

The Village Link



Spring 2014

State of the Village

Well, almost a year has passed since the elections last spring and the time has flown by. I am happy to say that we are right on track and on plan! In the last twelve months we have accomplished much. Below I will explain some of the things that we have been working on.

The Village Board, along with our staff, took part in our annual Priorities Session. This year we met over the course of two days to discuss our thoughts and dreams for the future of the Village. This session is very useful in helping to determine what improvements and programs should be implemented and when, for the next fiscal year and for years to come. We use these priorities to build our capital budget and set goals for our staff as well. As a result, the Village Board and staff will have a very busy

year ahead of us. We continue to strive to increase the transparency of information to residents, staff and Board members.

The Village Board meetings continue to be streamed live on our website as well as being archived there. If you can't make it to our meetings, you can still watch the meetings when your schedule allows. Our new website, which is now complete, allows for many more services to be done 24/7 via website, including paying your water/sewer bill, building permits, business licenses, and communication with our staff. The Village has also added social media to our communication methods, so that our residents who use these, can get more timely information. Soon, we will be posting the Board meeting packets to our website so the public can see

the same information as the Board sees. I would like to thank Trustee Regina Miller and the Public Relations Committee for working together with staff on the website improvement project.

On the financial side of things, we have implemented the State of Illinois Debt Recovery program to assist us in the collection of delinquent water/sewer bills and other outstanding fees. We have also started offering direct debit and electronic billing, giving residents more alternatives for paying their water/sewer bills. Speaking of water/sewer bills, there will be a new look to them starting March, 2014. Our staff has been working to determine the most cost effective way to process water/sewer bills while still protecting your privacy. We have decided to utilize a pressure seal method rather than



MAYOR JOHN HUCKER

ELECTRONIC BILLING

The Village is exploring the possibility of emailing our utility bills electronically. Contact Peggy at peggy.mchugh@villageofbeachpark.com if you are interested in this option. Your feedback is appreciated!

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continuing with the blue postcard. All of the same information that was on the postcard bill will be on this new bill. We believe that taking this step better protects our residents' information in this ever changing world of identity theft.

Our staff and our Finance Committee, chaired by Trustee Don Jensen, are also busy preparing the budget for Fiscal Year 2014—2015 and we plan to once again present a balanced budget. The Village continues to operate within its means, without a property tax. In fact, Beach Park is one of only seven cities in Lake County without a municipal property tax, and of those municipalities, Beach Park is the 3rd largest with a population of nearly 14,000. The Village is projecting an operating surplus in its General Fund for the second year in a row this fiscal year. This is no small feat; as you may know, most municipalities in our area are in serious financial situations. You can rest assured that your Elected Officials and Village Staff work hard to ensure we stay financially healthy.

Beach Park was also one of 140 municipalities in Illinois awarded the Government Finance Officers Association Certificate of Achievement for excellence in Financial Re-

porting. This is the 3rd year in a row that we have been recognized. I credit the professionalism and talent of our Finance Director, Peggy McHugh, for this achievement.

The Lake County Sheriff's Department performed Liquor Compliance checks during the month of November. As an FYI, this is when the Sheriff's Department utilizes underage buyers to determine if liquor retailers are complying with ID checks. Two retailers, out of a total of fifteen, were found in non-compliance and cited for underage sales. Cashiers of the establishments were charged under State Statue and as Beach Park Liquor Commissioner, I subsequently fined the liquor license holders for their lack of compliance. We would like to express our thanks to the Sheriff's Department for another job well done! The Village has just signed another 3 year agreement for the Sheriff's Department's dedicated police services. This contract will run through December 31, 2016 with the option of adding a 3rd shift officer or other special details. The Village Board is looking at the additional costs that are associated with adding an extra shift while considering the upcoming budget. We are more than happy to continue our relationship with the Sheriff's Department; they have proved to be a professional department that has been

very responsive to our needs. We really do get great police services at a very reasonable cost to our residents.

We have recently installed LED outdoor lighting at the Village Hall, Public Works Facility, Founders Park and the North Avenue water tower with multiple grants covering 61% of the cost. The total cost to the Village for all 4 facilities was less than \$10,000. The interior Village Hall lighting was completed with a grant covering 95% of the cost, with the total project expense of less than \$2000. All of these upgrades will provide ongoing benefits for years to come through lower maintenance costs and utility expenses.

