



**Village of Beulah Newsletter**  
**Winter 2022**  
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**From the Editors:** “Now is the winter of our discontent...” Richard III/Wm. Shakespeare could also reference the winter of 2021. High winds put many of us in darkness, many hours without power several times in December. We have moved into this winter of 2022 and must look ahead to a new year and returning possibilities. We have survived so many challenges and taking a step back, Beulah continues to demonstrate growth and prosperity. We do have ice starting on the lake, not a concern for the many dozens of Canadian geese on the lake. The updated Parks & Recreation Plan was approved at the January 6, 2022 Village Council meeting. The next step is to seek funding opportunities that will help implement the 5 year plan. The document remains on the Village website. Also at the January meeting, changes on the Village Council found Dan Smith resigning as President but accepting a Trustee position and was assigned Sewer & Water. Jeri Vanderperre was nominated and became the new President of the Council and Dan Hook was approved as President ProTem. There still remains a vacancy on the Council. One must be a registered voter and a resident of Beulah. Interested? Contact the Village office staff. Vicki Carpenter Downs and Phil Downs, Editors



**From the Village President:** As we move into 2022 my wish for our community is that everyone had a safe and happy holiday season. We have endured another strange year coping with ongoing COVID, but our community has managed to bring back some “normal” in our lives.

Looking in my rear-view mirror, I watched businesses being open, people on our streets supporting our business communities, families enjoying beautiful Crystal Lake, music celebrations in town, amazing light displays for the Holidays and numerous organizations, along with community groups, working together to make our area a better place to be.

As we ring in the New Year, the Village Council is committed to working hard in making Beulah and our surrounding area a great place to live, work and play. We have been making infrastructure improvements with many more on the docket. Infrastructure helps keeps our drinking water safe, our lake clean, sewers working properly and this list goes on. This is more than a full-time job for many, including our numerous volunteers and community groups. It really does take a Villag to make a Village thrive. If you aren’t involved already, please consider joining in to help.

Recently I watched the ferocious huge waves on Crystal Lake. The roar of wind and waves reminded me that winter was on the way. Soon, beautiful, sparkling snowflakes were covering the ground. How peaceful and quiet the outdoors was. Hopefully you will find some peace and quiet in 2022.

Jeri Vandeperre, President

Two windy winter storms did damage and impacted businesses, power and other services in December. One storm caused lost power for about 11 hours, the second for about 12 hours. The third was more mild, services out for a couple of hours. Damage at the site of the light and music display at the Lucky Dog Bar & Grill courtyard. The damage was repaired, the power returned and the show resumed through New Year's Eve.



**Crystal Lake Community Business Association (CLCBA) Past and Future Events:**  
**COVID 19 guidelines are followed**

Go to [clcba.org](http://clcba.org) for: more specific information, applications and how to contact us.

Trick or Treat: Downtown trick or treating was held, thanks to the support of downtown merchants.

Christmas Magic: Activities were canceled, however, thanks to all who decorated downtown with trees & lights.

WinterFest: Saturday, 2/12/22, Village Part, chili/games/horse drawn rides/parade/outhouse races and fireworks (we must have 5 inches of ice to set off fireworks on the lake) go to website to register for events and see more info.

Easter Egg Hunt: Sat. 4/16/22 in Veterans Park in Benzonia 1 pm **TBD per Health Dept recommendations.**

Music in the Park: We have started working on music acts, more information will follow, check website

Membership: support the CLCBA and become a member; PO Box 754, Beulah. Businesses, organizations and citizens are all welcomed and encouraged to join.

