



From the Editors: We feel fortunate and proud to be in Beulah during these uncertain times of Covid 19. Overall, our businesses are open with creative installation of safety precautions and most people are following the 'rules' of social distancing and wearing masks. Along the waterfront, you see family groups staying together and the walking/biking numbers past our house is amazing. Lots of waving and calling out 'hellos' makes us closer when we must be apart. We are confident, whatever is next, we will make the best of it and work together. Who knew we'd be checking our pockets for masks and sanitizer as often as checking for our phones! Stay safe.

Phil Downs & Vicki Carpenter-Downs



A bevy of swans enjoy Crystal Lake.

From the President: In our last newsletter, we noted Beulah had been eerily quiet since February with little car or foot traffic, as well as almost no sign of people downtown except to pick up their mail at the U.S. Post Office. By late June and the July Fourth Weekend it was as though a switch had been turned to bring the Village back to its busy summer self. Kids filled the Crystal Lake Playground, the air at Beulah Beach held the scent of sunscreen, and squeals of laughter rose as kids plunged into the chilly waters of the lake – great pictures of summer and music to the ears. Benzie Boulevard is now packed – bumper to bumper - cars parked along both sides of the street, as well as on each of the cross streets and in the village parking lots.

Beulah's local eateries opened quickly, following State mandated guidelines of distancing and employees wearing masks. People found seating at both outside tables and inside many restaurants, where favorite items could be ordered, and, one could feel somewhat normal again. Local merchants eagerly opened their doors to

customers old and new alike. Hair was again on the agenda for people waiting to get their 'ears lowered'. On the upside this great little village is back in business, and things are looking up. Hats off to all our great businesses and thanks for the great welcome back to Beulah residents and summer visitors.

Although Benzie County seems to have dodged the bullet so far when it comes to being hard hit by COVID-19 cases (13 documented, so far, at the time of this writing), it seems appropriate for the health and well-being of both Beulah and Benzie County residents to share information that I received July 6 from the Personal Health Division of the Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department after the holiday weekend, when case numbers began to build in both counties. "The situation reminds us that young people are not immune to COVID-19 and that anyone can be asymptomatic and unknowingly spreading it. The immediate impact on our local businesses is evidence that COVID affects the entire community and we must each do our part for each other – wash up, mask up, and spread out. Lisa Peacock, Health Officer, B-LDHD, strongly encourages the community to take the proper precautions and avoid risks that come with attending gatherings of large groups, especially where distance cannot be maintained and avoiding travel to and from other areas where cases are on the rise. Peacock also understands that residents are growing weary but need to take these precautions in order not to take steps backwards." Please remember the health of everyone means... 'WASH UP, MASK UP, and SPREAD OUT!' That sure is an easy, wise, and thoughtful thing for each of us to do, and I am making it my new motto.

The Beulah Camp Ground opened later than usual and included a new set of rules in compliance with a Michigan Executive Order. Also, due to COVID-19, we have not opened restrooms at the Beulah Camp Ground, Beulah Beach Bath House or Beulah's Trailhead Building. To partially compensate for that difficult situation, the Village installed 4 outside port-a-johns: 2 located by Beulah Beach Bathhouse, 1 adjacent to the Trailhead, and 1 at Fair Park.

In closing, I want to let you know that Superintendent Cody Bowers has resigned his position with the Village of Beulah. Cody took over the Superintendent's position five years ago and has been an asset to the Village in



many ways. We wish him well in his new endeavor and thank him for his service. Village Council is pleased and grateful that Crew Member Brady Streeter has so willingly stepped up to fill this void. Thumbs up to Brady!

Thank you for remembering to WASH UP, MASK UP and SPREAD OUT. Beulah is counting on you!

Dan Smith, President, Village of Beulah



The Hartland Hospice Care Grief Support Group meets in the Village Park on Thurs, 11:30 -12:30. Bring a chair, mask and social distance. Call leader Kristi Spencer-Nemec at 231.935.3089 for information.

Crystal Lake Community Business Association (CLCBA) Past and Future Events: clcba.org
We hope to hold events although they may be downsized or aspects dropped, check the website.

Music in the Park: The Accidentals return in 2021!

July 4th: The Classic Boat Parade expanded to include over 40 more 'regular' watercraft around Crystal Lake, led by the Sheriff's patrol boat.



One of the classic boats in the July 4th lake parade.

52nd Beulah Art Fair: canceled but many vendors will join in the Sidewalk Days on Saturday/ 8/1.

Side Walk Days: Saturday, Aug 1 for Beulah. Side Walk Days. Contact Kelly Frasier, 882-4147 if you're

interested in a space downtown Beulah. All rules for distancing/masks/sanitizing will be enforced.

Crystal Lake Team Marathon: Aug 8, applications are on clcba.org and teams can register on-line. A spaced start and no pre or post race gathering, check the website.