Our Public Works department, led by the Director of Public Works, Gene Gross, has kept the water and sewer system in good shape, mowed a lot of grass, and plowed A LOT of snow! In addition to all of this, they perform a multitude of tasks every day that are too numerous to detail here. They toil in the summer heat, shiver through the winter cold and through it all have a smile and a positive attitude. I can not thank them enough for what they do, but I keep trying! Thanks again! When you see them outside working, give them a wave and thank them for all they do!

You also may have noticed that we were in your neighborhood



this past summer painting the fire hydrants along the roadways. The Village utilized teenage residents as summer help to clean and paint over 200 hydrants. Next year we hope to do even more.

We have continued to increase Code Enforcement over the past year with very little additional expense to the Village. With increased efficiency from staff, we have doubled the number of Code Enforcement contacts this past year. Each complaint from a resident is logged into our tracking software and the results of that complaint is entered as well. We have successfully encouraged multiple structure demolitions, including a barn on Sheridan Road near Yorkhouse Road, as well as on Wadsworth Road near Cambridge Subdivision.

This next year the Village will be increasing our Code Enforcement efforts even further.

One area we struggle with is being unable to reach property owners of vacant houses and of rental units for Code Enforcement purposes. We have numerous ongoing problems with those types of properties, from long grass, to buildings in disrepair. These all negatively affect the neighborhood atmosphere and property values. In order to obtain and maintain current contact information for property owners and to insure compliance with our Village Property Maintenance Codes, the Village is considering requiring registration of all vacant and rental properties. There will be more to come on this topic.

In closing, how would I describe the State of the Village? I would have to say we are in great shape! That is not something every Village or City Mayor can say these days. We have a great team working hard at the Village Hall, led by our Village Administrative Services Director, Jon Kindseth, and we have an excellent Public Works team taking care of our infrastructure. We have a Village Board that is working well together and making good decisions. I am blessed to be a part of this operation and I am very proud of everyone here!

Thank you for your trust in your Village Board. We are working hard to keep Beach Park a place you can be proud to call home.

John Hucker, Mayor

CAVEL TO CAVEL

Every year the Village passes various ordinances & resolutions. The following are what we have passed so far this year. To get a complete copy of the ordinances, please log onto our Village website.

ORDINANCES

2014-O-01—01/09/2014 An Ordinance Approving the Petition of Gregory Hurst for a Conditional Use Permit for a "Dwelling for Proprietor, Caretaker or Watchman of a Commercial Use" at 36911 N. Greenbay Road.

2014-O-02—01/09/2014 An Ordinance Approving the Petition of Gregory Hurst for a Variance to the Minimum Landscape Setback abutting a street at 36911 N. Greenbay Road.

RESOLUTIONS

2014-R-01—01/23/2014 A Resolution appropriating an additional \$88,340.53 of the Village's allotted MFT funds for the 2012 MFT Street Maintenance Project.

2014-R-02—01/23/2014 A Resolution authorizing a reduction of

\$61,294.88 to the Village's allotted 2013 MFT Street Maintenance Project.

2014-R-03—01/23/2014 A Resolution to accept a joint exercise of powers agreement with the Lake County Municipal League for joint purchasing

2014-R-04—01/23/2014 A Resolution authorizing the purchase of the 2012 Chevy Malibu from Ally Bank for the price of \$13,873.60



YOUR PUBLIC WORKS CREW....

When you get up in the morning, pour your cup of coffee, head out the door, start your car and drive down the road, do you think about our Village's unsung heroes, the Public Works Crew? I can tell you that I certainly do!!

They drive their snowplows day and night in the worst weather that the Midwest has to offer.

The dedication of this small group makes it possible for us to go about our business with minimal inconvenience. They have missed many hours with their families, including Christmas, and New Years, in order to keep our streets safe and passable.

This year, to date, we have received over 70 inches of snow. (according to the National Weather Service), the average season is 28.4 inches. This winter is on pace to go into the record books as the third or fourth snowiest winter on record.

For those tasked with making our streets passable, this winter has been a bear! It seems like there has been no more than a day or two of respite between snow and ice storms. Even a light snow requires plowing and salting of our Village streets before they turn into bumpy skating rinks!

The freezing rain events bring on another set of challenges. The rains washes salt off from the road as fast as it can be applied, necessitating repeated applications until the rain stops. The bitter cold interspersed has com-

pounded the challenge as road salt becomes less effective at 15 degrees and below.

