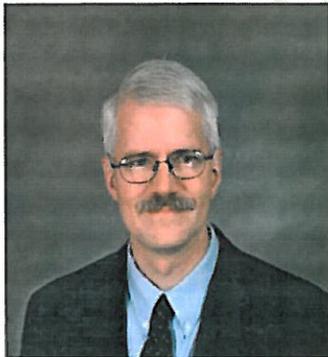


The Village Link

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BEACH PARK!



Mayor, John Hucker

AUTOMATED PHONE MESSAGES FROM BEACH PARK

If you would like to re-
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Village of Beach Park,
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746-1770 and leave your
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you off the system.

On May 23, 2014, Beach Park tuned 25 years old! Can that be right? It seems like only a couple years ago that a diligent group of people came together to form “the committee” to incorporate Beach Park in order to create a brand new Village in an unincorporated part of Lake County. This group included visionaries and leaders like Milt Jensen, Alex Mohr, Paul Last, Marshall Streib, Sue Hendricks, the Miller family, Joe Buttera, Tim Hatten, myself and so many more that worked so hard so that we could enjoy our Village today. The area designated to become Beach Park was essentially everything that was not already in Zion or Waukegan, in Benton & Waukegan Townships, south to Blanchard and north to 21st Street. This made for a complicated and lengthy legal description due to the irregularity of the boundaries of Waukegan & Zion. As you can imagine, this description had to be perfect, anything less and the petition to incorporate could be invalidated. Certainly you can imagine the endeavor as we were faced against the two established communities, with high

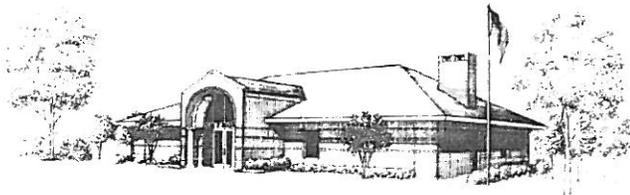
paid legal staff. We had some significant challenges along the way. There were petitions to circulate and file, a referendum to win, legal wrangling and challenges from our neighboring cities and the Port Authority, Circuit Court Hearings and decisions, an Appellate Court hearing and decision, but with the help and guidance of the Committee’s Attorney, Newton Finn, we prevailed! This process took the better part of two years and thousands of hours of committee member’s time. There were times when we could have lost the entire effort due to a technicality or a court challenge. The perseverance of so many volunteers, kept the committee going as every new hurdle was crossed to make our Village a reality. Despite the countless hours given by these founding members, some of the activities required money. There was no pile of cash waiting to be used for this purpose; the committee held rummage sales at the Bonnie Brook (now Beach Park) Fire Department. Committee members dug into their wallets to cover expenses as well

as the residents of the area. So where did the name Beach Park come from and why was it chosen? Well, this area is adjacent to the Illinois Beach State Park, and the School District that served a majority of the area was named Beach Park Consolidated School District. The area was informally known as Beach Park for both of these reasons. We had two trains stops, one called Beach Station on Beach Rd. for the North Shore Electric Line; and we had one at the east end of Beach Rd, east of Sheridan Rd, also called Beach Station. Both of these stations are long gone but they also contributed to the informal name of this area. It seemed only right to continue to use this name for the new Village when it was formed. On the topic of history, we are collecting the history of our Village’s past, prior to our becoming a Village. If anyone has pictures of businesses, homes or the area in general, we would love to get copies at the Village Hall. Also, any stories of people that lived here or were significant to our community in some way

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would be great to have as well. Just stop in at the Village Hall and we will be happy to have anything that tells the story of Beach Park. One of these days we will compile this history into our website.

