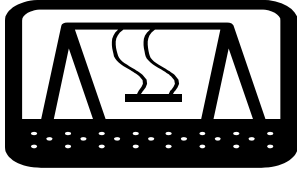


THE VILLAGE LINK



Parks & Recreation

Winter Calendar of Events

- December 10, 2003

1st Annual "Senior Holiday Party" Please join us for the 1st Senior Holiday Party at 12:00. Don't miss out on this "Pot Luck" of a party... Beach Park residents only.

- December 13, 2003

Annual children's "Holiday Party" Party starts at 1:00 PM and Santa will make an appearance.

- December 20, 2003

Annual "Special Needs" Holiday Party. This special event is held for children with "special needs" and their families.

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A WORD FROM OUR MAYOR

Many of you will be seeing this Beach Park paper for the first time. I welcome you new neighbors and take this opportunity to tell you about some of the things going on in Beach Park. To all the residents new or old in the village I think you will be as excited as we are about the happenings.

Our Business Development Commission is in full swing and I am really pleased with the enthusiasm that they have demonstrated. With as much that is on their plate, their work will be cut out for them.

Our village will be soon sporting a new Walgreen's store on the corners of Green Bay and Wadsworth road. From what we are hearing that is only the beginning. Looks like the Green Bay business corridor will explode with new businesses to serve the growing population of our community. Hopefully it will soon be that our citizens will be doing most of their buying in Beach Park.

Sheridan Road is hot as well. A major development including condominiums and commercial buildings are being designed for the East side of the road from Yorkhouse on the South to the mobile home parks on the North. The unsightly mess associated with the old KZK park will be history. Those businesses along Sheridan Rd., will be getting a new breath of life and residents on the East side of the village will have some new shopping spots as well.

Cambridge is planning an extensive addition to their development and Lakewood Homes is planning a substantial housing development North of 27th St and on the West side of Green Bay road. A portion of that may also be dedicated to business development along

the highway.

Roadwork on Green Bay Rd., is taking place. At 33rd Street a turnout lane and traffic signal is being installed. Farther North at a very dangerous intersection (Green Bay and 21st St) is being renovated for safety. Turnout lanes and a traffic signal there is being installed also. Hopefully this will reduce the number of accidents we have experienced at that intersection.

At the Heatherstone entrance on Wadsworth Road we will see traffic signals installed in the very near future.

All in all we are really seeing things happening in the village and for the better. If you have any questions or suggestions I would be more than happy to talk to you. My home phone is 847-872-4081. I would appreciate your feedback and your comments.



Mayor Milton C. Jensen

Have a great holiday season.

WINTER IS HERE.....

“Winter is here”!! Before we know it, the Public Works crew will be hard at work with the potential for long hours for our winter season. As we all know, some of our most fierce winter storms occur after you are fast asleep. That is when the Public Works crew begins their work...

Getting ready for winter and whatever surprises it may bring to us requires some advanced planning. For example, we used 1450 tons of salt last year to help keep the streets free from ice and snow and we have already contracted for 1300 tons in anticipation of this winters needs. In Beach Park, we have 50+ miles of streets and at any one time we have 7 snowplows out plowing. These 7 snowplows are made up of village equipment and contracted equipment. In the winter we contract for additional equipment so that the streets are plowed as fast as possible. On any typical snow day, our crews start work at 1 AM and continue throughout the day as necessary. A typical snow route takes 4 hours to plow and if the snowfall continues at a rapid rate, as soon as a route has been plowed they start all over again. It is a big job to insure that our streets are clear and safe for use.

Wadsworth Road, Lewis Avenue and 33rd Street are not village roads and are plowed and maintained by the Lake County Department of Transportation. Greenbay Road and Sheridan Road are plowed and maintained by the Illinois Department of Transportation.

Unfortunately, as the streets are plowed, snow is sometimes pushed into resident’s already plowed driveway. The snowplow driver cannot avoid pushing snow into driveways but you can help yourselves by clearing your driveway and piling the snow on the right hand side of the drive as you face the street. This obviously will not entirely prevent snow from being placed on your driveway but it will help reduce the amount of snow that is pushed on your driveway as we plow. We have one urgent request of all residents.... “When snow is predicted, no matter how much, please do not park on the

streets”. Ordinance 10.08.050 states that after a 2-inch snowfall, there is no parking on village streets. Before daylight, the snowplow drivers have little to show where the streets are except for mailboxes along the edges of the street. They cannot be concerned with weaving around automobiles left in the street. Please help us do a good job for you by keeping the streets clear.

Don't forget to call the Village Hall before January 5, 2004 if you would like to put your Christmas Tree out to be chipped!