**Visit [clcba.org](http://clcba.org) for membership application info or call 231.383.1120 and leave a message.**

**Village Council Trustees and Staff**

Jeri Vandepierre – President

Phil Downs–Equipment

Co-Chair: TBD

Dan Hook – Law and Finance

Co-Chair:

Dan Smith – Water and Sewer

Co-Chair:

DeAnne Loll – Streets and Sidewalks

Co-Chair:

Annie Browning – Parks and Recreation

Co-Chair: Phil Downs

Vacant– Buildings and Grounds

Co-Chair: Dan Hook

Dawn Olney - Clerk

Margaret Lumm – Treasurer

Pam Sudney – Executive Assistant

Coury Carland – Zoning Administrator

Brady Streeter – Superintendent/Village Crew

Jeff Cypert – Village Crew

Jeff Hopkins – Village Crew/part-time

Village Meetings: First Thursday after the first Monday of each month, 7 pm.. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Web Site: [villageofbeulah.net](http://villageofbeulah.net) The Village Newsletter and Village Council minutes can be found on the web site.

**Village of Beulah Office is now open to the public**

Clerk-Dawn Olney Sat. 9-12

Administrative Assistant-Pam Sudney T-W-Th, 10-2

Treasurer- Margaret Lumm T-W-Th 10-2 pm

Zoning Adm.-Coury Carland 231-930-7560 for appt.

Phone 231-882-4451 Fax 231-882-5759

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### **Snow Removal on Village Sidewalks and Overnight Parking on Village Streets**

Due to some confusion regarding our village sidewalks, the Village Council Amended Chapter 4027 – Village Sidewalks, to clarify snow and ice removal procedures required in the Village limits. Section 1.1 clarifies that the removal of all snow and ice on the sidewalk is the responsibility of the occupant or owner of each property. This includes locations that are vacant or seasonal within the village limits. This ordinance, in its entirety, may be found on the Village website, [www.villageofbeulah.net](http://www.villageofbeulah.net). No Parking on any village street between the hours of 2 am - 6 am from Nov 1 - April 1, regardless of snow. Overnight parking available in the Trailhead parking lot and also behind the library in the village lot. Any vehicle parked during the no parking time frame may be towed away at the owner's expense. Any vehicle that blocks doors (people or garage/vehicle) to the buildings around the perimeter of the parking lot behind the library will be towed at the owner's expense. Current guidelines expect sidewalks cleared within 24 hours.

### **CodeRED Notification System:**

A county-wide emergency notification system, Code RED, is in place in Benzie County. The system has the ability to do specific area notifications as well as county wide emergency notifications. You can decide your preference: text, email or phone for your contact method (or all of them). It is easy to do. For more information and/or to sign up at the Benzie County Government web site: [benzieco.net](http://benzieco.net). Select Departments/Committed and open the Emergency Management option. Scroll to CodeRED notification and click on Get It Now. Next scroll to 'Are You a Resident?' and enroll. Your contact information is only used for specific alerts or emergencies.

### **Did You Know:**

\*Benzonia's ice rink is back! Thanks to Cottage Pros who are donating their services/time to maintain the rink. Village of Benzonia is covering water and insurance. Donations: Benzie County Treasurer, 448 Court Place, Beulah, MI 49617 Memo line: Ice Rink Skates may be checked out at the Benzonia Library, thanks to Dr. Lisa Musgrave

\*Congratulations to COGnition on raising the most money during the Swing Shift Competition. Thanks to everyone who voted for their dancing and lip-sync efforts to continue COGnition's work as a Science & Discovery Center.

**\*Trash pick up questions should go directly to Republic Waste. Website: [republicservices.com](http://republicservices.com) or call 800.968.4143. Pick up for Village of Beulah is still Friday unless a week-day holiday moves it to Saturday.**

\*Expanded e-book selections available through Overdrive. Go to the Darcy Library for help or go to: [darcylibraryofbeulah.ploud.net](http://darcylibraryofbeulah.ploud.net)

\*Benzonia Township's website offers information on township meetings/minutes, resources, ordinances, election information, parks and much more. Go and check it out: [www.benzoniatownship.org](http://www.benzoniatownship.org)

\*Recycle batteries, cell phones, printer cartridges and compact florescent bulbs at the Benzonia Township Hall.

\*WiFi is available at Darcy Library, Ursa Major Bistro, Cold Creek Inn, Lucky Dog Bar & Grille, Five Shores Brewing East Shore Market and the Hungry Tummy.

