



**Village of Beulah**  
**Summer & Fall 2023 Newsletter**  
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**From the Editors**

Remember that the newsletter is no longer mailed to anyone. The newsletter will continue to be written and posted on the websites for the Village (villageofbeulah.net), Beulah Boosters (mybeulahboosters.org) and CLCBA (clcba.org), Paper copies will be available at the Darcy Library. Please remember that many of the usual items in the newsletter can be found on the Village of Beulah website. Busy summer, wet Fall Fest, great Music in the Streets and some financial relief for the Village’s sewer pond costs. Fall colors are beautiful, a surprise awaits you around every bend.

Phil Downs & Vicki Carpenter-Downs/Editors

**Crystal Lake Community Business Association (CLCBA)**

- Music in the Street’s 7 summer concerts were successful with over 4400 attending. The Accidentals are scheduled for July 18, 2024.
- 4<sup>th</sup> of July was well attended. Hungry Tummy’s Pizza Box taking first place, celebrating 50 years in Beulah. Celebrating the 150<sup>th</sup> year of the lowering of Crystal Lake was Archibald Jones’ pontoon float, thanks to Stacy Daniels and the Cottage Pros. Hundreds ran in the Firecracker 5K and fireworks closed our nation’s celebration.
- Fall Fest’s weather challenged the event so most outside activities were canceled. However, the 18 soup contest entries moved into the Hungry Tummy’s dining room. With help from Tim & Howard, their staff and CLCBA and Booster volunteers, over 100 tasters were able to enjoyed the soups and the afternoon ended in sunshine.

**Business Winners**



#1 Corn Chowder/Hungry Tummy  
Howard Kennedy



#2 NE Clam Chowder/Hotel Frankfort  
Eric Kohn



#3 Smoked Trout Chowder  
Art’s Tavern Tim Barr

**Individual Winners**

#1 Chicken Noodle/Joyce Jacobs

#2 Sweet Potato Bisque/Rachel Evans

#3 Copious Cabbage/Colin Merry

- Trick or Treat in downtown Beulah runs from 4-6pm on Halloween. Participating businesses will have an orange pumpkin poster in their windows or doors.
- Cornstalks will be replaced by Christmas Trees later this fall in preparation for Christmas Magic on 12/9.
- Christmas Lights and Music show will return to the Lucky Dog courtyard on Thanksgiving Friday, 5:30pm with hot chocolate and popcorn. The show runs nightly through New Year’s Eve, Sun-Thurs: 5:30-9:30 pm and Fri & Sat: 5:30-10 pm.
- Christmas Magic is 12/9, in the Trailhead building. Cookie sale from 10-2pm followed by kids activities, at 3 pm, visit with Santa and the lighted parade at 5:15pm. Other activities and the parade entry form will be on clcba.org in November.

**Membership:** support the CLCBA’ events and activities and become a member; POB 754, Beulah, MI 49617. Businesses, non-business and citizens are all welcomed and encouraged to join. Membership fee is \$50/yr.

Visit clcba.org for more info or call 231.383.1120 and leave a message.

## Village Meetings

Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 7 pm.. **Everyone is welcome to attend.**

**Web Site:** [villageofbeulah.net](http://villageofbeulah.net) The Village Newsletter and Village Council minutes can be found on the web site.

## Did You Know?

\*Indian Summer is when temperatures return to the 70's after a frost, usually in October or later.

\*Run Benzie! running club meets every Mon. & Thurs. at Five Shores at 6 pm, walkers are welcome too.. For updates, go to Run Benzie on Facebook.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Micro-Marathon fundraiser at Five Shores was held with many runners.

\*The Village is looking for donors to replace trees along the waterfront parks. A stake marker will identify the donor info. Contact the Village of Beulah office, 882-4451 or send an email to [clerk@villageofbeulah.net](mailto:clerk@villageofbeulah.net) if interested.

\*Cold Creek Bridge Walk was attended by 287 people, 31 dogs, 1 tortoise, 1 MI Senator and a very overheated Dogman!

## Planning Commission Survey

The Planning Commission (PC) for the Village is working on updating the Village's Master Plan. One requirement is to gather input from the public. Surveys were mailed with the current water/sewer bill. However, not everyone receives a water/sewer bill so paper copies of the survey are available at the Darcy Library and the Village Office. The PC is seeking input to their planning process to help guide the Village Council as they plan for current and future needs for Beulah. Please return the survey to the Village office by 12/1/2023. Completed surveys can be mailed to POB 326 or dropped in the mail slot if the office is closed.

