



Please know that dates and events are tentative at this time. Please check the websites of Village, CLCBA and Beulah Boosters updates for their specific events.

From the Editors: So many ways life can change, blame, fear, loss and amazement at what happens when people work against a common foe. Benzie has escaped with few case and is eager for the our new normal. A couple of weeks ago, one little girl was really pedaling down the trail with a little sister running to catch up. Coming behind this little one is mom running and carrying her little bike. This sweet memory brings me hope. We must work together and focus on the lessons of these past few months and look at what this new life presents to us. We must remember that we are and always will be here, for each other.

Phil Downs and Vicki Carpenter Downs, Editors



Diana Heller and Vicki Carpenter demonstrate “social distancing” with the help of two yardsticks.

President’s Column:

I hope this finds you well, Staying Home ~ Staying Safe until we are all given the go-ahead to do otherwise. Our Village is still here but is eerily quiet. Since Governor Whitmer’s order to shelter-in place and close everything but essential businesses in Michigan, there has been little car or foot traffic and almost no sign of people Downtown – except to visit post office for mail. This has been tough on businesses throughout the US, but especially difficult for seasonal vacation areas such as Beulah and Frankfort – among others - that rely heavily on trade brought by visitors and summer residents. We are encouraged Benzie County has only 4 documented cases of COVID-19 and no subsequent fatalities. Any businesses allowed be open have followed all state-mandated daily screening of employees by the Leelanau-Benzie County Health Department. It seems clear that people’s desire to follow social distancing and wear masks may have helped avoid a larger outbreak. So, hats off to our Beulah residents and

business owners who have done everything possible to secure our beautiful little Village.

On another note, I would like to draw attention to the importance of everyone’s participation in this year’s 2020 U.S. Census. It became apparent to me during a late March interview with Traverse City Record-Eagle reporter, Alexa Zoellner, that this year both Grand Traverse County and its surrounding counties had only reached about halfway to meeting past U.S. Census responses. “The U.S. Census is taken every 10 years – a requirement outlined in the U.S. Constitution – and counts everyone residing in the 50 states, Puerto Rico, and the Island Areas of the U.S.” Many do not know the retrieved data “is used in multiple ways but is reported only in statistical format as individual census records are, by law, confidential for 72 years.” Ms. Zoellner, in reviewing response data, indicated that Beulah has among the lowest statewide response rates, recorded at 10%, as of rate in 2010 and 35% in 2000. I told the reporter that the numbers shocked and stumped me, as Beulah’s population has remained relatively consistent through the years. the April 6, 2020 Record-Eagle edition. As a point of reference, Beulah had a 19.4% self-reference It should be noted that census forms are sent to addresses, not individuals or P.O. boxes, and asks those filling out about the people in residence on April 1. “Participation isn’t optional, but whether responses are given online – new option this year – by phone or mail is up to each household.” From my perspective, many residents have P.O. boxes or travel during the winter months, not returning until around Memorial Day. What’s important for Beulah residents to know is that there’s much at stake, including number of seats in U.S House of Representatives, distribution of \$675-Billion per year of federal funds and the boundaries of legislative districts from the federal level right on down to the local level in Beulah.

In Ms. Zoellner’s subsequent April 6, 2020 Record-Eagle article, Raymond Hoffman, serving as a Coldwater Springs Township Supervisor noted that people pay plenty in taxes, and ‘the only way you’re going to get it back in our communities – or personally – in some cases – is to fill out the census. It is ridiculous to NOT take the time to fill it out. People who don’t fill it out are basically shooting themselves in the foot.’ So...here is the deal.



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Please take the time to fill out the 2020 U.S. Census...it will be your gift to Beulah, Benzie County and wherever you may have your year-round residence, and mostly for yourself and your family. This has LOTS to do with government services we are owed for paying taxes, like rebuilding infrastructure (ROADS, WATER & SEWER SYSTEMS, ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, etc.), and keeping our communities in the best shape possible. Thank you!

At the beginning of April, Village Council accepted a letter of resignation from Laura Spencer, Beulah Village Clerk. Laura has served this community with great skill for many years. Her ability to recall details of village ordinances and processes have been a huge asset to our community. Council appreciates and thanks Laura for her long commitment to the Village and wishes her good days ahead in retirement. Following Laura's resignation - a stroke of luck occurred when resident Dawn Olney expressed interest in serving as Beulah's new Village Clerk. Some of you may remember Dawn, once served as Beulah's elected Treasurer. Currently she is the highly regarded Benzie County Clerk, a job she will continue to maintain. A legal opinion has qualified her as eligible to also serve as part-time Beulah Clerk. We know having Dawn on board as clerk is a win-win situation for our local government. In fact, the Village is doubly fortunate to have both Margaret Lumm serve as Village Treasurer, and Pam Sudney as Office Manager. Dawn will be establishing her office hours soon or check the Website, so please call the Village Office to learn what those will be.

