

From the Center

2007 Civic Center Way, Round Lake Beach www.rlbccivcenter.org



Cooking Classes with Chef Leslie

Don't miss out on these fun Tuesday evening classes from 7:00-9:00 pm! Call or stop by the Center for details and forms. Cooking classes fill quickly!

- March 24
Teens in the Kitchen
- April 7
Simple Desserts

Hunchback of Notre Dame

Improv Playhouse Young Actors Workshop presents **The Hunchback of Notre Dame**, March 14, at 3:00 and 7:00 pm, and March 15, at 2:00 pm at the Center. Tickets can be purchased at the Center prior to the show or at the door.

The unforgettable characters from the beloved novel come to thrilling, laugh-happy life in this funny and frill-free "festival" adaptation of Victor Hugo's popular literary classic.

The Tenors 3

Fun with Opera and Beyond @ The Center

Sunday, April 5 @ 4:00 pm
The Tenors 3 perform opera, operetta and Broadway music with a touch of light comedy.

Tickets \$12 for adults, \$11 children & seniors. Purchase tickets prior to April 3 for a \$1 discount per ticket.

Musical Theater Summer Camp

Four weeks of fun filled theater camp centering on the TV, film and stage sensation Grease!

Grades 4-9

Contact the Center for details and registration form

Planning a graduation party or another large event?

The Round Lake Beach Cultural & Civic Center has the right space for your event!

The Banquet Room can accommodate up to 350 guests. The Gathering Lobby with the fireplace and historic cabinet is a comfortable space for smaller events.

Call (847) 201-9032.

HP Film Festival this summer

Everyone's favorite wizard will be coming to the Center, on film, beginning Friday, June 12 for five weeks. The Festival will lead up to the opening of the new Harry Potter Film in July!

See the five movies outside or inside depending on the weather! Get your free tickets at the Center or the Great Lakes Credit Union in Round Lake Beach. Call for the fun family details.



Easter fun at the Park District

Flashlight Egg Hunt

Friday, April 3, at 8:00 pm sharp in Hart's Woods

9-12 years old

\$5 in advance; \$7 day of

Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 4, 11:00 am sharp, on Hart's Hill

3-8 years old

Free!

Community Band, Sunday, May 3

Round Lake Area Community Band Spring Concert in the Center. Sunday, May 3 @ 2:00 pm

Free to the public.



Village Officials



Mayor
Richard H. Hill

Trustees



Jerry Mattingly
(senior trustee)



Larry Mount



Sue Butler



Judy Armstrong



Sylvia Valadez



Tom Smith

The Staff

Village Administrator
David Kilbane

Police Chief
Douglas Larsson

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Patrice Sutton Burger

Public Works Director
Keith Neitzke

Beach Bulletin

Village of Round Lake Beach

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June 19
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March heralds tornado season

March is Tornado Awareness Month and it is the beginning of the severe weather season in Illinois. Tornado sirens have been placed strategically throughout the Village to alert residents of approaching severe weather.

Two warning siren sounds are used to alert residents.

Long steady siren lasting three to five minutes means the National Weather Service has issued a tornado warning and the Round Lake Area is in the path of the storm. Residents should prepare to take cover and turn on a Weather Service radio.

Oscillating (up and down) siren lasting three to five minutes indicates a tornado has been spotted. Take cover immediately. The best place to take cover is in a basement or a small interior room. If caught outside, try to find a low ditch or ravine.

Because of the unpredictability of a tornado's path, there is no "all-clear" siren. Resident should use the radio to determine if the warning is over. Please do not call 911 when the siren sounds during stormy weather.

Sirens are tested on the first Tuesday of each month at 10:00 am. Two sirens in the northern portion of the Village have the ability to broadcast voice instructions. Sirens have solar panel backups enabling them to function without electricity.

Know the rules for bicycle safety

With warm weather getting closer, bicycle riders should obey the same traffic laws as cars. The Village has some common-sense safety ordinances that must also be followed: Obey all traffic laws, signs and signals; display a white headlamp and a red taillight when riding between sunset and sunrise; be alert for traffic from all directions; yield the right of way to both pedestrians and motor vehicles; look both ways and wait for approaching traffic before leaving a driveway or crossing a street; do not ride on streets where there is considerable traffic (for instance Rollins Road); ride near the right-hand pavement edge; do not ride alongside other cyclists; ride in single file; do not ride double or do trick riding; do not "hitch" to motor vehicles; do not play riding games in the street; always keep your bike in good condition. Most important – WEAR A HELMET!

Registration of your bike is necessary as well as FREE! If your bike is stolen and recovered, the numbered sticker will help us find you.

The Police Department uses the skills of several well trained bicycle-police officers to patrol the parks, shopping areas, and neighborhoods effectively. Police officers have certificates that they will give out as a reward for good driving to children that are observed obeying the laws. They will also give tickets to any rider who is reckless or dangerous.

From the Mayor

TIF paid almost \$2 million back to taxing districts

Our first Tax Increment Financing (TIF) district (Mallard Creek shopping plaza and surrounding area) is coming to an end. 2009 is the last year of property taxes (paid in 2010) that will go to the TIF. 2010 property taxes (paid in 2011) will go to the taxing bodies, schools, fire departments, the county, etc. Our TIF 1 is one of the most successful in the state. It has generated surplus income of over a million dollars a year for the last several years.

