

# Beach Bulletin

**Village of Round Lake Beach**

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The Village of Round Lake Beach wishes you a **Happy New Year!**

Please remember to remove your Holiday lights no later than April 1.

## Round Lake Beach Precinct Changes

To view your precinct location go to [www.lakecountyil.gov](http://www.lakecountyil.gov) and click on Election Information.

## Lakefront Park wins Illinois Parks Award

The Village's Lakefront Park has been chosen as the recipient of the Outstanding Facility and Parks Award by the Illinois Park & Recreation Association. This award recognizes public agencies for their exceptional and unique achievements in design and development.

The new park was dedicated in June 2009 while the original Beach Park renovations were completed in 2003. This new nine-acre project included the pedestrian bridge linking the two parks together. The park spans the shoreline of Round Lake and the channels leading to the lake. It also includes two new shelters, benches, nature walking path with interpretive signage, two fishing piers, playground, wetland creation and more. An important aspect of this project was the dredging of the sediment from the channels back to their original depth of eight feet. This is a well deserved recognition for the residents of Round Lake Beach and a well deserved lakefront park for all to enjoy in so many ways.

## United States Census 2010 Make Sure We Count!

### It is Important

State & local governments use census information for planning and allocating funds for community programs and services such as schools, hospitals, housing and transportation

### It is Confidential

By law, the Census Bureau cannot share your answers with anyone, including federal, state and local agencies—not even the President himself! This includes immigration agencies.

### It is Easy

Every residence will receive a short questionnaire that is simple to complete and can be returned by mail. If you return your questionnaire by April 1, 2010 no one will come to your house.

### Questions

Contact the Village of Round Lake Beach Complete Count Committee at (847) 740-6026 ext. 210 or email [census2010@rlbeach.org](mailto:census2010@rlbeach.org).



IT'S IN OUR HANDS

## From the Mayor

# The Year in Review

**H**appy New Year Round Lake Beach! 2009 was a very difficult year for our community, our state and our country. The recession left no one unaffected. State revenues to the Village continue to drop as do some local revenues.

We are fortunate that the Wal-Mart Supercenter opened up in October. The additional sales taxes will help to offset the continuing decline in State revenue. Our budget will once again be lower this year than last. The Village Board's conservative budgeting approach over the last 10 years has served the Village well in weathering this recent economic downturn. In recognition of its budgeting efforts, the Village was awarded the Illinois Government Finance Associations Distinguished Budget Award.

The Village Board once again voted to hold the line on property taxes and keep

the tax rate for the Village the same as last year. If you can tighten your belt to get through this, then so can we. We will maintain all vital services and review everything the Village does to ensure 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 there will be extra scrutiny of all expenses.

Let's take a moment to review 2009. During this economic downturn the Village witnessed the opening of several new businesses in Round Lake Beach, including the Wal-Mart Supercenter. We have been awarded a couple of grants to resurface Hawthorn and to install sidewalks from Cedar Lake Road to Rollins Road. We will also be installing sidewalks along Oakwood from Cedar Lake Road to Fairfield Road and along Hook Drive from Orchard to Rt. 83 to increase pedestrian traffic

to the parks, Cultural Center, Post Office, Village Hall and the Metra Station.

The Village was the recipient of several State recognitions in 2009. The renovated and expanded Lakefront Park received the Illinois Park and Recreation Associations Outstanding Facility Award, the Village received a Governor's Home Town Award and the Civic Center Foundation received its second award from the Illinois State Historical Society in recognition of their efforts to preserve and promote the history of the Round Lake Area.

The County is studying the Rollins Road and Route 83 intersection. They may do a grade separation for the train tracks by lowering both Rollins Road and Route 83 to run beneath the tracks in 2013. This project is long overdue and will be a great benefit to our residents

Unfortunately the construction phase will be

very difficult and the businesses in that

area will be impacted. We are working with the County so if they do go forward with this project, the construction will have a minimum impact.

Three of the four corners have retail businesses and several have vacancies. In this struggling economy, while hopeful, I doubt that many businesses will go into the vacant spaces until after the construction is completed. 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: <http://www.RollinsRoadGateway.com>.



Richard H. Hill  
Mayor

## From the Round Lake Beach Police Department

### Two new police officers added

**T**wo experienced police officers were hired recently in Round Lake Beach. Officer Dawn Reis is from Wonder Lake and graduated from Kaneland High School. She attended community college. She is married

with two children, and previously worked for West Chicago Police Department and Wonder Lake Police Department.

Officer Robert Gannon, is from McHenry and graduated from Conant

High School. He is also a graduate of Eastern Illinois University, with a degree in political science. He previously worked for Fox Lake Police Department and Johnsburg Police Department.

