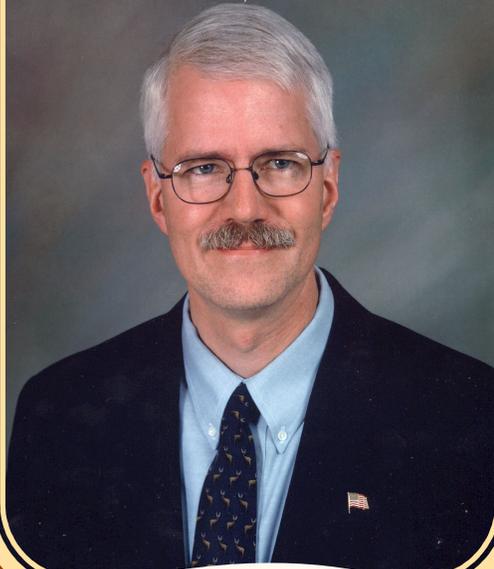


# The Village Link

Village of Rural Spirit  
Fall 2013



## Words from the Mayor

Well, Fall is upon us, wait.... I can't believe I just wrote that! Did I miss Summer? It sure was a quick one, with the cooler temperatures, so many events and activities to attend, and just like that... it was over!

It seems like every road in Lake County is under construction this summer and we have some here as well. Beach Road is finally wrapped up and it looks great! There is now a safe paved path for people to walk and ride bicycles without being in the roadway and a new 4-way stop sign at Beach Road & North Avenue, so please take notice of it! The Village has also completed improvements at the intersection of Wadsworth Road & North Avenue, just in time for school. North Avenue is now wider and that will help the school busses safely navigate the turns, and the visibility will be better.

The construction of the intersection improvements which the Illinois Department of Transportation is making at Wadsworth and Greenbay Roads will be ongoing for the remainder of this year and will hopefully be

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**Don't forget to sign up for the Senior Picnic to be held on September 20, 2013 at Founders Park.**

**Call 847-746-1770 for more information!**

## Direct Debit Now Available

Direct debit is now available! Forms can be found online or Village Hall. With our free Automatic Bank Payment service, you can have your Beach Park water/sewer bill automatically paid from your checking or savings account. Three days before the due date the payment will be deducted from your account. Please call us with any questions at 847-746-1770



## Trying to sell?

If you have a commercial building or site for sale or lease, and would like the Village to place the information on our website, please contact Sandi at 847-246-6002

and we will be happy to help promote the sale or lease of your business.



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completed sometime next year. We will need to be patient while the construction is going on and watch out for the safety of the construction workers. There will be a temporary lane constructed and utilized during this project to minimize delays and interruptions.

Speaking of bicycles and trails, the Village, along with its neighboring villages, has applied for some grant funding to study the existing trails and possibilities for new trails throughout Beach Park, Zion, Waukegan and Winthrop Harbor areas. It would be great to connect the Robert McClory (Northshore) Bike Path with the Illinois Beach State Park existing paths. In the near future, we anticipate a working

plan which lays out a budget and schedule for the new trails.

In July, we successfully implemented the electric aggregation program which the voters approved earlier this spring. We are happy with the rates we were able to secure through the bidding process and have more favorable rates than so many of our neighbors. The first billing cycle with new rates will be on the October bill for most residents.

It has been a busy summer and I am sure this fall will be the same with falling leaves and school back in session. Your Village is doing well, and the staff is working hard to keep it that way!

- John Hucker, Mayor



## AARP Driver Safety Class

The AARP Driver's Safety Class will be offered from 9am to 1pm at the Village of Beach Park Village Hall on Monday October 7th & Tuesday October 8th, 2013. 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, for those eligible.

The cost is \$12.00 for AARP member's 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.

