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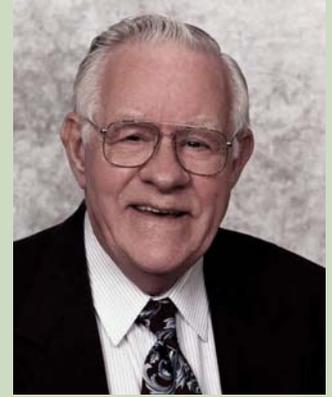


WINTER 2010

WORDS FROM OUR MAYOR...

It seems like yesterday that I completed my last article for the Village Link and here we are again!

First, there is something that I would like to clear up. As you may all have known by reading the local papers, I am fighting a battle with esophageal cancer and because of that, during the next few months there may be times that I am not able to fulfill all of the duties of my office. That would include attending meetings, both regular and special, and it might preclude me from being available

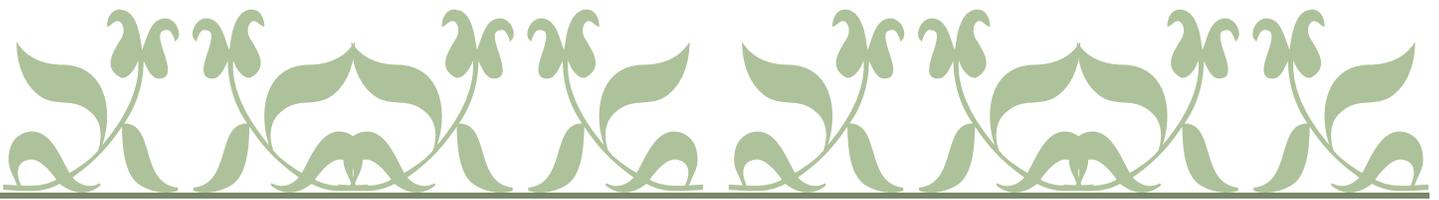


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to sign required documents on a day to day basis. It is quite common in these cases to appoint someone to act in your behalf under the circumstances I stated above. The position in this case is known as *Mayor Pro Tem*. As the term indicates, this is a temporary replacement for the Mayor. So in clarification to those who were confused by the news items, I am not and have not gone anywhere, and will continue to be the Mayor of Beach Park. Trustee John Hucker was appointed by the Village Board to serve in that capacity. John has been with the Village in some capacity since its inception. He has served twice on the Zoning Board of Appeals and twice as Trustee, so he comes to us with a great deal of experience and will be able to handle the duties he will be required to do, very well.

Being the Winter edition of the Village Link, I would like to comment on that weather phenomenon we all love so dearly, that being the snowfall. Since last year, we have opened a new Public Works Facility on Glendale Avenue that is designed to be user-friendly for our Public Works employees and also to facilitate ease of storage and use of our equipment. Even though our record on snow removal is excellent, we believe that we now have the tools to do it even better. We do ask that you observe the signs that prohibit parking during periods of snow fall, so that we can keep the streets of Beach Park clear. You may recall in winters past, that you were able to drive in Beach Park, and had difficulty when you left the Village. We intend to keep that record!

I know that you all hear each day about cities and villages that are in dire financial straits. The Village of Beach Park however, is not one of them. Not that our finances are so grandiose that we can be foolish, but the fact that we have been frugal, points to the fact that we are not one of those who are in an emergency state at this time. Our general revenue is falling just like everyone else's and at the same time costs continue to rise. It's quite obvious that this trend cannot go on forever or the



consequences will be overwhelming. Because we have no real estate tax levied by the Village it is imperative that we look to other sources of revenue, the chief source being sales tax. As a result of that we have recently established three TIF districts in the Village affording us the opportunity to offer incentives to retail business.

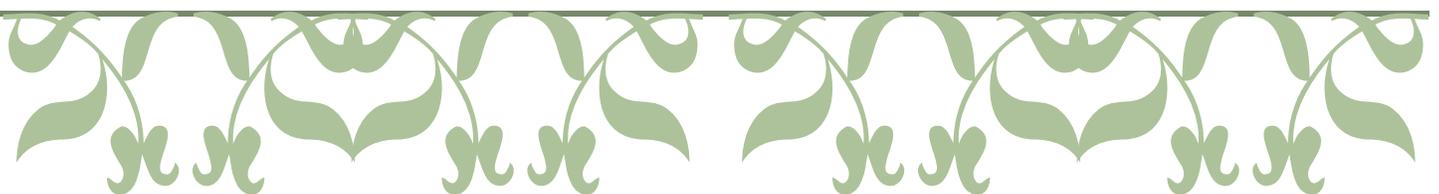
The economy is not good for business expansion as we all know, however, the Village of Beach Park is very pleased with the increase in prospects interested in our Village. Right now it looks very bright for at least three substantial new business locations. We don't like to count our chickens before they're hatched but we do feel quite confident that by spring the potential for us to purchase more products in Beach Park and also more dining in Beach Park, is very likely.