So we had just formed a new Village, time to celebrate right? Well, actually there was no government, no laws, no money and no services... not much of a Village! Well, next came an election to decide who would served as our first Village Board. Many people ran for the Mayor, Clerk and Trustee positions. After a lively campaign and finally an election, we had our first Village Board; Mayor James Solomon, MD; Clerk Laurie Cvengros; and Trustees; Bud Bailey, Tim Hatten, Joe Buttera, Ted Paxton, Marty Stanonik and myself. I remember well our first Board meeting that



was held in the gymnasium at Kenneth Murphy Jr. High. We had our swearing in and sat down to tackle all that lay ahead of us. There was a sense of excitement, tempered with the reality of the task at hand. We had an entire Village government to build... from scratch. With the help of our new Village Attorney, Rudy Magna, we set out to create our Village Code of Ordinances, a Zoning Code, a Building Code, and Comprehensive Plan, a Village Map and so much more. We rented a tiny office in the lower level of the Maves Clinic and set up shop there. Our Clerk, Laurie Cvengros, worked full-time and we began to function as a govern-

ment. We continued to hold our board meetings in the cafeteria of Kenneth Murphy and also in the band room at what is now Oak Crest School. Yes, we sat in those tiny chairs and at those short tables but we didn't notice (much) because we had work to do. This is the grassroots from which the Village of Beach Park came from. Over the next couple years we built our Village Hall next door to that tiny office, built a new water system in the eastern portion of the Village and "inherited" the old Beach Park Sanitary District. We contracted with Benton and Waukegan Townships for our road maintenance and with Lake County for our Building & Zoning administration. Various Committees and commissions were instituted to address Public Works, Building, Planning & Zoning, Finance, and many more.

Many citizens participated in these groups and much work was done.

Early in the beginnings of the incorporation effort the committee believed that our new Village could operate without a Real Estate Tax. This was a pretty radical idea then and it still is today. Once we had incorporated, the Village started to receive our share of tax revenues from the State Income Tax, Motor Fuel Tax and State Sales Tax. In order to honor the desire to not have a Real Estate Tax, a "Pay as you Play" philosophy was adhered to. In essence, it was decided that the people that needed services from the Village (that were not required by every resident) would pay the cost for these services. As the Village still does not have a Real Estate Tax levy, we choose to preserve the reve-

nues we get through the state to cover expenses for services that all receive; like the government offices, road maintenance and public safety. Other services carry a cost that is borne by the user such as Building Permits, Subdivision Development and Zoning related hearings

This financial philosophy has served the Village well for 25 years. We operate with limited funds and continually have to balance our wants and needs to live within our means.. We apply for grants to supplement our revenue and have successfully used these grant funds for park development, stormwater drainage improvements, road repairs, property maintenance and demolition of unsound structures. Today I am happy to report that we are doing much better than many communities in our area. I take comfort in the fact that if ever the Village would want to have a Real Estate Tax, a referendum would have to be passed by the voters.

Well, here we sit 25 years later. We have a fully functioning Village, a capable and professional staff, a public water and sewer system, an awesome Public Works Department, a couple wonderful parks, and dedicated elected officials and citizen commissions working hard for our residents. In addition, we have a strong financial position, money in the bank and a AA Bond Rating from Standard & Poor's. Our population has grown from just under 10,000 to over 13,500 residents.

We will be celebrating our Village's Birthday in August during an expanded "Beach Park Fest". We will be promoting this celebration soon as our plans are coming together nicely. I hope to see you there!

John Hucker

BENTON TOWNSHIP NEWS

Farmers Market Coupons—available June 1st for seniors age 62+ (one coupon book per household) while quantities last.

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

Harbor Days—at North Point Marina, Winthrop Harbor. August 1st, 2nd & 3rd. Free family events are planned (fire works, lighted boat parade on Saturday night). For more information go to www.npmonline.com

The first week in August, **Secretary of State**—staff will be at the Zion Benton Public Library for seniors to renew their driver's licenses. Call 847-872-4680 for more info.

FREE Rules of the Road & IL Highway Maps—available at Township Office & Village Hall.

FREE Senior Activity Guide—pick up at Township Office.

Electronic Recycling—Zion Public Works Building located at 3220 27th Street on the 1st & 3rd Saturday of the month from 9 am till noon. No fee.

Save Money with **FREE Discount Prescription Drug Card**—pick up the 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.

Dial-A-Ride Expansion—for ALL Benton Township residents. Service is available Mon thru Fri from 8:30 am to 5:30 pm. Must call 1-800-201-6446 one (1) day in advance to secure a seat. Area serviced: 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 locations include Waukegan & Gurnee locations)

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

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

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

Benton Township Offices are located at:
40020 N. Greenbay Rd.
Beach Park, IL 60099
847-746-2100
www.bentontownship.com

GROWING SEASON BEGINS: THE EFFECTS OF FERTILIZER

The debate is still out on whether summer will make a grand entrance this year or not! But as the temperatures continue to rise, the growing season is in full swing. Residents have started to clean up their lawns and are contemplating what they can do to make their lawns look their best. One of the most common items for application is fertilizer. Fertilizer can provide positive results and make your lawn look beautiful. Unfortunately, fertilizer can have adverse effects on the environment depending on misuse or excessive application.

