



From the Editors: I'm constructing this newsletter while looking out to Crystal Lake on a chilly fall afternoon. The colors on the north shore are slowly coming to their peak. We have had 5 large salmon show up by our dock, filleted on both sides and thrown back into the lake. We did notify the DNR/Poaching Division. So proud of the Beulah Boosters for refreshing/repainting the park signs throughout the Village and the 2 Village of Beulah signs on US 31. Boosters also put the corn stalks up in Beulah and Benzonia to celebrate fall. The Benzonia road project finished early and the upgrades are great. Smooth roads/intersections and sidewalks all the way to Shop N Save. Vicki Carpenter-Downs & Phil Downs, Editors



A yellow plane and a blue heron on Crystal Lake.

Crystal Lake Community Business Association (CLCBA) Past and Future Events: clcba.org for info
Sidewalk Days/Mini Beulah Art Fair: With input from the Health Dept, Sidewalk Days was combined with some of the Art Fair vendors who helped fill the streets on Aug 1st.



Crystal Lake Team Marathon: Again, with Health Dept. input, the CLTM was run with 52 teams and 11 individual runners. Masks/distancing and no fruit or water stops didn't stop the runners, led by the Benzie Bus.



Fall Fest: A mini-event was held on 10-3, following rules for safety. Face masks and Trick or Treat bags were decorated as well as sidewalks w/Chalk Art. Pony and horse-drawn wagon rides were fun too. The car show had 14 entries.



Halloween: Sat., 10/31, 3-5pm Trick or Treat with downtown businesses, following COVID rules.

Christmas Magic: Sat., 12/12 event to be determined

WinterFest: Sat., 2/13 event, to be determined

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 information and an application.

Upcoming or Ongoing Events:

- General Election: 11/3, Benzonia Township Hall
- Village Council Meeting, 11/5, 5:30 pm, [call in](#)
- Village water bills due 11/15
- Small Business Saturday, 11/28
- Village Council Meeting, Thurs, 12/10, 5:30 pm
- Darcy Cookie Sale @ Trailhead, Fri/Sat, 12/13 & 12/14, 10-2 pm TBD (to be determined)
- Christmas Magic, 12/12 (TBD clcba.org for info)
- Christmas Magic Madness: 12/12, stores open late
- Village Council, 1/7/2021, 5:30 pm [call in](#)
- Village Council, 2/4, 5:30 pm [call in](#)
- Winter Fest, 2/13 (TBD go to clcba.org).
- Village Council, 3/4, 5:30 pm [call in](#)

Village of Beulah Office currently closed to public due to COVID 19, call during office hours (Tues-Wed-Thurs, 10-2pm) or leave a message. You can pay bills through the mail slot in the office door.

Clerk-Dawn Olney

Treasurer-Margaret Lumm

Pam Sudney-Office Assistant

Zoning Adm.-Corry Carland carland82@gmail.com

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

Free Fax services not available at this time

Web Site: villageofbeulah.net

The Village Newsletter and Village Council minutes can be found on the website.



Village Meetings: First Thursday after the first Monday of each month at 5:30 pm, phone-in/info on website
The public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Village Council Trustees and Staff

Dan Smith – President

Phil Downs–Equipment

Co-Chair: Gary Pallin

Dan Hook – Law and Finance-

Co-Chair: vacant

Jeri VanDePerre – Water and Sewer

Co-Chair: vacant

vacant – Streets/Sidewalks

Co-Chair: Jeri VanDePerre

Gary Pallin – Parks and Recreation

Co-Chair: Phil Downs

vacant– Buildings/Grounds

Co-Chair: Dan Hook

Dawn Olney – Clerk

Margaret Lumm – Treasurer

Pam Sudney – Office Assistant to Clerk & Treasurer

Coury Carland – Zoning Administrator

Brady Streeter – Supervisor

Jeff Hopkins – Village Crew

Jeff Cypert – Village Crew

**(l-r) Jeff Hopkins, Brady Streeter and Jeff Cypert
Thanks for handling all the
unexpected situations.**



Public Information is posted on the windows of the Village Office. Minutes, agendas and upcoming events in the Village Park are listed. Also posted would be notices such as water advisories, annual drinking water report and notice of special meetings or public meetings.