### The Staff

Village Administrator  
David Kilbane

Interim Police Chief  
Gary Bitler

Finance Director  
Patrice Sutton Burger

Public Works Director  
Keith Neitzke

Economic Dev. Director  
Jon Wildenberg

## **From the Department of Public Works**

### **Parking during Snowfall Season**

In the winter months parking on Village streets can create a problem when there is snow. Here are some helpful rules.

- ✓ No parking on any Village streets from 2:00 to 6:00 am.
- ✓ If the snow has not been removed, please continue the “no parking” restrictions until snow removal has been completed.
- ✓ When there is a snowfall of more than two inches, please do not park on the streets. This will give the Public Works Department the opportunity to plow the streets.
- ✓ Please do not throw snow from your property into the streets since this can create a hazardous condition.
- ✓ 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**

Before an occupancy permit can be issued, a final water meter inspection has to be completed by the Public Works Department. This should be scheduled for three weeks prior to moving.

If you have any questions, please call Public Works at (847) 546-8752 from 7:00 am to 3:30 pm Monday thru Friday.

### **Electronics Recycling**

The Village of Round Lake Beach will be hosting Electronic Recycling Collections on the third Thursday of every other month from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Round Lake Beach Public Works facility located at 911 Lotus Drive. Dates include:

February 18	April 15	June 17
August 19	October 21	December 16

For a list of items accepted and not accepted please go to the SWALCO web site at [www.swalco.org](http://www.swalco.org).

## **First Annual Shop with a Cop**

Wal-Mart was a busy place when the Round Lake Beach Police Department and 54 children arrived for the first annual Shop With a Cop. Each child was allowed to spend \$100 on whatever they wanted. Guiding the shoppers were 17 Round Lake Beach officers, members of the Round Lake Area Park District Ranger Police, Wauconda Police officers, and reserve deputies from the Lake County Sheriff's Office.

Over \$6,000 was generously donated by area businesses and individuals. A special thanks to everyone who participated in this annual community event.

## **Rebuilding Together**

This community program is for Seniors and single parent families that need help fixing their house. Applications are now available and due back to the village by February 1. Contact Margaret Sparr, Economic Development Department, at (847) 546-2351.

## **Round Lake Commission's Annual Meeting**

Thursday, February 4, 7:00- 9:00 pm  
Round Lake Beach Cultural & Civic Center

For more information contact:  
Martin Voorbach at (847) 767-5987 or Vivien Protine at (847) 366-1116.

## **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
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 Center

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

## Cooking Workshops - something for everyone

**J**oin Chef Leslie in an interactive demo class that is fun and tastes great! Classes are held in the Center's kitchen on Thursdays, from 7:00-9:00 pm. Call (847) 201-9032 for details or registration form.

**January 14:  
Mediterranean Cuisine**

**February 4:  
Hearty Pasta Dishes**

**March 4:  
Tofu dishes - give it a try!**

## Valentine's Day Date Night, February 12

Those who cook together stay together. Bring your aprons, YOU'RE cooking. Each couple will make a three-course meal with your choice of beef tenderloin with olive tapenade, chicken with artichokes or salmon with lemon/caper butter sauce. The date is February 12, and space is VERY limited, sign up early. \$55 per couple.

## Teen Cooking Workshop

**March 25: Teens**  
This is NOT your high school home-ec class. Sign up for class and email me your recipe/ingredient questions; each question will be answered in the class while delicious recipes are being prepared for you to taste and easy to replicate at home.

## Acrylic Painting Workshop - Saturdays

January 30 &/or February 27  
9 am - 2:30 pm, \$50 per day

For beginner and intermediate teens and adults. You will complete a picture on each Saturday with all supplies included. The project sample is on display at the Center.

## Drawing with Cathe - Saturday Youth Workshop

January 30 &/or February 27  
3-4:30 pm, \$12 per day

For beginner and intermediate skill levels. A great way to see if your child enjoys drawing as taught by a professional! 9 years - teens

## One Stroke Painting - \$5 Wednesday Workshops

January 27  
February 24

Learn one stroke acrylic painting techniques and embellish your scrapbook pages, picture frames, flower pots, cards & more! A new design or stroke will be taught each month. Supplies included. Registration required. Contact the Center.

## DeCluttering Your Life Workshop

Tuesday, January 26  
7:00 pm, \$5 fee

January is the time to organize for the new year! Let Gayle Florian from the University of Illinois Extension show you how!



## Village Officials



Mayor  
Richard H. Hill



Clerk  
Margie Cleveland

## Trustees



Jerry Mattingly  
(senior trustee)



Larry Mount



Sue Butler



Judy Armstrong



Sylvia Valadez



Tom Smith

## Busy @ Beach School

Performing Rumpelstiltskin at Family Reading Night - Fairy Tales! and The Book Club investigates Nancy Drew.