Here are some statistics to put this winter into perspective:

Crew size—8 plow drivers (5 full time employees, 2 "snow birds" and 1 contracted)

Miles of road to maintain—56

One driver has put over 2600 miles on this truck since December 1, 2013 for snow/ice removal. This is a route that is only 7 miles long! That is a lot of round trips!

Available equipment—Seven 5-yard trucks (2 of them over 20 years old). So far this year, we have had over 40 snow/ice events and the average per year is 20. The Public Works crew has already used 2000 tons of salt with an average only using 1600 for the entire season. An average of 250 gallons of calcium chloride deicer is used each season and so far this year they have used over 1000 gallons! WOW!



Gene Gross
Superintendent
17 Years



Dave Osterberg
17 Years



Gina Nelson
Administrative
14 Years



Mike Bellefeuille
Water Operator
11 Years



Ron Tate
10 Years



Ryan Van
6 Years



Pat Spencer
2 Years

Next time you pass one of our crew on the road, or in our local coffee shop, how about a smile, a wave and a Thank You for these hard working public servants.

PARKS & RECREATION

Did everyone have a great Holiday Season? I sure hope so, and I hope everyone is ready for the next set of Parks & Recreation Events we will be holding.

March 17th—Annual Luck-O-Irish Party. Illinois Beach State Park at noon. Please purchase tickets in advance.

April 12th— Special Needs Movie Day. Call the Village Hall for more information.

April 19th—Annual Egg Hunt.

Founders Park at 9 am SHARP.

May 15th & 16th—AARP Driver's Safety Class will be offered at the Beach Park Village Hall from 9am till 1pm. Both days must be attended for credit. Space is limited, so sign up early. Cost is \$15.00 for AARP members and \$20.00 for non-members. Payment is due first day of class.

May 26th—Memorial Day Event. Founders Park at 11am.

Call the Village Hall for more information on any of these events or visit our website for updated times and dates.

I sure hope everyone enjoys the next few months, summer is just around the corner.



*Richard Gust,
Chairman,
Parks & Recreations
Committee*

Lake County Health Department wants you to know....

About 90,000 Lake County residents rely on ground water from aquifers to supply their private wells. It's important for all users of private wells to have their drinking water tested annually to see if it meets the minimum drinking water standards. In observance of National Groundwater Awareness Week in March, the Lake County Health Department

will offer reduced water testing rates. Between March 3rd and 13th, water samples can be brought to the Lake County Central Permit Facility at 500 W. Winchester Road in Libertyville between 7:30 am and 3:30 pm, Monday through Thursday. During this time the normal \$16.00 analysis fee for testing for bacterial and nitrates will be reduced

to \$10.00 for residents who rely on a private well for their drinking water. Water sampling kits can also be mailed for \$12.00. They can be picked up at a variety of locations throughout the County, Beach Park Village Hall being one of them. For a list of locations, call 847-377-8020.

Permit Required....



The Village has noticed an increase in vehicle sales throughout the Village. Consequently, the Village Board has recently reviewed the Temporary Use Permit Ordinance. Therefore, the Village Board has decided that the Village needs to start requiring a permit for vehicle sales in residential zones; however, vehicle sales are NOT permitted in any business district unless the business is a licensed auto dealership. Any resident that would like to place a vehicle for sale on their property must obtain a permit to display in the vehicle's window. For further information, please contact the Village Hall at 847-746-1770.

BENTON TOWNSHIP NEWS....

Early Voting—for all Benton Townships residents will be at the City of Zion Municipal Building beginning March 3rd thru March 15th (29th Street & Sheridan Road in Zion). Hours are Mon—Fri 9am to 4:30pm & Sat 9am to 2pm. Benton Township will no longer be an Early Voting Site. You can vote by mail thru March 13th by visiting LakeVoterPower.info to complete the E-request for a ballot. General Primary Election Day is March 18th at your polling place.

Senior Freeze Forms will be mailed in March.

Senior Resource Day—Wednesday, April 23rd at the Zion Park District Sports Arena from 8:30 till Noon. Continental breakfast, resource booths, lunch & prizes (must be present to win). No cost for the event but call 847-746-2100 to sign up.

Seniors need Assistance Fueling your car? - Until April 1st on Wednesdays from 9am till 1pm . A station attendant will assist you by filling your tank (you pay for the gasoline). Stop in at the Township Office, Winthrop Harbor Village Hall or the Village of Beach Park Office for your placard listing participating stations.

