

From the Editors: Now that summer is here, it seems to be making up for lost time! My garden is blooming up to a month early. The Beulah Booster's picnic was a success, signing up more members for the group. Dick and Rose Ide make the 4th of July a special day for many as is the CLCBA's Beulah Art Fair and Music in the Park. More boaters are using the Day Dock. Streets and stores are busy and except for 'swimmers itch', it is an ideal summer season. Be safe - have fun!
Phil Downs and Vicki Carpenter- Downs
Volunteer Editors

From the Village President: As I sit and write this article, I am still marveling at the beauty of Crystal Lake and the area which we are privileged to live and play. The Village was blessed with great weather for the 4th of July parade and fireworks. Both were spectacular and very well attended. A tremendous fish fly (mayfly) hatch on July 3rd left the Village crew scrambling to get the streets cleaned before the parade. It was the largest hatch I had seen in the 21 years I have lived here. The Art Fair again had perfect weather and was well attended. Congrats to Chris Adsit who passed two more of his water/sewer exams. I hope this finds you all in good health and you can get out and enjoy the rest of the summer as it is passing quickly.
Jerry Rank, Village President

Day Dock: Feedback on the day dock continues to be positive since it was put out this spring. The dock is for day-use watercraft and signage has been added regarding no diving, jumping or swimming for obvious safety reasons. There was some damage to the dock and a boat due to wave action. Boaters need to use caution when docking and to bring and use their own bumpers and lines.



The owners of Adventure Sports have sadly posted this sign and closed their access gates to their Cold Creek due to property damage and litter.

Big City Issues Come to Beulah: Sadly, signs like this may become more visible if our community fails to address the challenges of litter, graffiti and vandalism. Damage to property at Adventure Sports has been reported as well as trash on the shores of Cold Creek. Persons using the bath house toilets have misused receptacles for human waste and damaged towel dispensers. Problems continue at the Trailhead Building as well. The Sheriff's office is aware of the situation. Village crews have painted over basketball backboard graffiti however more is under the overpass and at the skate park. Everyone is encouraged to be a part of the solution. Please note that not all of these problems are specific to youth. Adults have not always used good judgment in some cases as well. Citizens are urged to be alert, speak up and demonstrate pride in our community.

Grant Updates: The Village submitted a "2% Allocation Grant" to the Grand Traverse Tribe to replace the old fishing dock. Additionally, an energy grant was submitted earlier this summer. If funded, it will help jump start the streetscape efforts with

replacing a portion of the light poles along Benzie Blvd. The new poles will be smaller, more fitting with the Village style and energy efficient. Notification on both will be by early Aug. Thanks to the Beulah Boosters for their help with the grant efforts. The waterfront project will begin after Labor Day and finish next spring. This will include making 2 blocks of Lake Street one way (north) from Prospect to Clark. This will allow for walking and biking lanes for safety and will make it easier for loading and unloading boats at the launch site.

Darcy Library of Beulah:

New Summer Hours

Mon.-Wed.-Fri. 12 to 5 pm

Tues.-Thurs. 12 to 7 pm

Sat. 9 to 1 pm

Thanks to the Friends of the Darcy Library who funded the increased hours for the summer. The Library opens at noon Mon-Fri, Sat at 9am, June through Aug.

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

Library Board meets the 1st Tuesday of each month, 7 pm, (Aug mtg @7:30) Everyone is invited. Visit: darcylibraryofbeulah.org

Beulah Recycling Information:

- **Recycling Update-for info call 882-0554 or go to. www.benzieco.net** and click on services and go to recycle for more info
- Effective now, #5 plastic can be recycled along with #1 and #2 (clean please)
- Styrofoam will have date specific recycling sites each quarter, check the web site.
- 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 BCHS
- Large green 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

Collection Dates for 2011

- Honor Road Commission-HHW (hazardous household waste), tires, electronics, styrofoam and misc. Sat, Aug 13, 9-noon, call for appointment
 - Styrofoam, plastic bags, batteries at Government Center, Sat. Sept. 17, 9-noon
- All collections are on Saturdays from 9 to 12. **APPOINTMENTS ARE REQUIRED** for HHW Collections. Please email or call 882-0554 to request a Hazardous Waste Brochure that will provide details about the 2011 collections and appointment information.



