

# Beach Bulletin

**Village of Round Lake Beach**

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## Election Day - Be sure to Vote! Tuesday, November 2

### Holiday Events in the Center

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Celebrate with  
the holiday spirit  
of giving

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"Shop with a  
Cop"  
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### Rollins Road Gateway Public Open House

Look for  
information on this  
upcoming meeting  
on the Village  
website.

- For specific election information and your polling place location, contact the Lake County Clerks Office at (847) 377-2400 or go to [www.lakecountyclerk.gov](http://www.lakecountyclerk.gov).
- Many important races are on the ballot including the Governor's Race , U.S. Senators and Representatives and State Senators and Representatives.
- There is also a referendum question to seek input as to whether the governor and state legislature should enact meaningful pension reform relative to public safety employees, as they have recently done for other public employees. Pension reform is important to the Village of Round Lake Beach. Since 1999 the amount we have contributed to public safety pensions has increased 216.4% and contributions per public safety employee has increased by 103.8%.

Visit the village website @ [www.villageofroundlakebeach.org](http://www.villageofroundlakebeach.org) for more detailed information to help you make informed decisions.

## Annual Christmas Tree Lighting - A Village Tradition!

**Friday, November 26 – 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 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 carol over to 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](mailto:mmarr@rlbeach.org). Awards will be presented at a January Village Board Meeting.

## From the Mayor

# Shop locally for Holiday gifts

The general election is here and I congratulate all those that stepped forth as candidates to lead our county, state and nation. Make sure you vote! Once the election is over, let's all come together for the benefit of our citizens. Now is not the time for political rhetoric. Now is the time for action.

Our State and Nation need to control their spending as most of us Villages have done to maintain a balanced budget. The State needs to address the long-term issue of public safety pensions as they have done with all the other public pensions. The State also needs to create an

environment that allows businesses to grow and hire more staff. That is what will get us out of this recession. When more people work, more people can buy things they need and pay taxes which will address the state budget shortfall to a degree. Legislators still need to cut their spending. None of us can spend what we don't have no matter how much we want something.

On a merrier note, 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, fire department, 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

## Christmas tree recycling

Recycle your Christmas tree by leaving it at the curb on Wednesday, January 5 or Wednesday, January 12. Waste Management will be picking up Christmas trees on these two dates free of charge. 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.

## From the Round Lake Beach Police Department

# Shop with a Cop needs donations

The Annual Shop with a Cop Program is not far away. Shop With a Cop allows local children to go Holiday shopping with a Police Officer. This unique program meets our community's needs and helps to provide children with positive interactions with the Round Lake Beach Police Department.

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!



**Now Open**  
in Round Lake Beach

**Chipotle  
Mexican Grill  
on Route 83**

### The Staff

Village Administrator  
David Kilbane

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

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 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 gives 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.

### Basketball Backboards

Basketball backboards and any other obstructions are not allowed in the Village right of way. Backboards that are placed in the right of way do create a hazard for snowplows. Please remove backboards as soon as possible and any items you may have in the right of way that would cause a problem for the snow plows.

### Mailboxes

Mail boxes located too far from the roadway must be relocated to meet postal regulations. The face of the mailbox (not the face of the post) must be no more than 6 to 9 inches from the edge of the pavement or curb, height of mailbox must be 42 to 46 inches from road surface or the bottom of the base. Address must be on front door of the mailbox or 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 the mailbox.

## Reduced fee for yard waste stickers

Until November 26, leaf pickup stickers will cost only \$1.10 each. These yard waste stickers can be purchased at Ace Hardware (659 Railroad Avenue, Round Lake), Jewel Food Store (900 Rollins Road, Round Lake Beach) and Round Lake Beach Village Hall (1937 Municipal Way).

The season for yard waste pick up will end on December 15. For more information, please contact Waste Management at (800) 796-9696.

## Electronics Recycling

The Village of Round Lake Beach, along with the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO), will be providing an opportunity to recycle old and unused residential electronic equipment. The last collection of the year will be December 16 from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm.



The drop 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).

## 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)

## Holiday Traditions in the Center

### ***It's a Wonderful Life - Radio Drama***

Don't miss the annual production of this traditional show in an old fashion radio studio! Great for adults and the whole family.

Tickets available at the Center or at the door.



☐ **Friday, December 10 @ 7:30 pm**

☐ **Saturday, December 11**

### ***It's a Wonderful Night - Wine Tasting***

The Center's Foundation hosts this second annual event. Adults only for the play this evening. Wine tasting 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm and play @ 7:30 pm. Purchase tickets for play only or wine tasting and play. 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.

☐ **Sunday, December 12 @ 2:00 pm**

### ***Illinois Brass Band - A Christmas Fantasy***

Sunday, December 12 @ 4:30 pm

Beautiful holiday sounds for you to enjoy. Doors open at 4:00 pm. Tickets available at the door. For details call the Center at (847) 201-9032.

### ***Supper with Santa***

A Spaghetti dinner hosted by the Round Lake Area Chamber features a visit with Santa, children's crafts, games, raffles, a Craft Fair and more.

**December 8, from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Round Lake Beach Cultural & Civic Center.**

Adults \$6, children and seniors \$4

For tickets, please call Shanna at (847) 546-2002. Proceeds benefit the Round Lake Area Chamber of Commerce high school scholarship fund.

## Art in the Center

*"Great holiday gift giving ideas!"*

### **Holiday One Stroke Painting Workshops**

November 19: 7:00-9:00 pm  
December 9: 9:30-11:30 am

**Only \$10**

Easy and fun for beginners through experts. Cathe Ladner will teach some basic holiday items you can learn to paint. Bring your own gift items like flower pots, cards, aprons, gift bags to decorate with your new skill! Easy and personal gifts!

### **"Painting in a Day" Acrylic Workshop**

Saturdays, 2:00-5:00 pm  
11 years-adults \$30 each  
(\$5 discount for parent/child registration)

Beginner & Intermediate -  
All supplies included

**November 20** - wooden plate with pumpkins

**December 18** - 8x10 winter scene painting



## Village Officials



Mayor  
Richard H. Hill



Clerk  
Margie Cleveland

## Trustees



Jerry Mattingly  
(senior trustee)



Larry Mount



Sue Butler



Judy Armstrong



Sylvia Valadez



Tom Smith

RLAPD Neighborhood  
Players

### ***The Velveteen Rabbit***

Saturday, November 20  
2:00 pm \$5/person @  
Center or @ door.

Call the Center if you  
would like to coordinate  
a birthday party with  
this children's play.