Property tax bills—will be mailed beginning May 2nd.

Farmer's Market Coupon Booklet—available after June 1st for Benton Township Seniors age 62+ (one booklet per household, while supplies last). GOOD AT ZION MARKET ONLY.

AARP Driving School—June 16th & 17th from 10 am till 2 pm at the Zion Benton Public Library. To sign up, call the Township as space is limited. AARP Members Cost is \$15.00 and non-members are \$20.00.

Free Rules of the Road & Illinois Highway maps available at the Township Offices.

Free Delivery of Groceries—for Benton Township residents provided by Harbor Foods in Winthrop Harbor. Must have a minimum order of \$50.00. Call 847-872-4416 to order. No deliveries on Wednesday's or Sunday's.

Save Money with FREE Discount Prescription Drug Card—pick up card at Township Offices or go to www.coast2coastrx.com to print a card. This card allows all Township residents— regardless of income, age, or health status to save on the cost of medications.

Electronic Recycling—Zion Public Works Building, located at 3220 27th Street, the 1st & 3rd Saturday of each month from 9am 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 1-800-201-6446 at least 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 on a Tuesday or Thursday only. Hours are from 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 is at the Township Offices.

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.

Benton Township Office is located at the NW corner of Greenbay Road and 29th Street in Beach Park.



Jan Suthard, Supervisor

Code Enforcement Reminder....

Please remember that it is unlawful for any person to permit any weeds, grass or plants, other than trees, bushes, flowers or other ornamental plants, to grow to a height exceeding eight inches (8") anywhere in the village. Any such plants or weeds exceeding such height are declared to be a nuisance. When the owner or person in control of any plot of ground fails to cut or destroy grasses or weeds growing thereon, the Village will mow and invoice the owner not less than \$100.00 per lot.

In 2014, the Village of Beach Park will continue to enforce the Municipal Ordinances that have been enacted to give our residents safe and attractive neighborhoods. If you should have a complaint or concern regarding what you feel is a code violation, please contact Patti Hanson at 847-746-1770 or patti.hanson@villageofbeachpark.com. Please give her the property address and description of what you feel is a violation. Following are examples of common code violations: Garbage, Debris and/or Exterior Storage, Building Code Violations, Long Grass and Weeds, Hazardous Property Conditions, Illegal Dumping, Illegal Parking, Inoperable and Abandoned Vehicles, Nuisance Conditions i.e. Parking Vehicles on Grass, Condition of Premises, Signage. For your convenience, the Village of Beach Park Ordinances are available on the village website www.villageofbeachpark.com.

Stormwater Pollution Prevention: Water Efficient Landscaping

With inevitable snow melt coming this spring, it is time to set time aside for yard clean-up and planning. If you are looking to give your yard a facelift this spring, consider implementing water-efficient landscaping for your home. According to the U.S. Geological Survey, approximately 7.8 billion gallons of water (30% of total usage) is used daily for outdoor uses. Using water-efficient landscaping tech-

niques can help reduce the total amount of daily water used and also has other benefits. These benefits range from lower water bills, conservation of natural resources, decreased energy use, and reduced landscaping labor and maintenance costs. Multiple factors come in to play when designing water-efficient landscaping: proper planning and design, soil analysis, appropriate plant selection, efficient irriga-

tion, and proper mulch selection all aid in the success of your efforts. A local garden shop can help you select the proper plantings that will help your yard look great and help reduce your environmental foot print. For more information about water-efficient landscaping, please visit <http://www.epa.gov/npdes/pubs/waterefficiency.pdf>.

A FULL Week of Earth Day!

Enjoy a week of free nature programs in honor of Earth Day (April 22) on behalf of the Lake County Forest Preserve District. Celebrate Spring, learn about ecology, join a nature walk or lend a hand to help save the planet by joining a special volunteer workday. All programs are FREE. All ages permitted. No registration required. The program runs from Sunday, April

20th through Saturday, April 26th and includes the following programs:

Sunday, April 20th—Meet and Greet Education Animals

Monday, April 21st—Rookery Watch

Tuesday, April 22nd—Playdate with Nature

Wednesday, April 23rd—A Fishy Tale

Thursday, April 24th—Pond Scooping

Friday, April 25th—Experience Nature at Night

Saturday, April 26th—Instilling a Land Ethics—come High Water River Clean Up.

