

The Village Link

Village of Beach Park

Summer 2001

Your New Trustees

UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL

Here's a little inside information on your new trustees. Watch future issues for more enlightening insights on the talented folks who are managing your Village interests.

ON THE ROAD(S) WITH BOB

Bobby joins us as an avid restorer of cars and frequent auto show participant. When he's not out driving one of his prized possessions, he'll be paying very close attention to the roads, parks and infrastructure of our Village.

His game plan includes plenty of team-building activities and he'll be actively soliciting the input of all board members. More importantly, Bobby will be encouraging your involvement at the public board meetings. It's a great way for you to help maintain a pleasant living environment and a controlled level of growth for Beach Park. And you'll have a great chance to meet some wonderful neighbors.



Trustee Bob Dodd Sr.
(Public Works and Parks
Committee Member)

BUILDING A BRIGHT FUTURE FOR OUR VILLAGE

As a ten-year resident of Beach Park and a fifteen-year employee of Abbott Laboratories as a Business Systems Analyst, Regina is ready to bring some fresh thinking and a strong spirit of Village pride. She's looking forward to directing the activities of this vital group and is dedicated to keeping you apprised of their actions and the local ordinances that guide and protect your lives and property.



Trustee Regina Miller
(Chair Building, Planning
& Zoning Committee)

Regina encourages input and questions from residents and business owners and plans to use this newsletter extensively to provide more detailed

information on a variety of topics including "Building Permits"
(See article on inside of newsletter.) ♦

PERSPECTIVES from the Mayor

In case you haven't heard the details, a board-approved agreement on March 29th and conclusive acceptance of documents on April 9th, have made the west-side development of **Cambridge Homes** a reality.

While preliminary earth-moving work as well as sewer and water installation will push actual building construction out for some time, you can expect to see the heavy equipment reshaping the land very soon.

It's important to note that Cambridge is already bringing about some very **positive effects**. With an expanded system of water and sewer lines, the business community is exploring opportunities and planning for growth along the Green Bay corridor. This complementary growth will also bring important utility services to homeowners who are experiencing well and sewer problems in this area.

And, as you may have read in the News-Sun, we're also investigating new levels of support from the **Lake County Sheriff's Department** that will effect the entire Village. With these initiatives and Roger Spencer's article on financial issues, our future is looking very bright.

Milt Jensen, Mayor



Rural Spirit in a Convenient Location



Here's your chance to participate in two creative opportunities that will add personality to Beach Park for years to come.

OUR NEW BEACH PARK LOGO

First, a **new village logo** that appears in the masthead, has been tested in the Preview Issue of this publication. Thus far, we've not received an overwhelming acceptance of the logo. Our intent was to symbolize Beach Park as a comfortable, casual, rural village. We welcome your comments! Please give us your feedback on the existing logo as well as the additional option.



Existing Logo



Optional Logo

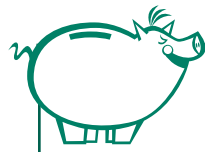
NAME "THE PARK"

Second, Beach Park has been working hard on our first real park. With this important addition to the village, it's fitting to get resident input on a **park name**. Trustee Barbara Braim, Parks & Recreation chair, would like your input on the short list of names. Please call us or drop us a note regarding your favorite.

- Citizens Park
- Hideaway Park
- Beach Community Park
- Beach Park
- Millennium Park

BREAKFAST – LUNCH
or DINNER

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Focus on Finance

What Red Ink?

THE ACTUAL TRUTH

When it's election time, rumors tend to proliferate in the press and spread quickly. Roger Spencer, Chairman of the Finance Committee, had some very interesting and pointed comments that certainly disprove a groundless contention that the Village of Beach Park had become financially unstable.