The three primary components of fertilizer are nitrogen, phosphorous, and potassium. In design application amounts, these nutrients can make your lawn look great. However, these nutrients can flow off of your lawn through stormwater runoff when applied too liberally. This nutrient rich runoff creates problems in the Village's water bodies. They cause excessive plant growth and algae blooms which can have catastrophic impacts on ponds, streams and lakes. When selecting a fertilizer this spring, consider utilizing a fertilizer that contains minimal or no phosphorus. Another idea that has shown to provide additional nutrients for lawns is to refrain from bagging grass clippings. Those grass clippings contain the nutrients found in fertilizers, but are naturally released through decomposition. Everyone wants to have a beautiful lawn, but let's work together to achieve a beautiful town.



GAVEL TO GAVEL



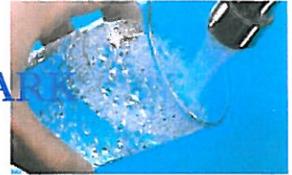
Ordinances:

- 2014-O-03 An Ordinance Authorizing Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Village of Beach Park & Benton Township.
- 2014-O-04 An Ordinance Accepting Real Property from Ronald K. Jackson.
- 2014-O-05 An Ordinance Establishing Regulations for Video Gaming in the Village of Beach Park.
- 2014-O-06 An Ordinance Authorizing the Adoption by Reference of the 2000 Life Safety Code and the 2012 International Energy Code.
- 2014-O-07 An Ordinance Proposing the Establishment of Beach Park Special Service Area Number 9. (SSA#9)
- 2014-O-08 An Ordinance Proposing the Establishment of Beach Park Special Service Area Number 10. (SSA#10)
- 2014-O-09 An Ordinance Proposing the establishment of Beach Park Special Service Area Number 11. (SSA#11)
- 2014-O-10 An Ordinance Proposing the Establishment of Beach Park Special Service Area Number 12. (SSA#12)
- 2014-O-11 An Ordinance Approving the Extension of a Conditional Use Permit to Operate a “Parking Lot for Towed Vehicles” at 38401 N. Sheridan Rd.
- 2014-O-12 An Ordinance Amending the Village of Beach Park Zoning Ordinance Sections to address temporary vehicles sales in residentially zoned neighborhoods.
- 2014-O-13 An Ordinance Amending the Village of Beach Park Zoning Ordinance Sections to address amateur radio towers and antennas.
- 2014-O-14 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 6.08 of Title 6 and Chapter 9 of title 17 of the Beach Park, Illinois Municipal code.
- 2014-O-15 An Ordinance Approving the Budget for the Village of Beach Park for FY2014-15.
- 2014-O-16 An Ordinance Providing for the Licensing and Regulations of Residential Solid Waste Haulers and Approving a Residential Solid Waste Hauling Agreement.
- 2014-O-17 An Ordinance Amending the Village of Beach Park Zoning Ordinance to address Medical Cannabis Facilities.

Resolutions

- 2014-R-05 A Resolution Authorizing a contract and title change for the Village Administrator.
- 2014-R-06 A Resolution approving the 2014 Village of Beach Park Zoning Map.
- 2014-R-07 A Resolution Expressing Official Intent regarding certain capital expenditures to be reimbursed from proceeds of an obligation.
- 2014-R-08 A Resolution Authorizing the Village of Beach Park to enter into an agreement with Computer Help Key for computer & network services.
- 2014-R-09 A Resolution Authorizing the Village Mayor to accept bids and to execute an electricity supply agreement.
- 2014-R-10 A Resolution Awarding the contract for landscaping services on Village Property to VM Landscaping and K. Erickson Designs.
- 2014-R-11 A Resolution Approving an Agreement for professional management services between the Village of Beach Park, Illinois and Marabella Associates, Inc.
- 2014-R-12 A Resolution Amending the Village of Beach Park Employee Handbook in regards to compensation practices.

