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Words from the Mayor

As Fall approaches and our focus shifts from cutting grass to raking leaves, from vacation to school activities and from sunny and hot Summer days to cool and rainy Fall days, I find myself feeling very grateful.

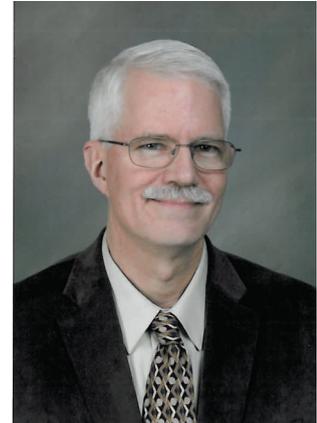
This Summer, we celebrated 25 years since our Village was founded. Beach Park Fest was expanded to help celebrate this milestone. Our Staff and Board members worked very hard to make the event a success. During this weekend, I was able to reminisce with some of our Founding Fathers and we remembered our humble beginnings. I am grateful to have known these people for 25 years and I miss the ones that are no longer with us. Without them, we would not have a Village today.

We started this Village with nothing, and today we have a Village Hall building where a wonderful group of staff members take care of our citizens needs. We have a very nice Public Works Facility with a strong group of professionals taking care of our streets, water & sewer system and so much more. We have a couple of parks

including Founders Park on Beach Road and Braim Park near the Heatherstone Subdivision with ball fields, playgrounds and picnic areas. I am grateful that we have these facilities to help us serve our residents.

Beach Park has come a long way in just 25 years due to the dedication of so many people and I am grateful to have been here to share in that growth. The business of running a Village is complicated with lots of moving parts. One thing is certain.... CHANGE! I have a saying around the Village Hall, "Every Day—Something New!" I liken our office staff and Public Works crew to a flock of ducks swimming along on the lake. On the surface you see those ducks gliding along the surface of the water, seemingly with little effort, but underneath they are paddling like mad! Our team takes whatever comes next without complaint and they get the job done. I am grateful to work with such fine people.

So much has changed in 25 years, but one thing has remained constant:



Our residents! Of course we get complaints when something is not right, but those complaints usually come with a reasonable understanding that, sometimes, fixing what is wrong takes some time. And, when we do get it right, often another call of "Thanks" comes from that same resident. How cool is that! We all need to work together to resolve issues and our goal is to do it with a smile and a sincere desire to correct whatever is wrong. I am grateful for our residents, how they care and how they understand.

So as I sit here today, I am feeling grateful for our Founders, for our Facilities, for our Team of incredible employees & leaders and for our Residents.

Have a great Fall!
Mayor John Hucker

PET VACCINATION & MICROCHIP CLINIC

The Lake County Health Department will host a pet clinic at the Village of Beach Park, Milton C. Jensen Public Works Facility on Saturday, October 11, 2014 from 9 am till noon. (40185 Glendale Rd. Beach Park, IL)

Please call 847-377-4700 for more information or check out the flyer on Beach Park's website at;

www.vofbp.com



**Trustee Regina Miller,
Chair, Public Relations
Committee**

Beach Park Website Highlight

If you've ever been curious to read the "Village Link" issues from years gone by, there's an easy way to find them. Just log on to <http://issue.com/beachparkil>

This website displays 20 past publications of the "Village Link" archived from the Winter of 2009 to the Summer of 2014. It's as simple as a few clicks of the mouse! If you have questions about accessing this website, contact our Village Administrator, Jon Kindseth at 847-746-1770.

Enjoy reading about where the Village has been and how we've progressed over the years!

The results of the citizens satisfaction survey that was included in the last newsletter are being tabulated. These results will be included in our Winter newsletter. Thank you to all who participated!



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Guidelines for Draining Swimming Pools

Chlorinated water discharged to surface water (wetlands, lakes, streams, rivers, etc.), roadways or storm sewers has an adverse impact on local water quality. High concentrations of chlorine is present in swimming pools and is toxic to wildlife and fish. When draining your pool for the late fall/early 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 a 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 0.1mg/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 & rivers.

These recommendations are based on guidance from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. Visit www.epa.state.il.us/water for additional information.

