

Spring 2004

News from your Mayor.....



The Village Link

VILLAGE OF BEACH PARK

Beach Park has proven a very significant point in its 15-year existence and that is that a small village can operate without a real estate tax.

Many of our residents do not realize that the Village does not levy any tax upon your property whatsoever. Not a common practice. Some have said to me "don't tell me I do not pay a tax here, you should see my tax bill".

It is true, you have a real estate tax bill and like mine, it is growing by leaps and bounds. The tax items on your tax bill indicate the agency, rate and amount of your tax to that body. A quick glance will reveal that Beach Park has no levy at all.

You might ask, "how can you serve the needs of the village without a tax?" We receive our funds from several sources to provide the services necessary. For streets and roads our funds are derived from the motor fuel taxes you pay at the pump. Of course that means anyone who purchases fuel not just Beach Parkers, help pay our streets. Those motor fuel tax distributions are based on population. The State of Illinois also returns to municipalities a portion of the income tax collected, that too is distributed on a per capita basis. The most important tax we receive is a small portion of the sales tax you pay to each vendor who does business in the village. There are also some user fees that cover most expenses of direct operations. Water is sold and a margin of that sale is used for maintenance of the system. A sewer charge is levied and it is dedicated to a maintenance fund similar to the water receipts. It is obvious from the map of income sources listed above, that our most important one is sales tax. The dollars spent in the community stay in the community for our mutual benefit. Consequently our village board is very business friendly. Any business that does retail marketing becomes a contributor to the community in numerous ways. It places funds in the village coffers immediately; it pays school taxes and sends no kids to school As

you can see the perfect mix is one of homes and business in the same community.

We are diligently striving to encourage new business to locate in the village. We have a Business Development Commission that works in that direction on a regular basis. We have success! Our Greenbay corridor will soon be sprouting a new Walgreen's at the corner of Wadsworth and Greenbay. Others are looking and planning business development on the same corner and still others on the corner of 33rd Street and Greenbay Rd.

As you can see our goal is to provide shopping for us and our neighbors right here in the village. That endeavor will result in a continuing tax bill with no Beach Park levy.

You might ask, what about other services? Is it possible to provide any service above and beyond what is now being provided, within our budget of outside income, by generating other sources of revenue? Yes it is! We have been historically, as a board, opposed to establishing a levy. We live within our means and are very successful at that. In the event a majority of residents sought increased services above and beyond our monetary constraints, it would require a referendum under present Illinois law. We would certainly place such an item upon the ballot should we have any solid indication that it was something the population wanted.

I wanted to take a little time to explain our financial system and reinforce the thought that Beach Park does NOT levy any real estate tax. You will be hard put to find another community that does not levy one.

I want to welcome all the new residents of Beach Park and remind all of you that I am available for your questions at any time. My home phone is no secret. It is 847-872-4081 and of course the fine folks at the Village Hall have a pretty good string on me and are able to roust me out at any time.

Have a great summer!

Milt Jensen

Parks & Recreation's schedule of events....

- Cedarburg, WI—Wednesday, July 21, 2004. \$12.50
- History Museum in Chicago—Wednesday, June 9, 2004. \$12.50
- Potawatomi Casino in Milwaukee—Tuesday, June 15, 2004. \$25.00
- Senior Picnic—Wednesday, July 28, 2004
- Special Needs Swim Nights—Wednesday night / July 21, 2004 & August 18, 2004 6PM to 8PM

Girl Scout Leaders needed....

The Girls Scout Service Unit #723, which consists of Winthrop Harbor, Beach Park and Zion, is in desperate need of volunteers. We need leaders and co-leaders to run troops. Your self-giving attitude can make a difference in young girls lives. You don't have to have a child in Girl Scouts to be a leader, but if you do, that's fine too! You would be amazed at the large number of girls on lists waiting for the chance to be a girl Scout, but they continue to wait because there are not enough leaders to help out. Most troop meetings are once a week for an hour. If you want more information, Call Deana at 1-847-731-1370. Thank you !



Special Census takers needed....

The Village of Beach Park will soon be conducting a Special Census sometime this summer. We will be needing temporary Special Census takers to help count the residents of a designated area in Beach Park. Interested parties should be a US Citizen, 18 years of age or at least 16 with a high school diploma. Residents of Beach Park are needed and are encouraged to apply. Residency, however, is not a condition of employment. There will be considerable walking involved and you may be required to climb stairs. Applicants will have to work eight hours per day, which may stagger and included evening until the assignment is complete. The US Census Bureau will be testing and training applicants. Clerical support and crew leaders are also needed. Wages depend on experience. If you are interested, please contact the Village Hall at 847-746-1770 and ask for Laurie.

Beach Park School Summer Registration is here...

WHERE: Beach Park Middle School
40667 N. Greenbay Rd.
Beach Park, IL

DATES & TIMES: Wednesday, June 9, 2004 from 12 noon to 8PM (*On this date only a \$10.00 discount per child will be given when the registration process is completed on this date*)

Monday, August 9, 2004 from 12 noon to 8PM.

