



THE VILLAGE LINK

Parks & Recreation's upcoming events.....

- **March 17, 2004—The annual "Luck-O-Irish" party is back! It will be held at the Bonnie Brook Golf Course again & space is limited. Call for more information.**
- **April 10, 2004—The Village of Beach Park will be holding their annual "Egg Hunt". This year the egg hunt will be held at our new "Geo-Karis" park at 1PM.**
- **April 10, 2004—"Breakfast with the Bunny" for children with special needs and their families. Held at the Village Hall from 10 AM to 12 PM. Please call the Village Hall to sign up.**
- **May, 2004—Plans for an upcoming "15th Anniversary" celebration.**
- **July, 2004—Annual Senior Picnic.**
- **September 25th thru October 1st—Take a trip with the Village Hall to "Atlantic City". The cost for the 7 days/6 nights trip is \$579.00 per person based on double occupancy. Call for deadline details and single occupancy information.**

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PERSPECTIVES FROM THE MAYOR....

This year 2004 marks the 15th year of Beach Park. Plans are under way to hold a celebration in the New Park on Beach Road sometime in the early summer.

It doesn't seem fifteen years have passed since a group of us in my family room conceived the idea to incorporate the Village of Beach Park. It has been all of that time and we have seen so many changes.

It was fitting that the village be named Beach Park as the area had become known as that even though it was unincorporated Lake County. The story goes that the old Milwaukee, North Shore railroad had a stop in what is now Beach Park called simply Beach Station. So the name Beach Park was struck and handed down from one to another.

We do have a park but no beach. At one time there was a beach in Beach Park but the State of Illinois claimed all the land along the shore of Lake Michigan for state park purposes. Consequently, Beach Park lacks a beach. Well we may say we have one now and it would be the beach along the retention pond we were required to install in the new Adeline Geo-Karis Park on Beach Road.

So much for how it got to be Beach Park, and where it

was incorporated. Now for a little review of its short history.

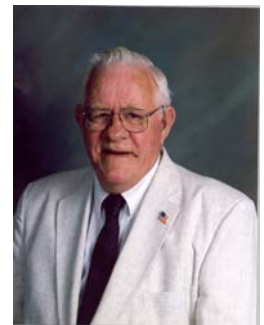
It was incorporated as a village without a real estate tax and it is still that way today. The village levies no tax. Our finances are derived from our portion of the Illinois sales tax returned to our village, which is collected from businesses lying within the boundaries of the village, from our portion of the Illinois income tax and from a return of motor fuel tax to the village from the state.

We had no infrastructure. No sewer nor any public water system. A past board elected to forward the idea of a water system in the Southeast of the village and it was done. Our problems began to soon rise. Our land was disconnecting to Zion at a rapid rate because they had sewer to offer and the law permitted anyone with 20 acres to disconnect to get those services.

We were stymied because without a tax and no money it was not going to be possible to protect our boundaries with available sewer. That was until Cambridge Homes came upon the scene. They wished to develop vacant land in our village but to do so sewer and water was a must. Our proposal was that they in-

stall the whole system and pay for it. From that proposal sprung the installation of the infrastructure we needed to protect us from further territory raids by our neighbors. Now our payment for the sewer and water system on the West side of the village is made by those hooking to the system. We have since turned our eyes toward the development of two commercial areas. One on the East side on Sheridan Road and another along Green Bay road on the West. With sewer and water available these business districts will develop. Our housing developments have provided retailers a ready market and some are already moving to take advantage of it.

The advent of sewer and water along Green Bay road has made it ripe for commercial development.



Mayor Milton C. Jensen



We would like to Thank VM Landscaping located at 11111 W. Wadsworth Rd, Beach Park, IL for the beautiful job they did on the entrance to the new "Geo_Karis" park.



ONYX!!!!

You may have recently read an article in the Waukegan News Sun or received a News letter from the City of Waukegan regarding a change in the service provided to you by Onyx. Not only regarding the service, but the prices as well. If you are a BEACH PARK resident, you may disregard!!! The City of Waukegan contracts ONE garbage



removal company for the entire city. The Village of Beach park does not. Beach Park residents are able to pick and choose which garbage removal service they want to use and sign contract individually. There are three garbage removal service company's that Beach Park residents can choose from. The following is a list of names and phone numbers for you to contact;

- *Onyx
847-623-3870
- *Jensen Disposal
847-566-0189
- *Waste Management
8475-2020

VILLAGE OF BEACH PARK 2004 SPRING CLEAN UP IS BACK....