6th Annual Cold Creek Bridge Walk: 10 am on Labor Day Monday. Social spacing will be followed and masks will be required, additional details are pending.

Fall Fest: Saturday, Oct. 3 is tentative at this time.

Haunted Trailhead: Oct. 31 is tentative at this time

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.

Village Office Hours Check the website for HOURS and leave messages 231-882-4451

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Treasurer-Margaret Lumm

Zoning Adm.- Coury Carland, by appointment

Pam Sudney-Office Assistant

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Free Fax services available to residents

Web Site: villageofbeulah.net

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



Another summer visitor to Crystal Lake.

Village Meetings: Due to COVID rules, Council meetings have been adjusted. Still the first Thursday after the first Monday of each month at 5:30 pm (**NEW TIME**) and are a conference call setting for the time being. The process/number to call in is posted on the website (villageofbeulah.net). Changes will be posted. The public is welcome and encouraged to call in.



Village Council Trustees and Staff and Terms

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

—Buildings/Grounds-vacant

Co-Chair-Dan Hook

Dawn Olney – Clerk

Margaret Lumm – Treasurer

Coury Carland– Zoning Administrator

Pam Sudney – Administrative Assistant

vacant – Supervisor

Brady Streeter – Village Crew

Did You Know?:

* Retired American flags are being collected by BSA Troop 10 for proper disposal. Flags can be taken to the Benzonina Public Library.

* **Requests to post signage on Village Property must be submitted, in writing, to the Village for approval**

* Batteries, cell phones, printer cartridges and compact florescent bulbs can be taken to the Benzonina Township Hall for recycling.



Several 'little free library' stations have been made and installed in different areas of Benzie County. These are some of final Eagle Scout projects of local Scouts. Everyone is welcome to borrow and or leave books. This one is at the back side of the Beulah Trailhead Building.



'Take what you need, leave what you can' is sponsored by Lisa Musgrave, DDS as a source for dental and personal care products during these tough times. The orange dispenser is in front of her Benzie Blvd. office.

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 by contacting the clerk, 882-4451

* 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: 325-3000.

* Village has fax services and a paper shredder that are available free to residents and businesses during Village office hours.

*The Day Dock is ready for daytime boaters to 'tie off' at no charge. No overnights please. The Day Dock is located between the public beach and the RV Park. Look for the 'Welcome to Beulah' mural on the bath house.

* Carol McAnulty is accepting donated computers and monitors (they must power up and are not broken) for repair. 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.

* L'chayim loaned Benzie Central some of their coolers for keeping food/lunches/supplies to make meals for those families in need during the early crisis time. Thank You!



*Benzonia Township is exploring the use of credit cards for payment of taxes, due in September. Check for information on their website: benzoniatownship.org

*MDOT work on US 31 from Stapleton Corners south to the river is scheduled to be completed in the fall.

Business Updates: check with business on their status by phone or website. MASKS ARE REQUIRED FOR ENTRY TO ALL BUSINESSES.

- ◆ Black Horse Antiques for completed their back display area for more outdoor furniture.
- ◆ Welcome to Sole' Salon in the former Luna building, opening later this summer for hair and nail services.
- ◆ Our best retirement wishes to Mary Perzigian of Luna Boutique
- ◆ Due to Covid, Dream Weaver will not open this year, looking forward to summer of 2021.
- ◆ Cognition Science & Discovery Center is hoping to open, with safeguards in place, later this summer. Check their website for updates.
- ◆ Welcome to David & Laura Clarke, new owners of the Dairy King on US31. They will also have their concession stand on site and will be serving Moomers Ice Cream as well. Best Wishes!



- ◆ Welcome to the Coastal Inn (former Northwoods Lodge), now open for business. They offer a variety of room options, go to website or call (info on sign)
- ◆ Retirement congratulations to the McLaren family and the four generations who worked the Northwoods Lodge, time to relax and enjoy.
- ◆ Crystal Moon was featured on 9&10 news in June. Go to 9&10's website to view the clips. Well done!

- ◆ Food trucks have discovered Beulah! Look for a variety of options along US 31 from Market Basket to Area 31 and at Five Shores Brewing.



Five Shores Brewing has outside seating to support the social distancing rules. The Steelhead Cafe food truck is on-site, at the back.

Beulah Recycling Information

Recycling Update-for info 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 the summer and fall dates
- Cardboard may be dropped at BC High School.
- Call Recycling Coordinator, Jesse Zylestra, with any recycling or disposal questions,, 882-0554.

Upcoming Recycling Events: for

scrap tires- latex paint – hazardous/electronics – box springs/mattresses – unused prescription medications. (go to website for specifics, dates or posting at drop sites throughout the county)

Recycling Annual Report [www. benzieco.net](http://www.benzieco.net), (go to: department -recycle-documents- annual report)

Thanks Jesse for all your efforts to keep Benzie clean!