Sponsors of special events that require Village support, such as barricades or staff, must make a request to the Village 3 days in advance, contact the clerk, 882-4451

Did You Know:

- Retired American flags are being collected by BSA Troop 10 for proper disposal. Flags can be dropped at the Benzonia Public Library during their open hours.

- Darcy Library is taking donations of used books on a limited basis (no drop offs). Books are to be in good condition with a fairly recent publication date. Contact the library at 882-4037 with any questions.
- Batteries, printer cartridges and compact florescent bulbs can be taken to the Benzonia Township Hall for recycling.
- WiFi is available at: Darcy Library, Ursa Major Bistro, Cold Creek Inn, Lucky Dog, L'chayim, Ursa Major and 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: 325-3000.
- Village has fax services and a paper shredder that will be available when the office reopens.

Business Updates:

- Businesses are starting to adjust to fall/winter schedules. Check their doors or websites for info.
- COGNITION Science & Discovery Center is now open in their new location on US 31/across from Cherry Hut. New is a wind machine, exterior paint and a sea plane. They will also host a Halloween event. For info go to: discovery-cognition.org
- Westshore Plumbing & Heating's office is located at the plaza next to Area 31, 231-499-7635. They provide commercial and residential services.
- Sole' Salon opened this summer, in the former Luna Boutique on Benzonia Blvd., with Gretchen Boekeloo-Nahnsen/owner, Tessa Cowgill/manager & stylist, Madi Kunkel/aesthetician.



(left-right) Gretchen, Tessa & Madi

Call 231-383-4440 for appointments



- Welcome to Kids Creek Children's Clinic (231-935-0555) and Traverse City Orthopedics/West Bay Foot & Ankle (231-935-0957), opening soon on US31 near Dairy King. Both businesses are open in Traverse City and can be contacted for information and appointments.



- Goodbye to Myers Granary which has closed.
- Lucky Dog Bar & Grille won RED HOT BEST OF 2020 for their chicken wings.



2020 Best Red Hot Winners (Benzie & Manistee Counties) were announced on 7/21/20.

- Best Brewery: #2 Five Shores Brewing
- Best Chicken Wings: #1 Lucky Dog Bar & Grille
- Best Gallery to Buy & Browse Local Art: #3 State of the Art Gallery & Framing
- Best Happy Hour: #3 Lucky Dog Bar & Grille
- Best Inland Lake: #1 Crystal Lake
- Best Interior Furnishings: #2 Classic Interiors & Design
- Best Local Insurance Agent: #2 Matt Wetmore, State Farm Agent
- Best Local Realtor: #1 Jon Zickert/Real Estate One
- Best Mountain Biking Trails: #1 Betsie Valley Trail (Frankfort to Thompsonville)
- Best Outdoor Running Trail: #1 Betsie Valley Trail (Frankfort to Thompsonville)

- Best Place to Get Your Annuals & Perennials: #3 Eden Hill Greenhouse
- Best Sports Gear Rental Company: #1 Crystal Lake Adventure Sports (Beulah & Frankfort)
- Best Spot to Bird Watch: #2 Betsie Valley Trailhead
- Best Wedding Venue: #3 St. Ambrose Cellars

Sewer Pumping Station: Earlier this summer, the sewer pumping station on corner of Center St. And Fourth St, failed and a generator was temporarily put in place to keep sewage pumping. Due to reduction in manufacturing, the part needed for repairs wasn't available, due to the COVID 19 impacts. Noise and inconvenience must be secondary to a functioning sewer system and was beyond to the Village's control. Unfortunately, there was an incident to the hoses which interfered with the pumping efficiency and caused some sewage to escape. DPW staff was able to correct the problem before it worsened. The parts arrived, were installed and the pump is operating again. Recently, there was a problem at the sewer ponds that gained some state-wide notice. The problem, again, had to do with wipes being flushed and clogging the system. As noted in earlier newsletters, **do not flush the wipes**, regardless of the packaging info. The problem was quickly resolved by the Village Crew.