Nearly 30 youngsters got free fishing lessons at the Beulah Boosters Welcome to Summer Picnic

Village Office Hours

Clerk-Laura Spencer, Tues-Wed-Thurs 10-2
 Treasurer-Dawn Olney Mon & Wed, 5-7:30
 Phone 231-882-4451 Fax 231-882-5759

Free Fax services available to residents

Web Site: www.villageofbeulah.org

The Newsletter and Council minutes are on the web site. New email address: clerk@villageofbeulah.org

Village Meetings: First Thursday after the first Monday each month (8/4, 9/8, 10/6, 11/3 and 12/8 at 7 pm). The public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Village Council Trustees and Staff and Terms

Jerry Rank – President-2012

Dan Hook –Equipment-2012

Co-Chair: Gary Pallin

Maxine Hansen– Law and Finance-2014

Co-Chair: Gary Sideman

Jim Kilgus – Water and Sewer-2012

Co-Chair: Charley Kinzel 2014

Charley Kinzel– Streets and Sidewalks-2012

Co-Chair: Jim Kilgus

Gary Pallin – Parks and Recreation-2012

Co-Chair: Dan Hook

Gary Sideman – Buildings and Grounds-2012

Co-Chair: Maxine Hansen

Laura Spencer – Clerk-2012

Dawn Olney – Treasurer-2012

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 winter's run water request, annual drinking water report and special meetings.

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 web site.

Crystal Lake Community Business Association (CLCBA) Events:

Fireworks: Volunteers collected over \$800 in donations for the fireworks during the July 4th Parade. The July 4th and WinterFest fireworks shows are supported by donations which can be sent anytime to CLCBA/Fireworks, PO Box 557, Beulah, MI 49617.

Music in the Park: On Thursday, June 30 at 7 pm, the Community Band opened with a movie themed performance. Bring a chair or a blanket and a donation to help support these events. Starting June 30, every Thursday thru August 18, a wide range of music will be performed.

Crystal Lake Art Fair: Sat. July 9

Sidewalk Days: Sat, Aug 6, downtown Beulah

Crystal Lake Team Marathon: Sat. Aug 13

Archibald Jones Day: Sat, Aug 27

Fall Fest: 1st weekend in October, 10/1

Halloween Maze: 10/31, with Tricks & Treats

Moonlight Madness: Thurs. Nov. 25

Christmas Magic: 12/11 in the park w/a parade

WinterFest: **Sat. Feb 12:** chili cook-off, games, fireworks, parade and outhouse races

Membership: support the CLCBA and become a member, go to CLCBA.org to learn more or see Steve Loveless at State of the Art

Did You Know:

- John Brazaski has returned as the contracted summer sheriff deputy for the Village. He works a limited schedule, monitors the public areas and watches for speeders. Give him a friendly wave!
- Congratulations to our own Dawn Olney, the Village's treasurer and the Clerk for Benzie County. Dawn was recently

honored by the League of Women Voters with their "2011 Making Democracy Work Award". Dawn was recognized for her work and her help throughout the county in regards to elections, regulations, record keeping and many other responsibilities throughout the County. Thank you Dawn!

- A new US flag is up at the Village Park.
- The upkeep of the Village parks and streets has been noticed and appreciated. The efforts to keep mayflies swept up by businesses are appreciated as is the Village crew running the street sweeper.
- Beulah's public beach runs the length of Lake Street, from the beach house and 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.
- Thanks to Kathy Ross and Pam Schneider for stepping up and weeding the Garden of Possibilities by the Trailhead Building. Both are working on their Master Gardener certification and we appreciate their work!
- Chris Adsit, Village crew, has passed water/sewer certification tests. Go Chris!
- 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 8/6/11.
- Village flower boxes were planted by Jane Gary, Plant It Wild volunteer. Beulah Boosters painted the boxes, the Village pays for the flowers and transports the boxes to Eden Hill Greenhouse for planting. Plant It Wild also maintains the two gardens at the Village entrances and

in the Village Park downtown. Thanks Everyone!

