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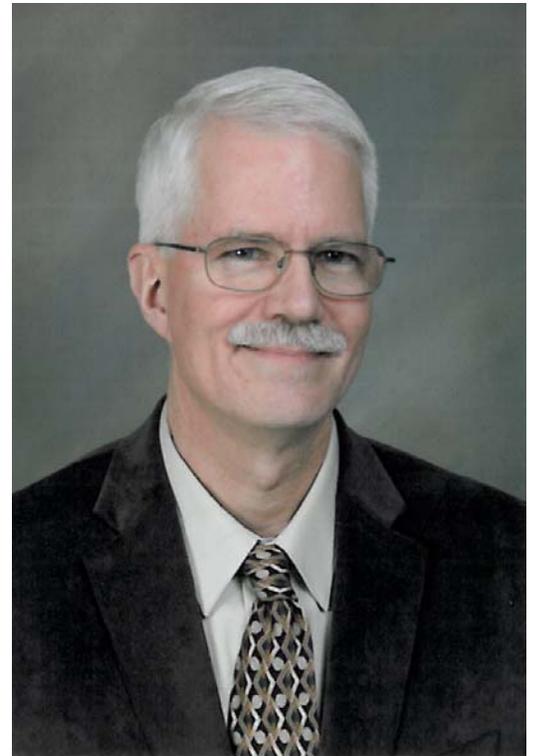
A Word from our Mayor

Well, we are past the elections, we sort of had a spring, and we are now working our way into summer! I want to say how humbled I am to have been elected to a four year term as Mayor. I was recently asked if it felt any different to be an elected Mayor versus being appointed by the Board to be Acting Mayor, my answer was “most certainly!” As Acting Mayor I spent my time working to insure that our Village would be in good shape for who ever was the next Mayor. I worked hard to organize our operations and staff to be ready for the next administration. With the addition of our Administrative Services Director, Jon Kindseth in January, that goal was finally achieved.

Speaking of the election, I am so pleased that the entire Board of Trustees Has returned to office so we as a Board can continue on the path

that we all agree upon: fiscal responsibility, proactive planning, efficient government and the safety of our Village, while growing our business base. We can also continue with the plans that were set in motion through our recently approved balanced budget.

So today, as I am settling into my first elected term as Mayor it feels good to have all of that work done! Sitting here today I am able to take a look a few years into the future and set some longer term goals. Some of those goals include setting up more aggressive Code Enforcement for properties that are not being properly maintained and are affecting the quality of life in our neighborhoods. Not only are these properties unattractive eyesores, they may also be driving down our property values.



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ADDITIONAL SERVICES

In addition to a new & improved website, the Village plans to add other services in a continued effort to save our residents time & money. The Village is currently setting up direct debit payments for our residents in the near future. Direct debit will allow residents to set up automatic payment of their water / sewer bill from their checking account at the time the bill is due. The Village is also looking to expand the ePay system to facilitate online payments of more than just the utility bill. We plan to add business licenses and other fees to the ePay link on our website as we continue to strive for better customer service. The Village currently absorbs the fees associated with ePay.

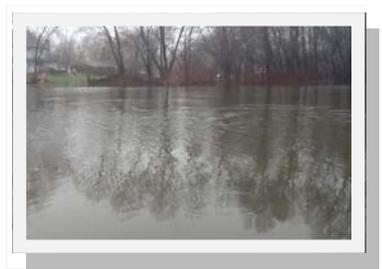
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The Village has budgeted for increased enforcement of building and property maintenance codes, in an effort to help our community's curb appeal. Another goal for my tenure is to increase our efforts in attracting and encouraging new businesses to locate to Beach Park, while retaining our existing healthy businesses. Businesses are an important element of any community, but particularly true in Beach park, as the sales tax receipts that businesses generate are one of the few sources of revenue we have available. Any increase in business in Beach Park will continue to bolster services and infrastructure provided by the Village for our residents. Remember, shipping local is a way you can continue to contribute.

This summer is again road construction season! We should be wrapping up the Beach Road improvement project by July if all continues as planned. What an improvement it is already, providing a much smoother commute. The new roadway, the added bicycle & walking path, accompanied by the improved drainage will be a lasting enhancement for all to enjoy. The Village is also proceeding with the Wadsworth & North Avenue intersection improvements, which will be completed before fall as well. This project will allow for safer and easier access between Wadsworth Road and Beach Road, east of the bike path. The State and Lake County Departments of Transportation have already begun working hard on a two-year project improving the intersection of Greenbay Road & Wadsworth Road. This will make that intersection safer and able to handle the traffic more efficiently. Please be patient as all of this construction work proceeds. Some delays and inconveniences are to be expected, but when it is all done, it will be worth it.