## Business Updates

- \* Local attorney, John Daughtery, has retired from his practice due to health issues. Per his wife, the building will be for sale.
- \* Dye Real Estate, Randy & Carol Dye, have moved their office to their home, 231.392.4005.
- \* Business owners and staff are encouraged to park in the parking lots in order to save downtown spaces for visitors and patrons.
- \* Dream Weaver, downtown antiques store, is for sale. Contact owner, Mitchell Cullen, at 231: 383 4235 or 883.2856.
- \* Kelly's Boutique has closed but Kelly's Korner Upholstery is open in the same spot, 882-4147 for more information.
- \* New exterior paint on the former Benzie Center, corner of Clark and Benzie Blvd. provides a colorful welcome.
- \* Evergreen Mercantile welcomes their renaming with a new exterior sign and creative metal sign inside as well.
- \* COGNITION has finally 'landed' their grounded plane atop their building
- \* Darcy Library's Winter Hours: Mon 10-3, Tu/Th 10-6, Wed/Fri-10-5 and Sat 10/1



Fresh paint brightens the corner.



New name gets new sign for Evergreen Mercantile



Rooftop plane, Ruby Ann, is named after Cognition's founder, Kimmee's new born).

## Simply the Best/Traverse City Record Eagle Fall 2023 Benzie Winners

Brewery: Five Shores/runner up

Winery: St. Ambrose Cellars/winner

Family Friendly Activities & Events: COGNITION Science & Discovery Center/ runner up

## Financial Support Available for Water Bills

The Village of Beulah has registered to be part of the State of Michigan's Low Income Housing Water Assistance Program, (LIHWAP). LIHWAP can help residents, with low or fixed incomes, pay their water bills. If you are unable to pay your water bill, please contact the Village, 231-882-4451 or you can go to [waynemetrometro.org/apply](http://waynemetrometro.org/apply) and you can get to the application directly. Please feel free to contact the Village for more details, or for support with this program. We are still learning, but have great contacts at the State of Michigan that are willing to help our residents apply for assistance.

Margaret Lumm, Village Treasurer

## Crystal Lake & Watershed Association (CLWA) Fall 2023 Update:

Swimmer's Itch summer 2023: Unfortunately the Michigan DNR continued its cancellation of all merganser relocation programs, and as a result, swimmer's itch exploded on Crystal Lake. Reports of occurrences came in at a high rate, 18-20 times higher than last year. CLWA maintained its research program, recording the snail infection rate and bird population. The number of snails infected with the SI parasite had increased significantly; the merganser population was slightly lower (and Canada geese substantially higher). The data collected will assist the CLWA with its appeal to the DNR to reverse its policy. In September the Benzie County Board of Commissioners passed a resolution supporting the resumption of the control program

Eurasian Watermilfoil (EWM). Survey this summer found that the extent of the infestation of invasive EWM had shrunk to about 2 ½ acres, from the original 7+ acres recorded when treatment began in 2021. The area of most intense growth at the east end of the lake had been reduced both in extent and density. Once again, CLWA contracted with Clear Water Lake Management, assisted by Zero Gravity Aerial drone, to treat the remaining locations in mid-September. Again, only those property owners who gave written permission had their riparian bottomland treated. Over these three years, the control program has been able to down-scale from 2 applications in 2021 to only 1 in 2022, and to this one in 2023 over a much smaller area. In addition, CLWA tested a small area at the east end with a new product, which it hopes will need to be reapplied only every 2 years or longer. It is unlikely that EWM can ever be completely eliminated, but the ability to use ever-decreasing amounts of product can be considered a meaningful success.

### Beulah Boosters are Always Busy Volunteers

Summer and fall activities included helping with CLCBA events. Also, planting flower boxes, working with 7<sup>th</sup> graders to clean up waterfront gardens and fundraising for 'Support the Courts'. Officers are: President/Vicki Carpenter, Vice President/Peggy Clarke, Secretary/Sherry Bock, Treasurer/Trudi Hook, Directors: Paula Harris, Steve Stephens and Dan Hook. Boosters will also work on the set-up for the Christmas Lights and Music show at Lucky Dog's courtyard. Help is needed and the work will begin on 10/29, 11/5 and 11/12 (Sundays).

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. **Come and have fun, everyone is welcome! For more information or to volunteer, please check the website: [mybeulahboosters.org](http://mybeulahboosters.org) to send an email or call 231-383-1120 and leave a message.**



Beulah Boosters enjoy another successful bridge walk.



'Archibald Jones' celebrated 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the lowering of Crystal Lake in the July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade.

