

# THE VILLAGE LINK

Fall 2012

VILLAGE OF BEACH PARK



## ALL IS WELL IN BEACH PARK.....

It has been over four months since the passing of our beloved Mayor Milt Jensen. I have been acting Mayor since then and am happy to report that, although we continue to miss Milt terribly, the business of the Village is doing well!

We have been undergoing some restructuring in our staff, evaluating responsibilities and skills then assigning those responsibilities to staff members who fit best. Beach Park is blessed to have a strong and willing group of employees that know how to get things done efficiently. We have also been utilizing professional consultants in the Building & Zoning Department—the workload has been minimal, due to the economy, and it does not justify a full time Director in those departments for now. We will watch the workload closely and consider hiring when it is appropriate.

In the next several months we will be doing some major roadway improvements. Beach Road will be completely reconstructed from Sheridan Road to just west of Loyola and a new bicycle trail will be added. This cycle trail will let cyclists get to and from the Robert McClory Bike Path. The remainder of Beach Rd. is in the Waukegan city limits and is not part of this reconstruction project. We know that there is bound to be some inconven-

ience while the work is being done, but we are all excited about the prospects of a smooth road and a safe bike trail for all to use.

The Village recently received the Award of Financial Reporting Achievement for 2011, from the Government Finance Officer Association, recognizing the quality of our Annual Budget which was prepared by our Director of Finance, Peggy McHugh. We are all proud of this accomplishment, and I had the pleasure of receiving the Award at a July Board Meeting and enjoyed handing it to Peggy and thanking her for her professionalism and diligence.

Some of our Village businesses have made the news in a negative way recently. The Lake County Sheriff's Department performed alcohol compliance checks during the months of March and May and a total of six of our license holders were caught selling alcohol to minors. I take this very seriously and have conducted disciplinary hearings as Beach Park's Liquor Commissioner to verify the facts and have issued disciplinary actions that include fines and in some cases suspensions. Having a Liquor License in Beach Park is a privilege that comes with serious responsibility. If a busi-



*Mayor, John Hucker*

ness owner does not take these responsibilities seriously the result will be fines and suspension of their license and if the violations are repeated, it can lead to revocation of their Liquor License.

Our Board of Trustees has been working hard in their various committees to organize celebrations and events, plan infrastructure improvements, deal with safety issues and continue to make Beach Park a great place to live! There is a lot going on in Beach Park and we are preparing for the days ahead when the economy rebounds. At that time, we will be ready for whatever comes next.

In closing, I just want to say

*"All is Well in Beach Park....."*

## Fall Ordinance Reminders.....



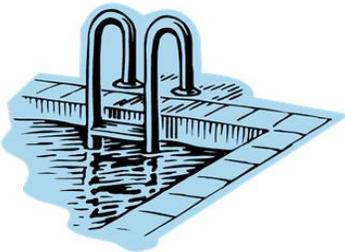
As the Fall season approaches, please note the following rules for burning leaves and yard waste in the Village of Beach Park, per Ordinance, Section 8.40

- It is unlawful for any person to burn any material within 25 ft. of any structure on any property within the Village.
- Permitted time of burning is from dawn to dusk during the months of April 1st thru November 30th.
- Permitted burning materials: dry leaves & landscape waste.
- No fire shall be set unless there is a fire extinguisher, garden hose or water source available at the burning site and of sufficient supply to extinguish it in the event of an emergency.
- Fire may not be left unattended.

- No fire shall be set in any public right-of-ways, public land or public places.
- Out of season burning is allowed by permit only. Burn permits are available at the Village Hall at no cost.

For a complete copy of the ordinance, please visit our website at [villageofbeachpark.com](http://villageofbeachpark.com)

## Guidelines for Draining Swimming Pools



Chlorinated water discharged to surface waters (wetlands, lakes, streams, and rivers), roadways or storm sewers has an adverse impact on local water quality. High concentration 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:

\* 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 levels after 2 days to ensure that safe levels are met (below 0.1 mg/l)

\* Direct discharge 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 their website to schedule your appointment. <http://www.lakecountyil.gov/swalco/collectionevents/>

## Parks & Recreations.....

Now that summer is coming to an end and we all get ready for the Fall, and some of us, back to school regimens, don't forget, the Parks & Recreation Departments still has many events planned for your entertainment.

With the Annual Beach Park Fest being a big hit with a great turnout... the following is the list of upcoming events;

- September 18th— Senior Picnic at the Founder's Park located off of Beach Road. 12-3 pm
- October 8th & 9th— There will be an AARP class held at the Village Hall for Seniors. 9-1 pm
- October TBA— Special Needs Kids Fall Harvest Party. Call the Village Hall for more information.
- December 4th— Senior Holiday Party at the Illinois State Beach Resort.
- December 18th— Special Needs Kids Movie. Call the Village Hall for more information.

Thank you, and we hope you had a great summer!



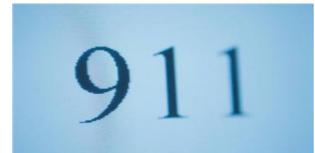
Trustee, Richard Gust

## Emergency Calls Registration

If you have heard about, or received, the Emergency Call System that the Village of Beach Park as well as the Beach Park Fire Department utilizes to get information to our residents, this is to remind you to make sure you keep the information we have on file up to date. If you have an unlisted telephone

number, or a cell phone number, you most likely are not in the data base. If you would like to register your name and number with the Village or the Fire Department, there are many ways to do so. First, you may log onto our web site at [villageofbeachpark.com](http://villageofbeachpark.com) and "opt in" there, or you may call the

Village Hall at 847-746-1770 or the Beach Park Fire Department at 847-662-2642 to register your name and number. Don't forget, if you move or change numbers, to also inform us of the change.... Information is only essential if you can get it!