## Sheriff's Corner

With summer coming to an end and school starting back up, kids will be outside more than ever and it's important that everyone remembers certain rules for their own safety. Never leave your child unattended and always do your best to know where your child is at all times. Never assume that you know where they are or what they are doing. Remind your children that adults should never need a child's help unless it's for the police or fire services. Talk to your children about their safety often and with conviction. Reinforce to kids that its ok to talk about things that frighten or confuse them. Parents are always the best resource in safeguarding your family. Stay alert, stay focused and stay informed.

Neighborhood watch is instrumental in keeping communities safe and informed not only to the Village and Sheriff's office, but with the folks you live around. Participation in this group within your communities and neighborhoods is vital for everyone to be as safe as possible and informed about activities in your area. The Village of Beach Park and the Lake County Sheriff's Office strongly encourage everyone's participation in this program. If you would like more information or just have questions, please contact the Lake County Sheriff (847) 377-4211 or the Village Hall (847) 746-1770.



## SWALCO Household Chemical Waste Collection

Some jobs around the home may require the use of products that contain hazardous components or ingredients. Items like old and unwanted pool and cleaning chemicals, driveway sealers, varnishes/stains, garden fertilizers, and bug sprays... Residents can bring these and other chemical products they have at home, like unwanted or expired prescription and over-the-counter medications (for people and pets), to SWALCO Household Chemical Waste (HCW) Collection Events. To

learn more about items that are accepted, and dates and locations for upcoming HCW events sponsored by SWALCO, including Year-round drop-off events (by appointment), please visit the HCW pages of the SWALCO website at [www.swalco.org](http://www.swalco.org). All SWALCO HCW events are free and open to all Illinois residents. If you'd like to learn more about recycling in our community, please visit the SWALCO website or the Village website at [www.villageofbeachpark.com](http://www.villageofbeachpark.com)

### GARAGE SALE PERMITS REQUIRED

In any residential district a temporary use permit shall be required for a home or garage sale. Each permit shall be valid for a period of not more than four (4) days. Not more than two (2) permits for a home or garage sale shall be issued for the same residence in one (1) calendar year, January 1—December 31.

Please stop in at the Village Hall if you are planning on having a garage/rummage sale and get your permit at no charge. If you need further information, please call Donna at 847-246-6006.



### Fall Ordinance Reminder

As the Fall Season approaches, please note the following rules for burning leaves and yard waste. Per Village Code 8.40, It is unlawful for any person to burn any material within 25ft. of any structure on any property within Beach Park. The permitted times of burning are from dawn till dusk during the months of April thru November. 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. Fires may not be left unattended. No fire shall be set in any public right-of-way, 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 [www.villageofbeachpark.com](http://www.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 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,
- 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).

Drain the pool over a period of several days across your lawn following the additional guidelines below. 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 Village Hall at 847-746-1770. Thank you for doing your part to help promote cleaner wetlands, streams, lakes and rivers.

## From the offices of Benton Township

Seniors need Assistance fueling your car? Beginning November 1st thru April 1st, on Wednesdays from 9—1 pm, a station attendant will assist you by filling your tank (you pay for the gasoline). Stop at the Township office or Village office for your placard listing participating stations.

Corporate Community Adult Spelling Bee Thursday, November 14th at North Point Community church, 9th St. & Lewis Ave., in Winthrop Harbor. Refreshments begin at 6pm and the BEE starts at 7pm. Spectators welcome. There is a \$5 guest fee (includes refreshments). All proceeds go to support Coalition for Healthy Communities. Questions, please call Jan at 847-746-2100.

FREE Thanksgiving Meal, November 28th from noon till 2pm at the Schlader Building on 9th St., in Winthrop Harbor. Sponsored by Eternal Word Prayer Community Church. For reservations call: 847-746-2100 or email ourfatherstable09@comcast.net

Community Caregivers Support Group: meets the 4th Monday of every month from 6—7 pm at the Zion Benton Public Library. Sponsored by Coalition for Healthy communities.

Save Money with Free Discount Prescription Drug Card. Pickup card at Township office or go to [www.coast2coastrx.com](http://www.coast2coastrx.com) to print the card. This card allows all Township residents—regardless of income, age, or health status to save on the cost of medication

Prescription Disposal available at the Zion Police Department.

