



The Village Link

A Few Words from our Mayor....

It is with great sadness that I start this edition of our Village Link...

You see, for the past 12 years, I have always started with "A Few Words From our Mayor".....

The passing of Mayor Milton C. Jensen weighs heavy upon me... not only being his secretary, but being a friend! The joy and wisdom he brought to this office will be greatly missed as well as treasured and for the first time since working here, the future unsure. As I am very confident that the newly elected Acting Mayor, John Hucker, is more than capable in continuing the efforts and visions of Mayor Jensen for Beach Park, there is no doubt that writing this newsletter will never be the same for me..... For those of you lucky enough to meet Milt Jensen, there are not enough words to describe what kind of man he was, but I am sure going to try... he was a genuine, wise, funny, logical, strong, matter-of-fact leader, man, friend & Mayor and it was my honor to work for him and to talk with him on a daily basis. He was the heart of this

Village, as the Village Clerk stated, and he will continue to be in my book! I am going to end this section of the newsletter with a poem that was dear to Milt's heart. As most of you already know, he was a pilot for most of his life and flying was one of his greatest loves.....

Rest in Peace Milt...

you will be forever missed!

Gina Nelson

Final Checklist

Time for descent

what a cruise I've been on!

They talk of "highs" – none higher than mine

Smooth trip? Not all the way

But after each storm

The break into the clear.

The sun, the calm, freshness, beauty...

Oh the views I have commanded...

Forever etched upon my soul

Reduce power, descend- a flight plan to meet.

Auto pilot off, the machine is mine...

An instrument to play, an extension of my very being!

It is my reflection, as my mood might be.

My own demand is great-smooth, gentle precise,

My "other" love affair.

The gear is down, flaps are out.

Speed is slowing

Runway.

Touchdown feather smooth

An inner glow of satisfaction!

The gate is waiting.... the last gate.

Flight plan met.

Brakes set!

Ready for cut-off!

Thousands of times with no feeling

But now, how reluctant!

They're cut!

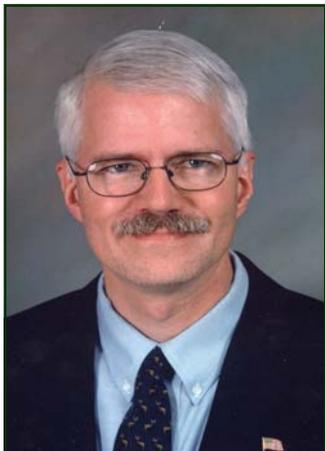
With dying whine, I too... become silent within.

Checklist!



CONSTRUCTION

The Mayor and Village Board of Trustees are pleased to announce that this summer & fall, Beach Road is being reconstructed from the Village limits west of Loyola Avenue to Sheridan Road. The Village procured funding through IDOT's Surface Transportation Program (STP) for this important infrastructure project. The STP program provides for federal funds to pay for 70% of the project's construction costs. The existing roadway will be completely removed and replaced with new curb and gutter, improved drainage and storm sewer, and new roadway base and asphalt pavement over the length of the project. The project also includes the construction of a recreational path along Beach Road which will provide residents with access to the Robert E. McClory Bike Path, Founders Park, and the Sheridan Road corridor. Residents should expect delays and detours during construction. Questions regarding this project can be directed to 847-246-6061.



Mayor John Hucker

Thanks Milt!

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you in my new capacity as Mayor of Beach Park. It is humbling to have been nominated and unanimously supported by our Board of Trustees to fill the vacancy created by our recently departed Mayor Milt Jensen. Milt was a good friend and mentor to me and a fine leader of our Village. It is with a heavy heart that I serve out the rest of his term. Milt accomplished many wonderful things in our Village and set a direction that I fully support and intend to continue for fostering Economic Development in our Business Districts.

A little bit about me, after the formation of the Village in 1989 I ran for the position of Trustee on the first Village Board and was elected to two, four year terms in that position. In 1996 I stepped out of elected government but then I was asked to serve on the Village's Planning & Zon-

In 2004, Mayor Jensen appointed me to fill a vacancy as Trustee. I then ran and have been elected twice more as Trustee. In total, I have served Beach Park as Trustee for more than fifteen years and recently have been serving as Mayor Pro Tem (or as I like to call it "*The Spare Mayor*") and was actively serving in the Mayor's absence since November of 2011 when he had cancer surgery.