## Important Information about your drinking water....

Monitoring requirements not met for Beach Park System No IL0791220. Our water system violated drinking water standards over the past year. Even though these were not emergencies, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we did to correct this situation. We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of

whether or not our drinking water meets health standards. During January, 2012 we did not complete all testing required for Coliform & Chlorine and therefore cannot be sure of the quality of our drinking water during that time. What should you do? There is nothing you need to do at this time. The Village is required to submit 3 samples a month for these contaminants, and inadvertently only submitted 2 sam-

ples during this period. We came into compliance during the month of February, 2012 with an additional 2 samples. Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses) You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand and or mail. For more information, please contact Mike at 847-246-6065.





Jan Suthard,  
Benton Township  
Supervisor

## BENTON TOWNSHIP NEWS

**EARLY VOTING**— begins October 22nd at the Township from 9 to 4:30 pm; M—Fri, Sat, 9 to 2pm. Nov 3rd last day for early voting.

**CORPORATE COMMUNITY SPELLING BEE** will be Thurs, Nov, 8th at North Point Community Church, 9th St & Lewis Ave in Winthrop Harbor. Refreshments begin at 6pm, BEE starts at 7 pm. Spectators are welcome. There is a \$5 guest fee (includes refreshments). Questions, please call Jan at 847-746-2100.

**FLU, PNEUMONIA, WHOOPING COUGH & SHINGLE VACCINES** will be given by a certified pharmacist on Monday, September 24th from 9 to 2 pm at Township Office. Discount on vaccines. Credit cards, Cash & Medicare accepted. Call for appointment.

**SENIORS NEED ASSISTANCE FUELING YOUR CAR?** Beginning Nov 1st and going thru April 1st, on Wednesdays from 9 to 1 pm a station attendant will assist you by filling your tank (you pay for the gasoline!) Stop in at the Township Office or Beach Park Village Hall for

your placard listing participating stations.

**SAVE \$ WITH FREE DISCOUNT PRESCRIPTION DRUG CARD** Pick up card at Township Office or go to [www.coast2coastrx.com](http://www.coast2coastrx.com), to print card. This card allows all Township residents-regardless of income, age, or health status to save on the cost of medications.

**SOCKS FOR THE SOUL.** Drop off packages of new socks for children, infants, men and women. Preferable crew sock designed for warmth for our residents in need.

**NUISANCE VIOLATIONS IN UNINCORPORATED LAKE COUNTY** such as grass, weeds, animals, noise... call the hot line at 847-377-4444.

**DIAL-A-RIDE EXPANSION** for ALL Benton Township residents. Service available Mon thru Fri, 8:30 to 5:30 pm. Must call 1-800-201-6446 one (1) day in advance to secure a seat. Area served: anywhere in Benton or Zion Township. For medical appointments, you can call up to one (1) week in advance to reserve a seat, Tuesday or Thursday only.

Hours: 8:30 to 3:30 pm. Medical appointments include Waukegan & Gurnee locations.

**FREE AMPLIFIED PHONE APPLICATIONS.** Neither age nor income a requirement. Pick up at Township Office.

**ACCEPTING NON-PERISHABLE FOOD, HEALTH/BEAUTY PRODUCTS & USED EYE GLASSES**

**MEALS ON WHEELS** call 847-546-5733 and ask for the Meals on Wheels Program.

**FREE RULES OF THE ROAD & ILLINOIS HIGHWAY** maps available at the Township Offices.

**BENTON GREENWOOD CEMETERY;** cemetery plots available. Call for information.

**RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS! COMED WILL PICK UP FREE** inefficient refrigerators or freezers and pay \$50.00 for each. To schedule a pickup, call 1-888-806-2273.

The Benton Township Offices are located at the NW corner of Greenbay Road and 29th Street

## Inside Story Headline

The Village of Beach Park is pleased to host our first annual "Pet Vaccination and Microchip Clinic", in conjunction with the Lake County Health Department/Community Health Center. This pet clinic is a convenient and affordable way to keep your pets up to date on their shots and rabies tags. Pets will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis, with **ONLY CASH** accepted onsite. Bring your dogs or cats to our Public Works Facility located at 40185 Glendale Ave., and take advantage of these low-cost services to keep your pets healthy!



Trustee Regina Miller  
Chairman, Public  
Relations Committee

## Pet Vaccination and Microchip Clinic

The Lake County Health Department/Community Health Center's Animal Care and Control Program, together with the Village of Beach Park, will offer a low-cost pet vaccination and microchip clinic.



### Clinic Details

Saturday, October 20  
9:00 a.m. - Noon  
Beach Park Public Works  
40185 Glendale, Beach Park

### For Pets Spayed/Neutered

One-year rabies vaccination and Lake County tag: \$20.00  
One-year rabies vaccination, tag and distemper: \$25.00  
Distemper complex only: \$10.00  
Microchip: \$15.00

### For Pets Not Spayed/Neutered

One-year rabies vaccination and Lake County tag: \$60.00  
One-year rabies vaccination, tag and distemper: \$65.00  
Distemper complex only: \$10.00  
Microchip: \$15.00

All animals brought to the clinic should be at least four months old. In addition, dogs must be leashed and cats placed in carriers. Cash payment is required at the time of vaccination. **Cash only.**

For additional information, contact the Lake County Health Department's Animal Care and Control facility at (847) 949-9925.



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