WATER QUALITY REPORT FOR BEACH PARK



If you live on the east side of Greenbay Road and are on Beach Park Water, Please go to http://www.villageofbeachpark.com/sitemedia/documents/government/water_sewer/Beach_Park_IL0970190_2013.pdf to view your 2014 Annual Water Quality Report and learn more about your drinking water. This report contains important information about the source and quality of your drinking water during 2013. If you would like a paper copy of the 2014 Annual Water Quality Report mailed to your home, please call 847-246-6061.

If you live on the west side of Greenbay Road and are on Beach Park Water, Please go to http://www.villageofbeachpark.com/sitemedia/documents/government/water_sewer/Beach_Park_NO.2_IL0971220_2013.pdf



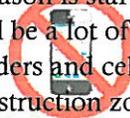
LAKE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



Now that the change in weather has finally arrived, there may be an increase in thefts. Everyone needs to lock their cars and homes when not

with them and always report ANYTHING suspicious to the Lake County Sheriff's Office, regardless of how small. We can not address anything that we don't know about. If you think it is an emergency, please call 911. If not an emergency, call our general num-

ber, 847-549-5200. Also, now that the construction season is starting up again, there will be a lot of enforcement for speeders and cell phone users in construction zones.



Back in the spring, the Village of Beach Park worked with the Lake County Sheriff's Office and the Drug Enforcement Agency on their prescription drug take back program.

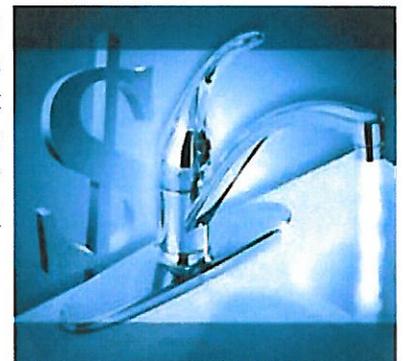
So far in 2014 almost 3,000 lbs. of prescription drugs has been collected county wide and nearly 75 lbs. in Beach Park alone.

Also, the Village would like to remind you that an I.D. is required for ALL solicitor's in the Village of Beach Park. If someone approaches you and does NOT have a Village issued solicitor's I.D., please call the Village Hall at 847-746-1770. "No Soliciting" stickers are available for all residents at the Village Hall free of charge.



WATER RATE INCREASE FROM CITY OF WAUKEGAN

As you may be aware from the note on your last water bill, the Village had to increase the water rate to our customers from \$6.24 to \$6.34 because of an increase in the cost of water purchased from the City of Waukegan. The cost of water has increased 10 cents per 1,000 gallons. The price increase will be reflected on the July billing for May and June water usage. If you have any questions, please visit our website at www.villageofbeachpark.com or call the Village Hall at 847-746-1770.



DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

Extreme weather events are with us all the time. Over the past few years our Village has experienced strong storms with high winds that downed trees and cut off power for several days. Last year we experienced a very cold and snowy winter, and some flooding.

In order to protect the residents of Beach Park, we strongly suggest that every individual, family and business in the Village get prepared before something happens. This can be done by developing an emergency plan and by building an emergency kit.

Village residents can stop by the Village Hall during operating hours and pick up emergency preparedness information or by using your computer and going to the Ready Illinois website.

To help the residents get ready for disasters, our ESDA unit will be conducting some short informational meetings in the fall to answer any questions they might have. If you are interested in attending one of those meetings, please contact the Village Hall. Once we have at least ten interested residents, we will set up a meeting date.



Attention Beach Park Ham Radio Operators

Communications is one of the most important functions during a disaster. To improve our preparedness capabilities our BPESDA unit would like to invite all Amateur Radio Operators living in the Village to join our communications team. If you are interested in joining our team, please contact the Village Hall with your name and phone number.