Thank you for doing your part to help promote cleaner wetlands, streams, lakes and rivers.



BENTON TOWNSHIP NEWS

Fall Vaccine Clinic Tuesday, September 30th 9 am till 1 pm at Township Offices. Flu, Pneumonia, Shingles, Whooping Cough, Hepatitis A vaccines as well as Free Screening for blood pressure and osteoporosis.

Secretary of State Mobile Unit October 21st from 10 am till 2 pm at the Zion Benton Public Library. Renew, replace or correct your Driver's License and /or State ID card & purchase vehicle stickers. At 9:30 am there will be a Rules of the Road Review class and a vision screening exam.

Seniors need Assistance fueling your car? Beginning November 1st and going thru April 1st, on Wednesdays from 9 am 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.

9th Annual Corporate Spelling Bee will be November 6th at North Point Christian Church, 9th Street & Lewis Avenue in Winthrop Harbor.

Refreshments begin at 6 pm & spelling bee starts at 7 pm. Spectators are welcome. There is a \$5 guest fee. (includes refreshments). Questions, please call Jan at 847-746-2100.

Free Thanksgiving Meal on November 27th from noon till 2 pm at the Schlader Building on 9th Street in Winthrop Harbor. Sponsored by Eternal Word Prayer Community Church. Reservations, call 847-246-4428. Volunteers are needed to serve. For more information, email ourfatherstable09@comastnet.

Benton Township Assessor's staff may be in the field taking pictures to update records. Any questions, please call Assessor's office at 847-746-2069

Need a job? Contact the Job Center of Lake County at 847-377-3450. Many helpful sessions and resources are available.

FREE Rules of the Road & Illinois highway maps available at Township Office.

Free Senior Activity Guide pick up at Township Offices

PACE Dial-A-Ride 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 appointments, you can call up to one (1) week in advance to reserve a seat. Medical appointments must be Tuesday or Thursday only. Hours: 8:30 am till 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 ask for Meals on Wheels program.

Benton Greenwood Cemetery plots available. Call Township for more information.



Supervisor, Jan Suthard

**Township
Office is
located at the
NW Corner of
Greenbay
Road and 29th
Street in
Beach Park**





FALL ORDINANCE REMINDERS

As the Fall season approaches, please remember the following rules for burning leaves and yard waste in the Village of Beach Park, per Village Ordinance 8.40; *It is unlawful for any person to burn any material within 25 ft. of any structure on any property in the Village. Permitted time of burning is from dawn till*

dusk from April 1st thru November 30th. Out of season burning is allowed by permit only. Burn permits are available at no charge at the Village Hall. The only materials permitted to burn are dry leaves and 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-ways, public land or public places. Please visit our website at www.vofbp.com to see a complete copy of the Ordinance.

VILLAGE MAINTAINS AA BOND RATING

In the Fall of 2013, Standard & Poor's changed their methodology and assumptions for assigning issuer credit ratings to local governments in order to provide additional transparency and increase comparability. In June of this year, the Village of Beach Park was re-

evaluated based on the new criteria, and we are pleased to say that the Village maintained its AA Bond Rating. S&P affirmed the "AA" long term rating saying the outlook for the Village is stable. Two factors mentioned in the report as important in securing the rating were the Vil-

lage's "very strong available general fund reserves" and the Village's "moderate debt burden". The Village continues to spend within its means and is committed to maintaining its stable financial position.

Peggy McHugh
Finance Director

"We are pleased to say that the Village maintained it's AA Bond Rating."



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Diane Hewitt
Dist. 2 County Board Member

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PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

With school coming back into session, make sure that your child is safe and aware of his or her surroundings if waiting for a bus or someone to pick them up. From June to July, speeding has gone down for Law Enforcement, but still is the highest ticketing, especially in the mornings. The Lake County Sheriff's report is available on the village website at www.vofbp.com/government/departments/police (which is updated every month). Although total activity each year has gone down dramatically in the month of July, it is important to make sure that your child is safe and again, well aware of his or her surroundings. It is important that drivers know that there are going to be more children waiting for their buses so make sure to give an extra eye when driving. Make sure to talk to your little one about not talking or coming close to a stranger or strange vehicle, and let them know the dangers that could come along with that. Also, make sure to report any suspicious activity that is going on in your neighborhood or that you see, to the Lake County Sheriff's non-emergency number, 847-549-5200.

