



The Village Link

A WORD FROM OUR MAYOR.....



MAYOR
MILT JENSEN

This summer has been a busy time in our Village. Some of the accomplishments are very significant in terms of operating the municipality.

In the business sector, the new CVS Pharmacy opened at the intersection of Wadsworth and Sheridan Roads. This was chosen as a location for several reasons, two of them being the lack of a pharmacy in the East side of Beach Park and the State Park traffic. It appears that their business is flourishing! South of that intersection at Beach Road, Anna's Market opened. It is a service station, car wash and mini-mart. That location is doing a fantastic trade! This new facility is the result of our Sheridan Road TIF.

We built, opened and dedicated a new Public Works Facility on Glendale Ave., North of 29th St. Our old facility at the corner of 29th and Green Bay Road was in terrible shape and really did not provide the work space or amenities necessary for

our crews to work, store and maintain our equipment and supplies. The building was on a septic system, which had failed, and our options were limited. It was decided to purchase the land on Glendale and build a new facility there rather than attempt to build or remodel at the old site.

We operate our Public Works Department with seven employees. They are responsible for streets, alleys, sewer and water as well as a multitude of various other duties. I doubt any community has this kind of efficiency built in, and we knew to keep this high level of dedication to us, we had to give them a place to work that would make their work easier and even more efficient. That is what we did.

You are aware that we levy no real estate tax, so it was a daring step to embark on a building project such as this. A decision was made to do the job in house. Our Building Inspector, Mr.

Leroy Bolt, was charged with being the General Contractor. Much of the work was accomplished by our staff, and a pole-barn type building was chosen. Ultimately, two buildings were erected on the site. One is for storage of equipment and the other, the office, planning, water meter facility and break room; and the most significant portion of the facility is the mechanical repair section. This area is modern, up to date and now gives our employees a good place to do their work. I nearly forgot to mention that our regular crew does all our equipment maintenance as well. I call that government efficiency. Many could learn from us.

On my portion of the Village website is a link that takes you to my page, which contains a forum for anyone to open a dialog about the Village, and it is having a lot of play.

*Make sure to call
the Village Hall
at 847-746-1770
for upcoming
events and Senior
parties....*



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One item mentioned was mosquito spraying. The writer expressed his feeling that we were late in our spraying efforts. Since then the schedule for spraying has been set.

Another item on the forum was the question of a post office. Believe me we have worked on it for a long time. It has been nearly 14 years that I have spent on this endeavor and to no avail. The Postal Service claims they will not add zip codes under any circumstances. This is not good for Beach Park. Businesses for example, check zip codes as a general rule, and if the zip code is not a healthy one they bypass the community.



Trustee Richard Gust

Hello Folks! I want to Thank You all for helping me with an awesome year & the many activities, including the Luck-o-Irish party, Easter Egg Hunt, Village Wide Garage Sale, movies in the park, concerts in the park, and all of the "Special Needs" events, (horseback riding, movies at Gurnee Mills and golf outings). Thanks to the Beach Park Beauty Queens for helping out at a lot of these events. There were many softball and soccer games as well as baseball games and the Farmer's Market. To finish

Credit checks are often focused on the zip code and you may be denied credit simply because of the zip code you have.

We have been offered an option. The Postal Service will run a survey among the residents of Beach Park allowing them to choose between the 4 existing codes. The one most preferred can be used. At least we'd have one zip code for the whole village. Something to ponder.

One more forum topic was bicycle paths and trails. We are not neglecting this item. Our development staff is working as this is being written, with the Illinois Department of Natural Re-

sources to incorporate some bicycle trails to join the park. We think this would be a nice arrangement and give our residents some very unique trails to ride.

I would be remis if I did not mention our new kiddy park (Braum Park) on Major Avenue next to the new Beach Park Fire Station. We chose the theme for the park to be a fire station with fire trucks and accoutrements that fit the fire theme. It seemed to be the right way to go.

I trust you have had a good summer; and always feel free to use our website for feedback or call me any time.

Mayor Milt

Parks & Recreation

off our season, don't forget the Annual Beach Park Fest and the Drive-In at the park, complete with car hops! Watch next year for the new Band Shelter that is being built.

