

# Beulah Newsletter

## Fall 2010

**From the Editors:** What an amazing summer in our little corner of paradise! We had an exceptionally warm summer which filled the streets and beaches with locals and visitors. The grants, day dock, festivals, races and beauty of Crystal Lake made for amazing energy throughout the Village. Opportunities continue if you want to get involved: come to Council meetings, join CLCBA or Boosters or any other of the many service or non-profit groups. If you're not sure how to start, leave your name and number with the Village Office (882-4451) and we'll be in touch! Phil Downs & Vicki Carpenter-Downs, volunteer editors

**From the Village President:** The Village certainly has seen a busy summer. In speaking with some of the merchants, it seems to have been a successful summer business wise as well. The Day Dock was installed and has seen some usage. The use of the Day Dock is expected to increase next year as the new launch ramp opens on the South Shore. The Village received a \$20,000.00 grant from The Kellogg Foundation to be used for engineering purposes on the new streetscape. Thank you to the Beulah Boosters for their perseverance in acquiring this grant. We reviewed the results of our Energy Audit on the office building and garage at the September Council meeting. The audit showed our building to be quite energy efficient when compared to those of similar construction, but did offer some suggestions for improvement. Our building average cost per square foot for gas and electricity is \$.85 compared to similar building cost average at \$1.36 per square foot. Our Fall Fest was held October 2nd, with many activities in the park. Enjoy the beautiful colors and have a safe Fall Season.

Jerry Rank, Village President

**“Success is deciding from the start what end result you want and creating the circumstances to realize that result.”**  
**Mark Victor Hanson**

### Crystal Lake Community Business Association (CLCBA) Past and Future Events:

#### Sidewalk Days:

**Crystal Lake Team Marathon** was held on the second Saturday in August and despite the threat of poor weather, over 80 teams participated. Thanks to the many volunteers and Asa & Tracy Kelley.

**Fall Fest:** Over 200 people attended the many activities for all ages: kids' art, petting zoo, car show, cookie sale, vendors and great soups to taste! The new climbing wall was very popular too.

**Halloween Maze:** 10/31, with Tricks/Treats, 6 pm

**Christmas Magic:** 12/12, a parade & activities

**WinterFest:** 2/12/2011 with chili cook-off, frozen fish toss, air boat and new event, outhouse races!

**Membership:** support the CLCBA and become a member, CLCBA, PO Box 754, Beulah, MI 49617

Go to the CLCBA Web site for more information:

[www.crystallakecommunitybusinessassoc.com](http://www.crystallakecommunitybusinessassoc.com)



Booster's President Carroll Frankenberger and Village President Jerry Rank cut the ribbon on the day dock at the Booster's August 14 pig roast fundraiser and day dock dedication.

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#### **Beulah Boosters Gift Day Dock to Beulah:**

Thanks to a loan by a generous Booster, the Beulah Boosters purchased a day dock from MacDonald Marine in Frankfort and gifted it to the Village of Beulah at their July meeting. The dock was installed in August and it has space for 8 watercraft in the slips and bench seating for sunset watchers. The dock's hours are dawn to dusk, no overnight docking. Despite the fun that kids have had running and jumping off the dock, please help us keep the area safe by swimming only in the buoyed area. Shelly Szymanski designed, and along with several Booster volunteers, painted a Welcome to Beulah mural on the end of the bath house building. Efforts are currently underway to raise money to repay the loan. On August 14, Beulah Boosters held a very successful pig roast and dedication ceremony for the new dock. Those wishing to contribute directly to the Beulah Day Dock Fund should make their checks payable to Beulah Boosters Inc. - with memo line stating: Day Dock Fund, and mail to Beulah Boosters Inc., P.O. Box 570, Beulah MI 49617-0570. Beulah Boosters, Inc. has applied for 501 (C) (3) non-profit organization status. Upon approval, your contributions will become 100% tax deductible and you will receive the appropriate written confirmation of your tax deductible gift. For information, contact Beulah Booster secretary, Bonnie Smith at 231-882-7008.

**Grants Awarded to Beulah:** Thanks to the leadership Council member Charley Kinzel and several Beulah Boosters, the Village was awarded a free energy audit this summer from the Northwest Michigan Council of Governments (NWMCoG). The results of the audit helped identify money-saving practices that can be implemented immediately and in the future to make Beulah more 'green'. Additionally, an application was made to NWMCoG and the Kellogg Foundation for a \$20,000 implementation grant to use towards energy saving activities which was awarded to the Village in September. The focus of this grant will be to conduct preliminary

engineering work to forward the plans to update the streetlights along Benzie Blvd. and the sidestreets that lead to Lake Street that will be more attractive and energy efficient. Surveyors from Gosling-Czubak were in town in September working on the project. Work has started on an additional grant that could jump-start the funding process for the proposed streetscape work that was started several years ago with the Beulah Brainstorming meetings. This latest grant is connected again with NWMCoG and the Grand Vision effort.