DEA NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK

The Lake County Sheriff's office is once again partici-

pating in the Drug Enforcement Administration National Prescription Drug Take Back event. On September 27, 2014 from 10 am to 2 pm, anyone having unwanted or unused prescription drugs can drop them off at one of the following locations for proper disposal. Beach Park Village Hall or the Volo Village Hall. The Fremont Township Office is also taking drop-offs. This event will be the 2nd National event this year.

Ridding medicine cabinets of these prescription drugs prevents children from accidentally consuming them and unauthorized users from obtaining them. The Lake County Sheriff's Office is committed to limiting the availability of prescription drugs and protecting our environment by properly disposing them.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Make sure to go to our website to get all the latest about the Neighborhood Watch group. If you were at the Beach Park Fest, 25th Anniversary celebration the weekend of August 15th, then hopefully you got a chance to stop by the Neighborhood Watch booth. There is a Unified Neighborhood Watch Meeting scheduled for September 8th at 6pm at Founders Park on Beach Road. Please call

the Village Hall at 847-746-1770 if you would like more information about Neighborhood Watch or visit our website at www.vofbp.com/residents/neighborhood-watch

EMERGENCY SHELTER In extreme heat and cold, the Village Hall located at 11270 W. Wadsworth Rd., Beach Park and the Milton C. Jensen Public Works Facility located at 40185 Glendale Rd., Beach Park have both been designated as cooling and warming centers.

Possible alternative shelter sites are;

Beach Park Fire Department (any other fire departments needed), 3233 N. Lewis Ave., Beach Park.

Our Lady of Humility Church, 10655 Wadsworth Rd., Beach Park.

Illinois Beach Resort, 1 Lake Front Drive, Zion

These types of cooling and warming centers will be on a short term basis to provide shelter to our residents. Centers will be opened and operated during normal business hours, but no overnight accommodations will be provided. For long term sheltering, the American Red Cross will be notified.



**Trustee, Linda Sittig
Chair, Public Safety
Committee**

"There is a Unified Neighborhood Watch Meeting scheduled for September 8th at 6pm at Founders Park on Beach Road."



Road Construction Project

If you are wondering how to get to work this week or what construction is going on, take a look at our construction page on the Village website at <http://www.villageofbeachpark.com/residents/construction-projects>. The page gets updated every week and has information such as streets that are going to be patched and redone, also keeps you up to date on how the roads are coming along, and (if necessary) it will let you know if any roads are being shut down and where to go to avoid them.

GAVEL TO GAVEL

ORDINANCES

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| 2014-0-18 | An Ordinance Approving the petition for a variance to a setback abutting a street in an R-2 single family residential district at 10737 W. Liberty Ave |
| 2014-0-19 | An Ordinance Approving the petition for a conditional use permit for an "automobile sales, supplies and service" use at 37937 N. Sheridan Road |
| 2014-0-20 | An Ordinance Amending section 13.04.270, fee schedule, of the Village of Beach Park Municipal Code to increase potable water rates |
| 2014-0-21 | An Ordinance Ascertainning the prevailing rate of wages for Laborers, Work men and Mechanics employed in public works of this public body |
| 2014-0-22 | An Ordinance Approving the petition for a variance to a rear yard setback in an R-3A/R-3C planned development district at 13122 W. Birmingham Court |
| 2014-0-23 | An Ordinance creating Beach Park Special Service Area Number Nine |
| 2014-0-24 | An Ordinance creating Beach Park Special Service Area Number Ten |
| 2014-0-25 | An Ordinance creating Beach Park Special Service Area Number Eleven |
| 2014-0-26 | An Ordinance creating Beach Park Special Service Area Number Twelve |
| 2014-0-27 | An Ordinance Approving the budget amendment for the 2013/2014 Budget Year |
| 2014-0-28 | An Ordinance Authorizing the purchase of real property from County of Lake |
| 2014-0-29 | An Ordinance Amending Chapter 5.16 of Title 5 of the Beach Park IL Village Code by modifying the number of licenses. |
| 2014-0-30 | An Ordinance Authorizing the purchase of real property from County of Lake Trustee |
| 2014-0-31 | An Ordinance Amending Chapter 5.16 of Title 5 of the Beach Park Village Code by modifying the number of licenses |

