



Village of Beulah Newsletter
Winter 2021
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From the Editors: Rather than focus on what we didn't have, let's talk about what we have had since the last newsletter. Trick or Treaters roamed downtown as local business offered treats and family fun. Elections ran from national to local candidates and ballot issues. Benzie County had a record turnout, the Beulah Village Council has filled 2 vacancies and the Benzie Central School bond issue passed on its fourth try. We have experienced a downtown full of Christmas spirit, lights and visitors. Thanks to the downtown businesses, CLCBA, Beulah Boosters, and new residents, Craig & Paula Harris, for the computerized music and light show. Special thanks to the Lucky Dog Bar & Grille for hosting the show from their courtyard. Several families and others were on the sidewalk having a holiday 'dance party'. More Beulah memories to carry us into 2021! Additionally, while wearing masks, small groups of friends met in the Village Park for coffee time and a group of Santa 'hatted' carolers were heard one evening singing and socially distancing under the pavilion. Walkers and riders along the trail made stops to watch the eagles and see the summer to winter transitions of swan cygnets from brown feathered chicks to white feathered adults. Thanks to all the merchants, services and restaurants and brewery who were able to remain open for business; mask to mask as well as carry-out and outdoor seating. A new strategy for business sidewalk snow removal is getting the details worked out. Everyone with a connection to Benzie County is again encouraged to sign up for CodeRED notification via the Emergency Management Department of Benzie County. Due to the water issues at the Five Corners intersection, residents on Crystal Avenue were notified, via CodeRED with a recorded message of a water turn-off and expected to be back on. This is an important service for residents/renters/businesses and property owners and worth the few minutes you need to enroll. We feel fortunate to live in Beulah and Benzie County. This is a place with true a sense of community. Be safe, be well and be kind.

Vicki Carpenter Downs and Phil Downs, Editors



Our waterbirds enjoy Crystal Lake too. The swans with their young cygnets and geese gather.

From the Village President: Anyone passing through Downtown Beulah in the Five Corners area during the two-week period after Christmas could not help but assume the recently completed Beulah Water Project was back under way. The night of Christmas Eve the Village Crew responded to a report of a significant leak at the lower end of Spring Valley Drive. It is not unusual to see water coming from the ground along Spring Valley, because many underground springs run adjacent to and underneath it. However, a test of the water revealed that it was coming from the village water system. For the next ten days, attempts to locate the source were unsuccessful until the Village Crew examined a seventy-year-old map. The presence of an old 2-inch water main was discovered, along with the identification of a partially abandoned, open valve. Finally, the source of the leak was resolved. I want to thank residents who incurred shutoffs during this period for their patience. Also, special thanks to our Village Crew who worked long hours along with our excavating and engineering firms - under less-than-ideal conditions to correct the problem.

It is with regret that I announce the recent departure of Gary Pallin from Beulah Village Council. His resignation is a huge loss. He acted as long-time Park & Recreation Chairman. Gary, an avid family man, full-time teacher and coach, was extremely active overseeing all Beulah's park facilities, campgrounds, boat docks, and beach facilities, making Beulah the attractive community it is. Gary's long-time service to Beulah, coupled with his eagerness and

energy to oversee all those responsibilities made him an indispensable Council member. We thank him for his many contributions and years of service. His good spirit and constant can-do attitude will be greatly missed.



Village Council is pleased to welcome two new members, DeAnne Loll and Annie Browning. Both individuals bring their experience in local activities, as well as an enthusiasm for their new posts. We look forward to a long and beneficial Council relationship. Along with this transition please note there remains one open seat on Village Council. In reading this newsletter, you will find the names of Village Council Members, and their areas of responsibility in another section.

DeAnne Loll



Annie Browning

It is worth mentioning again, as in the last newsletter, that the Village has leased a piece of heavy equipment for improved snow removal. This will allow us to replicate successful procedures used in neighboring community business districts. Because of the expense, its success will be evaluated at the end of the season.

We ask village residents and visitors to observe the Beulah Ordinance prohibiting the operation of snowmobiles on village streets, except in limited designated areas.

Best wishes and stay well, Dan Smith, President/Village of Beulah



It was messy but at least it wasn't frozen pipes in a frozen hole of ice.

Several crews worked hard to repair the line.



Crystal Lake Community Business Association (CLCBA) Past and Future Events: COVID 19 guidelines followed
[Go to clcba.org for more specific information, applications and how to contact us information](http://clcba.org)

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: Canceled due to COVID 19 restrictions

Easter Egg Hunt: Sat. 4/11/21 TBD

Music in the Park: TBD

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.