**Public Input Meeting** is scheduled for **Tuesday, Nov 2** for public input during the development of the streetscape plan. The public input meeting will be at 7 pm at the Village Office on Commercial St.



Village accepts \$20,000 grant on 9/9/2010: Phil Downs/Boosters, Charley Kinzel/Council, Matt McCauley/NWMCoG, Jerry Rank/Council, Rob Richardson/NWMCog, Vicki Carpenter/Boosters

#### **Beulah Recycling Information:**

**Recycling Update-for info call 882-0554 or go to. [www.benzieco.net](http://www.benzieco.net)** and click on services

- Effective now, #5 plastic can be recycled along with #1 and #2 (make sure it's all clean)

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- **Styrofoam** will have date specific recycling sites each quarter, check the web site. The next one is 1/9/2010 at Government Center, 9-12.
- Beulah sites remain behind the Village Offices for glass, paper/cardboard and plastic/tin, available to residents. Businesses should call regarding permits.
- Leaves & Yard Waste Drop Off: leaves and waste only (no plastic bags, only paper leaf bags) at 14352 Homestead Rd. 882-5468 for directions.
- County residents may transport and unload yard waste, tree branches, small brush by appointment, call 882-0554.
- Cardboard may be dropped at BC High School.
- Large trash cans are in place at all sites for #2 plastic shopping bags.
- Call the Recycling Coordinator, Marlene, with any recycling or disposal questions 882-0554



The Bath House mural was designed by Shelly Szymanski and painted by her and Beulah Boosters in August.

### Village Office Hours

Clerk-Laura Spencer Tues-Wed-Th. 10-2 pm  
Treasurer Dawn Olney Sat, 10-2 pm, winter  
Phone 231-882-4451 Fax 231-882-5759  
Free Fax services available to residents  
Web Site: [www.villageofbeulah.org](http://www.villageofbeulah.org)

The Newsletter and Council minutes can be found on the web site.

**Village Meetings:** First Thursday after the first Monday each month (11/4, 12/9, 1/6/2011 and 2/10/2011 at 7 pm).

The public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

### Village Council Trustees and Staff and Terms

Jerry Rank – President-2010

Patty Cantrell –Equipment-2010

Co-Chair: Gary Pallin

Maxine Hansen– Law and Finance-2010

Co-Chair: Gary Siderman

Jim Kilgus – Water and Sewer-2012

Co-Chair: Charley Kinzel

Charley Kinzel– Streets and Sidewalks-2010

Co-Chair: Jim Kilgus

Gary Pallin – Parks and Recreation-2012

Co-Chair: Patty Cantrell

Gary Siderman – Buildings and Grounds-2012

Co-Chair: Maxine Hansen

Laura Spencer – Clerk-2010

Dawn Olney – Treasurer-2010

Brian Moore – Supervisor

John Lawrence – Village Crew

Chris Adsit– Village Crew

**Public Information** is posted on the windows of the Village Office. Minutes, agendas, upcoming events in the Village Park are listed. Also posted would be notices such as: run water request, annual drinking water report and boil water warnings.

Sponsors of special events that require Village support, such as barricades or staff, should make a request to the Council using the Event Request form available from the Village Office or on the web site.

### Did You Know:

- Beulah's public beach runs the length of Lake Street, from the beach house/playground to the end of the paved section. The docks are privately owned and space is rented from the Village, however, the beach front is public.

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- The Benzie Bus has a stop at the Betsie Valley Trailhead Building in the back parking lot; call for information and pick up times: 325-3000.
- Darcy Library has an ongoing book sale inside the library. Donations of new or gently used hardbound and softbound books are accepted and needed for the Book Sale on 12/10-12/11 at the Trailhead building.
- Benzie Sheriff's Dept.'s Federal Marine Grant application was awarded funds that purchased a new patrol boat, motor and trailer. No local dollars were required.
- WiFi (wireless Internet services) available at the Phoenix and Darcy Library
- Village re-roofed their storage buildings over the summer and the Village crew continues to take and pass their different water certification classes! And Brian Moore is back after shoulder surgery.