We had some significant flooding again this year during the very heavy spring rains, the worst of which was along Yorkhouse Rd., near Chestnut. The Village and the Lake County Department of Transportation are working together on several solutions to reduce and alleviate the flooding in that area. Admittedly this is a complex issue, as much of the water comes from outside the Village limits, while many of the storm sewers are located in Lake County right-of-ways that are not owned or controlled by the Village. This area has been studied by the Village's Civil Engineers and there are several recommendations included in their report. The Village is currently working with all the stakeholders to

seek the permanent long term solutions. Despite the flooding we did experience, the Village experienced far less damage than many of our neighboring communities along the rivers.



On the topic of flooding, this spring's heavy rains really highlighted why it is so important to keep leaves and debris out of our ditches all year. Many of the smaller flooding problems we had this spring were caused in part by last fall's leaves clogging up culverts and storm drains. If everyone works together, all year, to keep these ditches clear and free-flowing we will have less trouble with flooding during future rain storms. Another issue which the Village has is caused by residents that illegally drain their sump pumps into their sanitary sewer. This causes the sanitary sewer to overload and it often causes sewage to back up into other residents basements! The Village will be doing smoke testing in the future as funding is available to find and penalize these violators. If you feel that you may have an improper connection, please call the Village Building Department to arrange for a plumbing inspector to recommend corrections.

Even with the issues discussed, the Village Board has also committed to looking at larger issues which could benefit the entire Village, such as trash hauling, electric aggregation and video gaming. Village staff is comparing our existing free market pricing and service satisfaction as compared to communities which franchise for one waste hauler. The lack of regulation of waste haulers has grossly contributed to the degradation of our Village roads, as well as lack of accountability. The Village has been pursuing cheaper utility pricing for our residents after the voters approval of a Village Electric Aggregation Program. Some Village business owners have asked the Board to reconsider the current ban on video gaming as a way to generate more revenue for their business and the Village of Beach Park. So, in conclusion, I must say that I am humbled to have your trust and support as Mayor of Beach Park and I promise to work hard for everyone!

Mayor John Hucker



Spring is finally here! I want to congratulate our tremendous Public Works team on their outstanding work this past winter in keeping the Village roads clear and safe. Their long hours, day and night, enable us to get around with ease.

Speaking of roads, we can anticipate completion of Beach Road soon now that the weather permits

the final asphalt application and grading and restoration work. I know that the many residents who were inconvenienced by this work will appreciate the new road for many years.

Finally, I encourage you to participate in Village government. Come to our bimonthly meetings—second and fourth Thursdays of the month, 7:00 pm. All of our Committee meetings are open to the public (see on-line calendar for dates & times). As your elected representatives, we welcome and value your input.

Any questions/comments? Drop me a line at: don.jensen@villageofbeachpark.com

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

During the past few years, several times severe weather has shut down the Village and caused thousands of dollars in property damage and the loss of electrical power. The most recent flooding which occurred in April exemplifies these types of events. To help prepare the residents of the Village for the next possible disaster, the Beach Park ESDA unit has scheduled another special community training. On Monday, June 24th, at 6PM, we will present an "Emergency Preparedness Starts With You" class in the Board room of the Village Hall. Residents will learn how to prepare their families for all types of disasters, develop and gather emergency supplies for home & work, create a *Family Disaster Plan*, learn about Lake County's Health Department's Mass Medication Plan, address Special Needs Populations, review our reverse 911 telephone notification system, shelters (Warming & Cooling Stations), review our new Emergency operations plan and answer questions. For more information please call the Village Hall at 847-746-1770 or visit our website.

KEEP INFORMED



Because emergency response crews need to find addresses as quickly as possible when called, they often rely on house numbers for quick reference. If the numbers on your home are not easy to find or read, it could take longer for crews to reach you. Victims of heart attack, stroke, or choking need immediate care, so minutes can mean the difference between life and death. Your house numbers should meet the following Ordinance requirements:

08.16.010: Number on Houses and Buildings

It shall be the duty of the owner and occupant of every residence or place of business in the village to have placed thereon, in a place visible from the street, numbers at least three and one-half inches (3 1/2") high, showing the number of the residence or place of business. The color of the number shall be in contrast with the exterior color of the residence or business. Any person failing to so number any residence or place of business owned or occupied by him, after receiving notice to do so from the clerk, shall upon conviction be fined ten dollars (\$10.00) for each day on which the failure to number continues. The number to be used in compliance herewith shall be the number assigned to the residence or place of business, or used, by the U.S Post Office.