From the President: Early spring of this year seems like ancient history. We knew then even less about COVID-19 than we do now. There were thoughts of Beulah being in complete shutdown with no commercial activity - no campground - and closure of the public beach. These were all real fears that could result in no summer season. With the help of legal counsel, the Village Council developed a COVID-19 Committee led by Council Member Jeri Vanderpere. Rules were drafted based on the Michigan Governor's Executive Orders. This resulted in closing the Village Office to public traffic; new protocols for Village employees; closing public facilities such as the Trailhead, public bathrooms, and the bathhouse; adding additional Porta Johns; and the establishment of new rules for the Village Campground. While most major events like Music in the Park, the historic Fourth of July celebration and the Beulah Art Fair were canceled, people adjusted. They observed social distancing and masking, as well as



using common sense. As the summer season progressed, the Village surprisingly seemed busier than ever. Special thanks go out to local businesses, most of whom adjusted to new protocols and continued to serve the public.

As we move through autumn and into winter, Beulah is taking a page from the City of Frankfort's 'book' by renting equipment capable of moving large amounts of snow. It is the Village's intent that snow be removed from sidewalks into streets by property owners in the commercial district prior to morning parking hours. By doing this early enough, Village crew will then remove it from the street. This plan will keep both the sidewalks and streets cleared in the business district. Most importantly it will prevent large snowbank buildup along the curbs of downtown Beulah. It should be noted as per Village Ordinance that it remains the property owner's responsibility to clear snow from their sidewalks. This is a new attempt by the Village to improve Downtown walkability and will require cooperation and coordination. Hopefully, if this program works it could be expanded to a few other areas. We expect there will be glitches and will remain open to suggestions.

In closing, I want to thank the Village staff and officials for their outstanding performance during these difficult times.

Dan Smith, Village President



Please inform renters of the no parking ordinance. The Village Crew works hard to get the streets cleared for our businesses patrons to park. Please support their efforts and expectations to keep all sidewalks cleared.

Beulah Recycling Information: call 882-0554 or go to www.benzieco.net and click on services

Single Stream/Same Bin/Any Bin Recycling:

- Clean tin and aluminum containers
- All numbers of plastic including plastic bags
- Polystyrene (styrofoam packaging w/ a 6 on it)
- Aseptic packaging (juice boxes, milk cartons)

- Paper, flat boxes including magazines & junk mail
- Put shredded paper and mixed paper in a paper bag
- Clean glass bottles & jars (**no** window glass)
- Hazardous Waste: check website for dates
- Cardboard can be dropped at BC High School too
- Call Recycling Coordinator, Jesse Zylestra, with any recycling or disposal questions 882-0554.

Upcoming Recycling Events (go to website for specifics)
scrap tires – latex paint – hazardous/electronics – box springs/mattresses – unused prescription medications
Recycling Annual Report for 2019-: www.benzieco.net
go to: department -recycle-documents- annual report

Tidbits:

*My North ran a segment on 6/22/20, titled: 'How to have a Blissful Beulah Beach Day (Brunch, Bike, Beer)'. It cited and showed downtown businesses and the beach.

*The pickle ball court in the Village Park was busy all summer and will return next spring, with the sunshine!

*Jessica Carland, Mobility Mgr. for Benzie Bus and Aubrey Ann Parker, The Betsie Current, were recognized on the 14th annual list of the 40 most influential regional leaders under age 40, by the Grand Traverse Business News. Well done Ladies.

*A late night incident in late summer had damage to downtown signs/light poles, an endangered citizen and a 'visitor' was housed in the County Jail. Repairs to the light pole/base are in the works with insurance companies.



