

Beach Bulletin

Village of Round Lake Beach

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Round Lake Beach Receives Governor's Hometown Award



Members of the 75th Anniversary Committee are presented with the Governor's Hometown Award Sign.

The Governor's Hometown Award recognizes individuals for their work to improve their communities through volunteerism. The Village of Round Lake Beach received this nomination for History and Historic preservation, because of the efforts and planning that went into the Village's 75th Anniversary Celebrations during 2012.

The Village Board and the Committee set a goal of celebrating one event a month during 2012 with additional activities. They wanted every resident of every age to be touched by at least one event. The goal throughout the year was to strengthen the sense of community through these events.

Round Lake Beach Mayor Hill said, "We are receiving this award because of the strong commitment and time given by the committee chairs, committee members and our residents and the

hours they volunteered." For the 75th Anniversary the Village of Round Lake Beach involved a total of 435 volunteers for a total of 6,000 volunteer hours. It is estimated that over 8,600 people were impacted with this yearlong project.

75th Anniversary Committee members attended the December 9, 2013 Village Council meeting to have the sign and plaque presented to them by Mayor Hill. The Committee members include: Co - Chairs Judy Armstrong and Trustee Larry Mount; Mayor Rich Hill, Tim Pasternak, Linette Benes, Annmarie Pryde, Cheryl Hall, Ed Fuhrmann, James Dorset, Joe Prindle, Karla Schneider, Lee Benedict, Margie Cleveland, Mike Gerharz, Steve Hall, Tammy Whaley, Tom Kristof and Lisa Johnson.

If you are interested in volunteering for the Village of Round Lake Beach please do call (847) 546-2351 and ask for Dave Kilbane, Village Administrator.

**Village Hall
Closed
February 17
Presidents
Day**

**Hand-held
phone use
prohibited in
Illinois after
January 1**

**Village High
School
Scholarship
Deadline
February 13**
See details on
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From the Mayor

Rollins Road Gateway Project Continues

Happy New Year Round Lake Beach! 2013 was a little better year for our community, our state and our country. The Village Board's conservative budgeting approach over the last 10 years has served the village well in weathering this recent economic downturn. Perhaps 2014 will be the comeback year (finally!).

The Village Board has not raised the tax levy for the village in the last 3 years. With the increased costs of the pensions, union contracts and general expenses, we will be raising the levy 1.7%

which is the amount allowed under the tax cap for non-home rule communities. As a home rule community we are not limited in the amount we could raise the levy. We will maintain all vital services and review everything the village does to insure it is high quality at the lowest price possible. We go through this same exercise each year as we prepare the budget.

The County continues the reconstruction of the Rollins Road and Route 83 intersection to create an underpass. They have worked hard to make it the best possible with the least

inter-ruption of traffic and the least impact on the businesses.

They are doing a grade separation for the train tracks by lowering both Rollins Road and Route 83 to run beneath the tracks in 2014. This project is long overdue and will be a great benefit to our residents when it is complete.

Three of the four corners have retail businesses and several have vacancies. In



Richard H. Hill
Mayor

this struggling economy, while hopeful, I am doubtful that many businesses will go into the vacant spaces until after the construction is complete. The Village is committed to working with the County and Business community throughout the duration of this project, but fully recognizes the fact that road construction of this magnitude can reduce a business's sales 25-50%. Please visit these businesses often and keep them healthy during the construction.

To keep up to date on this project, visit the web site: www.RollinsRoadGateway.com.

From the Round Lake Beach Police Department

Prepare your Family

The hardest part of preparing your family for a disaster may be talking to your children about it. Kids need two things when talking about disaster: understandable information and realistic reassurance. Treat talking about disaster with your children the same way you would any other difficult subject. As they get older and more independent they will need, and be able to understand, more information.

Knowing what to do in a disaster can help many children (and adults) cope with anxiety about the

unknown. Here are a couple of things to do with your family now:

- Designate a contact person outside your area and make sure all family members have the number.
- Program "In Case of Emergency" numbers into all cell phones.
- Have a car charger for your cell phone for extended power outages.
- Designate an evacuation reunion site and make sure family members know where it is.