Finally, a leased streetsweeper is being operated for a week by Village Superintendent Cody Bowers and Crew Brady Streeter. Getting rid of the winter sand, leaves and other debris caught in winter snows sure is sprucing up Beulah. In another week or so, you can expect to see the results of striping for parking space designations, cross walks, and handicapped designations. Both complete the full picture of Beulah's recent StreetScape and the Beulah Water Tower and System Projects

Dan Smith, President of the Village of Beulah

ALL CLCBA EVENTS ARE CURRENTLY ON HOLD PER THE STAY SAFE/STAY HOME DIRECTIVES. CHECK WEBSITE FOR UPDATES clcba.org
Crystal Lake Community Business Association (CLCBA) Past and Future Events:

Go to clcba.org for more specific info and applications

Easter Egg Hunt: cancelled

Music in the Park: Thursday concerts TBD

July 4th: Firecracker 5K at 8, park activities, parade and fireworks over the lake. Get race apps clcba.org

Beulah Art Fair: Sat, July 11 @10 – 5 pm, artist applications at clcba.org, This is our 52nd year!

Beulah & Benzonia Sidewalk Days, Sat., August 1

Crystal Lake Team Marathon, Sat, Aug 8, apps clcba.org

Membership: support the CLCBA and become a member; PO Box 754, Beulah. Businesses, non-business and citizens are all welcomed and encouraged to join. Visit clcba.org for more info or call 231.383.1120 and leave a message. Event and membership applications are on website, clcba.org



This empty street is sad yet demonstrates Beulah's commitment to stay home/stay safe.

Village of Beulah Office Hours: call for services/leave messages and mail slot on front door to drop payments

Clerk-Dawn Olney hours TBD

Administrative Assistant-Pam Sudney T-W-Th, 10-2 pm

Treasurer-Margaret Lumm T-W-Th 10-2 pm

Zoning Adm.- Coury Carland, call for appt.

Phone 231-882-4451 Fax 231-882-5759

Free Fax services available to residents

Web Site: www.villageofbeulah.net

The Village Newsletter and Village Council minutes can be found on the web site.

Village Meetings: First Thursday after the first Monday of each month at 7 pm. **CHECK WEBSITE**

The public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Village Council Trustees and Staff

Dan Smith – President

Phil Downs–Equipment

Co-Chair: Gary Pallin



- Dan Hook – Law and Finance-
Co-Chair:
- Jeri VanDePerre – Water and Sewer
Co-Chair: Streets & Sidewalks
– Streets/Sidewalks - vacant
Co-Chair: Jeri VanDePerre
- Gary Pallin – Parks and Recreation
Co-Chair: Phil Downs
- Buildings/Grounds - vacant
Co-Chair: Dan Hook
- Dawn Olney -- Clerk
- Margaret Lumm – Treasurer
- Pam Sudney - Administrative Assistant
- Corey Carland – Zoning Administrator
- Cody Bowers – Supervisor
- Brady Streeter – Village Crew

Public Information: posted on the windows of the Village Office. Minutes, agendas and upcoming events in the Village Park are listed. Also posted would be notices such as: water advisories, annual drinking water report and notice of special meetings or public meetings.

Sponsors of special events that require Village support, such as barricades or staff, should make a request to the Village by contacting the clerk, 882-4451

CHECK THE VILLAGE WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION: villageofbeulah.net



A masked Darth Vader had carry-out for a masked Easter Bunny at Ursa Major.

Changes for Watercraft and Fishing: In order to address the growth of invasive species in MI waters, current laws for all watercraft, trailers and other conveyances require that all aquatic species be removed prior to launching. Effective in March, 2019, this was

expanded for transporting these boats, trailers, kayaks, canoes and gear. over land by having all plugs pulled, drain all water (wet wells, etc.) in continued efforts to control the spread of invasive species. A washing station at the DNR launch at Mollineaux is available and there is a portable station that the Benzie Conservation District coordinates. Included are guidelines regarding catch and release, only in the same body of water and the disposal of bait fish. Go to the article in the 4/3/2019 Record Patriot for more specific details. The CLWA website has information regarding invasive plants in Crystal Lake, go to their website, crystallakewatershed.org.