See the full schedule and a more thorough description of these free activities at www.lcfd.org

Warm greetings from the Lake County Sheriff's Office!

Reports indicate this winter to be the sixth coldest on record – since 1893. Something about the Super Bowl and Punxsutawney Phil's groundhog prediction.

An anonymous donor and community leaders from Beach Park, Winthrop Harbor and Zion made it possible for the Lake County Sheriff's Office and Lake County Sheriff's Office Association to hold the annual Shop with a Sheriff. Many of the Sheriff's Office personnel volunteered and shopped with over 140 needy children, providing much needed winter outerwear as well as a few fun toys. Thank you all for your generosity!

With winter trailing behind, comes the joy of Spring Break. Please be prepared. The Lake County Sheriff's Office offers a House Watch program for folks leaving town. Please be sure to contact our office at (847) 549-5200 to schedule your house watch before you leave. Other tips include suspending mail service and newspaper delivery as well as leaving a light on in the house.

If you have or know of someone

homebound or living alone, consider the Lake County Sheriff's Office R.U.O.K. program. Every weekday a call is placed checking on the well-being of your loved one. If you would like to learn more about this service please call (847) 377-4211.

Each year, representatives in Springfield introduce new legislation. Below is a snapshot of the most noteworthy laws taking effect January, 2014.

Cell Phone Ban: Bans the use of electronic communication devices while driving.

Medical Marijuana: Creates the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Pilot Program Act.

70 MPH Speed Limit Takes Effect: Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Increases the maximum speed limit outside an urban district for any vehicle is (1) 70 miles per hour on any interstate highway; (2) 70 miles per hour for all or part of highways that are designated by the DOT, have at least 4 lanes of traffic and have a separation between the roadways moving in opposite directions; and (3) 65 miles per hour for all other highways, roads and streets.

Provides that the counties of Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, and

Will may adopt ordinances establishing speed limits lower than

these speeds. **Gangs in Schools:** Requires school principals to utilize resources of proper law enforcement agencies when the safety and welfare of students and teachers are threatened by illegal use or possession of weapons or by illegal gang activity.

No More Tanning for Minors: Prohibits tanning facilities from allowing any person less than 18 years of age, regardless of parental permission, from tanning.

However, we strongly encourage you to click on the links below to learn of all the new laws affecting Illinois residents. Over 50 new laws affect Law Enforcement, Courts, Corrections and Juveniles.

For more information on any of the items mentioned please visit our website at

www.villageofbeachpark.com and click on the link for the Lake County IL Sheriff's Office Website.



NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION

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. Polluted runoff is discharged directly into local water bodies via ditches or storm sewers. When left uncontrolled, this water pollution can result in 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. The NPDES Stormwater Program is a comprehensive two-phased national program mandated by Congress under the Clean Water Act to address non-agricultural sources of stormwater discharges which adversely affect the quality of our nation's waters. For information on the Village's efforts to comply with the NPDES Phase II program and on ways residents can assist in eliminating pollutants discharged to stormwater systems, visit the website at www.villageofbeachpark.com/government/departments/stormwater-management.

Rental Property Licensing & Vacant Property Registration Programs

The Village of Beach Park is currently developing a program for requiring registration of rental properties, as well as vacant properties. The Village has found it necessary to begin licensing rental properties due to the increasing life safety issues that some tenants have with absentee

landlords and maintenance and upkeep of these properties. The rental licensing program will include inspections of all rental units to ensure basic standards are met. The registration of vacant properties would insure that the Village has the correct contact information in the case of code

violations or emergencies. This program will ensure that the vacant properties in our neighborhoods are secured and maintained until such time they are reoccupied. Please check future newsletters and the website for updates to these programs. www.villageofbeachpark.com

START SAVING ENERGY AT HOME TODAY!

Residential customers of North Shore Gas and Peoples Gas are eligible for free installation of energy-saving devices in their homes, as well as rebates on high-efficiency HVAC products, water heaters and attic insulation.

The Home Energy Jumpstart Program is offered in partnership by Peoples Gas, North Shore Gas and ComEd. Homeowners can reduce their energy and water use with free installation of these products. Programmable Thermostats, Compact Fluorescent Light bulbs (CFL's), Showerheads, Faucet Aerators and Pipe Insulation. Call 855-849-8928 to see if you qualify and to schedule an appointment.

