance at 800-201-6446. The service hours are Tuesday & Thursdays from 8:30 to 4 PM  
Senior assistance in fueling your car—From now until April 1st, on Wednesdays from 9—1 PM at the Marathon Station at Wadsworth Rd & Greenbay Rd, Beach Park Phillips 66 at Rte 173 & Kenosha Rd and the Winthrop Harbor Marathon at 9th St. & Sheridan Rd. You can pick up a placard at the township offices.

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

CLC provides GED classes at Pearce Campus East, call 847-731-9143

Drop off non perishable food & health/beauty products for local food pantries or used eye glasses for refurbishing at the Township Office.

Free Rules of the Road booklet & Illinois State maps are avail-

able at the township office.

Benton Greenwood Cemetery—plots available. Call the township for more information.

Looking for Career Training & Development Assessment? - Contact Zion Benton Workforce Development Training Center at 847-731-9143. Services available for training & retraining workers.

Socks for the Soul—Drop off packages of socks for adults & children (preferable crew socks designed for warmth) to be distributed to local families in need.



*Jan Suthard,  
Supervisor*



## Beach Park Vehicle Stickers

The Village of Beach Park offer's free vehicle stickers to Beach Park residents. The new sticker's are available now with proof of residency and vehicle identification records.

Please stop at the Village Hall, Monday thru Thursday from 8 am to 5 pm or Friday's from 8 am to 4 pm to register and get your sticker.



## Annual Luck-O-Irish

The date and time for the 2010 Annual Luck-O-Irish Party in March will be announced after the first of the year! Make sure to call the Village Hall to get signed up.





## Ordinance Reminders



The Village of Beach Park Board of Trustee's recently passed an amendment to the Excessive Noise Ordinance. The following information was added to the ordinance. For a complete copy of the ordinance, go to our website at [www.villageofbeachpark.com](http://www.villageofbeachpark.com) and search for Ordinance 9.04.010 and add the following;

1) It is unlawful for any driver or person in possession of any

type of a motor vehicle, on any public or private road or drive, in any public or private location or park to create any type of excessive electronically amplified noise audible beyond 25 feet.

Another Ordinance reminder for Village of Beach Park residents during this season is the No Parking After a 2 inch snow fall. Please search Ordinance #10.08.050 for a complete copy of that ordinance as well.

Lastly, the Village Board has amended the Burning Ordinance as well, however, the Planning & Zoning Committee is taking another look at the changes that were adopted and the Ordinance may change again. Please make sure to keep current on all Village Ordinances and Regulations throughout the year.



The Village of Beach Park contracts with the Lake County Sheriff's Office for their police service.

If you are in need of police service in an emergency, or to report an accident or crime in progress, please dial 911.

For non-emergency police service, such as delayed incidences, questions or to file a report, call 847-549-5200.

The Village of Beach Park has a car patrolling the Village exclusively between 6:30 am and 11:00 pm. The Beach Park car is assisted during these hours by 2 or 3 other Lake County Sheriff cars that patrol the north/east part of the County. During the midnight shift, Beach Park is covered by 2 or 3 squads that cover the north/east part of the county.

Day shift Supervisors can be reached at 847-377-7021 from 6:30 am to 3 pm. Afternoon Shift Supervisors can be reached at 847-377-7023 from 2:30 pm to

11 pm. Midnight Shift Supervisors can be reached at 847-377-7022 from 10:30 pm to 7 am.

These numbers are normally manned for the first 2 hours of the shifts and voicemail is available at all other times. The on duty shift commander can also be reached through our non-emergency number at any time. (847-549-5200)

If you have a question or complaint in regards to police service you can contact the appropriate Shift Supervisor at the above listed numbers.

To request a "house check" (a deputy will check your house for security) when you go on vacation or are away from home for an extended period (one day or more) please contact the non emergency number 24 hours a day. Use this same number to cancel the house check.

To inquire about follow up investigations on a report that you have

filed, contact the Criminal Investigations Division, Mon-Fri from 8 am to 5 pm at 847-377-4250.

Questions related to filed reports, warrants, or jail custody can be handled by the main switchboard at 847-377-4000. Copies of police reports can be obtained at the main Sheriff's Office, Mon-Fri from 8 am to 5 pm. And the office is located at 25 S. Martin Luther King Ave., Waukegan IL. The cost is \$5.00 per report; however, they are free for senior citizens.

To inquire about special services or the Neighborhood Watch Program, you can contact the Community Service Division at 847-377-7211.

The Lake County Sheriff's office takes pride in providing service to residents of Beach Park. We are always interested in public feedback. E-mails to the sheriff can be address via the Sheriff's Office website at <http://lakecountyil.gov/sheriff/default..htm>.



## Neighborhood Watch for you?



A familiar tool which has been used by Law Enforcement agencies for years, has gained sudden popularity in many neighborhoods of our Village. It is a division of the Lake County Sheriff's community policing initiative, known as Neighborhood Watch. Community policing encourages police officers to form a partnership with the community & residents they serve.

The foundation of this partnership is dependent on trust, confidence & communication. The Village of Beach Park & the Lake County Sheriff's Office have been hard at work establishing community policing relationships & through this have created three new Neighborhood Watch areas with two more areas awaiting start up in just the past 7 weeks. Neighborhood Watch is a nationally recognized program that was created to involve citizens in the prevention of residential crime. The program

encourages citizens to secure their home & personal properties, to protect themselves and their neighborhoods & to report any suspicious activities to police, which will help make local law enforcement more effective in its rights against crime through neighborhood involvement and participation!

Lake County Sheriff's Deputy & Crime Prevention Officer, Maureen Kinyon serves as the Village's liaison and has been a staunch ally in the Village's Neighborhood Watch community policing initiatives.

Deputy Kinyon says that in "Today's Economic Climate" we are having more crimes of desperation. The economy is driving the crime rate up. Mayor Jensen also feels that without Neighborhood Watch, residents and their homes would be much more vulnerable. I feel that it is important that the Village and the Lake County Sheriff's Office continue to encour-

age, support & promote your Neighborhood Watch efforts in order to make sure that you feel safe & secure in the areas in which you live.

Residents interested in starting a Neighborhood Watch or who would like more information should contact us at 847-746-1770.

*Also, let us keep in our prayers the young men & woman serving in our Armed Forces who protect our great nation, along with their families & the families of those who paid the ultimate sacrifice.*

*Wishing you a very safe & Happy Holiday season.  
Best wishes....*

*Trustee  
Larry Wells*



## Last chance!

The Village of Beach Park is offering commemorative bricks that can be purchased to be placed in the memorial walk at the Geo-Karis Park. The memorial walk will be placed in the ground around the flag poles that are presently there now. You can purchase a brick by going to our website, or calling the Village Hall at 847-746-1770. The bricks hold up to 3

lines and a total of 14 spaces per line. (the 14 spaces includes any commas, periods, or spaces) You can even add a graphic, however each graphic takes up 4 spaces per line. The cost is \$50.00 each and will make the perfect holiday present for a loved one to be remembered or family member or friend to be honored.

Thank you & have a great holiday season!



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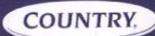


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