



Village of Round Lake Beach

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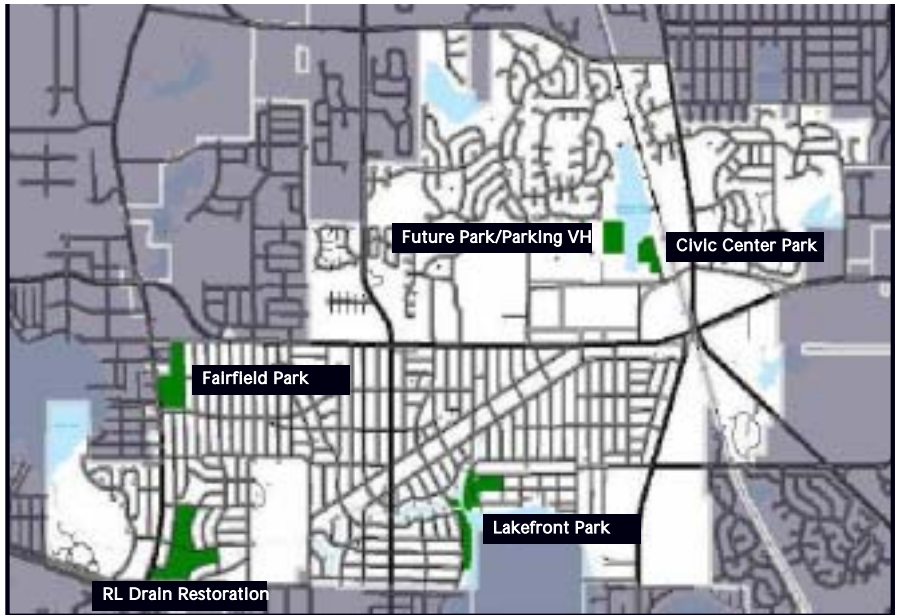
Open space and park projects part of 2008 plan

In the coming year the Village of Round Lake Beach will be adding or improving parkland.

Already underway is the Civic Center Park adjacent to Hook Lake. Additional trails will wind through the park and a pavilion and overlook will offer views of Hook Lake. The park was partially funded by an OSLAD grant.

The property west of Hook Lake will be sold to the Round Lake Area Park District with plans to create athletic fields on the land.

Another project underway in conjunction with the Round Lake Area Park District is the Fairfield Park site. This spring a teeball field and a softball field will be constructed on the 16-acre property. Among the other amenities on the property will be an athletic field designed to be used for soccer, football and lacrosse.



Parks and open space are important amenities in the Village of Round Lake Beach. The graphic above shows some of the new parks being added. For more details go to www.villageofroundlakebeach.com

Systematic Inspection program

The Systematic Inspection Program meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 15 in the Village Hall community room.

The area covered this year is Rollins Rd. (north boundary) to Wildwood Dr. (south boundary), Round Lake Dr. (west boundary) to Pine Grove Ave. (east boundary).

Sylvia Valadez appointed trustee

At the February 11 meeting, the Village Board of Trustees confirmed Mayor Richard H. Hill's appointment of Sylvia Valadez to fill the Trustee seat vacated by Nemesio "Poncho" Villa who resigned last December. For the past seven years, Valadez has served as the elected Village Clerk.

As an Employment Security Program Representative for the Illinois Department of

Employment Security, Sylvia understands how important it is to have accurate documentation. Sylvia works with many departments & organizations that will be of great value to our residents.

In order to serve as Trustee, Ms. Valadez has resigned as Village Clerk. The Clerk's duties will be performed by the Village's Administrative Department, which has been assisting the Clerk's office in

day-to-day duties for the past 10 years.

Sylvia has served on the Board of Directors for the Hispanic Resource Center, RAFT Advisory Committee and Violence Prevention Program for Round Lake Area on Schools, and the Round Lake Area BEST Committee.

She has been married to Sal for 28 years and they have three children - Sal Jr., Janina and Sergio.