I have been married to the love of my life, Carrie, for almost 33 years; we have a son, Nathan, who is a Police Officer and a daughter, Amy who is a missionary in South Africa. I have been working in our family electrical contracting business for over 30 years and serve as its President and General Manager. Carrie and I are members of Christ Community Church in Zion and love our Lord Jesus Christ.

One thing that needs to be said about Milt is that he hired good people to work in our Village Hall and Public Works. They are a talented and willing group of hard working people that just plain know how to get things done. It is a significant blessing to have quality people like this on my team. Milt also took quite a bit of time in the last year to bring me up to speed on

the operations of the Village and what was in the works. He was a true leader even when he was so sick. We discussed issues involving Economic Development, our staff, our consultants, our finances and budget and so much more. I am very grateful for that time with him and the knowledge he shared.

So I find myself today in the Mayor's seat, have been well prepared, and the administrative functions of the Village are well in hand. I am also blessed to have a caring and dedicated Board of Trustees. Each of them brings individual talents and perspectives to our Board and they use them well. We have a strong respect for each other and will work through any issue to get the best possible outcome. Each Trustee has several areas of responsibilities to attend to through the various committees they belong to. And through participation in these committees they give direction to our staff members and make recommendations to the full Board on many matters.

We all believe in the original premise that Beach Park was incorporated under: "*the Village of Beach Park does not need a Real Estate Tax Levy to operate proper-*

ly." And almost 24 years later we can say that the founders of our Village, were right. We recently passed another balanced budget that includes a significant Capital Project Plan including the complete reconstruction of Beach Road within the Village. Our founders and the Boards that followed have used a simple, yet significant, principal—*spend less than you receive and save money for a rainy day!* Well our Financial Reports speak for themselves—we are financially very healthy, something many Lake County Cities and Village's can not say. Government transparency is important to me—and also for everyone in our Village—so I have directed that our current Budget and our latest Audit Report be posted on the Village website for all to see.

In conclusion, because of the preparation that Mayor Milt orchestrated with our staff and me, the Village of Beach Park is strong, financially healthy and well managed despite his passing. And speaking for the entire Board, we intend to keep it that way. I am excited for the opportunities we have in front of us and am enjoying leading the charge.

Thanks Milt, we are doing fine!

Internet Safety Class

Because your safety is important to me, and we know that the internet can be a dangerous place especially with identity theft on the rise, I have scheduled an adult internet safety class that will be held on June 26th at 6pm, lower level of the Village Hall that the Sheriff's Office will be hosting. There are many services available through our contract with

the Lake County Sheriff's Office at no cost to the residents of Beach Park. Additional services offered with respect to the internet safety course are classes specifically designed for children which are broken down into age appropriate groups which will be scheduled in the near future. For more information please contact the Village Hall at 847-746-1770.

Reservations would be appreciated. Hope to see you there!

*Trustee Linda M. Sittig
Chairman,
Public Safety Committee*



Trustee Linda Sittig

ComEd's Outage Alerts Program Allows Two-Way Texting

ComEd's Outage Alerts program allows participants to report outages via text messaging. Subscribers can simply text the word "OUT" to 26633 (COMED) to report an outage at the location ComEd has associated with their cell phone number and they receive regular updates on the status of their outage until service is restored. Non-subscribers who text "OUT" to 26633 will be invited to subscribe

to the Outage Alerts Program. New subscribers will receive a confirmation text-message that they successfully subscribed, and will immediately be enrolled to receive notifications on their cell phones or pagers when an outage has been reported at their address. To subscribe, customers will need either their ComEd account number, the account holder's social security number or the primary phone number

on the account. Customers can also now enroll in the text messaging program thru the VRU using their account number, SSN or phone number.

