

## *A Word from Our Mayor.....*



It looks like we have weathered one of the toughest winters in a long time, we finished our Spring Clean-Up, and now its time to settle into summer. The folks here at the Village of Beach Park have their summers work cut out for them and some of the items that they will be tackling are needed badly. You have probably heard of or are experiencing the deterioration on Beach Road. I refer to that road as the “Ho Chi Minh Trail”. Right now it looks like we are going to have to weather the storm as we reconstruct that roadway. It took time to determine just exactly what had to be done on the road to fix it to a point that it would last for some time. A lot of engineering was done and core soil samples were taken to see if the base, in fact, was suitable for new blacktop. As it turned out the entire depth has to be rebuilt and then resurfaced. It will be a problem for all of us who use that road while its under construction but to have a good thoroughfare in the future is worth the aggravation we will face.

As you probably have noticed, we still have park projects going on in both the kiddie park on the west side of town and the Geo-Karis park on Beach Road. Park activity is picking up substantially. More and more people are using the park for family get-togethers as well as sports. Both parks are equipped with fine playground material for the younger kids.

On another note; I'd like to remind you that as these summer days get longer, the risk of property damage and burglaries increase. There are steps we can take to practically quell this activity. One of the most important steps is the “Neighborhood Watch Program”. My first experience with this program was an eye-opener. People on the west side of town decided they wanted to do something about property damage they were experiencing. One of our  
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*Lake County Board Member*

*Diane Hewitt*

If you would like to receive a copy of the email newsletter from Dianne Hewitt's office please Or, you may call her office at 847-244-2742 or email her at: [DHewitt@lakecountyil.gov](mailto:DHewitt@lakecountyil.gov)



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***“The crime in Beach Park is very low by comparison to any of our neighbors”***

Trustees, Larry Wells, took on the project of creating a neighborhood watch program in the Heatherstone neighborhood. I sat in on that first meeting with residents from the area and 2 deputies from the Lake County Sheriff’s Department. I am estimating that there were about 70 people that attended that meeting and as they entered, it was obvious that very few of them were acquainted with each other. As the program progressed and the value of neighborhood watch was presented, these neighbors began to become real neighbors. By that, I mean, they were ready to watch out for each other, get to

know each other and in the process, create a better neighborhood. I certainly would encourage every neighborhood in the Village of Beach Park to consider a neighborhood watch group. Neighborhood watch folks get to know their neighbors and get to know the habits of their neighbors and anything that changes abruptly is noticed and reported. I must tell you this is definitely a deterrent to crime. It is a very simple process to organize a neighborhood watch program and Trustee Wells is more than happy to set the wheels in motion. A simple phone call to the Village Hall can get that ball rolling and change your neighborhood. We all need to do our own thing and keep distance between us and our neighbors. We are all busy with work, raising families and doing what it takes to keep things going. As a result, we don’t

necessarily pay much attention to the comings and goings of our neighbors and that is an open door to crime. The crime in Beach Park is very low by comparison to any of our neighbors. However, if we do not and are not vigilant in every way possible we will become victims, each one of us! Consequently, I suggest you consider this option to protect your property.

Remember to use our parks this summer and keep your eye out for special activities that we will be conducting in our parks. Beach Park is a great place to raise a family and to settle in. Take advantage of what we have to offer and if you have suggestions for anything else that we might make available, please let us know.

*Mayor Milt Jensen*



## *Parks & Recreation.....*



**Trustee Richard Gust,** Chairman of the Parks & Recreation Department (who was re-elected on April 4, 2011 for another term) would like to wish everyone a great and safe summer. Some of the events that are scheduled throughout the summer are as follows;

Branson Show Extravaganza: We will be sponsoring a fun-filled trip to Branson, MO. The motor-coach will leave on Sunday, October 30, 2011 and will return on November 5, 2011. Call Claudia at 847-746-1770 to reserve your spot now!

Farmer's Market: Again, we will host a Farmer's Market at the South East corner of Lewis Avenue and Wadsworth Road by Bridgeview Bank. The Market will run every Tuesday starting June 14th, 2011 thru October

11, 2011. Times are from 1 pm to 6 pm.

Village Wide Garage Sale will be held on Saturday, June 11, 2011 from 9am to 6pm.