Downtown merchants braved the ghosts and offered sweet treats for everyone

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 listed 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 Zoning Adm.-Coury Carland 231-930-7560 for appt.
 Administrative Assistant-Pam Sudney T-W-Th, 10-2 Phone 231-882-4451 Fax 231-882-5759
 Treasurer- Margaret Lumm T-W-Th 10-2 pm Free Fax and shredding services available for residents when reopened.



**Beautiful Beulah was lit up with trees, storefronts and the light/music show at Lucky Dog Bar & Grille.
 Thanks to everyone who participated and made Christmas 2020 memorable.**

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
 Coury 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.

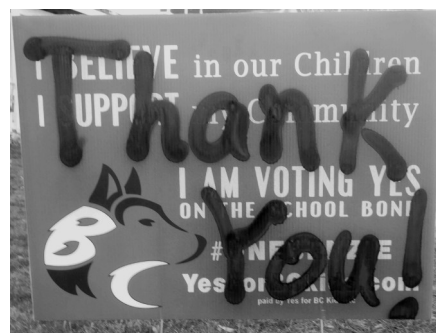
Snow Removal on Village Sidewalks and Overnight Parking on Village Streets



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 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 away at the owner's expense.

The Record Patriot's 13th Benzie County: Best of People's Choice Awards 2020 Beulah Winners

Best Attorney: John B. Daughtery	Best Gift Shop: Northern Decor
Best Golf Course: Crystal Lake Golf Club	Best Graduation Photographer: Steve Loveless
Best Towing Service: Big Dog Towing and Recovery	Best Jewelry Store: Jackleens Jems
Best Place to Buy Shoes: Northern Decor	Best Preschool: Benzie Central Schools
Best Mortgage Lender: Honor Bank	Best Bartender: Zee – Cold Creek Inn
Best Burgers: Lucky Dog Bar & Grill	Best Caterer: L'chayim Delicatessen
Best Chicken Wings: Lucky Dog Bar & Grille	Best Cook/Chef: Eric of Lucky Dog Bar & Grille
Best Dessert: The Cherry Hut Restaurant	Best Food Truck: Mary's Asian Cuisine
Best Happy Hour: Lucky Dog Bar & Grille	Best Lunch Spot: East Shore Market
Best Pizza: Cold Creek Inn	Best Place to Buy Carryout Wine: St. Ambrose Cellars
Best Place to Buy Produce: The Market Basket	Best Restaurant for Friendly Service: Cold Creek Inn
Best Sandwich: East Shore Market	Best Barber Shop: The Barber Shop
Best Physical Therapy: Mobility Now	Best Place to Buy Glasses: Scarbrough Family Eyecare
Best Builder for New Home Construction: The Cottage Pros	
Best Builder for Remodeling: The Cottage Pros	Best Carpet Floor Covering: Classic Interiors
Best Kitchen Cabinets: North Bay Cabinets	Best Lawn Care: The Cottage Pros
Best Landscaper: Crystal Clear Landscaping Lawn Maintenance	
Best Roofing Contractor: Mr. B's Roofing & Siding	Best Siding Contractor: Mr. B's Roofing & Siding
Best Snow Removal: The Cottage Pros	



Winners in Benzie County this fall included: the Lucky Dog Bar & Grill and Benzie Kids

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
- ***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, 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
- *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.
- *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, office staff do not perform those tasks.

*In 2020, the DNR placed over 112,470 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.

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

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	

Crystal Lake & Watershed Association (CLWA) Update:

Invasive Eurasian watermilfoil control. The CLWA is finalizing plans to treat the invasive aquatic plant, Eurasian watermilfoil (EWM), early in the summer of 2021. This project 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.

Originally scheduled for 2020, as reported in the last Beulah Newsletter, the treatment was postponed. The CLWA team is using the additional time to keep current with the latest scientific developments on methods and materials. However EWM is an aggressive and fast-spreading plant, so delay can make it harder and more expensive to control. New drone-based monitoring in late summer 2020 showed significant increase in the plant infestation at the east end of Crystal Lake since the original 2017 data.

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.

Zoning and Land Use: The CLWA Zoning and Land Use committee is continuing a long-term examination of land use that impacts water quality throughout the Crystal Lake watershed. One goal is to make recommendations that will assist local jurisdictions in updating their zoning regulations. A particular focus currently is the management of our beloved forests.

Cold Creek: The Cold Creek sub-watershed has long been recognized as a threat to Crystal Lake's water quality, on which Beulah's economy and recreation depends. The CLWA is therefore supporting the Village of Beulah's proposal to the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy to fund its "Beulah Beach Remediation and Storm Water Reduction Project." This project seeks to reduce the amount of nutrient-rich sediments and E. coli flowing into Cold Creek and Beulah's storm water system. The CLWA has pledged \$50,000 in matching funds or eligible in-kind services if the grant is awarded.