The next question that I am asked more than any other is, "What is happening with Greenbay Road?" "Will they be widening it soon?" The answer that I give today is much the same as the one that I gave yesterday and the one that I gave last year. I believe it will happen. I don't believe this will be any time soon because the State of Illinois simply has tasked such a dismal financial path that money is just not available. Most State projects at the present time are operating from funds that Illinois has borrowed and that line of reasoning leads to fiscal collapse. When we buy votes with public money rather than highways we can expect just what we see on Greenbay Road in Beach Park. One positive item on Greenbay Road is that it looks as though a traffic signal will be installed at 33rd Street and Greenbay Road. We have had difficulty with the State of Illinois on this matter but it looks as though we are nearing an agreement. It is an agreement that should have been very simple because we have the money to pay for it and it simply boils down to the fact that we must have their blessing to do the job. Remember, a bureaucrat is not an individual that moves easily from one position to another.

An item that has crossed my desk on several occasions from the "feedback" section of our Website, has to do with a zip code. I want you all to know that during the 14 years that I have served as your Mayor, getting a post office or a zip code has been a priority. I have spent hours on telephones and in other communications to find a solution to this problem. Quite frankly, the post office has gotten me to understand that they will not and are not opening any new post offices. As a matter of fact, each post office that closes will remain that way. Therefore, the possibility of the Village of Beach Park having a post office of its own seems to be out of the question. They did however, supply me with an option. That option being that the Postal Service would run a survey of the residents of the Village of each part and all four of its zip codes. They would ask the residents to choose from the zip codes, the one that they would prefer to service all of the Village. That would include Zion, Wadsworth and two in Waukegan, Illinois. Once they compiled the results of their survey they would allow that zip code to be the one used for the entire Village of Beach Park. It has been some-time since I've spoken with them concerning this possibility but if interest runs high enough among the Village residents I think that I would make an effort to do this. Not only is a single zip code good for all of us as residents but it is also good for the Village when they try to encourage new business. One of the things that new businesses look to, is the zip code. The ZIP code says a lot about a community as far as the commercial investors are concerned. It would be interesting to do a sort of informal sample from all of you to get your feelings on this idea. You can reach me with your remarks through the Village Website or simply call me at the Office and they will forward the call to my phone. I am curious about what you think.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a very Happy Holiday Season and the best in the future. If you have questions about the Village, or how we do business, feel free to call me at any time. You can also message me directly from our website and I do respond to these messages as quickly as I can.

Mayor Milton C. Jensen



NEWS FROM BENTON TOWNSHIP

NORTHWESTERN CARECOACH: Free Heart Health Risk Assessment for Adults. January 10th and January 14th from 2:30 to 4:30 pm at the Shiloh Center, 2600 Emmaus Ave.

SENIORS NEED ASSISTANCE FUELING YOUR CAR? From Nov 1st thru April 1st on Wednesdays from 9 to 1 pm at Marathon on the corner of 9th Street & Sheridan Rd., Marathon at the corner of Wadsworth Rd & Greenbay Rd. and the Phillips 66 at Rte #173 & Kenosha Rd. Pick up the placard at the Township Offices or the Village Hall.

SOCKS FOR THE SOUL: Drop off packages of new socks for children, infants, men & woman. Preferably crew socks designed for warmth for our residents in need.

AARP DRIVING SCHOOL: February 8th & February 9th from 10 am to 2 pm at the Zion Benton Public Library. Call to sign up as space is limited.

SENIOR RESOURCES DAY: April 20th from 8:30 am till noon at the Zion Park District Sports Arena. Exhibitors, door prizes and lunch will be provided.

FREE AMPLIFIED PHONE APPLICATIONS: Neither age nor income is a requirement. Pick up your application at the Township Offices

DROP OFF NON PERISHABLE: Food and health/beauty products at the Township Offices for local food pantries.

DIAL-A-RIDE BUS SERVICE: Benton Township residents can schedule a ride one day in advance at 1-800-201-6446. Service Hours are Tuesday & Thursdays from 8:30 am til 4 pm.

MEALS ON WHEELS: Call 847-546-5733 and ask for the Meals on Wheels program.

FREE: Rules of the Road Handbooks, Illinois Bike Rte. Maps & Illinois State Hwy maps are available at the Township Offices.