As you all have probably noticed, we have opened a new park, Braim Park, located on Major Avenue. There you can enjoy the walking path which totals a 1/4 of a mile, or sit on the benches and watch as your toddler enjoys the park equipment.

I would like to extend a special Thanks to Mayor

Jensen, the Parks & Recreation Committee, Laurie Cvangros, Mark Ottersen, Larry Wells, Linda Sittig, our Building & Zoning Department, LeRoy Bolt, Donna Perez, and Linda Guynn who ran the Farmer's Market. Without all of their help and support, which is greatly appreciated, the move forward would not have been so smooth!

I hope you all enjoy the rest of your summer and we'll see you next spring!

Thank you,
Trustee Richard Gust

News from Benton Township Office

Flu & Pneumonia Vaccines: Thursday, September 16th from 8:30 am until 3:30 pm by a certified pharmacist at our office. Flu \$24.00; Pneumonia \$49.99. Free for Medicare. Payment accepted in cash or credit cards. Call for an appointment.

Northwestern Lake Forest Care Coach: October 13th from 10 am till 1 pm at the Township Office for health screening.

Early Voting begins at the Township Offices on October 11th.

Senior Law Day: September 29th from 1 pm to 3:30 pm at the Lake County Courthouse. "What seniors need to know about the law".. Meet your Lake County Judges & take a tour of the jail. Call 847-377-3818 to RSVP.

55 & Over dinner every Tuesday at 6PM followed by line dancing at 7PM. Shiloh Center, Lower Level. Call 847-746-5500 to sign up. Donations for meals accepted.

55 & Over Walk n Break-

fast Club: Mondays at 8 am walking at the Leisure Center Sports Arena, 2400 Dowie Memorial Drive, breakfast at 9:30 am. Call 847-746-5500 to sign up. Donations accepted.

Free Amplified Phones: neither age nor income a requirement. Pick up applications at the Township Office.

Drop off non perishable food & health /beauty products at the Township Office for local pantries.

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

Dial-A-Ride Bus service: for Benton Township residents. Service hours: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 8:30 am to 4 pm. To schedule a ride, call 800-201-6446 one day in advance.

Senior Free Ride Program: senior citizens age 65 or over are eligible for free transit on fixed routes operated by the CTA, Metra & Pace. Call for appointment to apply & have your picture taken.

Meals on Wheels: Call 847-546-5733 ask for Meals on Wheels program

Free rules of the Road Handbook, Illinois Bike Route Maps & Illinois State Highway maps available at the Township Office.

Benton Greenwood Cemetery plots available.

Full Moon 5K Run/Walk: October 20th at 8PM. Starts & finishes at the Zion Park District Sports arena. All proceeds support Community Resources for Education & Wellness. (CREW INC.). Call 847-872-2830 to register.

5th Annual Corporate Spelling Bee: November 4th at 7PM. North Point Christian Church in Winthrop Harbor. For details, call 847-746-2100 or email jsuthard@bentontownship.com

Thank you and if you ever need any additional information on any of the above mentioned activities, please feel free to give me a call at 847-746-2100.

Jan Suthard, Benton Township Supervisor

Benton Township Office is located at the North West corner of 29th Street and Greenbay Road. 847-746-2100





From the Beach Park Fire Department

As the seasons change, we wanted to make sure that you, the residents, know how much your support has meant to us. This last year has brought us much closer to a safer Beach Park. The addition of our new station at 11310 Major will be a mutual benefit for our department as well as the residents of Beach Park. The station will be manned 24/7 365 days a year with qualified Firefighters & Paramedics. 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.

If you haven't done so already, please change the batteries in all your smoke detectors. This year's na-

tional Fire Protection Association slogan for fire safety week in October is "Beep! Beep! Smoke Alarms; A Sound You Can Live With"

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

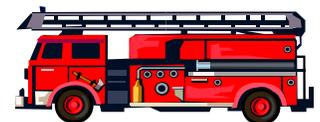
Beach park Fire Protection District is pleased to announce that we have added to the available hospitals we may transport to. It is the North Chicago Veteran's Hospital, (for qualified veterans with veterans' benefits.) As a reminder we transport residents to Vista East and West in Waukegan, Lake Forest, Condell

in Libertyville, and St. Catherine's in Kenosha, WI. That being said, I wish to remind all Beach Park residents that if an emergency arises and you are taken by our ambulance, *no out of pocket expenses* will be incurred by the resident.

