

Beach Bulletin

Village of Round Lake Beach

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Holiday Events
in the Center
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Round Lake Beach 75th Anniversary 2012

See all the year-long events the Anniversary Committee is planning. Visit the Village website for details.

Young Artist Exhibition in the Center

Opening Night
November 15
6:00-8:00 pm



Let's Get This Year Long Party Started!

Village of Round Lake Beach 75th Anniversary Kick-Off Beach Party Sunday, January 8 at 3:00 pm at the Cultural & Civic Center

Admission is only 75¢ per person, but Members of the "75 Club" are free! Tickets available at the Center starting December 1 – great stocking stuffer!
See the village website on how to join the "75 Club"!

Beat the winter blues by enjoying a summer beach party including picnic meal and treats, beach music, hula dancers, hula hoop contests, sharing stories of the Beach with neighbors & friends, and more! Folks are encouraged to wear their luau shirts or summertime gear to help celebrate 75 years of Round Lake Beach.

Now is the time to drag out that 1937 Beach costume!

Annual Christmas Tree Lighting A Village Tradition!

Friday, November 25– 6:00 pm
Thanksgiving Weekend
6:15 pm – Santa arrives by firetruck
6:30 pm – 45 foot tree lighting

Everyone is invited to bring an item for the food pantry. The first 150 families at the Center will receive a "Round Lake Beach Holiday Shopping Gift Bag" filled with coupons to help you save and keep your Christmas shopping local.



See the children's eyes light up as the tree is lit at the Village Hall. Check out the trees decorated by local school children. Then join us at the Cultural & Civic Center for holiday music provided by the high school, hot chocolate, crafts and your own photos with Santa & Mrs. Claus by the fireplace!

Holiday Home Decorating Contest

Committee Chair, Trustee Jerry Mattingly invites residents to join in the annual Holiday Home Decorating Contest. Judging runs from December 1-December 18. Registration is not necessary, but you may nominate your home or another by contacting Monica at (847) 201-9032 or mmarr@rlbeach.org. Awards will be presented at a January Village Board Meeting.

From the Mayor

Profits are good business

The economic conditions in Illinois are still very bad. I hope that by the time you read this the state legislature will have passed some legislation in the veto session to create an atmosphere that will not punish businesses that create jobs and in turn make a profit.

Profits are what allow a business to create more jobs as they expand. Sounds simple, but it is often twisted around by

special interest groups to make businesses evil for making a profit and keeping it. Who would ever invest their money, time and much of their lives to build a business if there would not be an opportunity for rewards? There is plenty of risk. Just look at all those that have tried and failed, closing the business they worked so hard to create.

Speaking of businesses, as we head into the Holiday season, it is important

that we remember the need to shop locally. We have a great selection of stores for almost any need. By shopping locally you create jobs for our residents, the business creates a tax base for our schools, park district, etc., and the Village receives the sales tax revenue. Without the sales tax revenue the Village would either have to reduce services (cut public works, police, etc.) or raise property taxes, which

none of us wants to do. You also save yourself time in travel and help preserve our environment by driving less, thus using less fuel. And with the cost of gas nowadays that could be a considerable savings.

Have a safe and memorable holiday season with your family and friends!!!



Richard H. Hill
Mayor

From the Round Lake Beach Police Department

New police officer and Shop with a Cop

The Round Lake Beach Police Department hired Officer Daniel Garrelts recently. His previous



Off. Daniel Garrelts

experience included working for the Burlington Fire Department and the Greater Rockford Airport Police and Fire Department. He graduated from the Valencia Criminal Justice program in Orlando,

Florida, and worked for Kissimmee Police Department for five years.

Chief Bitler welcomes Officer Garrelts to the force.

Shop with a Cop

The Annual Shop with a Cop Program is December 5. Shop With a Cop allows local children to go Holiday shopping with a Police Officer. As you can see by the photo at right, this unique program helps provide children with positive interactions with the Round Lake Beach Police Department.

This year the need is even greater. The goal is to raise \$5,000 between now

and Thanksgiving. If you can, please send a donation to the Round Lake Beach Shop with a Cop Program. This program is tax deductible, so make your check payable to the Village of Round Lake Beach. Your donation will go DIRECTLY to gifts; no salaries or administrative costs are paid with your donation.

Show your holiday spirit and help those less fortunate. You'll be glad you did!



The Staff

Village Administrator
David Kilbane

Police Chief
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From the Department of Public Works

Parking during snowfall

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

- 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.