Our Spring Clean-up is the perfect time for residents & commercial business's to dispose of the bulkier trash items that have accumulated over the year—such as furniture, appliances and other items less than five feet in length and manageable by two people. With refrigerators, you must first drain Freon or other refrigerants according to the EPA guidelines.



Spring Clean Up schedule is as follows;

- Saturday, April 24th: All Beach Park residents & commercial areas North of Beach rd., and East of Lewis Ave.
- Saturday, May 1st:: All Beach Park residents 7 commercial areas South of Beach rd., and East of Lewis Ave.
- Saturday, May 8th: All Beach Park residents & commercial areas West of Lewis Ave.
- Saturday, May 15th: In case of bad weather on a scheduled pick up date, this date will be used.

MAYOR'S PERSPECTIVES CONTINUED....

Our commercial development commission is actively attempting to attract new business to that area. The Village of Beach Park along with its neighbors is making a concerted effort to have the Illinois Department of Transportation widen that highway to four lanes. The highway must be widened to facilitate traffic and make our shipping areas more accessible.

The Walgreen Company will be starting construction soon on its new store located on the Northeast corner of Wadsworth and Green Bay roads. In addition to that store a strip mall is planned North of that location.

Sheridan Road is in the scope for development. A group has been working with plans and proposals for housing and commercial to replace existing homes and business from Yorkhouse Road North to the first mobile home park. That development will be the catalyst for continued improvement on the Sheridan Road corridor of the village. It has been abandoned to a great extent by traffic patterns and has come to the point that only more residential properties in that area will provide the stimulus to encourage new business.

Our population has grown considerably in these past fifteen years and in the last two years in particular. We hope the gala celebration of our 15th anniversary this summer will bring all the old and all the new residents together to get acquainted. You will be hearing more about that event as plans begin to unfold.

We look at the first fifteen years with pride and expect the next fifteen to be as fruitful. Our village is young and vibrant and your village board is one that is forward looking and fosters healthy growth. To that end we can expect the best. ☺



MEET OUR NEW EMPLOYEES;

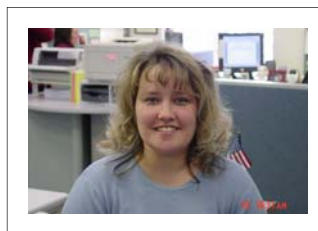
WILMA WETZEL STARTED WITH THE VILLAGE 3 MONTHS AGO AND WILL TAKE OVER THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF COMMUNITY SERVICE SECRETARY AS WELL AS A VARIETY OF DIFFERENT OFFICE FUNCTIONS. PLEASE STOP IN TO SAY HELLO TO WILMA.

ALSO, TRACY MIRACLE. TRACY WILL BE WORKING IN OUR WATER & SEWER DEPARTMENT ALONGSIDE LORETTA. SO IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING YOUR WATER BILL, DON'T HESITATE TO CALL!

PLEASE HELP US WELCOME BOTH OF THESE LADIES !



Wilma Wetzel



Tracy Miracle



RUMMAGE SALE
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11315 W.
WADSWORTH RD.
SATURDAY, APRIL
24TH 7AM TO 3PM

KENNETH MURPHY IS PLANNING A COMMUNITY RUMMAGE SALE TO BE HELD IN THE GYM ON THE ABOVE DATE. WE ARE LOOKING FOR YOUR DONATIONS. ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO BENEFIT THE SCHOOL AND YOUR DONATIONS ARE TAX-DEDUCTIBLE. ITEMS DONATED MUST BE IN GOOD AND CLEAN CONDITION. (NO INAPPROPRIATE ITEMS) YOUR BOXES CAN BE DROPPED OFF MONDAY -FRIDAY AT THE SIDE GYM DOOR, STARTING APRIL 19TH FROM 4-7 PM. PLEASE CONTACT JAMIE RIVERA AT (847) 746-2635 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR EMAIL YOUR QUESTIONS TO KMRUMMAGESALES@CS.COM





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