

# Beach Bulletin

**Village of Round Lake Beach**

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## Round Lake Beach - Winner of America's Crown Communities

Mayor Rich Hill is very proud to announce that our Village was selected as one of the winners of *American City and County Magazine* "2010 America's Crown Community". Entries were

judged on uniqueness, short and long term value to the community, and effective and innovative financing.



Round Lake Beach was recognized for our Lakefront Park. The Lakefront Park is important to the village because it accomplished many goals such as the expansion of open space, increased recreation opportunities and amenities, flood protection along with conservation, and enhancement of natural areas. For a copy of the article from *American City and County Magazine*, please check out the Village

website or contact the village. Mayor Hill and the Trustees encourage you enjoy your Lakefront Park during all the seasons! Congratulations Round Lake Beach!

### Free Event

## Kids Ice Fishing Clinic

**January 29** *Enjoy the Lakefront Park in the Winter!*

This event is sponsored in part by the Round Lake Management Commission, the Round Lake Area Park District and the Take Me Fishing Grant. The clinic is on Saturday, January 29, from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm. The clinic is for children ages 5-16 accompanied by a parent, and it's FREE! You just need to pre-register at the Park District by January 21. For more information, check out the Park District brochure, their website - [www.rlapd.org](http://www.rlapd.org) or the Village website.

Recycle your old electronic items.  
February 17.

See page 3.

### Don't Miss

Animals after Dark!  
January 15  
@ the Center.

See back page.

Thank you to all who donated to Shop with a Cop!

Due to our community's generosity over \$6,000 was raised and 67 children were hosted.

# 2010 - The Year in Review

**H**appy New Year Round Lake Beach! 2010 was another very difficult year for our community, our state and our country. The recession left no one unaffected. We are fortunate that the Wal-Mart Supercenter opened up last year. The additional sales taxes have helped to offset the continuing decline in state revenue.

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 for the second time in a row.

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 in 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 there will be extra scrutiny of all expenses.

Let's take a moment to review 2010. During this economic downturn the village witnessed the opening of several new businesses in Round Lake Beach including:

- ✓ Chipotle
- ✓ Goodwill
- ✓ Discount Tire
- ✓ 24-Hour Laundry on Cedar Lake Road (opening in January)
- ✓ Vista Health Systems
- ✓ Papa Saverio's Pizzeria
- ✓ Community General
- ✓ Jewel Story
- ✓ Birrieria Teresita Restaurant
- ✓ Tres Islas Marias Restaurant
- ✓ Cigarette Outlet
- ✓ US Cash for Gold
- ✓ TLR Fashions
- ✓ PNC Bank

Last year we were awarded a grant to resurface Hawthorn and another to install sidewalks from Cedar Lake Road to Rollins Road. Sidewalks were installed 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. Most of the work was completed in 2010 with some to be done in the spring.

The Village was the recipient of several state recognitions in 2010. The renovated and expanded Lakefront Park received the 2010 American City & County Magazine Crown Communities Award. The Cultural Center received the Art Alliance Illinois - Illinois Arts Friendly Community Awards Honorable Mention and as I mentioned earlier, the Government Finance Officers Association's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for FY 2010/2011.

The county continues to study the Rollins Road and Route 83 intersection. They have refined the plans to make it the best possible with the least interruption of traffic and the least impact on the businesses. 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.

Their decision is expected in late January or early February. This project is long overdue and will be a great benefit to our residents when it is complete.



Richard H. Hill  
Mayor

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). Please feel free to contact Village staff with any questions throughout the upcoming year.

## The Staff

Village Administrator  
David Kilbane

Police Chief  
Gary Bitler

Finance Director  
vacant

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 am 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 on your driveway when the snow plows come through your neighborhood.

### Electronics Recycling

The Village of Round Lake Beach will be hosting Electronic Recycling Collections on the third Thursday of every other month.

Dates are as follows:

February 17, April 21, June 16, August 18, October 20, and December 15 from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. The drop off site is located at the Round Lake Beach Public Works facility, 911 Lotus Drive. Information regarding these collections is available on the SWALCO web site at [www.swalco.org](http://www.swalco.org).

### Rebuilding Together, April 30

Rebuilding Together applications are due in by February 1 and are available at the Village Hall in Economic Development Dept. Volunteers are always welcome and can call or stop by to get on a volunteer list. Donations to Rebuilding Together are always appreciated and truly needed this year. The actual Rebuilding Day is Saturday, April 30. For more information, contact Margaret at (847) 546-2351 ext. 351.

## New Public Works staff



Mayor Rich Hill (center) welcomes Todd Hoppenstedt (left) as Public Works Superintendent of Operations for the Water and Sanitary Team and Don Kirk (right) as Public Works Superintendent of Operations for the Streets and Drainage Team.

### Round Lake Management Commission Annual Meeting

The Round Lake Management Commission will showcase their 2010 activities and discuss their plans for 2011. All are invited to attend and learn more about the mission and activities of the Round Lake Management Commission.

When: Thursday, February 3, 7:00 pm

Where: Round Lake Beach Cultural and Civic Center, 2007 Civic Center Way, Round Lake Beach

### 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.rlbccivcenter.org](http://www.rlbccivcenter.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 26: winter objects

February 23: Think Spring! Flowers

### Saturday Acrylic Workshops

You will complete a project or painting

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

\$5 discount for parent/child registration (any age)!

Beginner & Intermediate

All supplies included

January 22: mitten dryer

February 26: wine still life

### Artist in the Center

Betty Piotrowski will be displaying her art in the Center for 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

### Rapunzul

Round Lake Area Park District Neighborhood Players

February 27 @ 2:00 pm

### Enchanted Sleeping Beauty

March 27 @ 2:00 pm

### Tom Sawyer

Improv Playhouse  
March 11-13

### Guys & Dolls

Improv Playhouse  
March 18-20

Mark your calendar for  
July 15 - 17

### Shakespeare's Twelfth Night

## Free Cartooning Workshop for all ages!

Fridays 7:00-8:00 pm

All ages if you can work individually in a group.

Parents and children are welcome too! Learn the basics of how to create cartoon characters in an informal setting.

January 14: Yogi Bear & BooBoo too!

February 18: to be decided by the January 14 group!

Contact the Center to register.

Mark your calendar for the first

## Community Drum Circle of 2011!

Friday, March 4



## Village Officials



Mayor  
Richard H. Hill



Clerk  
Margie Cleveland

## Trustees



Jerry Mattingly  
(senior trustee)



Larry Mount



Sue Butler



Judy Armstrong



Sylvia Valadez



Tom Smith

## Animals After Dark Live!

January 15

Don't miss this Show and Expo with live alligators, snakes and other critters. Visit the Center's website for all the details!