



**Village of Beulah Newsletter**  
**Winter 2023**  
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**From the Editors:** Winter is a puzzle this year and has brought a mix of emotions and challenges. Concerns with fishing shanty safety on the ice is one. WinterFest fireworks were moved to behind Family Fare. The CLCBA had several options, including canceling, postponing or finding a better location. DNR requirements of 5 inches of ice, wind direction and restrictions on distances from residences limited options. With lots of help and efforts to let people know the location change, the fireworks were successful. A record number of 20 chili entries, long lines for frozen fish tossing and new outhouse entries made WinterFest a success. Work has started on 2023's Music in the Street series. A sponsorship form is on the CLCBA.org website and your support is needed. This modified newsletter, in efforts to keep costs down, is focusing on specific and topical information. The Village's website has more traditional information, usually in the newsletter, is on the villageofbeulah.net website.  
 Vicki Carpenter-Downs and Phil Downs/Editors

**Christmas Magic returned in 2022 and smiling faces were everywhere!**



A painted Grinch and Unicorn were 2 of many faces that day.



Santa had many friends happy to see him.



Climbing on snow piles is always fun with friends.



Troop 10 again helped with the Christmas Trees in Beulah and Benzonia. Businesses and volunteers decorated them. The Christmas Light & Music show at Lucky Dog Bar & Grille's courtyard was very popular over the weeks between Thanksgiving and New Year's Eve. Thanks for your donations.

## Upcoming or Ongoing Events: check websites for more information

- Village Council Meeting, Tues., 3/14/2023 at 7:00 pm, in-person meeting
- Easter Egg Hunt, Sat. 4/8, 1pm Memorial Park/Benzonia, **no pets in the open park areas**
- Village Council Meeting, Tues., 4/11/23. 7:00 pm, in-person meeting
- Hydrants will be flushed in the spring.
- Village Council Meeting, Tues., 5/9 at 7 pm..
- Benzonia Township Cleanup dates: 5/13. 7-11 am. Go to their website for more details.
- Beulah Clean-Up day 6/10/23 permit needed, go to Village office
- Village Council Meeting, Tues., 5/9 at 7 pm..
- Beulah Boosters Spring meeting, Wed., 5:15 at the Village Park **For more information or to volunteer, please check the website: [mybeulahboosters.org](http://mybeulahboosters.org) for email and phone info: 231-383-1120**
- Music in the Street every Thursday, 6/29 – 8/10, 7 pm downtown Beulah, Go to [clcba.org](http://clcba.org) to be a sponsor.



To help eliminate confusion about this long standing ordinance, additional signs have been posted in downtown Beulah in addition to the signs at roads entering Beulah.

**No overnight parking on the Village streets until April 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**Regardless of weather.**

**Parking is available behind the Village Office/ Darcy Library.**  
**Violators will be towed.**

## WINTERFEST 2023



With ever changing ice conditions, shanties are a rarer sight this winter. New to WinterFest were two Park Rangers from Sleeping Bear National Park with Smoky Bear and activities for children. Thanks again to the Platte River Fish Hatchery for the ‘frozen fish’ and The Market Basket for keeping the fish frozen.

## Chili Contest

Twenty chili entries may be a record and the samples filled the trays, even when they needed stacking!



Beulah Boosters staffed the tables and served over 200 tasters on a clear and sunny winter day. Go to [clcba.org](http://clcba.org) for more information.

# WINTERFEST 2023

## Chili Contest Results

(in order of chili entries)

1. Spicy White - Hungry Tummy ----- 2<sup>nd</sup> Business
2. Spicy Sweet - Hungry Tummy
3. White Chicken - Art's Tavern
4. Beef & Chorizo Black Bean - Up River Pizza
5. Spicy Venison - Michele Stratton
6. Pork Tender - L'otayin
7. Classic - Senior Resources/Gathering Place
8. Wolfman - John Danen ----- 2<sup>nd</sup> Individual
9. Cheesy Chz Enchilada - Kristen Volk ----- 1<sup>st</sup> Individual
10. Maple Chili - East Shore Market
11. Turkey Chili - Kelly Dell
12. Venison Thick Spicy - Benzonia Rustic Resort
13. Sweet & Smokey Venison - Nicole St. Laurent
14. Wilderness Chili - Mike Riser
15. Steak & B Bean - Sally Rock
16. Black Bean - Stormcloud
17. Bacon Chili - Lucky Dog Bar & Grille ----- 3<sup>rd</sup> Business
18. Classic Mild - Hotel Frankfort ----- 1<sup>st</sup> Business
19. Brisket & Bacon - Mike McCarty ----- 3<sup>rd</sup> Individual
20. Sweet Chili - Sweet's Bar & Grill

**Crystal Lake** **Community Business Association**

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

Swimmer's itch 2022. In early summer the CLWA announced the suspension of its merganser relocation program for the control of swimmer's itch (SI). The Michigan Department of Natural Resources had ordered the halt due to the presence of avian influenza in the state. Despite this, the incidence of SI remained low throughout summer 2022. Anecdotal evidence was supported by two studies of the snail infection rate and incident reports on the CLWA website and at the Congregational Assembly beach, which showed little change from 2021. Unfortunately, as of this writing the DNR's suspension remains in place, so that resumption of the relocation program in 2023 appears unlikely. The CLWA encourages the public to check its website, [crystallakewatershed.org](http://crystallakewatershed.org), for updates and information on ways to avoid contracting SI.

## Snow Fall in Benzie County:

Accumulated snowfall as of 2/17/2023 is 65.75". Total snowfall for 2021-22 was 86". 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)

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

[www.darcylibraryofbeulah.org](http://www.darcylibraryofbeulah.org) call 231-882-4037

**1<sup>st</sup> Place**



**Hotel Frankfort's Eric Kohn**  
 Mild Chili entry #18

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place**



**Hungry Tummy's Gail White**  
 Spicy White Chili entry #1

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place**



**Lucky Dog Bar & Grille's Bailey Hays**  
 Bacon Chili entry #17

**Individual Chili Winners:**

- #1 Cheesy Chicken Enchilada /entry #9 Kristen Volk #2 Wolfman/entry #8 John Darien  
 #3 Brisket & Bacon/entry #19 Mike McCarty

**Short Term Rental News**

**Welcome to Brodie Long, Village Crew**



website.

Recent changes made to Beulah's Short-Term Rental (STR) Ordinance. All STR owners are required to register their unit(s) and pay an annual registration fee for each unit before their first rental. **The fee has been increased from \$100 to \$200 per unit.** 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 for posting in rental units. Additionally, Section 7 paragraph 2.C. has been amended to read "Provisions for trash disposal consistent with Village Ordinances must be provided." The STR Ordinance in its entirety is also available on the village



**2023 Outhouse Winners**  
**First place and Best In Show:**  
**Nugent's Ace Hardware with their snowblower outhouse entry.**

**The Beulah Boosters didn't place but can promote all the things people love about Beulah!**



Adult Category: 1<sup>st</sup> Nugent's Ace Hardware 2<sup>nd</sup> Five Shores Brewing, 3<sup>rd</sup> Lake & Leaf  
 Youth Category: 1<sup>st</sup> Cognition 2<sup>nd</sup> Sleeping Bear Riverside Cabins 3<sup>rd</sup> BSA Troop 10  
 Start planning this spring for your entry for the 2024 WinterFest Chili & Outhouse Events