

# Beach Bulletin

**Village of Round Lake Beach**

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*Let's Get This Year Long Party Started!*

## **Village of Round Lake Beach 75th Anniversary**

Happy 2012! Lots of special events are planned for this year - the 75th Anniversary of the Village of Round Lake Beach.

Starting January 1  
no electronics  
waste in your  
garbage!  
See page 3.

Mark your new  
calendar for  
**BeachFest 2012**  
with Fireworks  
to celebrate  
our 75th  
Anniversary!  
**June 15-17**

### **Round Lake Beach 75th Anniversary**

**February 1 - 29**  
Stop in the Round  
Lake Area Library  
and see a collection  
of Round Lake Beach  
memorabilia,  
beautifully compiled  
and displayed by  
Linette Benes.

Our 75th Anniversary Committee (Village Clerk Margie Cleveland; Linette Benes, Planning and Zoning; Tom Kristof, Kristof's Entertainment Center; Honorable Carl Schrimpf, former Mayor of Round Lake Beach; Tammy Whalen; Tim Pasternak; Lee Benedict; Mike Gerhartz; Carla Schneider; Steve Hall; Cheryl Hall; Trustee Larry Mount; Trustee Judy Armstrong; and Mayor Rich Hill) want to extend an invitation to you to participate in the events we have planned throughout the year. We have something special every month, so there are lots of ways to join in the fun, and we hope you can be part of each celebration.

The party started January 8 at the Round Lake Beach Cultural and Civic Center with a beat the winter blues Beach Party. Thanks to Chairman Tim Pasternak and the students of Grayslake North for their enthusiasm and hard work.

This month, banners will be displayed representing over 50 businesses and organizations that have sponsored our Anniversary - please support them all.

Visit our website and click on the 75th logo to review our list of sponsors, join the 75 Club, or learn more about our special plans throughout 2012. Look for all of the details in each Village newsletter during the year!

## **Governor's Hometown Award to B.E.S.T.**

**T**he Village of Round Lake Beach nominated B.E.S.T. for the Governor's Hometown Award because of all the effort this organization has put into improving the Round Lake Area communities since 1999. B.E.S.T., which stands for Bringing Everyone's Strengths Together, is a grassroots coalition with a unique collaboration of schools, villages, library, park district, police and fire departments, civic, business, religious and social service organizations.





Richard H. Hill  
Mayor

# The Year in Review

**H**appy New Year Round Lake Beach! 2011 was another very difficult year for our community, our state and our country. The recession has left no one unaffected. The Village Board's conservative budgeting approach over the last 10 years has served the Village well in weathering this economic downturn. It is much longer than anyone would have guessed.

The Village Board once again voted to hold the line on property taxes and keep the tax levy for the Village the same as last year. The increased costs of the pensions will once

again mean that there is less money to the general fund.

The state finally passed legislation to correct this for new hires as of January 1, 2011, but it does not change the current staff pension costs. We will maintain all vital services and review everything the Village does to insure it is high quality at the lowest price possible. We go through this same exercise each year as we prepare the budget, but this year, as last year, there will be extra scrutiny of all expenses.

We continued with the infrastructure replacement projects just west of Fairfield Road and in the TIF districts. The TIF Districts are coming to an end this year. The increased property taxes due to the improvements will now go to the schools, park district, fire department, etc.

A new TIF District (TIF 4) was created in an older section of town to raise funds to pay for the infrastructure replacement projects needed there such as water mains and roads. It will be a few years before enough funding is banked to begin these projects.

The Village was the recipient of a couple State recognitions in 2011. The Round Lake Area BEST Organization won the Governor's Hometown award (entry submitted by Round Lake Beach). In recognition of its budgeting efforts, the Village was awarded the Illinois Government Finance Officers Association's (GFOA) Distinguished Budget Award for the third time in a row.

The County is conducting the engineering for the Rollins Road and Route 83 intersection. They have approved the project and have full funding. Construction is expected to begin in 2013 and be

completed by the end of the year. This project is long overdue and will be a great benefit to our residents when it is complete. Three of the four corners have retail businesses and several have vacancies. In this struggling economy, while hopeful, I am doubtful that many businesses will go into the vacant spaces until after the construction is complete.

The Village is committed to working with the County and business community throughout the duration of this potential project, but fully recognizes the fact that road construction of this magnitude can reduce a business's sales 25-50%. To keep up to date on this project, visit the web site: [www.RollinsRoadGateway.com](http://www.RollinsRoadGateway.com).

## From the Round Lake Beach Police Department

### 20 years of service



**L**ieutenant David Hare (right), and Officers Greg Vanco (left) and Brian Peters (center) were honored for attaining 20 years of service to the residents of Round Lake Beach. They all have earned numerous awards for their work and are respected by their peers for their work ethic, integrity and competence. Congratulations to them for attaining this milestone and for a job well done.

#### The Staff

Village Administrator  
David Kilbane

Police Chief  
Gary Bitler

Finance Director  
Brian Gosnell

Interim Public Works Dir.  
Gary Gramhofer

Economic Dev. Director  
Jon Wildenberg

# From the Department of Public Works

## Parking During Snowfall

Parking on Village streets during snow events can inhibit snow and ice control operations.