Electronic Recycling: Zion Public Works Building, 3220 27th Street, Zion, IL. 1st & 3rd Saturday of the month from 9 am till noon. No Fee.

Dial-A-Ride Expansion for ALL Benton Township residents. Service available Mon thru Fri from 8:30 am till 5:30 pm. Must call 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. Medical appointments must be Tuesday or Thursdays only. Hours are 8:30 am till 3:30 pm. Medical appointments include Waukegan & Gurnee locations.

Free amplified phone applications. Neither age nor income are a requirement. Pick up at the Township Office.

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

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

## FALL VACCINE CLINIC

Flu/pneumonia, whooping cough & shingles vaccines

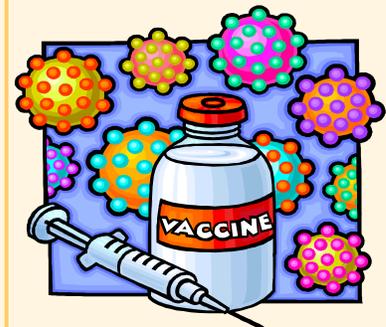
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- With Medicare: Flu/Pneumonia vaccines are FREE
- With Medicare Part D: Whooping cough vaccine is FREE & Shingles vaccine will have nominal co-pay.

There will be a discounted fee for all vaccines which may be paid by cash, check or credit card.

FRIDAY, September 27th  
from 9am till 1pm

Benton Township Office  
40020 N. Greenbay Rd.  
(NW Corner of 29th & Greenbay Rd)  
Beach Park  
847-746-2100



## Parks & Recreation



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August 17, 2013 the Village held their 5th Annual Beach Park Fest! And yet again... another successful year! Over 190 cars were in the car show, with the Mayor's Choice being a 1939 Chevy 1/2 ton Modified Pickup Truck. There were over 500 people to walk thru the festivities which included over 20 crafters with items for sale, face painting by the Beach Park Queens, food vendors, bounce houses & crafts for kids as well as demonstrations from the Lake County Sheriffs Department. A helicopter even landed giving the children onsite an opportunity to explore and take pictures with. Fire Departments from Beach Park & Newport Township also were onsite with demonstrations that included a "smoke house", fingerprinting and even getting their hands

on a fire hose for spraying. Over all a great time was had by all.



**Richard Gust, Chairman**  
**Parks & Recreation Committee**



August 18, 2013 the Village held a re-dedication ceremony in honor of the late Mayor, Milton C. Jensen. The current Public Works Facility was recently renamed the "Milton C. Jensen Public Works Facility" and a Resolution was passed in July renaming the building forever. The current Board felt that after all of Milt's work and dedication to this Village, that a small part of him remain in the renaming of the building.

## Pet Vaccination & Microchip Clinic Event

Saturday, October 26, 2013, from 9 am till noon, the Lake County Health Department will hold a low cost pet vaccination and microchip clinic at the Milton C. Jensen Public Works Facility located at 40185 Glendale Ave., Beach Park. 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 more info contact 847-949-9925.

## Chipping Policy Reminder

Chipping is intended to provide a service to Village residents in the removal of incidental tree and brush debris resulting from damage due to storms and other natural causes.



In addition to storm damage debris, the Public Works department will pick up trimmings during the time frame of April 15th through May 15th and then again in the fall, October 15th through November 15th.

*Tangled piles of limbs or branches placed haphazardly will not be picked up.*

*Chipping will be of trimmed branches, not entire tree removals.*

Chipping will not be provided to persons removing trees, bushes etc. A commercial service must be used when in the act of cleaning/clearing land. Please note that if you have a tree trimming or lawn service take down or trim up a tree, the service must provide removal of the debris. The Village is not responsible for debris or tree trimmed branches left by a tree trimming or lawn service contractor.

Chipping does not include the pick up of lawn refuse, leaves, grass clippings, tree trunks and/or logs, etc.

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