If you have questions about the Residential Programs, please contact John Ruffalo, Residential Trade Ally Liaison, jruffalo@franklinenergy.com, 855-849-8928, 262-994-0368 cell or Zoe Bottger, zbottger@franklinenergy.com www.northshoregasrebates.com www.peoplesgasrebates.com



Pet Vaccination and Microchip Clinic

The Lake County Health Department/Community Health Centers Animal Care and Control Program, together with the Village of Beach Park, will offer a low cost pet vaccination and microchip clinic on Saturday, April 5, 2014 from 9 am till Noon at the Milton C. Jensen Public Works Facility located at 40185 Glendale Rd., in Beach Park. For pets Spayed/Neutered, you can purchase a one year rabies vaccination and Lake County tag for \$20.00. A one year rabies vaccination, tag and distemper for \$25.00. Just the distemper complex for \$10.00 or just the microchip for \$15.00. For pets not spayed/ neutered, you can purchase a one year rabies vaccination and Lake County tag for \$60.00. A one year rabies vaccination, tag and distemper for \$65.00. Just the distemper complex for \$10.00 or just the microchip for \$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 vaccinations. 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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Designed with your small business in mind, the Small Business Energy Savings (SBES) program offers free energy assessments and incentives up to 75 percent off the cost of recommended electric-saving projects.

For a limited time, small business owners in Beach Park, Illinois can qualify for up to 100 percent off high-efficiency indoor fluorescent lighting and natural gas efficiency improvements from the SBES program. Eligible customers can also receive up to 75 percent off the cost of other high-efficiency indoor lighting, outdoor lighting and other improvements to help your business save on energy costs.

TO QUALIFY, YOUR BUSINESS MUST:

RESIDE IN BEACH PARK	+	GET A FREE ASSESSMENT BY MARCH 24, 2014	+	SELECT IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN 21 DAYS OF ASSESSMENT
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Don't miss out on this limited-time opportunity to brighten up your business, become more energy efficient and improve your bottom line.

Get your free energy assessment by March 24, 2014 to qualify.

Call Advance Dynamic Construction today at 773-885-9937. See reverse for full contact information.

Partners for Energy Efficiency



COMED GRANTS ASSISTANCE

ComEd has dedicated \$10 million in assistance funds in 2014 to help customers facing financial hardship pay their electric bill. Through April 1, 2014, ComEd has adjusted the eligibility requirements for financial assistance programs for eligible residents, additionally the company is now offering flexible budget billing and flexible deferred payment agreement options to assist customers receiving higher than normal bills in light of the severe cold weather we have had here in northern Illinois. To apply for ComEd's Residential Special Hardship grant, or the State sponsored assistance programs, such as LIHEAP, check out www.villagofbeachpark.com. For more information on any of ComEd's assistance programs or to enroll in ComEd's bill-payment assistance programs, call 1-888-806-CARE (2273) or visit Comed.com/CARE for more information.

CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITIES

ComEd offers Flexible Payment Options and Financial Assistance to customers in need

Flexible Payment Options Available through April 1, 2014.

Flexible Budget Billing Option

- Establish a budget bill plan which includes your current bill. This option offers customers the opportunity to pay an amount lower than what is currently owed.

Flexible Deferred Payment Agreement Option (DPA)

- Establish a new DPA even if you are currently on a plan.
- DPA's are also being extended to those who may have previously defaulted on a DPA plan.

Financial Assistance for those who qualify

Residential Special Hardship Program*

- Grants of up to \$1,500, once every two years, for eligible residential customers with household incomes up to 250 percent of the federal poverty level (\$58,875 for a family of four) are available. Through April 1, 2014 customers are NOT required to provide additional hardship documentation to qualify.

CHAMP (ComEd Helps Activated/Veteran Military Personnel)*

- One-time bill payment assistance of up to \$1,000 for eligible military personnel and veterans who reside within ComEd's service territory

Non-Profit Assistance Program

- This one-time variable grant of up to \$2,000 is available for non-profit organizations, including faith-based organizations. Through April 1, 2014 organizations that have NOT received a grant within the last two year may apply.

LEARN MORE

- To apply for the Residential Special Hardship grant or State sponsored assistance programs, such as LIHEAP visit a local LIHEAP Agency or call 888-806-CARE (2273), option 2 or visit ComEd.com/CARE for more information.

Grant amounts may vary while funds are available



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