



Village of Beulah Newsletter
Spring 2021
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From the Editors

If you have to quarantine, Beulah was a pretty good place to be in ‘lock-down’. We have been impressed with the public and residents commitment to comply with distancing and masking. Our mild winter enabled many to walk and enjoy the outside. While many businesses remained opened, lots of carry-out and catching up with friends at the Post Office happened, it is good to see restaurants open and busy as well as downtown seeing more business. The CLCBA is planning on their usual summer events and that includes complying with all recommended Health Dept. Standards. What is exciting is the return of Music in the Park which will move to downtown Beulah (remember the Beatles concert in 2019). This locale change will enable spacing. We hope everyone will support our downtown merchants as the streets will be closed in late afternoon and re-open after the concerts. Please see the article on the last page.

Vicki Carpenter-Downs and Phil Downs, Editors



King of the snow mountain, at the launch.



Social distancing with ice shanties on Crystal Lake.

From the Village President

Due to surging rates of COVID-19 in Michigan, as well as the absence of a Declaration of a State of Emergency by either the State of Michigan or Benzie County, Beulah Village Council, upon the advice of legal counsel, met in an open Special Meeting on the evening of Tuesday, April 6. The purpose of the meeting was for Council to designate the Council President as the Emergency Management Coordinator for the Village of Beulah with the authority to declare a local State of Emergency to comply with Michigan’s Open Meetings Act. The Declaration allows Village Council to continue to conduct its public and open monthly council meetings in a virtual format. This is necessary because of the limited space available, making it impossible to allow for proper social distancing for anyone beyond council members and village staff. Please keep in mind, members of Village Council, Village Staff, and the Public, as well as members of all their households, have medical conditions or fall within the age groups most at risk. The Declaration also provides that the local State of Emergency shall be reviewed each month by the President and Village Council. It is Council’s intent to return to in-person or hybrid meetings as soon as it is safe to do so. Village Council intends to affirm this action at its next regular Village meeting on April 8, 2021.

While the Village Office will remain mostly quarantined, the Village has reopened the Trailhead facilities with the posted notice, “Use at Your Own Risk”. The building will be cleaned and sanitized each morning. The Port-a-John, currently next to the Trailhead, will be moved to Fair Park along the Betsie Valley Bike Trail. We are inching our way along trying to comply with the relaxed COVID-19 standards, keeping in mind the health and safety of our citizens and staff.

It goes without saying that without the cooperation and understanding of citizens and visitors to Beulah, our attempts at following COVID-19 safe protocols would not be possible.

In closing, I am sorry to share news of the passing of Laura Spencer in early March. She served with great skill as Beulah’s elected Village Clerk for many years. There were many things to admire in Laura – her grit, dedication to

Beulah Village government, and her bright mind. The insight and knowledge she shared with council members and village residents was something quite special. Many health issues during her last years caused her great discomfort, so it goes without saying that we know she is lovingly nestled in a safe place
Dan Smith, President of the Village of Beulah

Crystal Lake Community Business Association (CLCBA)

COVID 19 guidelines will be followed. Go to clcba.org for information, applications and how to contact us

Music in the Park: Plans are moving ahead to hold the event, moved to downtown Beulah.

July 4th Events: Some events are in place, registration for the staggered start 5K is on the website. Parade route may be expanded to allow for easier social distancing. Check the CLCBA and Village websites for info later this spring.

Beulah Art Fair: Scheduled for 7/10, registration forms are on the clcba.org website

Sidewalk Day: Scheduled for 8/7, downtown Beulah.

Membership: support the CLCBA and become a member; PO Box 754, Beulah. Businesses, non-business and citizens are all welcomed and encouraged to join. Visit clcba.org for more info or call 231.383.1120 and leave a message.

Village Meetings: First Thursday after the first Monday of each month. **Due to COVID, meetings are held as a phone conference at 5:30 pm. Info to ‘call in to attend’ is on the website. Everyone is welcome to attend.**

Web Site: villageofbeulah.net The Village Newsletter and Village Council minutes can be found on the web site.

Village of Beulah Office is not open to the public, however, you can call and trash bags are available

Clerk- Dawn Olney Sat. 9-12

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

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

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

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

Free Fax and shredding services available when reopened.

Village Council Trustees and Staff

Dan Smith – President

Phil Downs–Equipment

Co-Chair: TBD

Dan Hook – Law and Finance

Co-Chair: TBD

Jeri VanDePerre – Water and Sewer

Co-Chair: TBD

DeAnne Loll – Streets and Sidewalks

Co-Chair: Jeri VanDePerre

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

Corry Carland – Zoning Administrator

Brady Streeter – Superintendent/Village Crew

Jeff Cypert – Village Crew

Jeff Hopkins – Village Crew/part-time

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. 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.