Mailboxes

The face of the mailbox (not the face of the post) must be no more than 6 to 8 inches from the edge of the pavement or curb; height of mailbox must be 41 - 45 inches from road surface or the bottom of the base. Address numbers must be on the front of the mailbox, on the visible side of the mailbox or on the post where the mail carrier can see it. Please be sure your mailbox is securely fastened to the post so snow mounds do not dislodge it.

Basketball backboards

Basketball backboards placed in the right of way create a problem for the snowplow drivers during the snow removal operations. Please remove backboards as soon as possible and any items you may have in the right a way that would cause a problem for the snowplows.

Yard waste pickup

Yard waste will be collected until December 15; stickers are still \$2.40 each. Leaf stickers are only \$1.15 through November 25. Stickers can be purchased at the same location as your regular yard waste stickers. If you need more assistance, please contact Waste Management at (800) 796-9696.

Electronics recycling

The Village of Round Lake Beach, in conjunction with the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO), will be providing an opportunity to dispose of and recycle old and unused residential electronic equipment. The last collection of the year will be held from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm on December 15. Information regarding what can be recycled is available on the SWALCO web site at: www.swalco.org.

As of January 2012, no electronics waste can be disposed of in the landfill. Please use these recycling events to dispose of residential electronics.

Christmas tree recycling

Recycle your Christmas tree by leaving it at the curb on Wednesday, January 4 or Tuesday, January 10. Waste Management will be picking up Christmas trees on these two dates free of charge. Please make sure they are curbside and the trunk of the tree faces the road. Please make sure that the tree has been stripped of all lights, ornaments and garland. **Do not** put the tree in a plastic bag; plastic bags are not biodegradable.

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	www.swalco.org
Email	inquiries@rlbeach.org

From the Cultural & Civic Center

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

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

Holiday Traditions in the Center

One Stroke Painting Workshop for Seasonal Gifts

Wednesday, November 30
6:30-8:00 pm Only \$5

Learn to quickly paint simple seasonal and winter elements to decorate cards, aprons, flower pots, frames and more!

Student Artist Sale

Student Artist Sale @ the Center on Saturday, November 19 from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. All price ranges. Start your holiday shopping! The students art will also be on display during November and December for all to enjoy in the Center.

A Rough Night at the North Pole

Presented by the Round Lake Area Park District

Friday, December 2 7:00 pm

A great play for the children to kick-off the holiday season in a fun way! In this delightful holiday farce, Noodle is angry at Santa Claus for having put coal in his stockings and plans to ruin Christmas, but Santa sets things straight ensuring a Merry Christmas for one and all!

The Center tree will be decorated next to the fireplace and available for families to take their holiday photos!

Illinois Brass Band A Christmas Fantasy

Sunday, December 11 @ 4:30 pm

Beautiful holiday sounds for you to enjoy with this 30-piece brass band. Doors open @ 4:00 pm. Tickets available at the door. Call the Center for details.

**Planning an Event?
Contact the Center.**

Supper with Santa

December 7 4:00-8:00 pm
A spaghetti dinner hosted by the Round Lake Area Chamber features a visit with **Santa and his reindeer**, children's crafts, games, raffles, a Craft Fair and more. Proceeds benefit the Chamber Scholarship Program.

Christmas Carol Holiday Radio Drama

The tradition continues of a holiday production in an old fashioned radio studio! Great for adults and the whole family. Tickets available at the Center and at the door.

**Family Production
Friday, December 9 @ 7:30 pm**

**Annual Foundation Event
Christmas Carol & Wine Tasting
Saturday, December 10**

The Center's Foundation hosts this third annual event. Adults only for the play this evening. Wine tasting from 5:30-7:30 pm and play @ 7:30 pm. Tickets available at the Center and at the door. For details call the Center at (847) 201-9032. Great holiday night out with the neighbors and friends or for small business gatherings.

Keeping it Clean in the Center Stand Up Comedy Night

November 11 8:30-10:00 pm
Come out for a night of hysterically clean stand-up comedy headlined by Zanies veteran Dobie Maxwell. Two other featured comic performers, Karl Newyear (The World's Funniest Lutheran) and Michele Krajecki will entertain! Bring your friends, neighbors or church group for this terrific night of laughter! \$12.50/person or 2 for \$20. Cash bar available.



Village Officials



Mayor
Richard H. Hill



Clerk
Margie Cleveland

Trustees



Jerry Mattingly
(senior trustee)



Larry Mount



Sue Butler



Judy Armstrong



Sylvia Valadez



Tom Smith

Round Lake Area Community Band

Free Concert

Sunday, Nov. 13
2:30 pm