### Snow Fall in Benzie County

Although it's early to think about snow, here's a reminder of what was in our past. As of 4/5/2023, 98 inches of snow was recorded at the Benzie County Road Commission. The lowest total recorded snowfall was 33.5" in 1973/74 and the most, 230" during 2013/14. You can find more snowfall information and other topics at [www.benziecrd.org](http://www.benziecrd.org)

**Remember: Village Ordinances prohibit alcohol on the streets and at the parks/beaches. Please comply.**

# Calendar

## October

- 10/31 Downtown Trick or Treating. 4-6 pm

## November

- Election 11/7/Thursday
- Village Meeting, 11/14, Tuesday
- Christmas Music & Light Show begins, 11/24, Friday and ends New Year's Eve.

## December

- Christmas Magic 12/9, Saturday
- Village Meeting 12/12, Tuesday
- Christmas Music & Light Show ends on New Year's Eve

### **My North's 2023 Red Hot Best Winners\*: Beulah Winners**

- Dentist: #3 Joshua Brudi – North Pine Dentistry
- Disc Golf: #3 St. Ambrose Cellars/Disc Golf Course
- Floor Covering (tiling, carpeting & wood flooring): #1 Classic Interiors & Design
- Place to Get Active/Outdoor Wear & Gear: #1 Crystal Lake Adventure Sports
- Real Estate: #3 Kathy Neveu.-.Real Estate One
- Salons: #2 Sole' Salon #3 Salon Dahlia
- Winery: #3 St. Ambrose Cellars

\*to see total list of winners of Northern Michigan go to: [MyNorth.com](http://MyNorth.com)

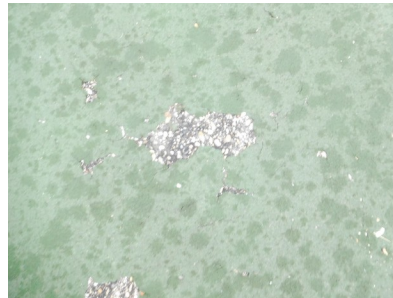
### **Beulah Boosters Seeking your Support for New Pickleball Court and Resurfacing Tennis Courts.**

The Boosters, in the past, funded the Day Dock and an early swim platform in addition to providing many volunteer hours help with many events. With the support of the Village Council, the Boosters are working to raise money to underwrite the costs of a properly re-built pickleball court, repurposed in 2013 and to repair and resurface the Village and Northway Park's tennis courts. The Beulah Boosters are a 501(c)(3) tax free organization and donations are tax exempt per tax rules. Rough cost estimates by contractors are approximately \$80,000 to complete all 3 courts. Currently \$19,300 has been raised and over 1100 people have played on the 2 temporary pickleball courts and the single court this year. The count in 2022 was just over 700 players. Donations can be mailed to Beulah Boosters, POB 570, Beulah, MI 48617, scan the Venmo code or may also be dropped at the Village office. The total project will run into 2024.

**Questions may be sent to: [mybeulahboosters.org](http://mybeulahboosters.org) or call 231-383-1120 and leave a message**



**(left) free adult and youth lessons on Village tennis court.**



**Northway Park and the Village tennis courts and the pickleball courts have cracks w/ weeds and worn surfaces that interfere with play.**



**left: uneven surface collects water**



**center: pickleball paddles lined up to play**



**donation go to the Beulah Boosters/BB**

### Did You Know?

- ➔ Benzie County Commissioner’s meetings are now available on You Tube. Go to [benzieco.net](http://benzieco.net) and click on County Commissioners to find the YouTube link.
- ➔ Yard waste (no dirt or sand) must be in **paper bags** for the Village to pick-up. Yard waste in plastic bags will not be picked-up but left at the homeowners, as the plastic bags don’t break down.
- ➔ 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 them directions per the same.
- ➔ **ALL Signage on Village property, per ordinance, must have prior approval from the Village.** Submit written request to the Village of Beulah.

### Help Light -Up the Village for the Holiday Season

Volunteers are needed to help put up and take down the Christmas Lights and Music show at Lucky Dog’s courtyard. The work will begin on 10/29, 11/5 and 11/12 (Sundays). Meet at the courtyard at 2 pm and expect 2-3 hours each day. Paula and Craig Harris have designed and coordinate the music & light show, please come and help make it happen.



Left: reminders of the Village ordinances across all seasons.

Remember all pets are to be leashed. Incidents this summer resulted in injury and caused the death of one dog.

Right: This sign, attached to broken parts of the swim platform ladder reads: “Because of the vandalism to the swim platform, it is no longer available for use. Village of Beulah”

Sadly, this vandalism was intentional as the ‘welds’ on the ladder, were broken off, making it unsafe to use



**CLCBA membership drive has started. Membership is \$50/year. Go to [clcba.org](http://clcba.org) for information and an application.**



The Hungry Tummy's pizza box float took first place in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade, celebrating 50 years in Beulah.