Remember:

- ◆ **NO OVERNIGHT STREET PARKING IN BEULAH** in effect 11/1 to 4/1, 2-6 am. **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. Please alert tenants and staff.**
- ◆ All dogs in the Village are to be on leash. Only certified service animals are allowed on the Trail. **Please clean up after your pet.**



- ◆ Yellow trash bags can be purchased at Stapletons which work for Beulah pick-up. 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. Village office has red bags for sale when someone is at the office.
- ◆ It is illegal to use the Village receptacles for household trash. Information on violators will be turned over to the Sheriff and fines up to \$500 per bag, may be levied.
- ◆ Business owners and staff are encouraged to park in the parking lots in order to save downtown spaces for visitors and patrons.
- ◆ **Please don't feed the birds on the lake.** It may increase cases of swimmer's itch.
- ◆ Signage on Village property, per ordinance, must have prior approval from the Village Council. This includes entrances at Spring Valley and Benzie Blvd. Submit all requests in writing.
- ◆ **Bagged (paper or plastic) yard waste (25# limit) and bundled branches (4 ft & 25# limit) can be left to the side of the street for the Village Crew to collect. Please honor the limits. Yard waste is for clippings, SOD-like sections are not accepted**
- ◆ **Christmas trees may also be left on street sides for pick up.**

Code RED Notification System: Benzie County Emergency Management has a county-wide emergency notification system. You can select how to be notified. For more information and/or to sign up for the service, go to: [www.benzieco.net/departments/emergency operations](http://www.benzieco.net/departments/emergency%20operations). It is easy to sign up for the service, you select how you want to be notified (email, phone, text).

Beulah Boosters are Busy Volunteers: Boosters have been active The annual election was held in September and 2019-20 officers were renewed: President/Mike Cooney, Vice President/Vicki Carpenter, Treasurer/Dan Hook, Secretary/Trudi Hook, Directors: Jerry Crispell, Rick Cain and Norm Greig. In addition to planting, all the signs for parks/beach, trailhead and Village of Beulah were repainted and the Northway Park tennis court was

power washed. Corn stalks in Beulah & Benzonia were put up in time for the fall season. Boosters also help with set up and take down for Fall Fest activities.

For more information or to volunteer, call 231 383-1120/leave a message or go to the website and send an email.

Come join us, have fun and make new friends. Everyone is welcome.



Park Yourself at Beulah Beach: The Village-owned RV park in Beulah will re-open in May. If interested, contact the Village by phone (leave a message) or email, after April 2021. Send an email clerk@villageofbeulah.org or call 231-882-4451 and leave a message.

Darcy Library of Beulah: Hours & Info 882-4037 New Hours as of 10-10-20

Mon & Fri 12-3 closed on Wed
Tues & Thurs. 12 to 7 pm
Sat. 9 to 1 pm

Darcy website: darcylibraryofbeulah.ploud.net
The Website has information on classes, 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. Everyone is invited.
Darcy Library Board meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month, 7:00 pm. Everyone is invited



Park & Shine Car Show Results (l-r)

Village President Choice: Ford Model A/Gordon Hare
Sheriff's Choice: Chevelle/Craig Villemen
People's Choice: Studebaker/Mark Gatzke
Firefighter's Choice: Bronco/Gene Kirby



Crystal Lake & Watershed Association (CLWA)

Update: Swimmer's itch: CLWA is happy to report that Crystal Lake experienced another summer of improved swimmer's itch control in 2020. Our local merganser trapping team, Tim Reznich and Tom Thorr, wrapped up their work by mid-July, relocating all 10 broods to other waters. Total was 8 hens and 81 ducklings. This is slightly more than were removed last year. Thanks to all who helped this effort by reporting brood sightings at the CLWA website.

A lake-wide study of *Stagnicola emarginata* snails (the species that carries swimmer's itch in Crystal Lake) done in July showed a significant reduction in the rate of infection that they carried. This means that removal of the mergansers from the parasite's life cycle is having an effect.

The Congregational Assembly was closed this year, so it could not provide the usual statistics for swimmer's itch cases reported at their beach. However, anecdotal evidence and reports to the CLWA website also reflected a reduction in occurrences.

This year's CLWA annual meeting was held via Zoom and included the usual reports on projects and activities. Attendees had the opportunity to ask questions. A video of the full meeting is available on the CLWA website.