- DNRE boat launch is still under construction. Completion is expected after Labor Day.

New Well Update

The new water well project should be completed and on-line by August 1st. We are currently waiting for the DEQ to issue the proper certification of the well at 500 gal. per min. When that is received, the well can be put on-line but could be used for an emergency until then. The only other hold-up has been receipt of the radio devices to be installed at the new pump house which will communicate the well status to a central command board to be installed in the village maintenance office. These products are made in Japan and delivery has been slowed due to the disaster there earlier this year. Once in place, our two well houses will communicate wirelessly with one another and can be monitored by our maintenance personnel right at the office. Emergencies can be detected quickly and alarms will be centralized. 60 foot transmission antennas will soon be installed at the two well houses and at the maintenance office. Once this project is completed, Beulah's water needs will be more than adequate to meet our needs for many years to come.

Jim Kilgus, Chairman - Water & Sewer

New Water Meters

After our initial successful test of 30 new electronic water meters installed last year, an additional 100 meters were ordered this spring and they have now also been installed. We are ready to order another 100 meters for installation this summer. Once those are installed, we will order the balance of the required meters so that all water customers will have a new meter in place by the end of this year. Meters will then be able to be read accurately and instantly by our maintenance

personnel by driving down the street and registering individual readings transmitted to a hand-held device. This means no more “estimated” water bills during the winter quarters when many meters are inaccessible due to snow cover. Another great step forward for our small village!

Jim Kilgus, Chairman – Water & Sewer

Park Yourself at Beulah Beach

The Village-owned RV 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 clerk@villageofbeulah.org for more information.

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



Many people feel this way, we appreciate the public display at the Russell Family cottage

Upcoming or Ongoing Events: check dates

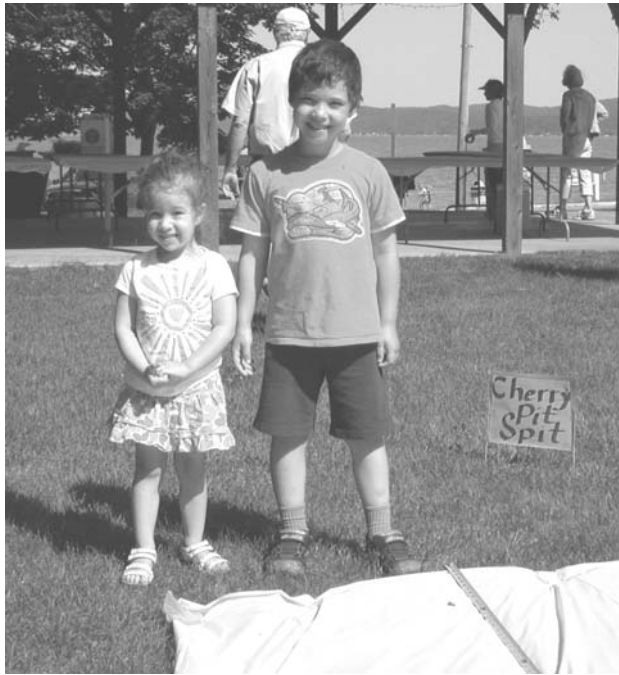
- Crystal Lake Art Fair, Wed., 7/20, all day
- K Reunion band, Thurs. 7 pm, 7/21
- Triple Shot band, Thurs. 7 pm, 7/28
- Village Council, Thurs., 7 pm, 8/4
- Keith Scott Band, Thurs. 7 pm, 8/4
- Beulah Sidewalk Days, Sat., 8/6, 10-5 pm
- Darcy Library Book Sale, Sat. 8/6, at the Trailhead Building
- Benzie Health Care, Walk a Thon, Sat., 8/6
- Benzonia Art Fair, Wed, 8/10 (**new event**)
- Mark Staycer, music, Thurs., 7 pm, 8/11