RESOLUTIONS

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| 2014-R-13 | A Resolution as required by IDOT appropriating \$410,000 of MFT funds for the 2014 Street Resurfacing Program. |
| 2014-R-14 | A Resolution Accepting 30 foot dedications for Liberty and North Avenues from Our Lady of Humility |
| 2014-R-15 | A Resolution Accepting a grant from the Illinois Housing Development Authority's Abandoned Residential Property Municipal Relief Program |
| 2014-R-16 | A Resolution Determining the sufficiency of objection petitions filed in the matters of proposed Special Service Area Number 10 and proposed Special Service Area Number 12 |
| 2014-R-17 | A Resolution Advocating a Gubernatorial Veto or Amendatory Veto of Senate Bill 507, which amends 65 ILCS 5111-150-1 to restrict the collection of connection fees charged by municipalities |
| 2014-R-18 | A Resolution Establishing an Adopt A Street program |



Adopt-A-Street Opportunities

Organizations and groups in Beach Park have a new opportunity to give back to our community by adopting a street to keep clean. This would mean picking up litter along the right of way four times a year.

The 'Adopt a Street' program was presented in the form of a resolution by Trustee Regina Miller at last week's board meeting, and unanimously approved by Board members. The Village will determine what stretch of

roadway will be assigned. Trustee Miller said Beach Road would be a good place to begin.

"We'll solicit volunteers for the beautification of the Village," Miller said. Volunteers could be church groups, Scouts, baseball teams or others.

We will provide garbage bags, safety vests and gloves, and we will post a sign that names the group that has accepted the responsibility for that section of the road.

Concerned residents that want to see Beach Park cleaned up and feel strongly about this can definitely help out. The applications will be available on our website for those who are interested in the program. Or you can call the Village Hall at 847-746-1770

On the flip side of that program, the Board will also hold the 'litterbugs' responsible for the section of roadway they are caught trashing. They will be assigned a section of roadway to keep clean for a 30-day period.



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PARKS & RECREATIONS

Thanks to all the people that supported the Beach Park Fest/25th Anniversary Celebration the weekend of August 15th, 2014. Thanks to the Trustees that supported it & everyone in the background that never gets recognized. From everyone's support and help, the Public Works employees for their help & hours, the Beach Park ESDA for the traffic control to the Beach Park Beauty Queens for helping out during the movie in the park. Overall about 2000 people showed up and the dedication on Sunday to the people who made Beach Park possible was a great success.

Thank you to Gibbie Bucholtz for taking videos each day and still pictures, as well as to Carla Villalobos for her continued support.

We would also like to "thank" our sponsors; *RHMG Engineers, Signs Now, Advanced Disposal, Beach Park Mini Mart, VM Landscaping, Manhard Consulting, Marabella & Associates, Law Offices of Rudy Magna, Buena Vista Restaurant, Judge Terry Brady, Emily's Restaurant, Park Lane Jewelers & Mobil Gas & Liquor.*

Make sure to check the Village website for up-

coming events. The following is just a short list of scheduled events coming up;

09/13/2014—Special Needs Movie Day at Gurnee Marcus Cinema. 9 am, "A Dolphins Tale II".

09/26/2014 Senior Picnic in the Park. Founders Park at noon. Call for information or to buy tickets.

10/25/2014 Special Needs Corn Maze at Krolls Fall Harvest Farm with pizza to follow at Village Hall.

11/10—11/2014 AARP Safe Driving Class at Beach Park Village Hall. 9 am to 1pm, Mon & Tues. Call the Village Hall to sign up and for more information.



*Trustee, Richard Gust
Chair, Parks & Recreation
Committee*

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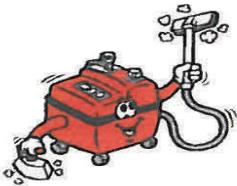
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