It Takes More Than a Village....

Thanks to Chris Howard and his Cottage Pro Team for maintaining the ice rink in Benzonia. Additional thanks to Beulah's Lisa Musgrave, DDS for donating 40 pairs of ice skates for children and adults. And thanks to the Benzonia Library staff who coordinated the check-out process for the skates. We suspect that for some, winter left too soon!

Did You Know?

- *Run Benzie! running club is meeting every Wednesday at Five Shores at 5:30pm. This will transition to two days a week as we get closer to summer. All ages and abilities of runners are welcome. This is a great way to meet others, find a new running buddy, and get active.
- ***Trash pick up questions should go directly to Republic Waste. Website: 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 the Darcy Library, and stop by the desk for help or go to: darcylibraryofbeulah.org
- *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
- *Lisa one of the Post Office staff not only helps with mail, she helped connect a lost dog with its owner. She put the dog on a leash, took it for a walk and the 'lost was found'. Thanks for your extra effort Lisa!
- *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.
- *Jessica Costales of Beulah and her cake decorating, was featured in the 2/27/21 issue of the Record Eagle. You can learn more at: [facebook.com/cherrybaybakery](https://www.facebook.com/cherrybaybakery)
- *Beulah received very positive support for the Christmas Light and Music show: from visitors from Manistee, who wrote a note and many pictures in the Record Patriot as well as letters to their editor praising Beulah's efforts..
- *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. When office reopens residents can use the FAX and shredder, however, office staff do not perform those tasks.
- *The tennis courts (Village Park and Northway Park on Center St.) and the pickle ball court put up their nets soon. Pickleball drop-by to play or learn will continue on Tue, Th & Sun from 10-12.
- *Per the Friends of the Betsie Valley Trail, upgrades on the trail from Beulah to the DNR boat launch are on target for work this summer.
- *Frankfort is undergoing extensive road work on M-22 beginning at the bottom of Gateway Hill (A&W) through the blinking light on 7th St. Detour signs are in place. The project won't be finished until October 2021

Beulah Recycling Information

Recycling Update-for info call 882-0554/Jesse Zlestra or go to. www.benzieco.net and click on services

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

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| Clean glass bottles & jars (no 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

Please help keep Beulah Beulah-ful, don't litter and if you see any, pick it up!



Snow on the dock frames looked like hats.



Kite skiing was interesting to watch,

Crystal Lake & Watershed Association (CLWA) Update

Merganser reporting 2021. The CLWA will be continuing its successful swimmer's itch control program during this summer. Over the past four years these efforts have dramatically reduced the incidence of swimmer's itch on Crystal Lake and restored the enjoyment of aquatic activities for residents and visitors alike. The program includes the trapping and removal of common merganser ducks, a host of the parasite that causes skin irritation in humans. The trapping team humanely relocates the birds to an alternative site where swimmer's itch cannot spread. Once again, the CLWA welcomes the participation of the public who can assist the trapping by reporting sightings of merganser broods when they appear on the lake. **ONLY GROUPS WITH SWIMMING DUCKLINGS SHOULD BE REPORTED.** Capturing is possible only before the babies are capable of flight. Broods will start to appear around the beginning of June (single migrating adults may be seen before that time). The broods should be reported directly on the CLWA website (CrystalLakeWatershed.org) where a link will be available. This is the fastest way to get the needed information to the trappers. Many thanks to the active and enthusiastic Beulah residents who have provided so much help!

Invasive Eurasian watermilfoil treatment. The CLWA is making final arrangements for treating the invasive aquatic plant, Eurasian watermilfoil (EWM), this summer. This project – postponed from last year – is of particular importance to residents of Beulah, since the heaviest concentration of EWM is in the area of the Beulah public beach and boat launch. EWM is an aggressive and fast-spreading plant that can infest a lake so densely that it obstructs recreational and economic activities. Two treatments will be applied, one in mid/late June and the second in mid/late July. Exact dates will receive public notice. Property owners whose lakebed will be treated have already given explicit written permission; no other property will be affected. Aerial drone video will monitor the precise placement of the treatment product.

CLWA is grateful for the cooperation and support of the Village and residents as we work together to preserve Crystal Lake for generations to come. More information on EWM and chemical control methods is available on the CLWA website, CrystalLakeWatershed.org.



**Our swan family has returned.
It's rare to get a shot of all of them
with their heads up and out of the water!
Quite a line-up as they weren't interested
in being photographed.**

Short Term Rental (STR) Committee Update

The STR committee has been busy researching short term rental ordinances and incorporating input from property owners and residents to create a document to meet the needs of the Village of Beulah. A draft has been created and has been sent to the appropriate Village departments for review. The committee has decided more time is needed to develop the ordinance and would like to have the document completed and adopted by January 1, 2022.