BENTON GREENWOOD CEMETERY: Cemetery plots are available. Call Township Offices for more information at 847-746-2100.



JAN SUTHARD, SUPERVISOR



Trustee Richard Gust and the Parks & Recreation Committee would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season. Please make sure to check with the Village Hall at 847-746-1770 for upcoming Parks & Recreation events.

Thank you!

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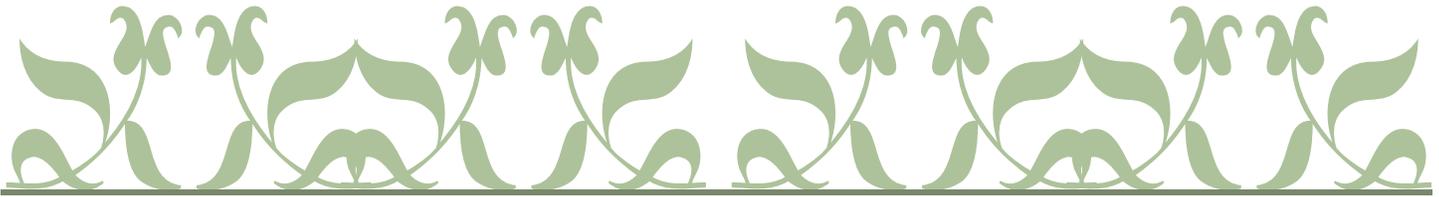
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STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING

10.08.010: GENERAL PROHIBITIONS:

A. No person shall stop, stand or park any type of motorized vehicle whether attended or unattended:

1. Between the hours of 1:00 A.M. and 6:00 A.M. (except as otherwise provided in Section 10.08.010-B); or
2. On a roadway; or
3. On a sidewalk; or
4. Within an intersection; or
5. On a crosswalk; or
6. Between a safety zone and the adjacent curb or within thirty feet (30') of points on the curb immediately opposite the ends of a safety zone, unless a different length is indicated by signs or markings; or
7. Upon any bridge or other elevated structure; or
8. On any railroad track; or
9. Within fifteen feet (15') of a fire hydrant; or
10. Within thirty feet (30') of a STOP sign; or
11. In front of a public or private driveway.

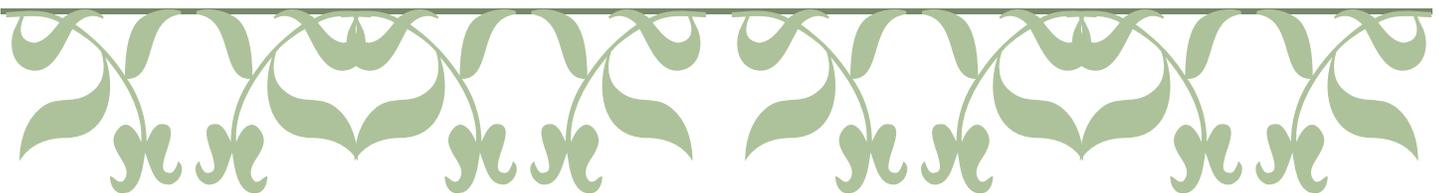
B. Parking will only be allowed where curbs and gutters currently exist, in an area that a parking plan is specified and posted, or between the hours of 6 A.M. and 1:00 A.M. the following day on the off-numbered side of the street.

C. Only motor vehicles bearing registration plates or decals issued to persons with disabilities pursuant to 625 Illinois Compiled Statutes 5/3-609, 3-616 and 11-1301.2 shall be permitted to park in places designated for persons with disabilities. Such parking places shall be posted with an official sign pursuant to 625 Illinois Compiled Statutes 5/11-301 and also indicate that a fine up to three hundred fifty dollars (\$350.00) may be imposed for any violation. Any person found guilty of violating the provisions of this subsection shall be fined three hundred fifty dollars (\$350.00) in addition to any costs or charges connected with the removal or storage of any motor vehicle parked in violation, as well as any costs incurred by the village, including reasonable attorney fees.

D. Except as otherwise provided in this section, every vehicle stopped or parked upon a two-way roadway shall be so stopped or parked with the right hand wheels parallel to and within twelve inches (12") of the right hand curb or as close as practical to the right edge of the right hand shoulder. (Ord. 2009-O-47 § 1: Ord. 2009-O-19 § 1: Ord. 2007-O-54 § 1)

PARKING AFTER SNOWFALL

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 snow stops falling when the snow on the streets exceeds two inches (2") in depth, or until snow removal operations are completed. (Ord. 1990-O-48 § 1)



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