Many thanks to the Hungry Tummy for hosting the Fall Fest Soup contest when bad weather kept us from the pavilion

**Entire list of Fall Fest Soups**

**soup entry number & name**

1. Smoked Trout Chowder
2. Thai Coconut Chicken
3. Chicken Noodle
4. Sweet Potato Bisque
5. Jalapeno Chicken Chowder
6. Stuffed Pepper
7. Smoked Poblano & Sweet Corn Stew
8. Tangy Autumn Squash
9. New England Clam Chowder
10. 'Thyme' for Pumpkin
11. Copious Cabbage
12. Corm Chowder
13. New England Clam Chowder
- 14. serving cups #14/15/and 16 were missing (total of 18 entries)**
17. Potato Cauliflower
18. White Bean Chicken Chili
19. Creamy Chicken with Rice
20. Beef Beer Barley
21. Black Bean & Butternut Squash

**name of business or individual**

- Art's Tavern
- Up River Pizza
- Joyce Jacobs
- Rachel Evans
- The Manitou
- Geno's Sports Bar
- The Maples
- L'chayim
- Vita Bella
- James Thomason
- Colin Merry
- Hungry Tummy
- Hotel Frankfort
- Lucky Dog Bar & Grille
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- Ursa Major Bistro
- Old Town Grill & Tap
- East Shore Market



Music in the Street was well attended. Approximately 4400 gathered at the intersection of Benzie Blvd. for the seven concerts. Thanks to our sponsors and donors.



Girls just wanna run (and have fun) was evident with this team of runners in the Crystal Lake Team Marathon.

**The Accidentals will return to Music in the Street on July 18, 2024!**

## Village of Beulah Millage Proposal

“Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the Village of Beulah be increased by 4.6136 mills (\$4.61 per thousand dollars of taxable value) for a period of thirty (30) years, from 2024 through 2053, as new additional millage in excess of the limitation imposed by the Michigan Compiled Laws section 211.34d, to restore Village Charter Millage authorization previously approved by the electors as reduced by operation of the Head lee amendment, to provide funds for the general operating purposes? It is estimated that 4.6136 mills would raise approximately \$202,000 when first levied in 2024.”



A running start for the 500+ runners in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July 5K race and many spectators cheered their favorites.



First leg runners in the Crystal Lake Team Marathon. 74 teams from around Michigan were entered.



Benzie Central’s Homecoming Parade wouldn’t be complete without their marching band in uniforms and precision.

**Congrats to the Huskies for a Homecoming Win!**



Homecoming parades also need a truck load of football players, cheered by the crowd!

## Short Term Rental (STR)

All STR owners are required to register their unit(s) and pay a registration fee for each unit before their first rental. A reminder, if a building, house, cabin or other structures has multiple STR units, the STR Ordinance requires that registration fees be paid on each STR unit. Significant modifications to the STR ordinance are being considered, including a limit on the number of STR licenses issued. Please monitor the Village website, [villageofbeulah.net](http://villageofbeulah.net) for more information as it becomes available.

**Have a Beulah-ful Day!**

**Take care of yourself, take care of each other and take care of this place.**

Dandy the Tortoise, from Cognition, is one determined tortoise. Even with his ‘I crossed the Cold Creek Bridge’ sticker on his shell, he kept going, no matter who or what was in his way. Go for it Dandy!



### Beulah Sewer Project Updates

The Village of Beulah has received funding, in the amount of 2 million dollars, from the American Rescue Plan. Other participating agencies are: SPHRP (Substantial Public Health Risk Project) and EGLE’s (Environment, Great Lakes, Energy) Water Resources Division, to support waste water projects to protect the environment. These dollars are being used to reimburse past costs related to the sewer project and current/upcoming costs such as engineering and legal fees. This is very timely as the Village is working on a plan meeting the requirements of the ACO (Administrative Consent Order). The Village is still seeking additional funding sources as the estimated cost of the entire project is 12 million.



Benzie County’s premier runner, Hunter Jones, had his own ‘float’ in the July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade. His coaches, Traci and Asa Kelly were his drivers and wanted him to enjoy the recognition after years of of dedication and hard work. Congratulations Hunter!

Future tennis players and volunteers turned out for free lessons on 5 Fridays this summer.

Tennis pro, Barb Skurdall and other volunteer tennis players have participated in the youth and adult lessons for many years.

Dozens of reasons are in this picture, to support the efforts to upgrade the tennis courts.



**Remember to vote on November 7<sup>th</sup>.**