The committee believes that communication between property owners, residents and renters is important to maintaining a sense of community in Beulah. A Village Visitor Guide has been created for property owners to post in their rental property. This document provides Village information to renters about noise, parking, trash, pets and many other community regulations and will be available this summer on the village website for property owners to download: villageofbeulah.net

Sewer and Water Updates

In efforts to maintain superb water quality in the Village, our maintenance crew and office have been working very hard to complete required work and all the documentation that follows.

In March, the Village council passed an updated sewer ordinance. This ordinance supersedes all previous sewer ordinances, amendments, resolutions etc. The language between the water and sewer is now consistent and should help with clarification with our public utilities. The ordinance may be viewed by requesting to see in the Village office (by appointment only) to read the 26 pages. Some highlights include details for items that may be discharged into the sewer system and items that are unlawful discharges. And what needs to be done in case of accidental discharges and the treatment of pollutants among many other items. Reminder, all properties within the Village of Beulah are mandated to be connected to the sewer system that are within the service area or abutting to area with public sanitary sewer. Customers are responsible for all maintenance of the sewer line from their connection to the sewer line to the most remote fixture in the structure on the property.

A reminder as our Village residents and/or renters return this season – **DISPOSABLE/FLUSHABLE WIPES ARE NOT DISPOSABLE OR FLUSHABLE– THEY CLOG SEWER LINES, PUMPS AND EVENTUALLY THE SEWER PONDS.** Please do not flush these items into the sewer system. If you have renters, we ask that you leave directions per the same.

A couple of updates on the water side of our utilities. In compliance with our Cross Connection Program adopted in 2014, most of our business customers have had cross connection inspections completed by a reduced pressure zone (RPZ) certified plumber. Most corrections have taken place and RPZ devices were certified with the annual report to Environmental Great Lakes & Energy (EGLE) submitted. This month, some residential customers will be receiving a self survey post card for possible cross connections at their properties. Please take time to complete this post card and return with your water payment either via mail or dropped in the slot at the Village office.

In the coming months, you may notice our crew surveying a few of the water lines to satisfy the distribution system materials inventory required per the lead and copper provision of the Michigan Safe Drinking Water Act of 1976. This is nothing to be alarmed about, just following governmental rules and documentation for them.

Business Updates:

- ✦ The Record Eagle had an article/photo on their “BIZ” section promoting the new Sole’ Salon in Beulah earlier this spring. Congratulations on their success.
- ✦ The Lucky Dog now has “THWINGS™”! A special cut of chicken thighs prepared the same as their multi award-winning chicken wings. Thighs + Wings = Thwings™
- ✦ Benzie Conservation District’s Seedling sale is in early April. Call for catalog and sale dates, 882-4391
- ✦ Five Shores Brewing was a featured article in the March 2021 issue of Traverse Magazine.
- ✦ State Saving Bank’s Benzonia office closed as of 3/5/2021. The State Savings Bank in Beulah will remain a full service office, including an ATM in their lobby. Call 882-4462 with questions.
- ✦ The Lucky Dog Bar & Grille is planning on opening their newest expansion: The Labrador Room. This area will offer space for private events, expanded seating, bar service and a live entertainment stage. Memorial Day weekend is the tentative opening date.
- ✦ The Cherry Hut’s Caleb’s Quiche was featured on MyNorth’s site on 3/31/21. The recipe can be found at their site under Main Course and on the Cherry Hut menu when they open for the season.



- ✘ East Shore Market expanded to Frankfort earlier this spring. “East Shore 2 Go” is in the former Subway building by the Family Fare and continues their menu of carry-out deli sandwiches and salads (no pizza). 231-399-0049
- ✘ Cognition Science & Discovery Center had an article in the 3/1/2021 issue of Northern Express Weekly.
- ✘ Congratulations to Jessica Costales of Beulah and her Cherry Bay Bakery. She was a finalist in the American Cake Awards’ Modelling Excellence Award. The Record Eagle recognized her in their Food section on 2/27/21. You can see her creations on her website: cherrybaybakery.com
- ✘ Cool Cat Ice Cream Bowl will not open this summer.

Remember:

- If you use/unroll the clear panels at the Pavilion, please roll them back up, to prevent damage. Thanks!
- 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.**
- 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 \$25 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.
- **ALL Signage on Village property, per ordinance, must have prior approval from the Village. Submit written request to the Village of Beulah.**

Beulah Boosters Hope to be Busy 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.

As the CLCBA is planning on holding events and will need volunteers for their success and everyone’s safety. The Beulah Booster’s first meeting will be 5/25 at 5:15 in the Village Park. Please show up and sign up to help! For more information or to volunteer, please check the website: mybeulahboosters for email and phone info.