847-746-1770

Happy Holiday's!



Village of Beach Park's Public Works Equipment

If you would like more information on snow plowing in the village, please contact the Village Hall at 847-746-1770. If for some reason there is a snow related problem, which occurs after hours, please call the same number and wait for the emergency prompt. Please remember, we are concerned about your safety. You can help by driving safely and be courteous to others. Enjoy the winter!!!!



Trustee Regina Miller
Chairman of Public Works

THE ZION BENTON BAND.....

There's music in the air, and if you had the chance to attend the Jubilee Days Parade this year, you would have heard it loud and clear from the Zion Benton High School Marching Band! They were this year's Grand Marshall, an accomplishment achieved from earning the Mayor's Award in last year's parade.

This very hard working band got an early start prior to the beginning of the school year. Under the guidance of band director Mark Rymer (now in his second year at Zion-Benton), the students attended a week long band camp. Camp ran from 8am-1pm daily (25 hours), with the percussion students returning from 3pm-6pm (an extra 15 hours). Once school started, marching practices were held on Thursday evenings from 6pm-9pm – this time specifically dedicated to learning the intricate maneuvers of marching while playing, a task new to many of the students who had never been in a marching band before! Sporting the cool theme of the Blue Brothers music and styling with their shades and black fedoras, halftimes were quite enjoyable to those young and old who could jam to tunes of the past.

In September our fine band students attended, by invitation only, the NIU High School Band Days with about 13 other high school bands throughout the state of Illinois. They had the honor of performing 3 songs during halftime **with** NIU Band on the field, and played during the football game with the NIU band. They attended a clinic afterward hosted by the NIU band – and all at no cost to the band. The Band Boosters, an organization that works on methods of fundraising to support the band, provided the cost of transportation. Our Jazz Band, another division of the school band, played recently at CLC, also by invitation.

In April, 2004, a trip to the Smoky Mountain Music Festival in Gatlinburg, Tennessee is planned. High School students from all over the country will be in attendance. Our Marching Band will be competing in Parade competition, our Jazz band in Jazz Ensemble competition, and all players in the Orchestra will compete in the Symphonic Band competition. The cost of this trip will be \$420.00 per student for their 3 night/4 day stay. There are currently about 130 students in the band – up 30 students from last year! About half of those students came from Beach Park Middle School. Quite a growing family, wouldn't you say?

To offset some of the costs that this group will be incurring (such as the need for 30 more uniforms), the Band Boosters Organization has spearheaded several fund raising efforts. Some of these include item sales at basketball concessions, concerts, an upcoming bowl-a-thon, spring car wash, and coupon nights at local restaurants. Several of the items display a band logo that was actually designed by John Langley, a baritone player who is a junior at the high school.

Our Holiday Concert will be held on December 14th at the Christian Arts Academy and is free to the public. Poinsettia sales are currently "in full bloom" until December 10th at a cost of \$8.00 each. Call Trish Teck 872-4509 if you would like to place an order. They will be available to be picked up after the holiday concert.

A very exciting upcoming event that has been planned will be the NIU Jazz Band Showcase Feb 4th also at the Christian Arts Auditorium. The NIU Band will hold a clinic at the high school. Fine Arts students are invited to attend that afternoon. The Concert will be held that evening at 7:00pm. The high school Jazz Band will also play a few numbers on stage with NIU. The cost of the concert is to be determined, but tickets will go on sale no later than January 26th. They can be purchased through a band student or at the school bookstore. Current music students at grade or middle school level will receive discounted admission. For more information please call Trish Teck, Band Boosters President at 872-4509. There will be both concessions and fund raising items at intermission. Fund raising items that are available are:

- Window clings - \$2.50 ea – 2/\$4.00 (which display choice of Band Booster or High School logo)
- Maroon Polo Shirts with embroidered logo - \$35.00 each
- Bee (shaped) Pens - \$2.00 each
- Gold Christmas Tree Ornament - \$5.00ea or 5/ \$20.00 – 1st in a series (can be pre ordered and held for pickup at concert or any time until Christmas break)
- Commemorative long sleeve t-shirt with Blues Brothers/ZBTHS Band logo - \$10.00 each (limited edition).
- Coupon Books – Originally sold for \$20.00 slashed to \$10.00! A \$200.00 value! These are on first come first serve offer and may also serve as ticket for admittance to the NIU concert on February 4th.
- And for those of you band members of past the "Old Wool Marching Band Uniforms" (pre-1980's) are available to you for a minimum donation of just \$10.00



If would you like to purchase items or find out about ways you can support our band please contact Trish Teck at 872-4509 or Tom King at 746-2903.

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