STORM WATER CHECK LIST

To ensure proper storm-water drainage, consider problems that may affect you or your neighbors homes or properties. Prevent street flooding by maintaining a clean and debris-free ditch and under-driveway culvert. Prevent basement seepage by ensuring that your downspouts and sump pump discharge (s) are approximately ten feet from your foundation. *Please face downspouts and discharges to the front and rear, and not toward your neighbors' property.* Grades should slope away from your home creating a drainage pattern to drain storm-water off your property and not to cause a nuisance to neighboring properties. Remove foot bridges across the creek. These foot bridges in high water, often get carried downstream and cause blockages. We strongly suggest limiting any exterior storage on

your property for many reasons. Other than possibly being unsightly and a haven for rodents, the exterior storage often floats away when the water levels rise. As the floating debris accumulates, it creates a dam downstream resulting in property damage. Clean out any drainage basin you may have. Throughout the summer all areas of your property needs to be mowed regularly to prevent mosquitoes, rodents and/or drainage issues. In general it is best to have a clean and tidy property to prevent any storm-water drainage issues.



THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT & PERMITS

Remember, before you tackle that spring/summer/fall project, a permit is most likely required. In general, a permit is required for any structural, plumbing, electrical, heating, or air-conditioning project. This includes the removal and replacement of any water heater, furnace, boiler, and air conditioning unit. It also includes basement remodeling/finishing, kitchen remodeling and bathroom remodeling. The permit process is designed to help guide

and protect you. The process adds an additional two sets of eyes to the project. Remodeling often involves a plan reviewer to review the contractor's proposal and inspection (s) during critical phases of your job. By reviewing the plans and inspecting the project, it helps prevent possible mistakes or oversight and provides a paper trail that can aid you in an insurance claim if the need arises. The Village can also provide some feedback and protection against being taken



advantage of by contractors. The result is a job done safely. If you have any questions please contact Donna or Patti at the Village Hall 847-746-1770.

GARAGE SALE PERMIT

Garage sale season is in full swing. Please remember that a garage sale permit is required and the property is allowed only two sales per year in addition to the Village Wide Rum-

mage Sale, on June 20th—22nd (no permit is required for the Village Wide rummage Sale). Please come into the Village Hall to obtain a garage sale permit at no cost.



VEHICLE SALE PERMIT



In residential areas in the Village, if you should wish to sell a vehicle, a "Vehicle Sales Permit" is required. These permits are good for sixty (60) days and the vehicle that is being sold must be registered to the property that it is being sold on within the last six (6) months. Residents are allowed to sell two (2) vehicles per year. Please come into the village Hall to obtain a vehicle sale permit at no cost.

CITIZEN'S SURVEY ENCLOSED

Enclosed is the 2014 Citizen Survey for Beach Park Residents. Please take a minute to read it over, answer a few short questions and mail it back or drop it off at the Village Hall. You may also find this survey online at www.villageofbeachpark.com.

BEACH PARK + ADVANCED DISPOSAL = ENHANCED SERVICE

After years of discussion and months of preparation, the Village Board of Trustees approved an ordinance regulating garbage service on April 10, 2014. The Board selected Advanced Disposal to become the first residential single waste hauler to provide refuse, recycling, and landscape waste removal services to all residents of Beach Park. The contract with Advanced Disposal became effective June 1, 2014. According to Village code, every occupied home is now required to have garbage and recycling service with Advanced disposal. The Village recognizes there were benefits to allowing residents to choose their own garbage company but ultimately decided it was in the best interest of Beach Park to implement a single waste hauler. One of the benefits of providing a single waste hauler is the potential for residents to save money. The Village estimates this new service could provide each household with an average annual savings of \$100 over the five year contract period. Another benefit of the program is the reduction in truck traffic on Village roads which reduces unnecessary wear and tear, increasing the lifetime of the Village streets while providing for increased roadway safety.

Garbage removal service began

on Friday, June 6, 2014 and pick up will continue throughout the entire Village every Friday thereafter. If Friday is a holiday then the pickup will be on Saturday. Each household received a 95 gallon refuse tote and a 65 gallon recycling tote. Residents are able to select from three different bin sizes, depending on their individual household needs. The Village has allowed for a three week grace period for residents to amend their tote sizes and service level, at no cost. Residents may then change their service level once per year, at no cost. Any household wishing to change such service options should contact Advanced Disposal directly at 847-623-3870. Residents will be billed directly by Advanced Disposal quarterly, with the first bill expected at the end of June.

Vacant homes have been exempted from the required garbage service. Please notify the Village of any vacant home status so they can be properly exempted. Another exemption is provided for "snowbirds" to temporarily suspend service for a period of not less than thirty (30) days and no more than one hundred twenty (120).