#### **Darcy Library of Beulah: Hours & Info**

Mon.-Wed.-Fri. 12 to 5  
Tues.-Thurs. 3 to 7 pm  
Sat. 9 to 1 pm

The Darcy returned to their regular hours in September. Positive feedback on the increases summer hours was received and many thanks to the Friends of the Darcy who raised funds to cover the costs for the summer hour increase.

Visit the Library for info at:

[beulahpubliclibrary.blogspot.com](http://beulahpubliclibrary.blogspot.com) and or [www.darcylibraryofbeulah.org](http://www.darcylibraryofbeulah.org)

Friends of the Darcy Library meet the 1<sup>st</sup> Wed. of each month at 9:30 am, everyone is invited.

Library Board meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month, 7 pm. Eeveryone is invited.

#### **Park Yourself at Beulah Beach**

The Village-owned travel trailer park at the beach in Beulah is ready for your 2011 business. Sites at the park are available for the 2011 season. Contact with the Village Clerk at 231-882-4451 or email [beulah@chartermi.net](mailto:beulah@chartermi.net) for more information.

**Dock Space** has a waiting list; contact Laurie at the Village Office for info, 231-882-4451.



Dr. Stacy Daniels, as Archibald Jones, ran a simulation of the 'lowering of Crystal Lake' at the August festival as part of Archibald Jones Day

**Archibald Jones Day:** Saturday, August 28, found a new festival in Beulah, celebrating the man who 'lowered' Crystal Lake in 1873. Thanks to the support of Dr. Stacy Daniels of the Crystal Lake Watershed Association (CLWA), and the participation of the Beulah Boosters, Darcy Library, CLCBA, Friends of the Benzonia Library and the Benzie Area Historical Society for working to make the day possible. Over 100 children and adults participated in era games, listened to music, saw a water demonstration and enjoyed lectures by Dr. Daniels at the Darcy and Steve "Archie Jones" Elrick on the topic of the tradgedy/comedy of Crystal Lake. Many sang the original ballad, 'Mistake on the Lake'. Mark your calendars for the last Saturday in August for next year's event.

**Keep Beulah Beautiful! Pick up litter!**

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### Upcoming or Ongoing Events:

- Every Thursday, 'Read to Rosie' at the Darcy Library, 3-7 pm. Call for a time slot, 882-4037
- Every Friday, Children's Story Time at 11 am, Darcy Library
- State Representative Dan Scripps is at the Darcy Library from 11-12, 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month.
- Foreign Films at Darcy Library. Check web site for movie information.
- Halloween Maze, 10/31, 6-8 pm in Park
- Village Trick-Treat hours, 6-8 pm
- State and Local elections, 11/2, Tues.
- Public Hearing on Streetscape, 11/2, Tues. 7 pm at the Village Hall
- Village Council Meeting 11/4, Thurs. 7 pm
- Water bills due, 11/15
- Moonlight Madness in downtown Beulah on Friday night after Thanksgiving; open 'til 10 pm
- Village Council Meeting 12/9/10, 7 pm
- Fishing Contests: check w/Paul at Five Corners
- Darcy Library Cookie & Book Sale in the Trailhead Building, 12/10 and 12/11, 10-2 pm.
- Christmas Magic: 12/11 events all day with a parade downtown at 6 pm and park activities
- Village Council Meeting 1/6/2011, 7 pm
- Village Council Meeting 2/10/2011, 7 pm
- Darcy Library-Chocolate Party, 2/11/2011
- WinterFest, Saturday, 2/12/2011

**Beulah/Benzonia Fall Fest held on Oct 2 & 3:** Hundreds of people visited Beulah and Benzonia over the weekend to enjoy the fall weekend and the many events.

**Soup Contest Results:** What a perfect day for hot soup-no rain but a fall chill was in the air. Many people tasted, voted and the results are:  
1st Place: Sweet Corn/Bacon Chowder/Bayview Grille in Frankfort  
2nd Place: Chicken Nacho/Hungry Tummy-Beulah

3rd Place: Chicken Noodle/Gino's-Thompsonville

February 12<sup>th</sup> at Winter Fest will be your next opportunity to participate in or taste or do both with the equally popular annual Chili Cook-Off.

**Car Show Results:** Despite the threat of bad weather and a few sprinkles, 17 cars came to the Village RV Park for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fall Fest Park & Shine Car Show, sponsored by the CLCBA. Phil Downs coordinated the show and was helped at the event by Mike Miller and Dan Hook. The following awards were made and everyone was encouraged to calendar the first Saturday in October next year to return.