From the Mayor

TIFs serve as an economic catalyst

Tax Increment Financing (TIF) districts are hated by many and understood by few. TIF districts are created as a catalyst for development in areas where commercial development would not or could not occur on its own. Done properly, they begin a transformation of the

area into a thriving retail & commercial development. Our TIF 1 (Rollins Crossing) is one of the most successful in the state. It has generated surplus income of over one million dollars a year for the last five 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



**Richard H. Hill
Mayor**

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 \$1,763,078.82 of which about 65% (\$1,150,000) goes to the school districts. Working together is a win-win for everyone!

Holiday Home Decorating winners

The Village of Round Lake Beach acknowledged the recipients of its Annual Holiday Home Decorating Contest at the January 28 Board meeting. Many of the winning families attended the meeting to receive recognition for their participation. Residents nominate their homes or the Committee can choose them as they tour the streets of Round Lake Beach. The Mayor thanked these residents for helping light up the village during the holiday season.

North Division winners:

Mayor's Award - Shadel Residence
1st Place - Leu Residence
2nd Place - Bingham Residence
3rd Place - Meyer Residence
Honorable Mention - Widenhoefer Residence

South Division winners:

Trustee's Award - Porter Residence
1st Place - Wickersheim Residence
2nd Place - Johnson Residence
3rd Place - Toppel Residence
Honorable Mention - Mauck Residence

The Staff

Village Administrator
David Kilbane

Police Chief
Douglas R. Larsson

Finance Director
Patrice Sutton Burger

Public Works Director
Keith Neitzke

From the Round Lake Beach Police Department

Three new police officers hired

Three new Police Officers have been hired with a fourth scheduled to start in March. The three are Scott Wold, Jason Plichta and Kevin Furlan.

Officer Wold is from Lake Villa and is 27 years old. He was an Arizona State Trooper, but moved back to the area when he became engaged. His fiancée is a medical student at the University of Illinois.

Officer Plichta was raised in Mundelein and he is 24 years old. He is a graduate of Lake Forest Academy and holds a bachelor's degree in psychology from Loyola University,

Chicago. While in college he worked for the Wendella Boats in Chicago.

Officer Furlan is 33 years old, was born in Waukegan, and raised in Wadsworth. He now resides in Lake Villa. He is a graduate of Carmel High School, and Southern Illinois University. He is married and has two children. He worked at New Age Transportation prior to his appointment with Round Lake Beach.

Police Chief Doug Larsson believes these three new officers will be a welcome addition to the Round Lake Beach Police Department.

From the Department of Public Works

Ditches and Culverts

Spring time is on its way and with that comes flooding from the rains and melting snow. Please make sure that your ditch line is cleared of all debris. Doing this will help with water drainage.

Moving?

If you plan to move in the near future, please contact Public Works three weeks prior to your move date, so we can do a final meter inspection. Public Works can be reached at (847) 546-8752 Monday - Friday 7:00 am to 3:30 pm.

Yard Waste Pickup

Waste Management will begin picking up yard waste on Monday, April 14. Please call Waste Management at (800) 796-9696 for prices on subscription service. Bags or cans cannot exceed 50 lbs. each. For occasional pickup, the cost is \$1.84 per sticker. Stickers can be purchased at the Village Hall, Ace Hardware or Jewel food stores.

Electronics recycling

The Village of Round Lake Beach will be holding electronics recycling events on the third Thursday of every other month. Dates are April 17, June 19, August 21, October 16 and December 18 from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Public Works facility, 911 Lotus. For a list of the items accepted, go to www.swalco.org.

Household Appliances

Due to EPA regulations, appliances cannot be disposed of in Illinois landfills. Please call Environmental Field Services (800) 480-4337 to arrange for a pickup and cost.

Lightning Prediction System

If you live near the Round Lake Area Park District Sports Center or Renwood Golf Course, you might occasionally hear a blast of a siren.

When you hear one 15-second blast, it means conditions are right for lightning. It doesn't necessarily mean there will be lightning, but the conditions are right.

Three consecutive five-second blasts mean conditions are no longer probable for lightning and it is all right to resume outdoor activity.

If you are outside and hear one siren blast, seek shelter in a large building or cars. Avoid open areas, high ground areas, water, trees, metal fences and overhead lines and do not use a cell phone.

Rain barrels conserve water

A rain barrel connected to your downspout is a great way to keep stormwater out of the system and reduce your water bill during those hot, dry days of summer! Because you are collecting right off the roof, it has few contaminants and is perfect for watering the garden.