Landscape and garbage stickers are available at the Village hall on Wadsworth Road., and

various other retail locations. If your old garbage bins were not picked up by your previous hauler, Advanced will pick up those bins. If you have old containers you would like hauled away, put these out on Friday with a note that says "Please Remove".

In addition to the refuse, recycling, and landscape waste removal services provided for under this program, residents will benefit from annual Christmas tree removal and biannual free disposal at the Zion landfill. Also, under this contract, the annual spring clean up will be held during the month of May. The Village would like to thank you for your patience during this transition, and most importantly, hopes residents will benefit from a higher level of service through the implementation of this new partnership with Advanced Disposal. For more information please contact Advanced Disposal or the Village of Beach Park.



Village of Beach Park 2014 Citizen's Survey

The Village of Beach Park is conducting a community-wide survey to obtain your feedback on current Village services and to help to identify your preferences on future services, capital improvements and recreational activities. This is your opportunity to be heard and provide input into the future of OUR Village. The survey will take about five minutes to complete, and will greatly assist your Village officials in determining upcoming priorities. You can either take the survey online or use this paper copy. If you choose online, there is a link on the Village Website at www.villageofbeachpark.com to use Survey Monkey. If you choose this paper copy, once you have completed the survey, **please return it to the Village Hall at 11270 W. Wadsworth Road, Beach Park, IL 60099**, either by dropping it off in person, or put it in the mail, by July 30. Thank you for taking the time to fill out this brief survey. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jon or Tracy at Beach Park Village Hall, 847-746-1770. Thank you, Mayor John Hucker

I. What do you like most about the Village?

1) Please check your top (5) five choices.

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|-------------------|-----|---------------------------|-----|----------------------------|-----|
| City services | ___ | High school | ___ | Proximity to Lake Michigan | ___ |
| Close to job | ___ | House/ neighborhood | ___ | Quiet | ___ |
| Close to shopping | ___ | Location | ___ | Safe | ___ |
| Cost of housing | ___ | Multiple forest preserves | ___ | Small town ambiance | ___ |
| Good community | ___ | No Village tax | ___ | | |
| Grade school | ___ | Open spaces/ parks | ___ | | |

II. Parks and Recreation

1) The Village has two open space recreational parks, Founders Park, and Braim Park. How often have you used them in the last 12 months?

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| | 1-3 times | 4-6 times | 7 or more times | did not visit a park |
| Founders Park | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ |
| Braim Park | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ |

2) Beginning with yourself, please list the ages of your household. ___ ___ ___ ___ ___

For each of the items listed below, please circle the rate of your satisfaction on a scale of 1 to 5 where 5 means "strongly agree" and 1 means "strongly disagree."

		Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
A	Do you feel the park(s) were safe at the time of use?	5	4	3	2	1
B	Do you feel the park(s) were well maintained at the time of use?	5	4	3	2	1
C	Do you agree the Village recreational facilities contribute to the quality of life in Beach Park?	5	4	3	2	1

3) Which special events/ activities have you or a member of your family attended in the past 12 months? (Check all that apply to you)

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| Memorial Day Event | ___ | Girls Softball | ___ |
| Movie in the Park | ___ | Beach Park Fest | ___ |
| Senior's Day | ___ | Children's Playground | ___ |
| Hiking or picnics | ___ | Rented the Shelter | ___ |
| Soccer | ___ | | |
| Other | _____ | | |

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- 4) Which of the following Parks and Recreation amenities would you like to see added to the Parks in the future? (Ranking your choices 1-5, 1 being highly encouraged and 5 being least encouraged.)

Athletic lighting	___	Baseball Fields	___	Soccer Fields and Goals	___
Dog parks	___	Flower gardens	___	Fitness Trails	___
Playgrounds	___	Security lighting	___	Softball fields	___
Walking paths	___	Recreation Building	___	Picnic Shelters	___
More shelters	___	Bike paths	___	Frisbee Golf	___
Skating Rink	___	Sled Hill	___		

- 5) If you wanted to see a Recreation Building added to the community, what kind of activities would you like to see the building accommodate? (Check top (3) three)

Senior Citizen Program's	___	Basketball	___	Pre School Program	___
Arts and Crafts	___	Volleyball	___	After School Programs	___
Banquets/Party Rooms	___	Educational Offerings	___	Programs for Teens	___
Performing Arts	___	Indoor exercise facilities	___		

- 6) Please tell us your preferred method of communication in regard to future Village announcements and programs. (Rating your choice 1-3, 1 being most preferred and 3 being least preferred.)