Remember

> All dogs in the Village are to be on leash. Only certified service animals are allowed on the Trail.

Bag your pet's waste and put it in the trash!

> No watercraft on the beach or tied to fishing dock.



> 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 \$24 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.

> 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.

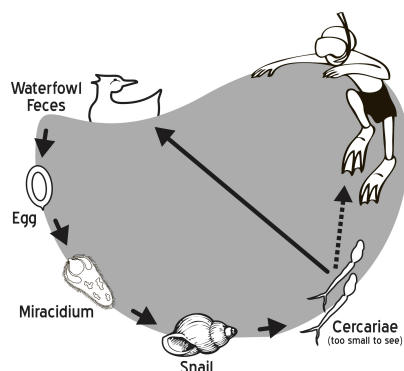
> Business owners and staff are encouraged to park in the parking lots in order to save spaces for visitors and patrons.

> It is illegal in the State of Michigan to put any yard debris in the street. Please abide by the rules.

> **Bagged 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.**

> **Please don't feed the waterfowl on the lake.** It will only increase cases of swimmer's itch.

> Crystal Lake Watershed Association/CLWA has relocated many merganser broods, to address that is part of the 'itch' cycle. To learn more about this successful effort and to report any 'itch', go to their website, crystallakewatershed.org. See their article in this newsletter about their invasive species response efforts for Eurasian Milfoil in Crystal Lake.



Research has shown that it is the feces from the merganser ducks and a specific snail in Crystal Lake that create the swimmers itch cycle.

Beulah Boosters are Busy Volunteers: Boosters worked to plant the downtown flower boxes and flower planters. 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. The annual meeting is 7/28, at 5:15 in the Village Park, bring a chair and your mask. The meeting is open to everyone.

Upcoming events: Help needed for: Sidewalk Sales, Team Marathon, Cold Creek Bridge Walk and other fall events. **For more information or to volunteer, please call 231-383-1120-leave a message or send an email from the website: [mybeulahboosters](http://mybeulahboosters.com) Come and have fun and make friends. Everyone is welcome.**



The flowers throughout the Village in planters and boxes were planted by the Beulah Boosters. The Village provides the funding for the flowers.

Crystal Lake & Watershed Association (CLWA) Update:

Beulah residents are still waiting for the first phase of this summer's treatment of the invasive Eurasian watermilfoil that infests the lake near the Beulah public beach and adjacent areas. The application scheduled for June 24 had to be postponed, and will now take place on July 29 (weather permitting). The CLWA would like to thank all of the riparian property owners who have given permission for this treatment – you have helped protect the future of the lake for yourselves, your neighbors, and generations to come.

The infested area covers only 6 acres of Crystal Lake's total area of about 10,000 acres. Controlling it now, before it expands further is crucial. A licensed applicator dispenses the granular product from a boat, using a process that is guided by aerial drone surveillance to insure precise accuracy. A second application will be scheduled later in the summer. The CLWA is paying the total cost of this project.

More information on EWM and chemical control methods is on the CLWA website, CrystalLakeWatershed.org.

Swimmer's itch prevention got an early start this year, as



the first broods of merganser ducks began to appear at the beginning of June. The CLWA trapping team was ready to begin capture and relocation immediately, and they are continuing to patrol and respond to reports of merganser brood sightings. The public's help is invaluable for helping to locate the broods: please report any sightings to the CLWA website, where you will find a "button" on the Home page. This is the quickest way to get the information to the team. Please remember that they only capture broods (mothers with swimming ducklings), not individual ducks. You can now find a video on the CLWA website showing the trapping operation.

The CLWA would also like to remind all operators of watercraft (motorized or paddled) how important it is to clean your craft thoroughly before launching them into Crystal Lake. This is to prevent the introduction of new aquatic invasive species which could be transferred from other waters. The CLWA boat washing station at the Mollineaux Road DNR boat launch is available 24/7 – staffed at busiest times and easily self-serve any time. Ellen Hersher, Secretary, Crystal Lake Watershed Assoc.

Park Yourself at Beulah Beach: The Village-owned RV park in Beulah is open for 'campers'. Contact the Village Clerk, clerk@villageofbeulah.org or call 231-882-4451.