Code RED Notification System: Rebecca Hubers, Benzie County’s new Emergency Management Coordinator, is working with the County and all local municipalities on the implementation of a county-wide emergency notification system. The system has the ability to do specific area notifications as well as county wide emergency notifications. For more information (your info is private) and/or to sign up for the service, go [www.benico.net/departments/emergency operations](http://www.benico.net/departments/emergency%20operations), it is easy to sign up for the service.

Snow Fall in Benzie County: As of 4/24/2020, 92.25” of snow has been recorded at the BC Road Commission. Last year we had 122.75” at this time. The ten year average snowfall is 133”. You can find more snowfall information and other topics at www.benziecrc.org

Many businesses have limited hours, occupancy restrictions or have not opened yet. Please call or check their websites for information.

Did You Know?

>Congratulations to Asa & Traci Kelly, BCCS teachers and coaches for BCHS track/field & cross country, They were profiled in an earlier issue of the Betsie Current.

>Expanded e-book selections available through Overdrive. Go the Darcy Library website or stop by the desk and ask for help.

>Vandals damaged vinyl panels at the Village Park Pavilion. A police report has been made.

>Beulah rented, as did many other small villages, a street sweeper and did the streets in mid-May. There will also



be painting of traffic/parking lines/curbs and other symbols later this spring.

>Grass filled areas between the sidewalks and curbs were scrapped down this winter. The grass was over the curbs & sidewalks due to the sand in the snow from plowing. Now the scraped areas will be seeded for new grass.

>The Cold Creek is Crystal Lake’s primary water source. The settling pond, between the overpass and east Clark St. will be dredged later this year.

>Benzonia Township’s website offers information on township meetings/minutes, resources, ordinances, election information, parks and much more. Go and check it out: www.benzoniatownship.org

>Batteries, cell phones, printer cartridges and compact florescent bulbs can be taken to the Benzonia Township Hall for recycling.

> Free WiFi at Darcy Library, Ursa Major Bistro, Cold Creek Inn, Lucky Dog Bar & Grille, Five Shores Brewing and Hungry Tummy.

>The Benzie Bus has a stop behind the Betsie Valley Trailhead Building. Call for information and pick up times: 325-3000.

>Darcy Library has an ongoing book sale inside the library. (when they reopen)

>Village has fax services and a paper shredder that are available free to residents and businesses during Village office hours (when they reopen).

- Aseptic packaging (juice boxes, milk cartons)
- Paper and flat boxes including magazines & junk mail
- Put shredded paper and mixed paper in a paper bag
- Clean glass bottles & jars (**no** window glass)
- Hazardous Waste: check website spring/summer dates
- Cardboard may be dropped at BC High School.
- Call Recycling Coordinator, Jesse Zulstra with any recycling or disposal questions 882-0554.

Crystal Lake & Watershed Association (CLWA)

Update: After a winter of planning and preparation, the CLWA will begin herbicide treatment of Crystal Lake’s Eurasian watermilfoil (“EWM”) in June. This invasive aquatic plant has infested about 6 acres of the lake’s bottomland, mostly near the east end. As reported in the Winter 2020 newsletter, left untreated, EWM poses a substantial threat to recreation at the Beulah beach and boat launch, as well as the waterfronts of private owners.

Effective treatment usually requires two treatments per year in our climate. The first treatment is scheduled for June 24 (weather permitting), and the second on July 29. Full cost will be paid by CLWA. Residents, property owners, and the public will receive notice of the dates of treatment. To insure maximum safety, swimming will be restricted for 24 hours in the immediate treatment area.

The use of herbicide in inland lakes requires an Aquatic Nuisance Control Permit from the Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE). To obtain the permit, the landowners whose lake bottomland will be treated must give their written permission. Much of the area to be treated is under public ownership of Beulah Village, the Michigan DNR, and Benzie County: these entities have all given their appropriate permissions.

The CLWA has contacted the affected private riparians by mail to explain the procedure and request their agreement. We encourage them to return the permission form promptly so that their invasives can be treated at no cost to themselves. If left untreated, EWM can form a dense underwater canopy that interferes with recreational activities and lake ecology, and will spread to neighboring properties.

More information on EWM and chemical control methods is available on the CLWA website, CrystalLakeWatershed.org, and questions can be



Tri State Gas entered their ‘tank’ outhouse at the 2020 Winter Fest outhouse race.

And their heaters kept the Chili Contest area warm for servers and tasters.

Thanks!

Beulah Recycling Information: For info call 882-0554 or go to. www.benzieco.net and click on services

Single Stream Recycling

Here’s what you CAN recycle in the same bin

- Clean tin and aluminum containers
- All numbers of plastic including plastic bags
- Polystyrene (styrofoam packaging w/ a 6 on it)



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addressed to: info@crystallakewatershed.org.

