



Bulletin

Civic Center construction set to begin

Construction of the new 18,000 to 20,000 square-foot Civic Center is scheduled to begin soon. Groundbreaking was held on March 28. Plans call for the Center to be open in spring 2006.

The new facility will be located west of the Metra train station on Hook Drive. It will be part of the Village's Municipal Complex which includes the Village Hall, the Police Station, the Post Office and the Round Lake Area Park District's Sports Complex. It will house a banquet facility with 250-300 person capacity. Also the Civic Center will be the home

of the Round Lake Area Chamber of Commerce and the Improv Playhouse theatre group. The facility will have an indoor theatre and an outdoor performance area.

"The facility is being constructed for our residents and businesses for personal gatherings, seminars, weddings, trade shows and fine arts," said Mayor Richard Hill. "Hook Lake is a great recreational area, and the addition of a civic



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center will expand the opportunities in our community."

Funding for the facility was obtained through refinancing of the debt

service on the Police Station. Twenty-year bonds were issued and Mayor Hill added, "No additional tax money was used."

Starbucks comes to the Beach

Craving a cup of coffee? Not just any coffee, but Starbucks? Well, before too long area residents will be able to enjoy Starbucks in their own neighborhood.

Starbucks will be opening a coffeehouse at 380 East Rollins Road, the current Flowerama location. The site will include the coffeehouse, an outdoor patio and a drive-through window.

Construction will begin in late spring or early summer with a targeted

opening of August. The entrance will be moved to the west side of the building.

Hours of operation will be 5:30 am to 9:00 pm Sunday through Thursday and up to 10:00 pm on Friday and Saturday. Hours may change to accommodate special events and Regal Cinema.

Flowerama will be relocating to another location in Round Lake Beach.

Upcoming events

Friday, May 13: Kauffman Cup

Police and fire personnel in a basketball game at the Round Lake High School gym, 6:30 pm.

Saturday, June 4: Take a Kid Fishing

Fishing derby at the Round Lake Beach lakefront for children up to age 12, 9:00 am to noon. Register at the Round Lake Beach Police Station.

News from the Mayor



Richard H. Hill
Mayor

Staff

Village Administrator
David Kilbane

Police Chief
Douglas R. Larsson

Public Works Director
Curt Cashman

Economic Development
Director
Tony Fradin

Finance Director
Julian McDonough

Meeting Schedule

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

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

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

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

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

Thanks to departing trustee and welcome to new one

This month we say goodbye to Trustee Michelle Daye and thank her for her four years of service to the residents of Round Lake Beach. Michelle and her family are moving out of state so she did not run for re-election. Michelle brought a savvy political sense to the board and her contacts allowed us to expedite projects or solutions to problems.

And a hearty welcome to our newest Trustee, Judy Armstrong. Many of you know Judy from her years of involvement in school issues. Judy's positive attitude and high energy will be an asset to the Village

Board and our residents. She is very articulate and interacts professionally with others.

The other re-elected officials are Village Clerk Sylvia Valadez and Trustees Jerry Mattingly and Larry Mount. They complete a team that is working for all the residents of Round Lake Beach.

On the personal side, I would like to thank all the candidates in our local election for getting involved. A community is measured by the involvement of its residents. It's gratifying to see so many people involved in various capacities in the community.

Round Lake Beach is organizing its 2nd annual Beach Fest. It will be held on Friday, July 8th and Saturday, July 9th. If you would like to volunteer for the event, please leave a message with the Deputy Clerk at (847) 546-2351 and someone from the committee will contact you. It's going to be a great time!

Congratulations

Margaret Sparr passed her ICC Residential Building Inspector exam and John Komorowski passed his ICC Residential Plumbing Inspector exam. The Village is proud of its professional staff.

Phone numbers

Village Hall
(847) 546-2351

Police, fire, rescue
emergency
9-1-1

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)
(800) 892-0123

Waste Management
(847) 395-2020

email:
inquiries@rlbeach.org.

SIP discount on painting supplies

Round Lake Beach residents who participate in the Systematic Inspection Program may be eligible for a 10 percent discount on painting supplies for repairs.

Here's how it works:

After the systematic inspection has been made and an order to remedy has been issued, homeowners must bring the order into the Village Hall for a voucher. The voucher entitles the homeowner

to 10 percent off paint supplies, brushes, sand paper and painting tools from Ace Hardware in Round Lake Beach and Round Lake, Super K-Mart and Sears Hardware.

The discount offer is good from April 1 –October 31. For more information, please call (847) 546-2351 ext. 353.





For your information

Building permits

Just a reminder, building permits are required for most home projects. Some of these include additions, heating and air conditioning changes, driveways, new construction, decks/patios, roofing, plumbing, demolition, electrical, siding, fences and swimming pools. Download a Building Permit from the Economic Development department's section of the Village web site (www.villageofroundlakebeach.com). Building permits ensure that your project is executed according to the Village's building codes which are in place to protect property owners and property values.