Shop with a Cop Another Successful Year!

Once again, Shop with a Cop was a great success. Many children were able to shop for Holiday presents and winter wear for themselves and their families.



Without the generous support of the residents in our community, this program could not have happened. Thank you to all the individuals and businesses that donated.

The Staff

Village Administrator
David Kilbane
Police Chief
Gary Bitler
Finance Director
Brian Gosnell
Public Works Director
Gary Gramhofer
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 - 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 street. 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.

Proper Disposal of Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG)

The first line of defense and the easiest way to solve the FOG buildup problem in our community and help prevent sewerage overflows is by keeping this material out of the sewer system. Here are a few tips;

- ✓ Never pour grease down sink drains or into toilets.
- ✓ Scrape grease and food scraps from trays, plates, pots, pans, utensils, and grills and cooking surfaces into a can or the trash for disposal.
- ✓ Pour fats, oils and grease into a container such as an empty jar or coffee can. Once the materials have cooled and solidified and the container is full, secure the lid and place it in the trash.
- ✓ Don't put grease down garbage disposals, put baskets/strainers in sink drains to catch food scraps and other solids, and empty the drain baskets/strainers into the trash for disposal.
- ✓ Communicate with your friends and neighbors about the problem of grease in your sewer system and how to keep it out.

Village of Round Lake Beach High School Scholarship Program

The Village awards \$2,000 scholarships to three high school seniors who are residents of Round Lake Beach.

Forms are available at the Village Hall and on the website.

The due date is February 13 @ 4 :00 pm.

Meter Inspection before Moving

Three weeks prior to moving, a final meter inspection must be done by the Public Works Department. An occupancy permit inspection can then be scheduled. Please call the Public Works Department at (847) 546-8752 with any questions.

Electronic Recycling

Electronics may be dropped off at any time at the Public Works Facility. Please leave items at the area indicated at the east side of the building.

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

No meeting February 17, 2014

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
Village 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. Check out the Center now for your 2014 & 2015 rental events!

Workshops in the Center

Try something new with a workshop format. Workshops are for beginners and those with experience. No long term commitment, low cost and always fun! Registration is required and there are deadlines so please check out the website or contact the Center.

Basketmaking with Mary

A different basket project each month - so fun!

January 21: Bread Basket

February 18: Napkin Holder Basket

"Lets Quilt Together"

Workshop Series with Priscilla

Create basic projects in class and complete as needed at home.

January 26: Table Mat

January 30: Lap Quilt

February 11: Decorative Wall Hanging

Oil Painting Monthly Workshops

Create a painting each month with Cathe Ladner

Wednesdays 6:00-8:30 pm

One Stroke Painting Workshops

Only \$5 each workshop!

January 22 & February 26

6:30-8:00 pm

An easy method of painting simple and decorative objects. You will surprise yourself!

Free Community Events

President Theodore Roosevelt

Monday, February 17

11:30 am

A Meet & Greet with one of our most fascinating Presidents! Learn interesting facts and ask your questions. You are welcome to bring your lunch to enjoy during this program too.

Registration is requested by calling (847) 201-9032.

African Hand Drum Circle Friday, February 28

A relaxing and fun evening for all ages! Helen Bond will lead those who have never touched a drum and those who have experience. Drums and instruments available. Come and join in or just watch and enjoy.

North Suburban Youth Jazz Auditions

For 6-8th grade instrumentalist on

Monday evenings

Auditions are February 10

Matt Picket - Director

This new jazz band experience will enrich students participation in their own music programs with like-minded students from surrounding schools. Contact the Center for details.

Community Events in the Center

Penny Posh Resale in the Center: January 25-26

Round Lake Area Chamber of Commerce Installation Event: February 7

Lake County Rising Event: February 14

Round Lake Area Community Band Dinner and Dance: February 15

Mark your new calendar for BeachFest 2014!

June 19-22



Village Officials



Mayor
Richard H. Hill



Clerk
Margie Cleveland

Trustees



Jerry Mattingly
(senior trustee)



Larry Mount



Sue Butler



Sylvia Valadez



Tom Smith



Chuck Husk