Invasive Eurasian watermilfoil control: The CLWA was extremely disappointed that it had to cancel the treatments of the invasive aquatic plant, Eurasian watermilfoil (EWM) that were planned for 2020. This should be of greatest concern to residents of Beulah, since the heaviest concentration of EWM is in the area of the Beulah public beach and boat launch.

The CLWA had obtained the necessary permits from the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), had selected a licensed contractor to apply the product, and planned to use an aerial drone to insure that the application was pinpointed exactly and not used in excess. Michigan law also requires that all property owners whose lake bottom will be treated must give formal written permission. The Village of Beulah did so, as did approximately 150 private property owners around the east end of the lake. Two treatments were scheduled, about a month apart. Official notice was published in the Benzie Country Record Patriot.

Just before the first treatment, however, a local resident threatened the CLWA with legal action if the project was not halted. The CLWA delayed and met with the individual and his lawyer in an attempt to provide more information and resolve any misunderstandings. Unfortunately this was unsuccessful, and in the meantime, too much time had passed for any treatment to be fully effective. The product used to control EWM must be applied at the right time in its growth cycle, so the treatment will be rescheduled for 2021.

EWM is an aggressive and fast-spreading plant, so delay can make it harder and more expensive to control. 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.

Benzie County Chamber of Commerce

Lobby open 24/7 daily

www.benzie.org 231-882-5801



**People's Choice Winner
Studebaker at Fall Fest**



**Mom & Daughter enjoyed
doing crafts at Fall Fest.**

Donate Computers: Carol McAnulty, Darcy Library, is accepting donated desktop computers, laptops and monitors (they must power up- don't have to 'boot-up'), with intact screens that are not broken). Please include all cables and power cords if possible. She will repair and bring them into working order for needy students, veterans and seniors. Contact cmcanulty@hotmail.com or phone: 882-4734 to make arrangements for pick up.

Let's all take care of our Village.

Pick up litter.

Look out for each other.



Special thanks to the Benzie Bus for supporting the Fall Fest with donated masks for children to decorate.

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Thanks to the downtown businesses for their fall and upcoming Halloween decorating efforts.

Trick or Treat Opportunities in Benzie County Saturday, October 31

Beulah: downtown businesses with an orange posted sign: Trick or Treat here on Halloween 3-5 pm

Cognition Science and Discovery Center has a Candy Contraption Contest (go to discovercognition.org) and invites everyone on Halloween from 3-6 pm

Frankfort: Trunk or Treat from 3-5 pm between 4th & 6th St., call their Chamber, 352-725, for more information

All COVID 19 safety precautions are to be followed.



Children enjoyed getting their newly decorated Trick or Treat bags filled with candy along with pencils and toothpaste/ and toothbrushes, donated by Lisa Musgrave, DDS and Third Coast Dental Group. The goodies were delivered through a special tube for safety.



The streamlined Fall Fest still offered several activities for everyone from wagon rides, car show and pony rides along with crafts and the sidewalk chalk art. It was appreciated that this annual event was possible, following safety rules and still having fun

Have a Beulah-ful Day!

Village Office will be closed
12/23/20 – 1/7/21



REMEMBER

REQUESTS TO TURN WATER ON OR OFF, NEED THREE (3) WORKING DAYS NOTICE

Turn-off requests after 11/1 are weather permitting.

Please contact the Village Office: 882-4451 or villageofbeulahcrew@gmail.com

The Village requests your plumber coordinate with the village crew for water turn on requests.

Short Term Rental Ordinance Committee: Short term rentals (STR) provide value to our resort community. As the number of short term rentals increase in the Village of Beulah, the Village Council is creating a committee to explore the possibility of adopting a STR ordinance. Many communities in Northern Michigan have adopted STR ordinances to strike a balance between residents, property owners, business owners and visitors. If you are a property owner or resident of the Village of Beulah and are interested in joining the committee please email Dan Hook at danhook2@charter.net by 11/6/20. The meeting date, time and place will be determined.

Remember to VOTE 11/3/2020

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