Tuesday, August 10, 2004 from 6AM to 10 AM and from 4PM to 8PM.

Documents needed for residents within Beach Park District #3 to register :

- Proof of Residency (See below at **)
- Certified Birth Certificate (no hospital copies)
- Social Security Number
- Physical **and** Current Immunizations (1st day of school)



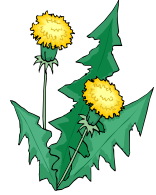
PROOF OF RESIDENCY INCLUDES

- Current Lease papers
- Current Mortgage papers
- Current letter from manager and proof of last two months payments for Trailer Park residents (Cancelled checks or receipts required for proof of payment)
- Current Agreement of Sale for a residential property signed by seller & parent/custodian as buyer, with closing date within 60 calendar days after the requested enrollment date. NOTE: A certified or cashier's check in the amount of \$1,896.75 (will be held for 60 days and cashed on the 61st day if proof of residency within out district boundaries has not been provided according to district procedures) per child is required, as well as acceptance in writing to conditions stated in a contract signed by parent (guardian) and authorized school district personnel.
- Current Vehicle registration
- Current Credit card statement
- Current Bank statement
- Current Homeowners / Renters Insurance Policy or premium payment receipt
- Current Gas, Electric, Water, Cable or Telephone bill (Cell Phone bills not accepted)
- Current Public Aid Card

Just a reminder as we enter the summer season....

As all residents know when the summer months approach us there seems to be a significant problem with residents who don't mow their lawns in a timely manner. The following is our Municipal Ordinance # 8.12.010 (j) titled *Weeds & Grass*—It is unlawful for any person to permit any weeds, grass or plants, other than trees, bushes, flowers or other ornamental plants, to grow to a height exceeding eight (8) inches anywhere in the Village, except, however, on larger undeveloped parcels, such provisions shall apply to a minimum width of twenty-five (25) feet abutting a street or residence or other occupied property. Any such plants or weeds exceeding such height are declared to be a nuisance.

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Wadsworth Dental now open...

Carlos E. Sallis, DDS is the proud owner of Wadsworth Dental in Beach Park. He was born in Waukegan, graduated from Zion-Benton Township High School in 1971 and received his degree as Doctor of Dental Surgery from the University of Illinois in 1980. "Nothing beats the home-town feeling that Beach Park has to offer!", said Dr. Sallis in a recent interview. "I love going to work, the town and the people are great!"

New patients are welcome, and past patients are invited to stop in any time.

Welcome Back Dr. Sallis!



SWALCO provides free "Good Riddance" guide to residents

For more information, or to receive an electronic copy of this file, please contact: Victoria Wiedel, SWALCO Public Information Coordinator at 847-336-9340 ext 4 or via email at vwiedel@swalco.org.

The Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO) has recently mailed out their disposal guide to all Lake County residents, and has extra copies available upon request. "Good Riddance! Lake County's Guide to Disposal and recycling Solutions" describes the various SWALCO services available to residents, including household chemical waste and electronic waste disposal programs. Other resources, such as phone numbers for trash haulers and information regarding special disposal needs (e.g. propane tanks, white goods, etc.), are also listed. Residents who need to request additional copies of the guide can contact the SWALCO office at 847-336-9340 and leave their name and mailing address. Village/City Halls, township offices and public works facilities can also request multiple copies by calling the same number. All programs and services are also described on the agency's website (www.swalco.org)

Meet our new Village Administrator

Hello—I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Ken Lopez, your new Village Administrator since April 5, 2004. I am very excited to be your Village Administrator, and I hope to serve your community to the best of my ability. During the past several weeks, I have been getting acquainted with Village staff and the community. There is much to learn and know about Beach Park.

As Village Administrator, my duties are to assist Mayor Jensen and the Village Board with the day-to-day operations of the Village. I will be overseeing all Village departments, as well as working closely with each department head. I would like to thank the Village staff for providing me with such a warm welcome.

I also would like to thank your former Village Administrator, Roger Luther, for assisting me with the transition. The community was very fortunate to have had such a fine individual as Roger as your first Administrator. He will be surely missed; however, he will be around from time to time to assist me with special projects.

In closing, I look forward to a long tenure here at Beach Park, and please feel free to stop by Village Hall so that I may be able to introduce myself to you.

Best regards, your Village Administrator.



Kenneth J. Lopez
Village Administrator

VILLAGE OF BEACH PARK

**Beach Park Village Hall meeting
schedule**

The Beach Park Village Board meets the
2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month
at 7PM.

The Beach Park Planning & Zoning
Commission meets the 1st Thursday of each
month at 7PM

The Beach Park Public Works Committee
meets the 1st Monday of each month at
7PM

Beach Park Business Commission meets
the 1st Monday of each month
at 3PM

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