



# The Village Link

## A Word from our Mayor.....

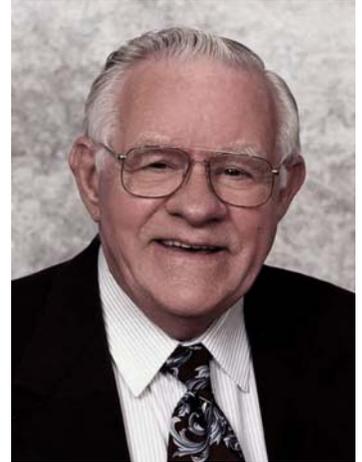
Nobody can say that this summer has been anything but exciting, with high winds wreaking damage like we have never seen before, to rain by the buckets full!

The first blow was an evening event that surprised us all. We had not seen any forecast that indicated any rain, not to mention wind, in our line of sight that night. Wrong! The line of thunderstorms that evening was lying well to the East side of Lake Michigan and was moving Southeast along a frontal boundary following the jet stream above. A very strong flow of warm moist air had been moving to the Northeast for several days feeding the thunderstorms. That scenario was responsible for the basis of these storms to widen, bringing them to our shore.

Damage from this first onslaught was very heavy but remained in an area of Beach Park approximately one half mile inland from the shoreline. ComEd was on the scene in force and made good progress in restoration of service in this episode.

The following Monday morning we were given the one two punch by

heavy rain and 70 mile per hour winds that left little of the Village unscathed. Most streets were blocked and fallen trees had severed many of the power lines putting most of Beach Park in the dark for as long as six days. Our Public Works people were on the scene all night and attempted to clear as many streets as possible but the job was extremely difficult due to the extent of damage and the danger of fallen wires. ComEd, on the following morning, came to the area en masse to start the restoration of service. It was soon that they realized they needed much more help to complete their work. About 20 power companies from many states sent help and without them, our electrical source would have been non-existent for weeks. Our small crew working on tree and brush removal around the clock was no match for the job at hand and it was necessary for us to call outside contractors for a massive clean-up project. Two weeks passed and the clean up is not complete and following that, we have tons of brush and limbs to grind. Our work is cut out for us and for some time to come. If all of this were not enough, we were



*Mayor Milton C. Jensen*

struck by a history making rain for two days flooding roads, garages and basements. This added insult to injury.

We levy no real estate tax and as a result, the money we had squirreled away for a rainy day was exactly that. We have dipped heavily into our reserves and it looks like it will be ours to eat as we have been informed that it is unlikely we will receive any funding from any emergency sources.

We did learn things from this experience that we will employ in the future to hasten our emergency operations. A meeting of all involved in the initial response will discuss the problems and offer ideas for a plan for any repeat performances.

One lady sent me an email that I thought was a fantastic idea. She was cut off from the world. No electrical power and

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no phone left them in the dark in more ways than one. They had a battery-powered radio and tuned to WKRS in Waukegan and discovered that they were not broadcasting much, if any, information that would be useful to them. In view of her plight, I have asked the emergency folks to

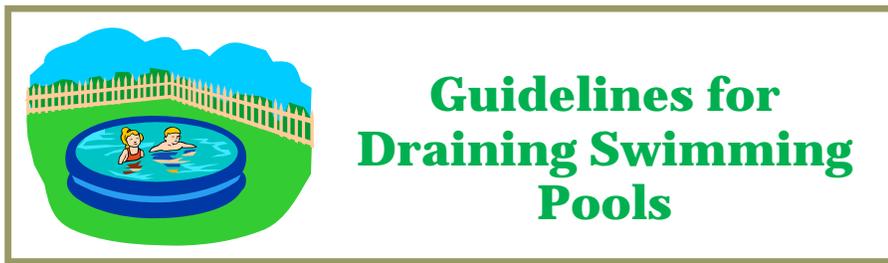
look into the possibility of our using a frequency on the high end of the AM band to broadcast pertinent information during such emergencies.

I mostly want to thank the residents of Beach Park for

their extreme patience during this trying time. We received fewer complaints than normal and more compliments than we regularly do.

**Beach Park'ers are the Best!**

*Milton C. Jensen*



**Household Chemical  
Waste Collections**

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 the additional guidelines below;

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](http://www.epa.state.il.us/water) for additional information. You may also contact the Village Hall at 847-746-1770. Thank you for doing your part to help promote cleaner wetlands, streams, lakes and rivers.



The Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO) collects household chemical wastes (HCW) at its Gurnee drive through facility located at 1311 N. Estes Street. All HCW collections events sponsored by SWALCO are for Illinois residents only and are free. The year-round program offers collections the second Saturday of every month and the fourth Monday of every month (except December). Appointments are required. Please contact SWALCO at 847-336-9340 or visit the SWALCO website to schedule your appointment.

<http://www.lakecountyil.gov/swalco/collectionevents/>

## From the Offices of Benton Township

**Flu & Pneumonia Vaccines** will be given by a certified Pharmacist Thursday, September 29th from 9 to 3 pm at the Township Office. Free for Medicare. For those non-Medicare, we accept cash or credit cards.