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More from ComEd

For those of you that do not already know, ComEd will pick up and recycle inefficient refrigerators or freezers for FREE and will pay \$50.00 for each. You can schedule a pickup on line or call 1-888-806-2273; 7am till

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There are many other ways that the ComEd website can be helpful. There are several links to many of their services on our Website at

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Stormwater Illicit Discharges

Storm sewers drain directly into local bodies of water! Disposing of household chemicals and wastes by dumping them into the storm sewers is illegal and a major cause of storm water pollution. If you witness or are suspicious of any illegal dumping, please report it to Patti Hanson at 847-746-1770. Public complaints provide the most common source of information. When calling we'll ask you for the location of the dumping and the material being dumped. We'll also ask your name and phone number in case we need additional information. For more information regarding storm water management practices please go to the Village website at www.villageofbeachpark.com

Drug Disposal Drop-Box Program

Have you ever wondered how to dispose of unused drugs or pet medication in an environmentally safe way and most importantly, keep drugs out of the hands of young children or those who might use drugs for recreational purposes? The answer is found at the Zion Police Department, which has a permanent drug disposal drop-off box located inside their main lobby entrance.

This safe and secure drop-off box is provided by the "Save A Star Drug Awareness Foundation". The collection box looks just like a green mailbox and has an attached label listing acceptable and non-acceptable drugs for disposal.

YES: Accepted for Disposal

Prescription medications, controlled substances, ALL over-the-counter medications, vitamins & supplements, medicated ointments, lotions, oils, liquid medication in leak-proof containers, homeopathic remedies and pet medications.

NO: Not acceptable for Disposal

Needles/sharps, syringes with needles, thermometers, IV bags, bloody or infectious waste, personal care products, empty containers and hydrogen peroxide.

The Zion Police Department is located at 2101 Salem Blvd., Zion. Use the west side entrance, which is the main lobby door. If the outside door is locked, you can always be buzzed in to drop off items, as their facility is manned 24/7. No proof of identity is required for usage of this disposal service.

Check the Save A Star website at www.saveastar.org, for more information about how this awareness program works. You can also call the foundation directly at 847-579-1300, for other collection box locations in Lake County.

Please consider this a convenient method for disposing of your unused medications as a safeguard for your family, your community and our environment.



Trustee Regina Miller

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Benton Township Office News

Thank you to all the Benton Township Seniors for making our 2012 Senior Resource Day such a huge success. Over 300 seniors attended!

AARP Driving School: June 19th & 20th from 10 am till 2 pm at the Zion Benton Public Library. To sign up, call the Township as space is limited.

FREE Rules of the Road and Illinois Highway maps available at the Township office.

Save Money **with FREE Discount Prescription Drug Card.** Pick up card at the Township office or go to www.coast2coastrx.com to print card. This card allows all Township resi-

dents-regardless of income, age, or health status to save on the cost of medications.

TGIF JOB CLUB every Friday 1:30 pm to 3 pm at the Waukegan Job Center 1 N. Genesee St., Wkgn. No reservation required. Get help with keeping positive during the job search, networking ideas, get help seeking employment.

NEW Dial-A-Ride Expansion for ALL Benton Township residents. Service available Monday thru Friday 8:30 am 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 appts. you can call 1 week in advance to reserve a

seat, Tuesday or Thursday only. Hours: 8:30 am till 3:30 pm. Medical appts. include Waukegan & Gurnee locations.

FREE Amplified Phones: neither age nor income a requirement. Pick up an Application at Township office.

Accepting non-perishable food & health/beauty products & used eye glasses.

Meals on Wheels call (847) 546-5733 ask for meals on wheels program.

Benton Greenwood Cemetery: cemetery plots available. Call for information.

Benton Township Office is located at the NW corner of 29th Street & Greenbay Road. 847-746-2100



*Jan Suthard,
Benton Township Supervisor*

FROM THE DESK OF PARKS & RECREATION

Finally, the warm weather is here! With warm weather, brings a lot of fun things to do in the park. The following is a schedule of events that the Village of Beach Park will host .

Starting June 19th and continuing until October 23rd, the Farmer's Market will be open. Held at the corner of Wadsworth Rd., & Lewis Avenue behind the strip mall on

the south east corner from 2-6 pm.

Beach Park Community Wide Garage Sale will be held the weekend of June 15th. Call the Village to get put on a list of participants and to find our the hours of operation. June 16th, there will be the annual Movie in the Park held at dusk in the Cambridge Subdivision. Annual Beach Park Fest will be held on

August 18th at the Founders Park. More details to come....

Call the Village Hall for more information on the senior bus trip to Mackinac Island in October. Seats are filling up fast, so call now!

Have a great summer!

*Richard Gust,
Chairman, Parks &
Recreation Committee*



Trustee, Richard Gust



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