Benefits include:

- ✓ Reduces the volume of water flowing to the sewer treatment facility
- ✓ Lowers the percentage of roof top rainfall as a component of urban runoff
- ✓ Serves as a backup source of water during times of drought or between rain showers
- ✓ Helps to keep our creeks and beaches clean
- ✓ Naturally softened water - great for delicate houseplants, auto cleaning and window washing
- ✓ Saves money by lowering your water bill

Go to www.lcfd.com to order your rain barrel and download an order form or call (847) 968-3321 with credit card information. Deadline to order is April 14. Barrels cost \$79.

Dates to Remember

- March 15:** Oliver Twist @The Center
- March 16:** Oliver Twist
- March 23** Easter Brunch @ Center
- May 11** Mother's Day Brunch
- May 24:** Round Lake Area Park District pool opens
- June 20-22:** BeachFest 2008

Phone numbers

Police, fire, emergency	9-1-1
Village Hall	(847) 546-2351
Police non-emergency	(847) 270-9111
Police Records	(847) 546-2127
Public Works	(847) 546-8752
Economic Development	(847) 546-2351
J.U.L.I.E. (before you dig)	811
Waste Management	(800) 796-9696
Email	inquiries@rlbeach.org

From the Center

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

Don't miss

Improv Playhouse Young Actors Workshop presents *Oliver Twist!* Enjoy all of the fascinating characters from this exciting Charles Dickens tale. Travel with Oliver as he becomes involved in a plot containing mystery, robbery and revenge throughout the streets of London at the turn of the last century. Call for details and reservations.

Oliver Twist @ the Center

Saturday, March 15,
 3:00 and 7:00 pm

Sunday, March 16, at
 3:00 pm

Brunches @ the Center

Easter,
 March 23

Mother's Day, May 11

A delicious way to make it a special day for mom (and the whole family)! Brunches at the Center include breakfast and entree tables, kids table, and, of course, a dessert table. Events runs from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm. Reservations are requested by calling the Center at (847) 201-9032.

For complete menu and details go to the Center website.



French Market comes to the Village

A touch of France will be coming to Round Lake Beach this summer in an event sponsored by the Round Lake Beach Cultural & Civic Center Foundation. A French Market with many unique vendors will be held on the second weekend of each month from June through September.

The event will feature indoor and outdoor activities on the Cultural & Civic Center grounds. Look for all the fun details to come. Vendors interested in an application may go to www.rlbccivcenter.org.

Meeting Schedule

Public Works Committee, first Monday of the month, 6:00 pm

Public Safety Committee, first Monday of the month, 6:30 pm

Finance Committee, third Monday of the month, 6:00 pm

Economic Development Committee, third Monday of the month, 6:30 pm

Council Meeting, second and fourth Mondays of the month, 7:00 pm

From the Community

Chamber Scholarships

The Round Lake Area Chamber of Commerce, area villages and businesses have joined together to raise \$15,000 in college scholarships for area students.

The 2008 applications will be available in March. Be sure to check with high school counselors or with the Chamber office at (847) 546-2002. Eligible high school seniors must live in the 60073 zip code and within the village boundaries of Round Lake Beach, Round Lake Heights, Round Lake, Round Lake Park or Hainesville, not in unincorporated areas.

The Village of Round Lake Beach provides

three \$2,000 scholarships for its residents. Apply through the Chamber for these, too.

Toddler Storytime

The Round Lake Area Library will be hosting Toddler Storytime on Wednesdays from April 9 through May 28 at 10:30 am. The program is for children ages 24 months to 36 months with an adult caregiver.

For children ages 3 to 5, there are Preschool Storytimes on other days:

Mondays from April 7-June 2 at 7:00 pm.

Tuesdays from April 8-May 27 at 10:30 am.

Thursdays from April 10-May 29 at 10:30 am.

Children must be accompanied by a parent or adult caregiver.



Village Officials



Mayor
 Richard H. Hill

Trustees



Jerry Mattingly
 (senior trustee)



Gina Miosi



Larry Mount



Susan Butler



Judy Armstrong



Sylvia Valadez