Fireman's Award: '62 Galaxy-Marvin & June Rose

Village of Beulah Award: '61 Falcon-: Eric Dalton

Sheriff's Award: '49 Packard- Pete Peterson

People's Choice Award: '56 T-Bird-Willy & Elly Tupper



Car show winners and judges: June Rose, Jerry Rank/Village, Eric Delta, Marvin Rose, Jeff Hanmer/Firemen, Rory Heckman/Sheriff, Pete Peterson, Dan Hook/People's Choice, Elly Tupper (missing from photo: Willy Tupper)

### Beulah Boosters are Busy Volunteers:

Many 4<sup>th</sup> of July events, Team Marathon, Day Dock Pig Roast and Dedication, Archibald

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Jones Day and corns stalks were activities supported by Boosters.

The Halloween Maze, Winter Fest and Christmas Magic are upcoming events that need volunteers. The Booster's goal is to support local groups by providing volunteers and financial resources in order to build cohesiveness in the community and to promote Beulah as a vacation destination. Members of this non-profit are asked to volunteer on at least one community activity each year. Membership forms are available now at Crystal Copies. For more information, please contact Bonnie Smith, 882-7008. Support Beulah and have fun as well!

#### Remember:

- **Please don't rake leaves into the street or mulch or mow the leaves in the street. They clog up the storm drains.**
- Tie up your branches and large yard refuse for pick up. Yard waste, leaves, cuttings should be bagged and left street side for pick up. Please keep bags to 25 pounds or less.
- Christmas trees, with their branches bound, can be left curbside for pickup. Smitty's Tree Service, 2741 Benzie Hwy. (across from the Timberline Shell station) will also take trees.
- All dogs in the Village are to be on leash. Only certified service animals are allowed on the Trail. **Please clean up after your pets.**
- Red trash bags are sold at Village Office, yellow at Stapletons (single bags) and Shop & Save (10/pkg). Friday mornings is pick-up for red and yellow bags in the Village. Weekday holidays move pick-up to Saturday morning. Village charges \$21 for 10 red trash bags.
- Business owners and staff are encouraged to park in the parking lots in order to save spaces for visitors and patrons.
- **Please don't feed the birds on the lake.** It will only increase cases of swimmer's itch.

- Snow is coming and must be removed from your sidewalks.
- **No overnight parking on streets ordinance is in effect November 1 to April 1.** Please encourage renters, visitors and everyone to comply with the ordinance to support the Village crews in snow removal. Remember, the ordinance is in effect regardless of snowfall Failure to comply may get your vehicle towed.



The Fall Fest soup contest is a favorite. Steve Wentworth serves soup to Mike and Cathie Bishop.

**2010 People's Choice Winners (Beulah Businesses):** From the Grand Traverse Insider newspaper (free and published on Sundays, formerly the Advisor, found in the purple news boxes) listing the top 3 in each category. Congratulations to the winners and thanks to the voters for recognizing our local businesses.

- Best Salad: Phoenix Café
- Best Sandwich/Sub: East Shore Market, Phoenix Café
- Best Cup of Coffee: Phoenix Café
- Place for Pizza: East Shore Market
- Bakery: Brookside
- Ice Cream Shop: Buckey's
- Place for Breakfast: Phoenix Café
- Italian Food: Hungry Tummy
- Auto Parts Shop: Kaskinen Auto Supply

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- Law Firm: Linda Kehr
- Optometrist/Ophthalmologist: Cedar Run Eye Center
- Dentist/Orthodontist: Dr. Kehr, Dr. Jerrold
- Thrift Store: Holly Jean's Mercantile
- Real Estate Agency: Sleeping Bear Realty
- Day Care Center: Little Bear Day Care
- Accountant/CPA: Mary Weishaar & Company, Jennifer Christopher
- Financial Advisor: David Boekeloo
- Furniture Store: Classic Interiors
- Place for Floor Covering: Carpet Galleria Classic Interiors
- Gift Shop: Northern Décor, Crystal Crate & Cargo
- Place for Produce: The Market Basket
- Best Men's Clothing: Five Corners
- Jewelry Store: Jackleen's Jems, Northern Décor
- Copy/Print Shop: Crystal Copies
- Best Place to Take the Family: Beulah Beach, Crystal Lake
- Golf Course: Champion Hills, Pinecroft
- Bank/Credit Union: Central State Bank
- Barber Shop: Beulah Barber
- Hair Salon: Cricket Salon
- Hair Stylist: Lisa/Cricket Salon
- Place for Nail Care: Eden Hill
- Tanning Salon: Eden Hill
- Gym/Health Club: Curves
- Sporting Good Store: Adventure Sports
- Caterer: East Shore
- Antiques & Collectables: Crystal Lake Emporium, Granary
- Lawn Service: Kevin Kennedy
- Hotel: Best Western Scenic Hill Resort
- Book Store: Darcy Library
- Laundromat: Beulah Laundromat