Don't forget that we are here to help out the Beach Park residents. If you need us for Birthday Party's, or a Block party, please call us so we can schedule your event. Also, if you would like to schedule a tour or reserve our conference room for a meeting place, just let us know.

T.J. Alexander

Fire Prevention Officer



AARP CLASS AT THE VILLAGE HALL

The Village of Beach Park will host another AARP Drivers Safety Class for drivers 55 and up on Monday & Tuesday, October 11th & 12th. This is a 2-day

class, 4 hours each. The classes will be held at the Village Hall, 11270 W. Wadsworth Rd., Beach Park, Lower Level. There is a \$12.00 fee for residents and \$14.00 fee

for non residents and is payable the 1st day of class to the instructor. The classes fill up quick, so call 847-746-1770 now to sign up!

Shop Beach Park

Golf-A-Rama located at 38152 N. Sheridan Rd., Beach Park. Open 7 days a week, Sunday thru Thursday from 10 am to 9:30 pm and Friday & Saturday from 10 am to 11:30 pm. Owned and operated by Will Pace & Tom LeBarbera



Golf-A-Rama is a walk down memory lane as you can revisit this restored 18 hole mini golf amusement area you visited as a child growing up in the Beach Park area. And it just keeps getting better! Will boasts of the exciting fun which includes water tag, a moon walk, and a video arcade. In the fall, he will bring back the haunted house walk, as well as a soon to be completed remote control racetrack. Golf-A-Rama is available for a variety of parties and special events by calling 847-913-5216.

Frank N Fries located at 38170 N. Sheridan Rd., Beach Park. Open 7 days a week from 10:30 am to 9 pm. Owned and operated by Jayshree & Akshay Shah.

Established in 2006, this restaurant specializes in authentic Chicago style all beef Vienna beef hot dogs and fries. Also on the menu are mouth watering Italian beef sandwiches, gyros carved right from the spit and freshly prepared sandwiches made to order. Kids meals are available along with appetizers, side orders, shakes and smoothies. Be sure to check out the daily lunch and dinner specials and follow those up with their deep fired Oreos, Twinkies or Snickers. For more information, call or fax 847-599-0831



Shop locally at businesses in Beach Park. Each edition of the Village Link will feature 2 local businesses for you to check out!



Guidelines for draining your pool

Chlorinated water discharged to surface waters (wetlands, lakes, streams and rivers), roadways or storm sewers has an adverse impact on local water quality. High concentrations of chlorine, which are present in swimming pools, are toxic to wildlife and fish. When draining your pool for the winter, please follow one of the following measures:

* De-chlorinate the water in the pool prior to draining. This can be done through mechanical or chemical means. These types of products are readily available at local stores. OR

* Drain the pool over a period of several days across your lawn following these additional guidelines:

- 1) Allow pool water to sit for at least 2 days while receiving a reasonable amount

of sunlight, and without further addition of chlorine or bromine. Test the chlorine level after 2 days to ensure that safe levels are met (below 0.1 mg/l)

- 2) Direct discharges from the pool across your lawn, not down your driveway or into nearby storm sewer inlets. Our storm sewer system leads directly to wetlands, streams lakes or rivers.

These recommendations are based on guidance from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. Visit www.epa.state.il.us/water for additional information. You may also contact Village Hall at 847-746-1770. Thank you for doing your part to help promote cleaner wetlands, streams, lakes and rivers.

SWALCO

The Solid Waste Agency of Lake County collects household chemical wastes (HCW) at its Gurnee drive through facility located at 1311 N. Estes Street. The year-round program offers collections the 2nd Saturday of each month and the 4th Monday of each month except in December. Appointments are required. Please contact SWALCO at 847-336-9340 or visit the SWALCO website www.swalco.com to schedule your appointment.



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