- Crystal Lake Team Marathon, Sat. 8/13,
- Beulah Boosters Pulled Pork Picnic-Day Dock Fundraiser, Sat., 8/13, Village Park
- Village taxes due 8/15
- Water bills due, 8/17
- Waterline Band, Thurs., 7 pm, 8/18
- Village Council, Thurs., 7 pm, 9/8
- Benzonia Township taxes due 9/14
- Fall Fest: (soup contest, car show, games, bounce house and more), Sat. 10/1
- Cookie Sale, Trailhead, Sat 10/1, 10-2pm
- Village Council, 10/6, 7 pm
- Halloween Maze, 10/31, 6 pm in the park
- Fishing Contests: check w/Paul at Five Corners
- Farmers Market at Myer’s Granary, every Sun. 12-5
- Every Thursday, ‘Read to Rosie’ at the Darcy Library, 3-7 and call for a time slot, 882-4037
- Every Friday, Children’s Story time 11 am, Darcy Library

Mayflies: Every summer Crystal Lake experiences mayfly hatches...but did you know that mayflies are one of the oldest living insects. Although viewed as a nuisance, they are a valuable source of food for fish and birds, and an indication of good water quality. Mayflies basically have no mouth therefore they don’t bite or sting. They may live 30 minutes or up to 2 weeks. Their eggs are laid in the water and either hatch immediately or wait up to 11 months. We only have them hatching over 1-2 months; climates that are warm year-round may have hatches throughout the year. Many thanks to the Village crew for using the street sweeper to make walking, biking and stopping safer and cleaner for everyone.

Emerald Ash Borer Alert: The Benzie County Conservation District is working on identifying and encouraging removal of ash trees infected with the emerald ash borer.

Green labels have been posted on many infected trees around the county. Information about infected trees, treatment and removal can be found at the Conservation District office in downtown Beulah or at their website www.BenzieCD.org



Future Beulah Boosters waiting to spit pits!

Beulah Boosters are Busy Volunteers:

Over 250 people attended the 4th Welcome Back and Taste of Beulah Picnic on June 25. Children's games, donated food by many local restaurants and stores, music by Uncle Ted's Crawlers kept everyone busy. Boosters were also involved with many of the 4th of July activities, running games on the beach and collecting over \$800 in donations for the fireworks. Boosters volunteer in these activities: Music in the Park, Beulah Art Fair, Crystal Lake Team Marathon, Halloween Maze, Fall Fest, Winter Fest, Easter Egg Hunt and Christmas Magic. 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. For more information, please

contact Bonnie Smith, secretary. Email her at thebonzer@charter.net or mail at P. O. Box 570, Beulah, MI 49617 or phone 231-882-7008.

Pick up litter. Let's keep Beulah beautiful! Swimmer's Itch Information and Alerts:

We have reports of the 'itch' on Crystal and wanted to repeat several remedies for the 'itch' as well as additional information.

- **Please don't feed the birds**
- **Suggested preventatives and or remedies:**

*Before swimming, apply baby oil

*Apply nail polish on the bites

*Apply Ancient Healer salve (Creation Farms/River Rd.) on the bites

*Leave the water from the ends of docks, try to avoid the shores and towel off ASAP

*Look out for warning signs at the beaches, however, once 'bit', try antihistamines and cortisone based creams on the bites

*Beulah Beach bath house has outside showers, rinse off asap after leaving the water and towel off well.

*Try "Swimmer's Itch Guard" at pharmacies

- Call and report incidents of 'itch' to the **new** Hotline: 231-882-4001
- The swim areas around the Lake will be 'raked' periodically this summer to disrupt the "itch" cycle. Signs will posted to alert swimmers as the 'itch' may be worse for the next 24 hours after the raking procedure.

Skateboard Park Repairs: Materials have been ordered to repair the half-pipe at the Trapp Park skateboard area. The special plywood will be installed upon receipt which should be before the end of the month.