**Free Health Screenings** by Community Care Coach, Thursday, September 29 from 9-3 pm.

**NEW Dial-A-Ride Expansion** for ALL Benton Township residents. Service available Monday thru Friday, 8:30 to 5:30 pm. Must call 1-800-201-6446 one day in advance to secure a seat. Call 847-746-2100 for the area served. For medical appointments you can call 1 week in advance to reserve a seat, Tuesday or Thursday only. (8:30—3:30 PM)

**Corporate Community Spelling Bee**, Thursday, November 3rd at North Point Community Church in Winthrop Harbor. 7PM with refreshments at 6PM. Spectators welcome. \$5.00 guest fee.

**Seniors Need Assistance Fueling your Car?** Beginning Nov 1st thru April 1st on Wednesdays from 9-1pm a station attendant will assist you by filling your tank once you pay. Call Jan at 847-746-2100 for a list of participating stations or stop

in for a list.

**Teen Court for Benton & Zion Township** youth to begin after the first of the year. It is a volunteer program allowing first-time juvenile offenders an alternative to the traditional criminal justice system though community service. Currently we are looking for students between the ages of 14 & 18 to volunteer as jurors and attorneys. Pick up an application at our office, Zion Public Library or for more information call Mr. Niemi at ZBTHS at 847-731-9305.

**State Senator Suzi Schmidt & Representative JoAnn Osmond** now have an office at Pearce Campus on 23rd Street in Zion. Senator Schmidt's hours: Monday 9-4PM and Rep. Osmond's: Tues & Wed 9-4 PM. For appt. call 224-372-7465.

**Circuit Breaker Forms** available at Township Office.

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

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

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## Parks & Recreation

This year we have done some extensive work to improve your experience at the newly named Founders Park (formerly Geo-Karis Park). We have cleaned up the numerous trees that came down on the property from the storms, added exhaust fans to the restrooms, helped with adding ball-mix to the softball

fields and added additional picnic tables as well as new mulch at the playground.

Join us for a "Re-dedication Ceremony" for the re-naming of Geo-Karis Park on Saturday, September 24, 2011. The new name of our park is **Founders Park** after the group of people who were instrumental in the incorpora-

tion of Beach Park. Call the Village Hall for more information.



Trick or Treat hours for the Village will be on Sunday, October 30, 2011 from 2 to 5 pm.

*Trustee Richard Gust, Chairman*

## Herm's Bar-B-Q" coming soon...

Beach Park will soon have its own barbecue restaurant, located at 39210 Sheridan Road. "Herm's Bar-B-Q" will feature a varied carry-out menu of barbecue ribs (full and half slab), rib tips, catfish, pulled pork sandwiches, beef brisket sandwiches and chicken wings, along with sides of cole-slaw, french fries, fried mushrooms and Herm's Original baked beans.

The proprietor, Cary Walker, enjoys working with his family to make the business successful, including his wife, Suyin, his

brother, Stephen and his father, Herman Walker, for whom the business is named. Herman Walker has been in the catering business for approximately 50 years. Herman (Herm) has shared several recipes with his sons, such as a secret dry-rub barbecue sauce.

Cary Walker decided to launch his unique business in Beach Park partially because of doing business with property owner, Lee Beldsoe. "Mr. Bledsoe has been a pleasure to work with", stated Cary. It also helps that

"Herm's Bar-B-Q" is conveniently located close to the intersection of Wadsworth Road and Sheridan Road.

"Herm's Bar-B-Q" will be open for business 6 days a week, Tuesdays through Sundays. Customer parking will be available in front of the building, with extra parking spaces located southwest of the building.

We welcome "Herm's Bar-B-Q" to our community and wish them much success.

*Trustee Regina Miller*

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**\*DOMINO'S PIZZA**

No time to cook? Let Beach Park Domino's Team do it for you. Don't have time to stop in? They'll be glad to deliver to your door for a small delivery charge. Check their webpage at [www.dominos.com](http://www.dominos.com) and place your order or call for daily specials at 847-249-4050. Open Sunday—Thursday 10:30 am to Midnight and Fridays & Saturdays 10:30 am to 1 am.

**\*KIM'S CLEANERS**

For 12 years people have been able to drop their clothes off in the morning and pick them up on the way home with their Kim's 1-day service. Alterations are also available. Open Monday—Friday 7 am to 7 pm and Saturdays 8 am to 5 pm. Closed Sunday. 847-662-2064



**\*SUBWAY**

Everyone in the mood for something different? You can find something for everyone at the Beach Park Subway. The clean & spacious dining area allows for a relaxing visit with friends or family while you enjoy a freshly made sandwich. Ask about our daily specials. Did you know that any sandwich can be converted to a salad for \$5.00 (excludes premium). And don't forget the cookies—7 flavors to choose from! Open Monday—Friday 7 am to 10 pm / Saturday 8 am to 10 pm and Sunday 9 am to 10 pm.

847-625-5666



**\*HAIRCRAFTERS**

Looking for a change? Whether it's a trim, cut, color or perm, Haircrafters can meet your needs. Tanning is also available—beds or spray, and be sure to restock your hair products while there with their large variety. Try some feather extensions for some fun—pink ones in October to support Breast Cancer Awareness!

Open Monday—Thursday 9 am to 8 pm / Friday 9 am to 7 pm & Saturday 9 am to 4 pm,  
Walk ins are welcome or call for an appointment at 847-662-3848

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