Swimmer's itch control: Once again CLWA's team will be trapping and relocating common mergansers, the avian host of the parasite that causes swimmer's itch on Crystal Lake. As in past summers, we ask the help of the public in reporting sightings of merganser broods when they begin to appear in late spring. Please remember that we only capture broods (mothers with swimming ducklings), not individual ducks. Best way to report is via the CLWA website, where you will find a link on the Home page.

Business Updates

- Benzie Conservation District's Seedling sale happened in April with good sales. Call 882-4391 or go to their website for other information.
- COGNITION Science & Discovery Center has been busy with the upgrades to their new building. No firm date for their opening has been set.



Five Shores opened in January and hosted several events. They look forward to reopening soon.

- Salon Dahlia is be relocating from the A Papanos Pizza building to the Benzie Center, downtown.
- Many retail stores are opening with on-line, virtual and curbside services. Please call and check on their service options.

Remember:

- All dogs in the Village are to be on a leash. Only certified service animals are allowed on the Trail. **Please clean up after your pets.**
- Red trash bags are sold at Village Office, yellow at Stapletons (single bags) and Shop & Save (10/pkg). Friday mornings is pick-up for red and yellow bags in the Village. The Village charges \$24 for 10 red trash bags. You can put trash in a larger bag so long as you have either a red or yellow bag tied to it, as evidence of paying for the service.
- Business owners and staff are encouraged to park in the parking lots in order to save spaces for visitors and patrons.
- **Please don't feed the birds on the lake.** It will only

increase cases of swimmer's itch.

- Signage on Village property, per ordinance, must have prior approval from the Village. Submit written request to the Village of Beulah.

Beulah Boosters are Busy Volunteers: Boosters worked the chili contest and games at WinterFest. The status of summer events is unknown at this time. Historically, Beulah clean up day includes planting of flower boxes and barrels, park clean up and painting are the next project and a work date will be determined later. Please contact the Boosters if you can give a couple of hours to help with events. 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. **For more information or to volunteer, please call 231 383-1120/shared phone with CLCBA and leave a message. You can also do an email contact at mibeulahboosters.com. Come and have fun, everyone is welcome!**

Park Yourself at Beulah Beach: The Village-owned RV Park's opening is uncertain. Sites at the park may be available for the upcoming season. Contact the Village Clerk at clerk@villageofbeulah.org or call 231-882-4451 starting in May for more information.

Dock Space has a waiting list; contact the Village Office for information, 231-882-4451.

Upcoming or Ongoing Events: **At this time, all meetings and events are subject to directives from Lansing. Check websites, posters and local newspapers. The Village of Beulah Council meetings have been held via a telephone conference process and are open to the public. The process is on the Village's website and posted on the Village office windows.**

Darcy & Benzonia Libraries are closed at this time.

Darcy Library of Beulah: Hours & Info

Mon.-Wed.-Fri.	12 to 5 pm
Tues.-Thurs.	12 to 7 pm
Sat.	9 to 1 pm



www.darcylibraryofbeulah.org call 882-4037
 The Website has information on classes, events and you can read the current Darcy Newsletter.
 Friends of the Darcy Library meet the 2nd Wed. of each month at 5:15 pm; everyone is invited.
 Library Board meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month, 7 pm. Everyone is invited.
Benzonía Library is open Mon-Sat, 882-4111

Village of Benzonía’s Water and Street Project: Work started in April to upgrade road, water lines, curb and gutters from Stapleton Corners (stop light) south to Bridge Rd. Sidewalks will be extended to the Shop & Save Plaza. MDOT plans focus on keeping lanes open throughout the project, close work over holiday weekends and completed in Oct. Access to all businesses remains open.

Donate Computers & Monitors: Carol McAnulty is accepting donated computers and monitors (they must power up and are not broken) for repair. Please include all cables and power cords if possible. She will repair and bring them into working order for needy students, vets and seniors. Contact cmcanulty@hotmail.com or phone: 882-4734 to make arrangements for pick up.

Secretary of State Status: SOS is currently closed, many functions may be done on-line and it is anticipated that when they reopen, perhaps in May, their services will only be available via appointments and for specific activities. Currently, renewal dates of driver’s licenses, will be extended and no fines if expired. For more specific information, go to their website: michigan.gov/sos

WinterFest: Not a sunny day, however, the 2020 event had mild weather and lots of action all day. Chili contest had 14 entries and over 140 votes were cast! More than half the votes cast were from ‘tasters’ outside of Benzie County. Events in the park started with Frozen Turkey Bowling, Snowball Toss and a long line for Frozen Fish Toss. Horse drawn wagon rides and cookie sales were enjoyed. Outhouse races had new entries and lots of fans cheering. Fireworks were postponed due to insufficient ice. Fireworks require at least 5 inches of ice for DNR approvals. The reason is the concussive force from firing

would break through the ice. Weather make-up date was the next Saturday, same issue so sadly the fireworks were canceled.

