



News from the Village of Round Lake Beach

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Cultural & Civic Center Celebrates Grand Opening

A ribbon cutting and tours were offered to the many residents who attended the Grand Opening of the new Village of Round Lake Beach Cultural & Civic Center recently. Mayor Hill thanked everyone for coming and encouraged them to sample the goodies served by PearTree Catering and to learn about Improv Playhouse and the Round Lake Area Chamber of Commerce, who are all based in the Center.

Dignitaries who spoke included State Senator Michael Bond, State Representative Sandy Cole, Lake County Board Chair Suzi Schmidt and Round Lake Area Chamber President Sam Yingling.

Residents are invited to stop by for a tour, Monday-Friday, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm. If you are planning a wedding, personal event or business event please contact the Center at (847) 201-9032 for rental information and a tour.



Polling Place Changes

Several polling places have changed. They are:

026 – Round Lake Beach Cultural & Civic Center
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033 – Calvary Presbyterian Church,
510 N. Cedar Lake Rd., Round Lake

For more information, please contact the
County Clerk's Office at (847) 377-2314.

From the Mayor

Excess TIF funds returned to taxing bodies



Richard H. Hill
Mayor

Round Lake Beach celebrates 70 Years of Progress in 2007. This is a remarkable time for us all. A decade ago we were over a million dollars

in the hole and now we have a Moody's rating of 2A and a fund balance able to carry us through any hard economic times that may arise. The Board of Trustees and staff have worked very hard to achieve this and should be congratulated.

Each year we 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. The TIF is in place to invest excess funds from TIF 1 into installing new water mains, curb and gutter, rebuilding roads and repairing the sewers. This has been a renaissance of sorts for the area. This year we are returning \$1,479,263.64 of which about 65% (\$960,000) goes to the school districts. Working together is a win-win for everyone!

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(847) 270-9111
Police Records
(847) 546-2127
Public Works
(847) 546-8752
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(847) 546-2351
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(800) 892-0123
Waste Management
(800) 796-9696
email:
inquiries@rlbeach.org.

Welcome to the new finance director

Patrice Sutton Burger has been named finance director. She worked in the public sector as a consultant or government employee for 12 years, most recently for the City of Highland Park and the Government Finance Officers Association. She has a

Bachelor's degree in Economics and Urban Studies from Northwestern University and a Masters of Public Policy degree from the University of Chicago. She and her husband along with their son have lived in Round Lake Beach since 1999.

Recycling Guidelines

What goes into the recycling bin?

Listed below are all the items that can be placed in your recycling bin. Recycle. . . it's easy and the entire Village benefits from it.

Paper

- ✓ newspapers
- ✓ magazines
- ✓ phonebooks
- ✓ cereal and other chipboard boxes
- ✓ corrugated cardboard (cut to 2' x 2')
- ✓ junk mail

Plastic

- ✓ plastic bottles or containers number 1-5

Glass

- ✓ jars and bottles

Aluminum

- ✓ cans
- ✓ carryout containers





News you can use

Ditches and culverts

Too much rain can cause flooding. Please make sure your ditch line is cleared of all winter debris. This will help with water drainage.

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.

Moving?

If you are moving in the near future, please contact Public Works three weeks prior to your move, so a final meter inspection can be scheduled.

Yard waste pickup

Waste Management will begin picking up yard waste on Monday, April 16. Subscription services cost \$61.50 for up to six 32-gallon cans or six yard waste brown bags per week. Bags or cans cannot exceed 50

lbs. each. For occasional pickup, the cost is \$1.79 per sticker. Stickers can be purchased at the Village Hall, Ace Hardware, Jewel and Dominick's.

SWALCO

Find out about upcoming SWALCO collection events by going to www.swalco.org or by calling (847) 336-9340.

Systematic Inspection meetings

If you live in the area between Lake north to Clarendon and from East End to Hainesville Rd., plan to attend a Systematic Inspection Program meeting. The meetings will be held on Thursday, March 29, at 3:00 and 6:00 pm in the Community Room of the Village Hall. If you have questions, please call Phil Senn at (847) 546-2351.

SALT meeting

The Seniors and Law Enforcement Together (SALT) will present a free program featuring DUI procedures and evidence gathering at their next meeting, March 9. The meetings are held at 10:00 am on the second Friday of each month in the Round Lake Beach police station. Refreshments are provided by the police department.

Spring ahead



Daylight Savings time begins early this year. Don't forget to turn your clock ahead one hour after midnight on Saturday,

March 10, or Sunday, March 11.

Meeting Schedule

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

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

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

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

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

What do those sirens mean?

You hear them on the first Tuesday of every month as they are tested, but do you know what the siren sounds mean?

A long steady siren lasting three to five minutes means the National Weather Service has issued a tornado watch and the Round Lake area could be in the path of a storm. Residents should tune to a Weather Service radio or TV and prepare to take cover.

Please do not call 911 when the siren sounds during stormy weather.

The second siren sound is an oscillating or up and down sound lasting three to five minutes. This 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.

There is no "all-clear" siren. Residents should use the radio to determine if the warning is over.

Sirens have solar backups enabling them to function without electricity.

Community Events and Activities

Scholarships available

Three \$2,000 college scholarships are available for high school seniors who reside in Round Lake Beach and are graduating in 2007. Additional scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$2,000 also are available through the Round Lake Area Chamber of Commerce. Applications are available through the Chamber of Commerce or from high school counselors. Deadline is April 9. Call (847) 546-2002 for more information.

Tax preparation help

To promote the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), Lt. Governor Quinn's office is sponsoring tax preparation sites. EITC is a

From the Police Department

Dark areas with flat surfaces favorite spot for graffiti

To reduce the risk of being targeted by a graffiti artist, make sure your property is well lit. This can be done using motion detecting lights placed in the right spot, especially areas not visible to roads (fence, back of garage, etc.).

Graffiti criminals also use flat surfaces like the side of a garage or solid planked fences. If you are thinking about changing your fence this spring, you may want to consider fences with gaps. It is more difficult to spray paint a symbol or word on and it deters gang graffiti.

If you find graffiti on your property, please contact the

refundable tax credit providing relief to working poor families and individuals. The services are provided free to families with incomes less than \$40,000 and to individuals with incomes under \$15,000.

For a list of all locations offering free tax assistance, visit www.standingupforillinois.org.

Pool and golf passes

Save money by purchasing your pool or golf passes early. The Round Lake Area Park District offers area residents the opportunity to save 10% on pool and Renwood Golf Course passes if they are purchased by March 31. Go to www.rlapd.org for more information.

Police at (847) 270-9111 to report it. The police will file a criminal report for prosecution purposes. After you notify the police, be sure to remove the graffiti as soon as possible to prevent more graffiti from being added.

The police are investigating these crimes and have made multiple arrests on graffiti criminals. Be sure to report any suspicious activity or persons you see to the police. For more information regarding graffiti prevention, contact Ofc. Paul Grace in the Crime Prevention Unit at (847) 546-2127 Ext:106.

Improv Playhouse Camp

Be on the lookout for the Improv Playhouse "High School Musical" Theater and Drama Day Camp held this Summer at the Round Lake Beach Cultural and Civic Center. Times will be 9:00 am -3:00 pm with pre and post camp care for 5th through entering 9th grades. Dates TBA. Call Improv Playhouse at (847) 968-4529 or check out their website at improvplayhouse.com for more information.

Village Officials



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