Facebook	___	Twitter	___	Village Website	___
Newspapers	___	Newsletter	___	Schools	___
Direct Mail	___	Reverse 911	___	Other	_____

III. Public Safety

- 1) For each of the items listed below, please circle the rate of your satisfaction on a scale of 1 to 5 where 5 means "very satisfied" and 1 means "very dissatisfied."

		Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied
A	The visibility of police in neighborhoods	5	4	3	2	1
B	The visibility of police in retail areas	5	4	3	2	1
C	The Village's efforts to prevent crime	5	4	3	2	1
D	How quickly police respond to emergencies	5	4	3	2	1
E	Overall competency of Police Department	5	4	3	2	1
F	Overall attitude and behavior of Police Department personnel toward citizens	5	4	3	2	1
G	Enforcement of local traffic laws	5	4	3	2	1

- 2) For each of the situations listed below, please circle the rate of how safe you feel using the scale of 1 to 5 where 5 means "very safe" and 1 means "very unsafe."

		Very Safe	Somewhat Safe	Neutral	Somewhat Unsafe	Very Unsafe
A	Walking in your neighborhood in general	5	4	3	2	1
B	Walking in your neighborhood after dark	5	4	3	2	1
C	Walking in your neighborhood during the day	5	4	3	2	1
D	Walking in business areas after dark	5	4	3	2	1
E	Walking in business areas during the day	5	4	3	2	1
F	Being on your own property/ house	5	4	3	2	1

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IV. Village Maintenance/ Public Works/ Trash Collection

- 1) For each of the items listed below, please circle the rate of your satisfaction on a scale of 1 to 5 where 5 means "very satisfied" and 1 means "very dissatisfied."

		<u>Very Satisfied</u>	<u>Satisfied</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Dissatisfied</u>	<u>Very Dissatisfied</u>
A	Maintenance of main Village streets	5	4	3	2	1
B	Maintenance of streets in your neighborhood	5	4	3	2	1
C	Maintenance of street signs and traffic signs	5	4	3	2	1
D	Maintenance of Village buildings	5	4	3	2	1
E	Snow removal on main Village streets	5	4	3	2	1
F	Snow removal on neighborhood streets	5	4	3	2	1
G	Overall cleanliness of streets/ other public areas	5	4	3	2	1
H	Adequacy of Village street lighting	5	4	3	2	1
I	Condition of Village sidewalks	5	4	3	2	1
J	Landscaping of public areas along streets	5	4	3	2	1
K	Response to Public Works emergencies	5	4	3	2	1

V. Future Priorities: In the future, which of the following do you believe is the most important for the Village to pursue?

- 1) For each of the items listed below, please circle the rate of importance on a scale of 1 to 5 where 5 means "most important" and 1 means "least important."

		<u>Most Important</u>	<u>Very Important</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Less Important</u>	<u>Least Important</u>
A	Additional police services	5	4	3	2	1
B	Apartments/ Condos/ Townhomes	5	4	3	2	1
C	Bike paths/ Sidewalks	5	4	3	2	1
D	Commercial office buildings	5	4	3	2	1
E	Dining establishments	5	4	3	2	1
F	Entertainment establishments	5	4	3	2	1
G	Higher cost housing	5	4	3	2	1
H	Job opportunities	5	4	3	2	1
I	Light industrial development	5	4	3	2	1
J	More dedicated open spaces	5	4	3	2	1
K	More street resurfacing	5	4	3	2	1
L	"Move Up" housing	5	4	3	2	1
M	Parks and Recreation areas	5	4	3	2	1
N	Retail shopping	5	4	3	2	1
O	Senior housing	5	4	3	2	1
P	Service establishments	5	4	3	2	1
Q	Starter housing	5	4	3	2	1
R	Village sponsored activities/ events	5	4	3	2	1

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VI. Most Serious Issue: What do you believe is the most serious issue facing the Village in the coming years?

- 1) For each of the items listed below, please circle your rating of importance on a scale of 1 to 5 where 5 means "most important" and 1 means "least important."