Free wood chips

During the spring and summer, the Public Works staff trims trees to improve visibility at intersections and around

village signs. These branches are chipped and are available to Round Lake Beach residents as mulch. Chips are located on the east side of the Public Works building, 911 Lotus Drive. Please bring your own shovel and containers.

Temporary signs

Temporary signs are not to be placed on the public right-of-way. Garage sale signs are allowed for four days. Please call the Economic Development department at (847) 546-2351 with any questions.

Mosquito spraying

If it's summer it must be time for mosquitos. The Village of Round Lake Beach has contracted with Clarke Environmental Mosquito Management to begin larvae control in May. Spraying for adult mosquitos begins when the weather conditions and the presence of

mosquitos merit it. You can do your part to control mosquitos by draining any receptacles of standing water.

Harris Bank meeting

Harris Bank will be holding a seminar on Wednesday, May 25, geared to first-time home buyers. The seminar

entitled "No Down Payment" outlines how potential homeowners may purchase a home without a down payment using a Harris Mortgage. The seminar will be held at the Village Hall from 7:00-9:00 pm. For more information, please call Cindy Sigurdsson at (847) 421-2398.

Neighborhood seminars cover many topics

The Economic Development department is offering a wide range of informational seminars for Round Lake Beach residents at the Village Hall. They include:

A Safe Place

Wednesday, May 18, 7:00-9:00 pm
Sharon Larson, education coordinator, will give an overview of A Safe Place's services.

Lake County Housing Authority

Thursday, June 23, 7:00-9:00 pm
Helena Walls, housing coordinator, will present an overview of Lake County Housing Authority services including reverse mortgages, and first-time home buyer counseling.

Habitat for Humanity

Thursday, July 28, 7:00-9:00 pm
Julian Donovan, executive director, will present an overview of services offered by Habitat for Humanity such as how to be eligible for a Habitat home.

Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

Thursday, August 25, 7:00-9:00 pm
Lucy Rios, president, and Mallely Kaplan, vice chair, will present an overview of the Chamber's services including networking, membership and scholarships.

Catholic Charities

September 29, 7:00-9:00 pm
David Klingerman will present an overview of the services offered by Catholic Charities including adoption and foster care.



The Building Department begins operating under summer hours from May 1 through September 24. This means residents may pick up or drop off building permits on Saturdays from 9:00 am to noon as well as

Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. Residential building inspections may be scheduled for Saturdays as well by appointment only.

To schedule a Saturday appointment, please call (847) 546-2351.

Police officers honored for outstanding service

Four police officers were honored recently for their outstanding service. They include Jeffrey Ehlers, America Jones, Sandy Molidor and Gary Lunn.

Officer Ehlers was named Officer of the Year. "He shows diligence, a high work ethic and a savvy usually seen only in veteran police officers," said Chief Doug Larsson. "Officer Ehlers demonstrates a strong ability to identify and solve problems."

Community Service Officer America Jones was named Civilian Employee of the Year.

"CSO Jones has demonstrated an ability to complete her work at a level beyond what is required or requested

while portraying diligence and a high work ethic," said Chief Larsson. "She has acted as a language translator while on and off-duty without reservation."

Officer Sandy Molidor earned the department's Community Policing Award for her superior service to the community. She has been involved in a wide range of community programs including National Night Out, Reach One Program, School Crossing Guards, Block Parties, P.D. Community Birthday Parties, Shop With a Cop, BEST and Character Counts.

"Officer Molidor spends countless hours on and off duty improving the lives of residents," said Chief Larsson.



Mayor Rich Hill (left) and Chief Doug Larsson (right) congratulate outstanding officers. From left to right, they are Detective Gary Lunn, Officer Sandy Molidor, CSO America Jones and Officer Jeffrey Ehlers.

Also recognized was Detective Gary Lunn for his work solving a series of burglaries in the village. Through a month-long

investigation, Det. Lunn solved a series of burglaries and over \$14,000 worth of stolen goods was recovered.

Community Activities and Events

Perennial exchange

The Prairie Grass Garden Club will be holding its annual perennial exchange on Saturday, May 14, from 9:30-11:30 am at the Nature Museum on Hart Road.

Greater Round Lake Fire Protection District at (847) 546-6001.

Summer Camp

A wide range of exciting summer camp options is being planned at the Round Lake Area Park District. Many specialty camps will be held at the new Sports Complex on Municipal Way (behind the Post Office). A brochure outlining all of the camps offered by the Park District has been sent to area residents.

If you did not receive a brochure, please stop in the Community Center on Hart Road, call (847) 546-8558 or check out www.rlapd.org for more details.

Memorial Day parade

The Round Lake Area's annual Memorial Day parade is scheduled for Monday, May 30, at 10:00 am. The parade begins at the intersection of Greenwood Drive and Route 134 in Round Lake Park, continues west to Cedar Lake Road, then north to Clarendon Drive.

Anyone who would like to participate may contact Paula Rohrs at the

Village Officials

Mayor
Richard H. Hill



Village Clerk
Sylvia Valadez



Jerry Mattingly
(senior trustee)



Gina Miosi



Trustees

Judy Armstrong



Larry Mount



Susan Butler



Tom Smith