Movie in the Park—we will host a “Movie in the Park” at the park located inside the Heatherstone Subdivision at dusk on June 11, 2011. If it rains, it will be postponed till the 18th of June.

Annual Beach Park Fest will be held on Saturday, August 27, 2011. Call for more details.



## *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 August 1st and 2nd, 2011. 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.

For AARP Class information in Waukegan, call 847-360-4700 and in Zion, 847-872-2811.



## **NEWS FROM BENTON TOWNSHIP**

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**FARMERS MARKET COUPONS** are available for seniors age 62+ (one coupon book per household while supplies last)

**AARP Driving School** will be held at the Zion Benton Library on June 21st & June 22nd from 10 am till 2 pm. To sign up, please call the Township, as space is limited.

**VOTE by Mail applications** are available at the Township Office.

**CIRCUIT BREAKER FORMS** are also available at the Township Offices.

**FREE Amplified PHONE APPLICATION:** neither age nor income a requirement. Pick up application at Township Office.

**DROP OFF NON PERISHABLE FOOD & HEALTH / BEAUTY PRODUCTS** at Township office for local food pantries.

**DROP OFF USED EYE GLASSES** for refurbishing at Township office.

**DIAL A RIDE BUS SERVICE** for Benton Township residents. Service Hours are Tuesday & Thursdays from 8:30 am till 4 pm. To schedule a ride, call 1-800-201-6446 one day in advance. For a medical appt. you can call a week in advance.

**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 and Illinois State Highway maps are available at the Township Offices.

**BENTON GREENWOOD CEMETERY** plots are available. Call for information.



Jan Suthard, Township Supervisor

## **National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)**

According to the USEPA, “polluted stormwater runoff” is a leading cause of impairment to the nearly 40% of surveyed U.S. water bodies, which do not meet water quality standards. Over land or via storm sewer systems, polluted runoff is discharged, often untreated, directly into local water bodies. When left uncontrolled, this water pollution can result in the destruction of fish, wildlife, and aquatic life habitats; a loss in aesthetic value; and threats to public health due to contaminated food, drinking water supplies, and recreational waterways. Mandated by Congress under the Clean Water Act, the NPDES Stormwater Program is a comprehensive two-phased national program for addressing the non-agricultural sources of stormwater discharges which adversely affect the quality of our nations’ waters. (Source: USEPA/NPDES FAQ’S)

For information of the Village’s efforts to comply with the NPDES Phase II program and on ways residents can assist in eliminating pollutants discharged to stormwater system, please see the Village’s new NPDES Phase II web information at [www.villageofbeachpark.com](http://www.villageofbeachpark.com).

### **Upcoming Training for BASSET**

The Village of Beach Park, in cooperation with the “Coalition for Healthy Communities”, will host two Beverage Alcohol Sellers and Servers Education Training (BASSET) events in June as follows;

- 1) BASSET Training for Packaged Liquor Retailers in Beach Park, Winthrop Harbor and Zion, will be held on June 13th, 2011 from 10 am to 2:30 pm at the Beach Park Village Hall.
- 2) BASSET Training for Bars & Restaurants in Beach Park, Winthrop Harbor and Zion will be held on June 21, 2011 from 10 am to 2:30 pm at the Beach Park Village Hall.

Topics covered include: Behavioral Clues, Intoxication Rate Factors, ID Guidelines, Cut off Guidelines, Safe-selling Guidelines, Reasonable Efforts and Understanding Liability. For information, call 847-731-2658 or email: [hldfc@lakecountyil.gov](mailto:hldfc@lakecountyil.gov)

Expect to hear more from your new Public Relations Committee in upcoming newsletters. To contact me with ideas, information or suggestions for future activities, call 847-746-1770 ext. 6054 or email:

[regina.miller@villageofbeachpark.com](mailto:regina.miller@villageofbeachpark.com)

**Trustee Regina Miller**, Public Relations Committee



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## **SHOP BEACH PARK**

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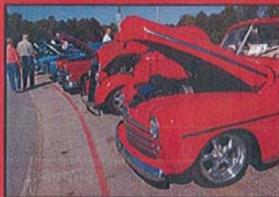
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