Take a minute to look at your house number. Make sure your numbers follow the above guidelines. It will help emergency crews find you easier and faster.

Your Village Board is committed to serving you, the residents, to the best of our abilities. To stay abreast of upcoming issues that will shape your community, consider attending a monthly Board and/or Committee meeting, wherein topics such as infrastructure, fiscal stewardship, neighborhood character and upcoming events are discussed.

Plan Commission meets at 7PM on 06/06, 07/10 & 08/01
Finance Committee meets at 6PM on 06/19, 07/17 & 08/21
Public Works Committee meets on 06/11, 07/09 & 08/13

(dates are subject to change)

Other standing Committees meet on an "as needed" basis, so refer to the Calendar on our website for the most current information. www.villageofbeachpark.com

Beach Park is your community! Your participation and feedback is always welcome. Come join us!

Trustee Regina Miller
Chair/Public Relations Committee
847-246-6054

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 2013, the Village of Beach Park is concentrating on enforcing 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.

The Village of Beach Park Ordinances are available on the village website www.villageofbeachpark.com for your convenience.



The Village of Beach Park would like to welcome our newly elected Village Clerk, Mary Jo McDonald. Mary Jo has worked for Catholic Charities for the past 18 years as an advocate for seniors. She graduated from College of Lake County and National College of Evanston, IL. She is a lifelong resident of Beach Park and the daughter of Village Clerk, Laurie Cvengros who recently retired after 24 years of service. We look forward to working with Mary Jo for years to come!

PARKS & RECREATION



Now that the weather is getting nice and all the snow has melted, the Parks & Recreation Department have many events planned. Check out the flyer below to get onboard with the next scheduled bus trip to Ho-Chunk Casino. The Village no longer will use our previous bus service. Princess Tours Inc. will now take over planning, advertising and taking reservations for all future trips. Their number is 262-210-8185. Contact them directly if you are interested in attending the trip mentioned below.

Also on our calendar of events is the Farmer's Market. The Beach Park Farmer's Market will start on Tuesday, June 25, 2013 and will run thru Tuesday, October 15, 2013. The market will be held at the same place: just east of the intersection of Wadsworth Road and Lewis Avenue.

The Village Wide Rummage sale will be held the weekend of June 21, 2013 and run through Sunday, June 23, 2013. Check the Village website for more information. We will again be showing a "Movie in the Park" on Saturday night, June 22, 2013 at dusk. Movie TBA.

Join us for the Annual Beach Park Fest scheduled for Saturday, August 17, 2013 at Founders Park. Again, check out our website for more information as the date approaches.

If you are interested in renting the pavilion at Founders Park, please contact Patti at 847-246-6001 for details.

I sure hope to see you all out at the events we have planned and wish you have a safe and happy summer.

Trustee Richard Gust, Chairman

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Do you have a home improvement project on the horizon? Did you know that many projects require building permits? A good rule of thumb is that if the electrical, plumbing, structural or lot coverage will be effected in anyway by your project, you will need a permit and the subsequent inspections. Some examples of common projects that require building permits are: water heaters, furnaces, air conditioners, generators, sheds, fences, decks, patios, roofs, swimming pools, driveways and other flatwork. Of course, large projects such as demolition, new construction, remodeling (including basements or drywall replacement), or additions also require permits and possibly a plan review prior to issuance. The Building Department can guide you through the permit process, so when in doubt, give them a call at 847-246-6006. Is your Contractor securing your building permit? If they do not have the job card that is required to be placed in the window while work is being performed they can not begin work. You can also call us to verify if a permit has been issued for your own home, or even a neighbors. For more information, please visit our website.



2013 SCHEDULE OF TOURS

CALL FOR INFORMATION OR A FLYER ON ANY TOUR

Day Trips:

 HO-CHUNK MONDAYS \$35, get \$25 in Freeplay & 10% off Buffet Feb. 11, Mar. 4, Apr. 8, May 6, June 3, July 8, Aug. 12, Oct. 7, Nov. 4, Dec. 9

FOUR WINDS \$35, get \$15 in Freeplay & \$10 in Food Mar. 18, July 17, Sept. 24, Nov. 14



CRANFEST \$48; Midwest's largest arts & crafts fair Saturday, Sept. 28

Overnights on Sunday/Monday:



MESKWAKI & MYSTIQUE \$99 pp DbI; \$159 Single includes hotel, \$50 in Freeplay, 1 Free Lunch & \$10 Food April 21-22; July 28-29

TORCHES \$99 pp DbI; \$159 Single includes hotel, \$40 in Freeplay, & Dining Discounts May 19-20; August 25-26