Come and have fun, everyone is welcome!

Park Yourself at Beulah Beach: The Village-owned RV Park in Beulah will be ready in April for your 2021 reservations. Limited sites are available for the upcoming season. Contact the Village Clerk at 231-882-4451 or email 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., 4/7/21, 5:30 pm conference call, website has info on how to attend
- Water Bill Due 5/10//2021
- Village Council Meeting, Thurs., 5/6/21, 5:30 pm conference call, website has info on how to attend
- Hydrants will be flushed later this spring.
- Street Sweeper will be in town in early May.
- Benzonia Township Cleanup dates: 5/9 & 8/8. 7-11:30 am Go to their website for more details.
- Beulah Boosters meeting, Tues, 5/25, 5:15 pm, Village Park, all are welcome, volunteer, have fun, make friends
- Village Council Meeting, Thurs, 6/10/21, 5:30 pm conference call, website has info on how to attend
- Village of Beulah Clean-Up date: 6/12/21 go to Village website for times
- Music in the Park(Street) Thurs, 7/1/21, 7 pm

- 4th of July celebration – go to clcba.org or villageofbeulah.net for specific information
- Village Council Meeting, Thurs, 7/8/21, 5:30 conference call, website has info on how to attend
- Music in the Park(Street) Thurs, 7/8/21, 7 pm
- Beulah Art Fair, Village Park, 10-5 pm
- Music in the Park(Street) Thurs, 7/15 /21, 7 pm
- Music in the Park(Street) Thurs, 7/22/21, 7 pm
- Music in the Park(Street) Thurs, 7/29/21, 7 pm
- Village Council Meeting, Thurs., 8/5/21, 5:30 conference call, website has info on how to attend
- Music in the Park(Street) Thurs, 8/5/21, 7 pm
- Sidewalk Sales, Sat, 8/7 10-5 pm
- Music in the Park(Street) Thurs, 8/12/21, 7 pm
- Crystal Lake Team Marathon, Sat, 8/14 applications on clcba.org
- Music in the Park(Street) Thurs, 8/19/21, 7 pm
- Music in the Park(Street) Thurs, 8/26/21, 7 pm The Accidentals
- Cold Creek Bridge Walk, Monday, 9/6, 10 am

Darcy Library of Beulah: Hours & Info

Mon. & Fri. 12 to 5 pm Tues. & Thurs. 12 to 7 pm Sat. 9 to 1 pm Closed Wed. & Sun. for cleaning

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

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

Call the library to confirm on-site meetings. www.darcylibraryofbeulah.org call 231 882-4037

Library Board meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month, 7:00 pm. Meetings are conference calls/go to website to access

Benzie Sunrise Rotary

The Benzie Sunrise Rotary Club has a Friends of Rotary listserv. Friends receive the weekly newsletter, which details the Tuesday speaker and upcoming community projects. Friends are welcome to join the virtual meetings and participate in projects, many of which help our Village of Beulah. To become a friend, email the Club's President, Valerie Gerhart, bvgerhart@gmail.com

Snow Fall in Benzie County

As of 3/26/21 68.25” of snow has been recorded at the BC Road Commission. This time last year 92.25” had fallen. The 10 year average snowfall is 128.2” 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



Go fly a kite/winter style!

Downtown Snow Removal Appreciated

Thanks to all the downtown businesses, staff/owners and contracted snow removal ‘specialists’ for their efforts this winter. Downtown sidewalks were very safe and walkable. The Village Crew’s work the new snowplow ‘box’ seemed to work well too. Fortunately, the mild winter gave everyone the opportunity to make this work by working together.

**LET’S CONTINUE TO BE SAFE, MASK UP, DISTANCE AND
BE KIND TO YOURSELF AND OTHERS AND
ALWAYS REMEMBER TO HAVE A BEULAH-FUL DAY!**

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Music in the Park Returns 7/1/2021

The CLCBA plans on holding their Music in the Park series with some changes. All concerts will be held in downtown Beulah instead of the Village Park. This location change will provide social distancing space that the Park can't support. All of the MDHHS standards will apply (masks, social distancing...) and the streets will be marked to enable that these standards are followed.

Over the last few years, the generosity of sponsors and the audience with the 'pass the hat' has allowed this event to be self supporting. However, there will be additional costs for the equipment (stage and sound systems) which will make the performers visible to the audience and so their music will reach the larger downtown area. The CLCBA would appreciate your help by supporting with a donation-any amount would be helpful.

Donations can be sent to:

CLCBA
POB 754
Beulah, MI 49617

or dropped in the mail slot at the Village Office
Please include your name/address

The sponsorship form is also available on the website: clcba.org

The Music in the Park season opens on Thurs, 7/1 at 7 pm and will close on 8/26 with The Accidentals.