Short Term Rental Committee Update

The Short Term Rental (STR) committee, composed of Village property owners and residents, met via Zoom on November 18th. Each member was asked to review ordinances from Leland, Suttons Bay and other neighboring towns to determine what ordinances would be applicable to the Village of Beulah. The committee provided input and a draft of proposed STR ordinances will be discussed by the committee in January. A draft will be presented to The Village Council at the February 4th meeting. Sherry Bock, Committee Chair

Benzonia Township had an excellent voter turn-out in November.

Sewer and Water Updates

At the December 2020 Council meeting, Resolution 2020-009 establishing current water rates and charges was unanimously adopted by council members. This resolution satisfies the Rural Development Authority requirements to financially maintain the Village of Beulah water system. This is to pay down the debt and be able to maintain and repair our current system. Our new rates for Ready to Serve are \$94.28 quarterly and the Usage rate is \$8.99 per 1,000

gallons as metered. Ready to Serve outside the village will be \$188.56. Water usage outside the village will be \$17.98 effective 4/1/2021.

At the December 2020 Council meeting, the council voted unanimously to increase sewer rates as follows. The adjusted Sewer Ready to serve will be \$43.50 quarterly and \$3.82 per 1,000 gallons as metered. Quarterly Sewer Only Ready to Serve in the village is \$55.11. Quarterly Sewer Only outside the village is \$87.00 effective 4/1/21

Business Updates:

- Many thanks to the 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
- State Saving Bank's Benzonia office is closing as of 3/5/2021. The ATM will remain available in the lobby for cash. The State Savings Bank in Beulah will remain a full service office, you can call 882-4462.
- Traverse City Skin & Surgery is currently offering monthly appointments in Beulah. They are sharing space with other medical offices at 269 N. Michigan Ave. (near Napa). Contact them at tcskinsurgery.com or 231.486.0230.

Remember:

- **No overnight parking on the Village streets until April. 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 \$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.
- Snow is here and must be removed from **all** sidewalks per Village ordinance.
- **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 putting lights up on the Trailhead and Pavilion. Boosters also helped with the installation and take-down of the light show at Lucky Dog. Upcoming events are not confirmed at this time. 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 for email and phone info.**

Come and have fun, everyone is welcome!



Boosters help decorate trees in Beulah.

The light and music show at the Lucky Dog & Grille was another chance to help make Beulah a special place.



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., 2/4/2021 5:30 conference call, website has info to attend
- WinterFest, **canceled**
- Friends of the Darcy Library WinterFest Cookie Sale: **canceled**
- Benzonia Township Taxes Due 2/16/2021
- Water Bill Due 2/15/2021
- Village Council Meeting, Thurs., 3/4/21, 5:30 conference call, website has info to attend
- Hydrants will be flushed later this spring.
- Village Council Meeting, Thurs, 4/8/21, 5:30 conference call, website has info to attend
- Easter Egg Hunt, Sat. 4/3 1 pm Memorial Park/ Benzonia, **TBD**
- Village Council Meeting, Thurs, 5/5
- Benzonia Township Cleanup dates: 5/9 & 8/8. 7-11:30 Go to their website for more details.

Darcy Library of Beulah: Hours & Info www.darcylibraryofbeulah.org **call 231 882-4037**

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.

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

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: As of 1/4/21, 15” of snow has been recorded at the BC Road Commission. This time last year 45.75” had fallen. A total of 92.25” fell during 2019-20. 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



Families help make a difference by decorating a tree at a favorite spot.

Scouts installed the trees in Beulah and Benzonia from their Area 31 lot in Beulah.



Thanks to everyone who helped!

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WINTERFEST 2021 is canceled.

The Crystal Lake Community Business Association (CLCBA) has determined that COVID 19 standards for safety, social distancing and outdoor gatherings cannot be met at this time. Adding to the challenge is the lack of ice, which must be a minimum of 5 inches thick to be approved for fireworks. We look forward to a return to events along with everyone else.



Remember the fun of years past and know that we will have fun and WinterFest again. Outhouse entry, fish toss and chili tasting will be missed.



New Look for Beulah Newsletter

The look of the newsletter has changed from two columns to no columns. The new printer/copier at the Village office has the capability to print the newsletter. However, under the former 'look', running the copy wasn't easy or fun. Therefore, the change in format allows the printing to be done faster and more cost efficient. As always, please forward corrections to the editors via the Village Office, 882-4451 or an email from Village's website.

BE SAFE, DISTANCE, MASK UP AND HAVE A BEULAH-FUL DAY!