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

Upcoming or Ongoing Events:

check websites or call to confirm dates/times

- ✓ Crystal Lake Adventure Sports' SUP event has been canceled.
- ✓ Beulah Booster Membership mtg, Tues, 7/28, 5:15 pm, Village Park, byo chairs, everyone is welcome
- ✓ Beulah Sidewalk Sales Day, Sat., 8/1, 10-5
- ✓ Benzie County Primary Election, Tues, Aug 4, Millages: Senior Services/Jail/Benzie Schools and partisan candidate voting. Absentee ballots are available (Aug/Nov elections), contact the Clerk, 882-4411
- ✓ Village Council Meeting, Thurs, 8/6 at 5:30 pm
- ✓ Crystal Lake Team Marathon, Sat, 8/8
- ✓ Benzonia Township Clean-Up, 8/8, 7-11:30 am
- ✓ Village Water Bill Due Tues, 8/19

- ✓ Cold Creek Bridge Walk/Labor Day, 9/7, 10 am
- ✓ Village Council Meeting, Thurs, 9/10 at 5:30 pm
- ✓ Village of Beulah Taxes due Tues, 9/14 **new date**
- ✓ Township Summer Taxes due Thurs, 9/15
- ✓ Fall Fest, Village Park, Sat, 10/3, 10:30-3 TBD
- ✓ Cookie Sale at Trailhead, Sat, 10/3, 10-2 pm TBD
- ✓ Village Council Meeting, Thurs, 10/10 at 5:15 pm
- ✓ Halloween Trick/Treat & Haunted Trailhead 5-7
- ✓ Village Council Meeting, Thurs, 11/5 at 5:30 pm



Signs, such as this one at the East Shore Market, are focused on the safety standards and meeting their customer needs, using call in and carry out procedures.

Darcy Library of Beulah: Hours & Info 882-4037
Check website for specifics for Library re-opening and meeting information (may be a call-in process to use)

Mon.-Wed.-Fri. 12 to 5 pm

Tues.-Thurs. 12 to 7 pm

Sat. 9 to 1 pm

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 pm. Everyone is invited

Movie Nights at the Darcy Library are on hold. Have a special movie or genre you'd like to see, contact the Darcy Staff.



Code RED Notification System: Benzie County's Emergency Management has established a county-wide emergency notification system. It has the ability to do specific area notifications as well as county wide emergency notifications. To sign up for the service, go www.benieco.net/departments/emergency_operations, it is free and easy to sign up for the service.

Benzie County Chamber of Commerce

Currently only the lobby is open to public

Materials can be picked up curbside

Lobby open 24/7 daily

231-882-5801

www.benzie.org

DNR Fish Stocking/Crystal Lake – 2020: As of June, the DNR has stocked approximately 24,000+ rainbow and 43,000+ lake trout fingerlings. The size ranged from 5.59" to 7.2" in length. Stocking takes place primarily at the Beulah launch and the Crystal Lake Yacht Club at the west end of Crystal Lake. Google DNR Benzie County for Benzie County lakes and to access other counties for their lake stocking information.

Updated Fireworks Ordinance for Village of Beulah

On May 9, 2019 the Beulah Village Council passed Ordinance No. 2019-3, Noise Control Ordinance – Fireworks and Unlawful Discharge. That Ordinance became effective on May 29, 2019. The full ordinance was published in the *Benzie County Record Patriot* on June 5, 2019 and posted at the Village Office and on the Village of Beulah website. A relevant excerpt of the Ordinance follows:

Section D. Consumer Fireworks:

No person shall ignite, discharge, or use Consumer Fireworks within the Village. This prohibition shall not apply to igniting, discharging, or using Consumer Fireworks on the following days after 11:00 a.m. on Private Property:

- a. December 31 until 1 am on January 1.
- b. The Saturday and Sunday immediately preceding Memorial Day until 11:45 p.m. on each of those days.
- c. June 29 to July 4 until 11:45 p.m. on each of those days.

- d. July 5, if that date is a Friday or Saturday, until 11:45 p.m.
- e. The Saturday and Sunday immediately preceding Labor Day until 11:45 p.m. on each of those days.

A person who violates this subsection 2.D shall be responsible for a civil infraction, the sanction for which shall be a civil fine of \$1,000.00 for each violation of the ordinance, \$500.00 of which shall be remitted by the Village to the Benzie County Sheriff Department for enforcement of the ordinance.



This photo of a 'paddling' of ducks was taken as the July 4th boat parade was starting. It must be true, everyone loves a parade!

Plumbing Cross Connections: Info was included in the current water bill that explained the process and meeting the requirements that protect against contamination of your drinking water. The inspections are required by the State of Michigan. More information on the Village website.

REMEMBER

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

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

**It will be requested to have your plumber coordinate
with the crew for water turn on requests.**



The former Church of Christ building has been purchased and is being renovated for a private residence. These are pictures of the conversion to a residential dwelling. Missed getting a picture of the steeple coming off but the crane lifted it. The Church of Christ has 'moved' across Benzie Blvd. to the former Son of Life Church building.

This space saved for mailing info



Residents along Crystal Drive placed signage to remind the increased traffic, due to the US 31 roadwork, to slow down. It seemed to help.

Have a Beulah-ful Day!

Let's all take care of our Village.

Pick up litter.

Look out for each other.

Consider pulling sidewalk weeds too!