Efforts to enhance the park are in discussion with input from local skateboarders.



Business Updates:

- L'Chayim's Hit the Wall art efforts have featured Heidi Johnson, Kate Heikkinen, Jacqueline Southby and in August, Judy Heit's work will be featured. A second L'Chayim recently opened in Frankfort.
- Brookside Inn has been purchased and renovation has started. Eden Brook, LLC, sole owner Art Jeannot, plans to reopen the restaurant in the spring of 2012. The Brookside is sponsoring a weekly cruise out of Frankfort with proceeds to a non-profit.
- Mary J. Lappan Design & Drafting, Inc. has opened in the Sleeping Bear Reality building on US 31.
- Jacob & Hunt, general practice attorneys have also opened a local office at Sleeping Bear Reality building. Call their Traverse City office at 231-947-2540 and there will be an open house on Wed., July 27 from 3-7 pm.

- Crystal Crate & Cargo held a bake sale on July 4th as part of a national effort with the Chicago Metallic cookware company. Monies raised will go the "No Kid Hungry" program and \$700 was raised here in Beulah, which surpassed the average raised nationally. Great job for a great cause!
- Crystal Clear Title has closed their office.
- Lily's Furniture & Design opened their 2nd store, on Benzie Blvd. Home accessories, upholstery and design services are available at the new site. Stop in and see!
- Live for Art renovation is nearly done: new windows, entrance and exterior paint as well as a redesigned interior. Opening date is planned for August. Watch for information.
- No news on the Bowling Alley, Priced has been reduced to \$159,000.
- Myers Granary is now hosting a Farmer's Market every Sunday through 10/16, 12-5

4th of July in Beulah: Wonderful weather brought many people to the parks, beaches and sidewalks of Beulah for the 4th of July events. Nearly 500 participated in the Firecracker 5K race and many participated in the Family Fun Run. The park was busy with food, face painting, greased pole climbs, rubber ducks and coin hunts in the sand. Over 60 entrants for the parade made it exciting and colorful as floats, cars, bands, and an outhouse were present, just to name a few. Taking 1st place in the parade judging was the BCHS marching band, 2nd Bigelow Family and 3rd was Honor Historical Society. The fireworks were well done and the time shift to 10:30 made the visibility better with the western skies being darker. Many new fireworks were viewed and the expanded grand finale was well appreciated judging from the cheers heard around this end of the lake. We send many thanks to the

sponsorship and coordination of the day's event by the CLCBA and chairpersons, Richard (Dick) and Rose Ide. Numerous volunteers worked and made the day's activities go smoothly.



Patriotic 4th of July fans come in all sizes

Remember:

- 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.
- 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. (Labor Day will move trash pickup to Saturday, Sept 10)

- Business owners and staff are encouraged to park away from the downtown parking in order to save spaces for visitors and patrons.
- **Please don't feed the birds on the lake** It will only increase the risk of swimmer's itch.

Archibald Jones Day: The 2nd Archibald Jones Day will be held on Saturday, August 27 at the Village Park. Archibald Jones was the man who 'pulled the plug' on Crystal Lake in 1873 which lowered the lake. Secondly this event opened up land which is now the Village of Beulah and made beachfront available around the lake. The book, Tragedy of Crystal Lake, focused on the events that led to the lowering of the lake, hence the 'tragedy'. Learn more through presentations and enjoy era related activities for adults and children along with music by Three Husbands on the Loose on Saturday, Aug. 27. All events will be at the Village Park, starting with a historical walk of Beulah by the Benzie Area Historical Society. Victorian era activities and current day food will be at the park starting at 11-3. Music, a water demonstration and Mr. Jones will share his side of the story at 1 pm. It is the 200th birthday of Archibald Jones so there will be singing and cupcakes. Dr. Stacy Daniels will make a more formal presentation on the 'Tragedy' on Friday night, 7 pm at the Darcy Library.

Got any ideas or suggestions or corrections on the newsletter? Drop us a note at the Village Office Thanks, Phil & Vicki

Have a Beulah-ful Day!