\*The Benzie Bus has a stop at the Betsie Valley Trailhead Building in the back parking lot; call for information and pick up times: 231-325-3000.

\*In 2022 MDOT plans on resurfacing US-31 from the Beulah Viaduct Bridge toward Honor, a 5 mile section of road.

\*Darcy Library has an ongoing book sale inside the library. Donations of new or gently used hardbound and softbound books are appreciated.

\*Village has fax services and a paper shredder that are available free to residents and businesses during Village office hours. Office staff do not perform those tasks.

\*In 2022, the DNR placed over 159,909 lake and rainbow trout fingerlings (3.4 – 7.2 inches) into Crystal Lake. The fingerlings entered at the boat launch in Beulah or the Crystal Lake Yacht Club, per the DNR website.

**\*Benzonia Township's November ballot proposal for the new fire hall/township offices was successful.**

### **Crystal Lake & Watershed Association (CLWA) Update:**

Swimmer's itch control 2021: The CLWA has now completed five years of its merganser trapping and relocation program that has successfully reduced the incidence of swimmer's itch (SI) on Crystal Lake. Close monitoring of the program continued with post-season data analysis. Water samples were collected twice from 10 Crystal Lake locations during the summer and subjected to qPCR analysis for the presence of avian schistosome DNA. (The same sampling regimen was performed in 2018, 2019 and 2020.) Three sites showed a slight increase in SI cercariae; the Beulah beach samples produced no cercariae, although cases of SI were reported from Beulah beach over the summer. In 2022 CLWA will carry out a full-lake snail infection assessment, which provides a more complete analysis. After being closed in 2020, the Congregational Assembly beach once again recorded SI incidence data. This reported a slight increase in SI cases over the 2019 data. Due to Covid disruptions, it is likely that all merganser broods were not relocated in 2020 and 2021, and this may be the reason for the small increases. CLWA is making plans to insure earlier and complete trapping in 2022.

Invasive Eurasian watermilfoil control: The areas treated for invasive Eurasian watermilfoil (EWM) infestation were inspected by drone survey in late September. It showed greatly reduced EWM mass at the Beulah beach launch and the Cold Creek outlet, with the plant disintegrating at all areas around the lake. In early spring 2022 an aerial drone survey will fully assess the results of last summer's treatments and the CLWA will then decide next steps in controlling this aggressive and fast-spreading plant. The organization continues to research and keep up on latest scientific developments, so that the best available methods can be used to protect our precious lake.

Boat washing: The CLWA boat wash at the DNR boat launch on Mollineaux Road had another busy season. Approximately 20% of the recorded 4,320 boats launched there were washed, helping to prevent the introduction of aquatic invasive species. (Boats that have not been in other waters do not need to be washed.)

Water testing: Expanded DNA testing in Cold Creek and its tributaries has provided some preliminary data on the presence of enteric DNA. These results will contribute to Beulah's non-point source grant project, and will be integrated into CLWA's water quality program. Visit the website: [CrystalLakeWatershed.org](http://CrystalLakeWatershed.org).

### **Beulah Recycling Information**

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

#### **Single Stream Recycling: Here's what you CAN recycle in the same bin**

Clean glass bottles & jars ( <b>no</b> window glass)	Clean tin and aluminum containers
All numbers of plastic including plastic bags	Polystyrene (styrofoam packaging that has a 6 on it)
Aseptic packaging (juice boxes, milk cartons)	Paper and flat boxes including magazines & junk mail
Put shredded paper and mixed paper in a paper bag	Cardboard may be dropped at BC High School