		<u>Most Important</u>	<u>Very Important</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Less Important</u>	<u>Least Important</u>
A	Village Government	5	4	3	2	1
B	Conditions of local streets	5	4	3	2	1
C	Crimes	5	4	3	2	1
D	Expansion of Parks and Recreation facilities	5	4	3	2	1
E	Expansion of Parks and Recreation programs	5	4	3	2	1
F	Expansion of public sanitary sewer	5	4	3	2	1
G	Expansion of public water	5	4	3	2	1
H	Gangs	5	4	3	2	1
I	More housing	5	4	3	2	1
J	More office/ manufacturing	5	4	3	2	1
K	More retail	5	4	3	2	1
L	Need senior housing	5	4	3	2	1
M	None	5	4	3	2	1
N	Over- development	5	4	3	2	1
O	Property code enforcement	5	4	3	2	1
P	Redevelopment	5	4	3	2	1
Q	Schools	5	4	3	2	1
R	Tax base	5	4	3	2	1
S	Taxes	5	4	3	2	1
T	Traffic	5	4	3	2	1

VII. Village Property Maintenance Codes

- 1) For each of the items listed below, please circle the rate of your satisfaction on a scale of 1 to 5 where 5 means "very satisfied" and 1 means "very dissatisfied."

		<u>Very Satisfied</u>	<u>Satisfied</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Dissatisfied</u>	<u>Very Dissatisfied</u>
A	Enforcing the cleanup of litter and debris on private property	5	4	3	2	1
B	Enforcing the mowing and trimming of lawns on private property	5	4	3	2	1
C	Enforcing the maintenance of residential property (exterior of homes)	5	4	3	2	1
D	Enforcing the maintenance of business property	5	4	3	2	1
E	Enforcing codes designed to protect public safety	5	4	3	2	1

VIII. Other

- 1) Please make any other comments that you would like the Village to consider.

Thank you very much for taking the time to fill out this survey.

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- Currently First Midwest Bank is the only Authorized Payment Agent. For branch locations and hours, please call First Midwest Bank at 847-623-1250 or visit online at www.firstmidwest.com
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Visit the webpage for more information at

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BEACH PARK RESIDENTS ROLL BACK TO COMED FOR ONE MONTH

On April 9, 2013, Beach Park residents approved a referendum authorizing the Village to implement an Electric Aggregation Program. The Village of Beach Park solicited for pricing in May 2013, with favorable results. Under a contract between the Village of Beach Park and Homefield Energy, all participating customers were able to purchase electricity through the program at a rate of 5.288 cents per kilowatt hour. This rate became effective for all participating customers in September 2013 and is guaranteed through June 2014. When compared to the Commonwealth Edison rate of 6.05 cents per kilowatt hour, which took effect on June 1, 2013, this rate was approximately 12% lower. The average Beach Park household saved roughly \$80 over the past year if they chose to participate in the aggregation program.

In April 2014, the Village once again solicited pricing on behalf of the Beach Park residents in an effort to renew the aggregation program. At that time, the ComEd price had not yet been released but it was expected to increase. In order to be able to compare the Village's aggregation pricing with the ComEd rates, Village officials opted to sign a one month extension with Homefield. Under the Village's aggregation program, the supply cost for the month of June-July will be 7.397 cents per kilowatt hour.

In May, ComEd announced the new rate of 7.596 plus an adjustable PEA (purchased electricity adjustment) of .5 meaning the ComEd price to compare is 8.09 per kilowatt hour. It is anticipated that ComEd will again adjust rates in October. After soliciting competitive pricing, the Village has signed a 24-month contract with Constellation Energy for electric supply at a rate of 7.78 cents per kilowatt hour beginning in September. Therefore, Beach Park residents will be supplied by Homefield Energy through the month of July, then residents will pay the ComEd rate for the month of August; and those which have not opted out will be supplied through Constellation Energy beginning in September. Every time the rates or supplier changes, residents will receive notification and given the opportunity to opt out if so chosen.

Residents and small businesses may receive solicitations from other suppliers over the next few weeks to switch their accounts. If a notice is not explicitly marked as being from the Village or ComEd, customers should assume it is not connected to the Village's electric aggregation program. For more information, and to stay current with what is going on with the Village Aggregation Program, please visit the Village's website at www.villageofbeachpark.com or call the Village Hall directly at 847-746-1770.

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