Chili Contest results:

Individual Winners:

- 1st Rick Coates, entry #9 Red, White & Blue Chili
- 2nd John Darien entry #3 Wolfman Chili
- 3rd Mike Rineer/Bill Kennis entry # 11 Bacon Baby Chili

Business Winners:

- 1st Geno's Bar & Grill/Thomsonville entry #6/Spicy Chili



- 2nd Lucky Dog Bar & Grill/Beulah entry #5 Triple B Chili

- 3rd Stormcloud/Frankfort entry #4 B-Sirius Chili



The Beulah Boosters have their ladles up and ready to start serving chili. The CLCBA appreciates all of their help along with Scout Troops #10 & #1225 and Benzie Central students throughout the year.



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Outhouse Race Results: The parade had many participants, thanks to Kelly Frasier/Kelly's Korner & Retail/ Resale for chairing it. Watson Benzie, Benzie's Business of the Year, was the Grand Marshall. Outhouse Races drew a crowd with the following results:

Adult: 1 Nugent Ace Hardware

2 Watson Benzie

3 Benzie Bus

Youth: 1 Scout Troop 10

2 Cognition Science & Discovery Center

Also entered: Tri-Gas and Beulah Boosters

Best in Show: Nugent Ace Hardware's Coleman Lantern



Nugent's Ace Hardware won for adult category and best in show. Scouts won for youth category.



Frozen fish toss is an ever popular WinterFest event. Thanks to the DNR Platte River Fish Hatchery for their help.

Winterfest Firework Sponsors: Dick Ide wants all the sponsors for the 2020 WinterFest fireworks to know that their support is so appreciated. The fireworks money was returned to the CLCBA. Sponsors may ask for a refund or to have their donation rolled over for 2021 Winterfest. If you would like a refund, please go to clcba.org to send an email or call 231.383.1120 and leave a request.

Crystal Lake Community Business Association's (CLCBA) Music in the Park: Over 3500 people

attended Music in the Park at the Beulah Village Park in 2019. **The CLCBA's ability to offer these free concerts depends on sponsorships and 'pass the hat' donations.** Sponsorships are open to businesses and individuals. If you would like to help support/sponsor this growing activity, go to clcba.org, Music in the Park for the application. Questions, see Steve Loveless at State of the Art/231.882.0200 or call CLCBA 231.383.1120.

CONCERTS ARE ON HOLD AT THIS TIME. THE CLCBA HOPES TO OFFER SOME CONCERTS LATER IN THE SUMMER IF RESTRICTIONS LIFT

Benzie County Tip Jar: A group of people in Benzie have created a funding opportunity to help those in need of financial aid due to business closures. The May 13 issue of Record Patriot has an article or go to the website: <httpsbit.ly/BNZTipJar1> for more information.

Village Sewer System and 'Flushable' Wipes: Wipes that are unable to make it to Beulah's sewer ponds clog intake pumps requiring costly fixes that come from: You guessed it, your tax dollars. Please **do not flush** any wipes, despite their labels, they clog up the sewer lines and may impact the service

The Village Crew works very hard keeping our current sewer systems operating properly while attempting to preserve and maintain its' integrity. As we are currently paying for a new water system, let's all do our best so as not to not have to pay for a new sewer system or major repair, to our existing one.

Jeri VanDePerre/Chairperson for Sewer & Water



Watson-Benzie and the Beulah Boosters continue to support WinterFest in the Outhouse Races.



Water Systems Cross Connections: The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has required that the Village of Beulah update its water system for cross connections. A cross connection is an arrangement of piping which could allow undesirable water, sewage or chemical solutions to enter a drinking water system as a result of backflow.

The purpose of the inspections is to identify cross connections in need of corrective actions. The Village crew will be making the inspections. Water customers with cross connection problems will be asked to have their systems repaired and will be given ample time to do so before a re-inspection occurs. Costs associated with repairs are the responsibility of the water customer. More info at Village office window and their website: villageofbeulah.net.

REMEMBER

**TURN WATER ON OR OFF REQUESTS NEED
THREE (3) WORKING DAYS NOTICE.**

Please contact the Village Office: 882-4451

Village of Beulah Spring Clean Up

Sat, June 13

8-noon, behind the office

**Required permits available at the
Village Office**

The fishing dock and day dock are in!

Have a Beulah-ful Day!

This area saved for mailing