CHIP-IN (THE ISLAND) \$99 pp DbI; \$159 single includes hotel, \$40-225 in Freeplay (depending on previous play), Free Breakfast & other Dining Discounts October 20-21

MULTI-DAY TRIPS



MACKINAC ISLAND, CHRISTMAS & CHIP-IN \$399 pp DbI; \$369 pp Triple; \$339 pp Quad; \$579 Single TRAVEL BACK IN TIME TO MACKINAC ISLAND Includes 3 Nights Hotel Stay; Ferry to Mackinac Island, Horse-drawn Carriage Tour of Island; Lunch at the GRAND HOTEL, \$80 in Freeplay; Visit to Christmas; 3 Free Breakfasts, 1 Free Lunch and \$10 in Food 4 Days/3 Nights June 9-12



SOUTH DAKOTA \$799 pp DbI; \$739 pp Triple; \$699 pp Quad; \$1,149 Single DON'T MISS THIS TRIP TO THE WILD, WILD WEST WHERE WE'LL VISIT NATIONAL PARKS & MONUMENTS AND WALK IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF LEGENDS. Includes 5 Nights Hotel; Mitchell Corn Palace, the Badlands, Crazy Horse Memorial, Mount Rushmore, an 1880's Train Ride, A Cowboy Dinner & Show, \$40 in Freeplay, 2 Free Dinners, 1 Free Lunch, 4 Free Breakfasts, Free Drinks & Hors D'oevres at Deadwood Gulch and memories to last a lifetime! 6 Days/5 Nights September 8-13

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BENTON TOWNSHIP NEWS—847-746-2100

Farmer's Market—Coupon booklet available for Benton Township seniors age 62+ (1 booklet per household, while supplies last)

Community Caregivers Support Group—Beginning June 24th, this group will meet the 4th Monday of every month from 6 pm till 7 pm at the Zion Benton Public Library. Sponsored by Coalition for Healthy Communities.

AARP Driving School—June 17th & 18th from 10 to 2 pm at the Zion Benton Public Library. To sign up call the Township as space is limited. **FREE Rules of the Road & Illinois highway maps** available at the Township Office.

Save \$ with FREE discount Prescription Drug Card—Pick up card at Township Office or go to 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 medications.

Prescription Disposal—available at the Zion Police Dept. on a continual basis.

Benton Greenwood Cemetery—plots available.

Electronic Recycling—Zion Public Works building located at 3220 27th Street the 1st & 3rd Saturday of the month from 9 am—12 pm.

Dial-A-Ride Expansion—for ALL Benton Township residents. Service available Monday thru Friday from 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 one (1) week in advance to reserve a seat. Medical appointments must be Tuesday or Thursday only. Hours are 8:30 till 3:30 pm. Medical appointments include Waukegan & Gurnee locations.

Save the Date—for the 8th Annual Corporate Community Spelling Bee to be held on November 14th.

FREE Amplified Phone Applications: neither age nor income a requirement. Pick up at the Township Office.

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

Meals on Wheels—call 847-546-5733 and ask for program.

NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES)

According to the USEPA, "polluted storm water runoff" is a leading cause of impairment to the nearly 40% of surveyed U.S. water bodies, which do not meet water quality standards. Over land or via storm sewer systems, polluted runoff is discharged, often untreated, directly into local water bodies. When left uncontrolled, this water pollution can result in the 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 recreation waterways. Mandated by Congress under the Clean

Water Act, the NPDES Stormwater Program is a comprehensive two-phased national program for addressing the non-agricultural sources of stormwater discharges which adversely affect the quality of our nations' waters. (Source: USEPA. NPDES FAQ's)

For information on the Village's efforts to comply with the NPDES Phase II program and on ways residents can assist in eliminating pollutant discharges to stormwater system, please see the Village adopted Stormwater Management Program Plan (SMPP) at www.villageofbeachpark.com.

SOLICITORS REGISTRATION REQUIRED!

To protect our residents and businesses in Beach Park, the Village requires all solicitors within the Village to be registered. Any door-to-door solicitation for sales, services, donations, or collection of information requires that the individual be registered with the Village. It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in the business of peddler, solicitor or canvassing within the corporate limits of the Village without being permitted to do so. Applicants for a permit must complete an application, submit for a background check and have a picture taken. Solicitors are required to display a current Village issued photo id while engaged in any of these activities. If it is posted for no solicitation, your property should not be approached, whether the person is permitted or not. Please call Village Hall at (847) 746-1770, or for immediate service 911, if you believe someone is engaging in these activities without being permitted. Examples of these required ids can be found on the Village of Beach Park website at www.villageofbeachpark.com

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