PLEASE CONSIDER THESE FACTS:

- 1. Total Village Assets:** Approximately \$18.8 million.
- 2. A Growing Budget for Village Infrastructure:** \$814,500 (for 2002 preliminary) vs. \$574,958 (for 2000)
- 3. Well Timed Land Purchase:** Last year's 14-acre land purchase (\$450,000) for park development has already shown a sizable paper profit on this investment.
- 4. We Carry NO DEBT:** None in short-term, long-term or any other category.
- 5. We Do Not Levy a Real Estate Tax and the Utility Tax will be phased out in 12 months.**
- 6. An Operating Budget Surplus Exceeding \$1.4 Million:** (A four year cumulative total). And if we treated the land purchase as an investment instead of an operating expense (like office supplies) we'd have a current operating surplus between \$1.7 and \$1.8 million.
- 7. Nearly \$4 Million to Protect Our Infrastructure:** Our Motor Fuel Tax Fund should grow to almost \$350,000 by the time you read this.
- 8. A Strong "General Fund" Position:** We have a \$3.7 million financial cushion.



AN OPEN-BOOK POLICY AND A CHALLENGE

We want you to take pride in the Village's financial health as well and encourage you to get information from: the Treasurer's report at the Village meetings plus monthly auditor's closing statements; or a CPA-generated annual 35-page audit report.



Roger is so confident in Beach Park's bottom line that he'll personally donate \$100 to your favorite charity if you can find an Illinois village (similar size) with a stronger financial base. Just schedule a meeting and bring their financial statements in. ♦



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- Culverts & Ditches
- Sheds
- Decks & Patios
- Garages
- Interior Remodeling
- Porches
- Driveways
- Re-roofing

Clean Up and Hush Up

HELPING THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Using Ruth Ann Wiesemann's article (in the right hand column) and proactive ravine cleaning efforts as inspiration, we must all do our share to keep Beach Park clean and appropriately quiet. For those of you with dogs, please recognize that your clean-up responsibilities extend to other properties as you walk Fido throughout the neighborhood. Remember, Beach Park has a Leash Law and a Nuisance Barking Law which are enforced. ♦



RAVINE AND ROADSIDE CLEANUP

Several residents were out picking up cans, bottles, trash and whatever they could find in ravines and roadsides on Saturday, April 21 for Earth Day. Altogether there were nine bags of trash, several tires and other items too large for the bags. This was an effort in a small area of the Village to protect our natural areas. Flyers were distributed to homes bounded by Wilson Avenue, North Avenue, Liberty Street and just South of Beach Road, and residents were encouraged to cleanup an area near them. More people participating, particularly in the ravines, would have enabled us to do more but it was a good start. Perhaps it also helped to raise awareness of folks to look beyond their own front yard when it comes to being a good neighbor and keeping trash picked up all year long.

Many thanks and appreciation go to the Village for its cooperation in supplying the trash bags and gloves and for picking up the trash left on the roadside so quickly. Thanks to everyone who helped. It did make a difference!

Ruth Ann Wiesemann
Beach Park Resident



Keeping The Traffic Moving

SMOOTH NEW ROADS

Thanks to our Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) funding and some hard work, you'll be riding on over 25,000 feet of smooth new roads (that's about five miles) by this fall. Residents in repair areas will receive details prior to start of work. Paving is expected to begin in August. You'll also appreciate knowing that the Board has appropriated \$400,000 to repair manholes, cracks, root obstructions and other maintenance issues with our sanitary sewer lines. ♦

Keeping The Water Flowing

DRAINAGE PROJECT

The Coolidge Avenue drainage project plans are almost complete with restoration efforts underway. A village-wide General Drainage Project is also under way to fix our very obvious ditch drainage problems. Once a work schedule has been created, you'll be able to monitor progress on the Village web site. ♦

FACE-TO-FACE


If getting your point across via phone and fax just hasn't been effective, you now have several opportunities to discuss your issues face-to-face with one of our Trustees. Just come in between **6:00 and 7:00 p.m.** on nights of our regular Village board meetings. Better yet, call the Village office at **746-1770** so we can let the Trustee know when you're coming.

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 Bob Dodd Roger Spencer
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Upcoming Events

June 21 Trip to Diamond Jo	August 5 Annual Rummage Sale
July 19 Potawatomi Casino Trip	September 9 Annual Village Picnic
July 25 Senior Picnic	October 20 Annual Ghost Walk

Doing Business in Beach Park

IT'S A WIN-WIN RELATIONSHIP

When you do business in Beach Park, you keep local businesses healthy. When Beach Park businesses are healthy, their tax contribution keeps residents "tax-free." **It's a Fact**

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