#### Business Updates:

- The Brookside Inn remains for sale.
- Cold Creek Inn has a new illuminated sign.
- Goodbye to Holly Jean's Mercantile. She closed her doors in September.
- L'Chayim hosts the 'Hit the Wall' which promotes local artists. Come and see!

- Many businesses are going to fall/winter hours. Be sure to call and check for business hours.

**School Bus Safety Reminders:** The Benzie County Sheriff's Office reminds the motoring public of the need to practice caution when driving. With the start of the school year motorists are reminded of the following: Remember that children are unpredictable in their actions. Take extreme caution when traveling in a school zone. If there are no sidewalks, drive cautiously. Be more alert to the possibility of children walking in the road and playing near school bus stops. Slow down and prepare to stop whenever you see yellow school bus light flashing. Never pass a school bus when there are flashing red lights. This is a sign that children are getting on or off the bus.



Beulah hosts 2 popular summer races, July 4<sup>th</sup>'s Firecracker 5K and the Crystal Lake Team Marathon on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in August.

**Darcy Dog Days:** The Friends of the Darcy promoted a new fundraising activity, Darcy Dog Days. It started in mid September with a picture contest in the Darcy Library, then an evening K-9 Unit program and ended with a superhero dog parade at Fall Fest. Many thanks to all who participated and the winning dogs were honored with dog-themed books donated to the Library in the dog's name.

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**Great Lakes Trust Fund/MI-DNRE Grant Status:** As reported earlier, the grant application that was submitted for the Lake Street Boardwalk is still under review. A rep from DNRE came this summer and did a walk-through with the committee and identified areas of concern. Efforts to address the concerns have been made and the primary change will be consolidating all the 'rental dock spaces' to the north side of the boat launch, if the grant gets funded. This will make public beach space more evident and align with the boardwalk project. The grant has been resubmitted, notification will be made in January.

**New Water Well:** Just an update on the new water well project. We have finalized all the paperwork required by the USDA Rural Development to proceed with our new water well. The contract has been awarded and work on the project should begin next month and be completed next spring. This is a new water well to provide sufficient flow and supply to meet our needs for fire protection and water pressure well into the future. While waiting for all the paperwork to be completed, we received a bonus of a reduction of 1/4 percent on the loan for the project which will be significant over the 40 year length of the loan. This will be applied to the quarterly "ready to serve" charge in the amount of \$21.00 per quarter and will be reflected in your current water bill. There will be no disruption of service while the work is being done over the next few months.

Jim Kilgus, Chairperson for Water/Sewer

**Outhouse Races:** A new event for the WinterFest on February 11, 2011 will be outhouse races. Favorite activities for many northern towns in the winter, the CLCBA decided to add something new to the day long activities of WinterFest. The Beulah Boosters built a demonstration outhouse which was in the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade and at several events since to promote interest. Registration sheets will soon be available on the CLCBA website and at State of the Art. Required in the 'outhouse' are a toilet seat and a roll of toilet paper. A

theme will be determined as well as age group categories and divisions for business and non-profit groups. The 'race' will be down Benzie Blvd and winners will be determined on time and design.

**New Water Meters:** Tired of receiving "estimated" water bills? We are working to overcome this issue. In September we started a trial of 30 new water meters that can be read electronically by a hand held device and downloaded into our computer billing system. We are moving into the 21st century! Currently, it takes our three maintenance personnel three days to manually read each water meter in the Village, a lot of "man-hours"! In the winter months they can't read them at all since they are buried under snow drifts, thus, estimated water bills. The trials have gone well, and hopefully by next year at this time we will have converted every meter in the Village to the new system which will allow the guys to read every meter in town in about 15 minutes, accurately and electronically! This means no more estimated water bills during the two winter quarters and accurate reads every time. New technology is great, isn't it!?

Jim Kilgus, Chairperson for Water/Sewer



A memory of our lovely Crystal Lake summer.

**Your ideas and feedback are welcome. Drop off notes or leave a message at Village Office.**