Hazardous Waste: check website spring/summer dates

**Smitty's Tree Service, Benzonia (across from the Shell station/Timberline) will take Christmas trees in Jan.**

### **Short Term Rental News**

- **Beulah's New Short-Term Rental (STR) Ordinance is now in effect.** A volunteer committee of 13 members, consisting of 9 STR property owners and 4 residents worked together for many months to help come up with a draft ordinance that meets the needs of our community. The draft was approved by the Village Council for publication and public comment. The comments were reviewed and several changes were made based on the input received. The final draft was approved by the Village Council at its November 4, 2021 meeting. **All STR owners are required to register their unit(s) and pay a \$100 registration fee for each unit before their first rental.** Registration Forms are available on the village website, [VillageofBeulah.net](http://VillageofBeulah.net) or at the Village Office. A Village Visitor Guide is also available on the website or at the Village Office for posting in rental units.
- As part of the ongoing effort to get reasonable legislation passed on the short-term rental issue, the Michigan Municipal League has put together a survey for local communities to have their constituents complete. The survey is available on the village website, [VillageofBeulah.net](http://VillageofBeulah.net) or at the Village Office. All Beulah residents and short-term rental property owners are encouraged to respond to this survey.



**More wind damage during the December storms toppled both outhouses (unoccupied thankfully) and twisted a Christmas tree, that was lock-tied to the light pole, to the sidewalk. Local visitors helped put it back on the base.**

#### **Business Updates:**

- Many thanks to the downtown businesses for their holiday spirit with decorations, lights and trees throughout Beulah. The CLCBA partnered with businesses and Scout Troop #10 for the Christmas trees again this year.
- Benzie Conservation District's Seedling sale is in early April. Call for catalog and sale dates, 882-4391
- Welcome to Rosie Waring, artist/painter, to downtown Beulah. She anticipates to open Rosie's Studio on weekends later in 2022. She is located between the Cold Creek Inn and Library Park, in the yellow building.
- Area 31, former Putt Putt Golf/food truck site, sold to Laura and Dave Clark who own the Dairy King next door.
- The former Crystal Crate & Cargo starts the new year with a new name: Grace & Laurel. Best wishes to new owners Jennifer and Emily and their continued success.
- Cold Creek Inn anticipates re-opening in early February, in time for Winter Fest.
- Several businesses are closed for portions of the winter; you may want to check their websites.

#### **Remember:**

- **No overnight parking on the Village streets until April 1<sup>st</sup>. Parking is available behind the Village Office/ Darcy Library. Violators will be towed. Snow removal must be done safely and often, early in the mornings. Do not block any buildings or doors in this parking lot area. Please alert tenants and staff.**
- All dogs in the Village are to be on a leash. Only certified service animals are allowed on the Trail. **Please clean up after your pets.**
- Christmas trees/greens can be left curbside for pickup.
- 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. The Village charges \$30 for 10 red trash bags. You can put trash in a larger bag so long as you have either a red or yellow bag tied to it, as evidence of paying for the service. Pick up day changes to Sat. when there is a weekday holiday.
- Business owners and staff are encouraged to park in the parking lots in order to save downtown spaces for visitors and patrons.
- Snow is here and must be removed from **all** sidewalks per Village ordinance within 24 hours.
- **ALL Signage on Village property, per ordinance, must have prior approval from the Village. Submit written request to the Village of Beulah.**

**Beulah Boosters are Busy Volunteers:** Boosters helped with Christmas by decorating trees and with the installation and take-down of the light/music show at the Lucky Dog. At this time, they anticipate the Winter Fest event and will look for volunteers to serve chili and help with the games. 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 or to volunteer, please check the website: [mybeulahboosters](http://mybeulahboosters.com) for email and phone info: 231-383-1120**

**Come and have fun! Everyone is welcome!**

**Park Yourself at Beulah Beach:** The Village-owned campground in Beulah will be ready in April for your 2022 reservations. Limited sites are available for the upcoming season. Contact the Village Clerk at 231-882-4451 or email [clerk@villageofbeulah.net](mailto:clerk@villageofbeulah.net) starting in March for more information. COVID 19 guidelines will be followed.