We created TIF 2 to invest excess funds from TIF 1

for installing new water mains, curb and gutter, rebuilding roads and repairing the sewers in our residential neighborhoods. This has been a renaissance of sorts for the area.

We have agreements with the other taxing bodies (schools, park district, fire department, etc.) that each year we will declare the excess property taxes collected in TIF 2 as surplus and return those taxes to the taxing bodies that would have received them if a TIF was not in place. This year we are returning \$1,939,474.52 of which about 65%

(\$1,250,000.00) goes to the school districts. Working together is a win-win for everyone!

Round Lake Beach has also updated our Comprehensive plan which lays out our goals and objectives for the future of the village. Developers coming to the village will have a good idea of what is expected of them as well as where certain types of development should occur. This is in place to plan for our future as a leading village in Lake County.



Richard H. Hill
Mayor

New businesses

Casa del Pan
(on Rollins near Condell)

Firestone
(on Route 83 at Rollins)

LA Fitness
(near Regal Cinema)

Home Choice
(Round Lake Commons)

Casey's Polish Deli
(east of Jewel)

El Campestre Rest.
(Rollins west of Cedar Lk.)

Metal Magic
(on Fairfield)

From the Round Lake Beach Police Department

Department honors Officer & Employee of the Year

Officer **Steven Sandacz** is recognized for his high level of work as a Detective in the Investigations Unit. Officer Sandacz routinely turns in high quality work, organizes the Asset Forfeiture program, and is a member of the Special Operations Warrant Service Team.



In 2008 Officer Sandacz handled several high profile cases to successful conclusions. Officer Sandacz assisted with the CALEA process. He routinely volunteers extra hours for community oriented events and promotes esprit de corps throughout the Department. Officer Sandacz is a resource for all officers within the Department.

Officer Sandacz's consistent excellence, on which the Department depends, makes him worthy of the 2008 Officer of the Year.

For the year 2008, Community Service Officer **Tammy Dreyer** has been selected as the Civilian Employee of the Year. CSO Dreyer has demonstrated an ability to complete her work at a level far beyond what is required or requested while portraying diligence and a high work ethic.



She has accepted every assignment with enthusiasm and accomplished each task quickly and correctly. She is responsible for fleet maintenance and consistently exceeds what is required to ensure the safety of officers and the fleet. Her assistance in the Support Services Unit and her willingness to take on extra assignments throughout the CALEA process most certainly contributed to the success of the assessment process. Her friendly positive attitude, dedication, job competence, and willingness to help all persons have made her worthy of selection as Employee of the Year.

From the Department of Public Works

Ditches and culverts

Spring time will be here soon and with that comes flooding from rain and melting snow. Please make sure that your culvert and ditch line are cleared of all debris. Doing this will help with the flow of water.

Yard waste pickup

Waste Management will begin picking up yard waste starting April 14 - December 15. The cost for yard waste stickers will be \$2.10 per sticker which can be purchased at the Round Lake Beach Village Hall, 1937 Municipal Way; Ace Hardware, 659 Railroad Ave., Round Lake; and Jewel Food Store, 900 E. Rollins, Round Lake Beach.

Grass and leaves must be disposed of in brown paper yard waste bags or cans marked yard waste with a sticker on each bag or can and weigh no more than 50 pounds. Residents are allowed to put six bags or six marked cans out per week. Brush must be bundled and tied no longer than four feet in length and no larger than two feet in diameter. Branches should not exceed 3 inches in diameter.

You may also subscribe to the seasonal yard waste service at the cost of \$180 per year. If you have any questions for Waste Management, please contact them at (800) 796-9696 or go to www.wm.com.

Household appliances

Due to EPA regulations, appliances cannot be disposed of in Illinois landfills. Call Environmental Field Services (800) 480-4337 for fees and to arrange for pick up.

Electronics Recycling

The Village of Round Lake Beach will be hosting Electronics Recycling Collections on the third Thursday of every other month. Dates are as follows:

April 16, June 18, August 20, October 15, and December 17 from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Round Lake Beach Public Works facility located at 911 Lotus Drive. For a list of items accepted and not accepted, please go to the SWALCO web site at www.swalco.org.

Village & Chamber offer scholarships

The Village of Round Lake Beach provides three \$2,000 scholarships for high school seniors residing in Round Lake Beach. The scholarships are administered through the Round Lake Area Chamber along with the Chamber's scholarship program.

Applications for both the Village's and the Chamber's scholarships are available at local high school guidance offices or at the Chamber office.

The deadline is April 3. For more information, please contact the Chamber at (847) 546-2002.

Two ways to dispose of Household Chemical Waste

Residents have a way to dispose of household chemical waste at year round - Collection Events held at SWALCO's permanent facility, 1311 N. Estes St., Gurnee (appointments are necessary) or at mobile events held at various locations throughout the county from April to November.

Accepted materials include:

- ✓ Fertilizers/herbicides/pesticides
- ✓ Fluorescent light bulbs/CFLs
- ✓ Household cleaners
- ✓ Household batteries
- ✓ Oil-based paints/paint remover/varnishes
- ✓ Gasoline and motor oil
- ✓ Pool chemicals
- ✓ Unwanted prescription and over the counter medicines and supplements

Latex paints & household electronics not accepted

Sign up online for SWALCO's e-list service announcing upcoming events, programs and other information. Go to www.swalco.org or call (847) 336-9340.

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	www.swalco.org
Email	inquiries@rlbeach.org