- No parking on Village streets from 2:00 - 6:00 am.
- No parking on Village streets when a snowfall of more than two inches has occurred or is predicted. This gives the Public Works Department the opportunity to plow the streets. If the snow has not been removed, please continue the “no parking” restrictions until snow removal has been completed.
- Please **do not** throw snow from your property into the streets because this can create hazardous conditions.
- When shoveling or plowing snow from your driveway, pile the snow to the left side of the driveway (when facing your house). This will help prevent snow from accumulating again on your driveway when the snow plows come through your neighborhood.

## Meter Inspection before Moving

Three weeks prior to moving, final meter inspections must be done by the Public Works Department. An occupancy permit inspection can then be scheduled. Please call the Public Works Department with any questions at (847) 546-8752.

## Electronic Recycling

The Village of Round Lake Beach, in conjunction with the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO), will be hosting Household Electronic Recycling Collections on the third Thursday of every other month in 2012 (February 16, April 19, June 21, August 16, October 18, and December 20). Drop offs are accepted on these dates from 8:00 am - 3:00 pm at the Public Works facility, 911 Lotus Dr. For a list of accepted items, please visit [www.swalco.org](http://www.swalco.org).

**Effective January 1, 2012, household electronics waste is prohibited from the landfill. Please do not discard electronics in your trash.**

## Village seeks approval to lower electric bills for residents and businesses

In 2010, the Illinois Power Agency Act gave municipalities the ability to seek competitive pricing for electricity on behalf of residents and small businesses. In order to seek competitive prices for electrical services in one contract, the Village needs approval from the residents through a referendum.

On November 28, the Village Board approved an ordinance placing the needed referendum question regarding residential and business electrical services on the March 20, 2012 ballot. The referendum asks our residents if the Village should have the authority to seek competitive pricing bids for electrical services under a single contract that would include residents and small businesses and result in a reduced cost for electric supply.

Many area municipalities are also seeking public approval on March 20. Some have already received approval and purchased electricity on behalf of residents and businesses resulting in savings of 20-30% from current rates. Additional information will be communicated to residents and businesses as the Village moves through the process.

## Village Meeting Schedule

Second and fourth Mondays of the month  
7:00 pm - Council Meetings

First Monday of the month  
6:00 pm - Public Safety Committee  
6:30 pm - Public Works Committee

Third Monday of the month  
6:00 pm - Finance Committee  
6:30 pm - Economic Development Committee

Check out the Village website for agendas and minutes.

## Phone numbers

Police, fire emergency	911
Village Hall	(847) 546-2351
Police non-emergency	(847) 270-9111
Police Records	(847) 546-2127
Public Works	(847) 546-8752
Building Permits	(847) 740-6026 x-325
J.U.L.I.E. (before you dig)	811
Waste Management	(800) 796-9696
SWALCO	<a href="http://www.swalco.org">www.swalco.org</a>
Email	<a href="mailto:inquiries@rlbeach.org">inquiries@rlbeach.org</a>

# From the Cultural & Civic Center

2007 Civic Center Way, Round Lake Beach [www.rlbciviccenter.org](http://www.rlbciviccenter.org)

Contact the Center for details and registration information at (847) 201-9032 or [rlbeachcenter@rlbeach.org](mailto:rlbeachcenter@rlbeach.org).

## Art in the Center

*Try something new for the New Year!*

### Oil, acrylic and one stroke painting...

Samples are always on display at the Center. Contact the Center for details and registration information or visit the website.

### Oil Painting Workshops

Wednesdays 6:30-8:30 pm

### One Stroke Wednesday Workshops

Only \$5 each workshop!

6:30-8:00 pm

An easy method of painting simple objects and scenes. You will surprise yourself!

January 25: Flowers

February 22: Flowers

### Saturday Acrylic Workshops

You will complete a painting.

2:00-5:00 pm \$30 each

Beginner & Intermediate

All supplies included

January 21: Autumn Splendor

February 25: Winter Solitude

### Artist in the Center

Claude Emmanuel will be displaying his oil paintings in the Center during January and February.

## Planning a Special Event?

Contact the Center today for a personal tour and information. We can make your event a success!

Weddings

Showers

Anniversary Parties

Business Events

Fundraisers & more!

## Theater in the Center

Presented by the  
**Round Lake Area  
Park District  
Neighborhood Players**

Tickets only \$5 per person from the Center prior to or at the door.

### Magical Land of Oz

January 15 @ 2:00 pm

### Beauty and the Beast

February 19 @ 2:00 pm

*Why not plan a Children's Birthday party with one of the Youth Plays? Call for details today!*

This Summer

### Shakespeare in the Center

Mark your calendar for July 20-22

Mark your calendar for the first

**Community  
Drum Circle  
of 2012!  
Friday,  
February 17**



## Village Officials



Mayor  
Richard H. Hill



Clerk  
Margie Cleveland

## Trustees



Jerry Mattingly  
(senior trustee)



Larry Mount



Sue Butler



Judy Armstrong



Sylvia Valadez



Tom Smith



Building has started for the Oak Hill Supportive Living Community for older adults at 76 East Rollins Road. The 94-unit facility is scheduled to open in December 2012.