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

**Upcoming or Ongoing Events: Please check websites for specifics events and meeting procedures as they may change due to COVID procedures.**

- Village Council Meeting, Thurs., 2/10/2022 at 7:00 pm, in-person meeting
- WinterFest: Sat, 2/12/2022, events start at noon
- WinterFest Cookie Sale w/Friends of the Darcy Library: Sat., 2/12/2022, 10-2 pm
- Benzonia Township Taxes Due 2/14/2022 and can be paid by credit card online/ check your tax bill
- Water Bill Due 2/15/2022
- Village Council Meeting, Thurs., 3/10/22. 7:00 pm, in-person meeting
- Hydrants will be flushed later this spring.
- Village Council Meeting, Thurs, 4/7/22, 7:00 pm, in-person meeting
- Easter Egg Hunt, Sat. 4/16/22, 1 pm Memorial Park/ Benzonia, **TBD**
- Village Council Meeting, Thurs, 5/5 pm, in-person meeting.
- Benzonia Township Cleanup dates: 5/7. 7:30-11 am. Go to their website for more details.

**Darcy Library of Beulah: Hours & Info** [www.darcylibraryofbeulah.org](http://www.darcylibraryofbeulah.org) **call 231-882-4037**

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

The Website has information on programs, events and you can read the current Darcy Newsletter.

Friends of the Darcy Library meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed. of each month at 10:30 am.

Library Board meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues. of each month, 7:00 pm.

**Village of Beulah Water Service Customers:** The "run water advisories" over the past winters have resulted in a significant reduction of water line freezes. The Village will continue to post these advisories on the Beulah Village website at <http://www.villageofbeulah.net> The Village will also utilize the Code RED Notification System which is described earlier in this newsletter. You are encouraged to sign up for this free emergency service.

**Snow Fall in Benzie County:** Accumulated snowfall as of 1/9/2022 is 39.25". Snowfall for 2020-21 was 68.3". The lowest total recorded snowfall was 33.5" in 1973/74 and the most, 230", during 2013-14. You can find more snowfall information and other topics at [www.benziecrd.org](http://www.benziecrd.org)

### **Your Input is Important for Broadband/Internet Service in Benzie**

The 'Moonshot Survey' for Benzie County is seeking to gather information on broadband and internet connection needs. A paper survey was mailed to Benzie County residents in the fall. Residents are also encouraged to go on-line to [michiganmoonshot.org/benzieco](http://michiganmoonshot.org/benzieco) to complete the on-line. It is essential to get input from as many county residents, survey results will be used by the County as it moves ahead in their efforts. More information is on the Benzie County website: [benzieco.net](http://benzieco.net)



**“Kindness is like snow – it beautifies everything it covers.” Kahlil Gibran**



**The poet’s quote probably didn’t imagine this pile of snow in the Village’s back parking lot. Thanks to the Village Crew, businesses and residents for keeping the streets and sidewalks clear. The lighted downtown trees, after a fresh snowfall, were beautiful at night.**

**Many thanks to the dusk/night-time walkers and runners along our streets who are wearing lighted gear as well as reflective clothing.**



**Scout Troop #10 again partnered with Area 31 and the CLCBA, for trees in Beulah and Benzonia.**



**Many thanks to Finn and Jimmy McLaren for their work with putting up the trees.**



**Downtown business, CLCBA members, Beulah Boosters and others help decorate the trees.**

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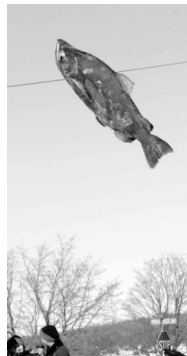
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## WINTERFEST RETURNS IN 2022!

The Crystal Lake Community Business Association (CLCBA) has determined that COVID 19 standards for safety, social distancing and outdoor gatherings **CAN** be met at this time. Get your applications for the Outhouse Sprint and the Chili Contest. The challenge may be the lack of ice, which must be a minimum of 5 inches thick to be approved for fireworks.



**Remember the  
fun of years past  
and know that  
we will again have  
fun and WinterFest this  
year, on 2/12/22!!!  
We're looking forward to  
outhouse races, fish toss  
and chili contest and more.**



**BE SAFE, THINK ABOUT MASKING UP AND HAVE A BEULAH-FUL DAY!**