

Beach Bulletin

Village of Round Lake Beach

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**Check out all
the Holiday
Events on Pages
1 & 4!**

**Village Hall
Closed**

November 29
December 24 & 25
January 1

**For updates on
The
Rollins Road
Project**

please visit
rollinsroadgateway.
com

New Website Design for the Village

By December, residents will be able to enjoy using the newly designed Village website. The layout of this new site will make it easier to find information faster, and the look of the site will be very inviting to current and new residents alike.

We do encourage everyone to visit the new site to view a short video on Round Lake Beach that was created cooperatively with Oak Hill Supportive Living Community. We also encourage feedback on the new website and any suggestions of information that may need to be added to the site.

Do visit www.villageofroundlakebeach.org for the latest, up-to-date information on the Village of Round Lake Beach.

Annual Tree Lighting - A Village Tradition!

Friday, November 29
The day after Thanksgiving

6:15pm-Santa arrives by firetruck
6:30 pm - Village Tree Lighting



Everyone is invited to bring an item for the food pantry. The first 150 families at the Center 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. Then join us at the Cultural & Civic Center for holiday music provided by the Round Lake High School Choir, treats, Children's Craft Room, Holiday Storytime Corner and your own photos with Santa & Mrs. Claus by the fireplace.

Holiday Home Decorating Contest

Light Up the Holidays in Round Lake Beach

Committee Chair, Trustee Jerry Mattingly invites residents to join in the annual Holiday Home Decorating Contest. Judging runs from December 1-21. Registration is not necessary, but you may nominate your home or another by contacting the Center at (847) 201-9032 or rlbeachcenter@rlbeach.org. Awards will be presented at a January Village Board meeting.

From the Mayor

Northwest Regional Excess Flow Facilities Project

The Northwest Regional Sanitary Sewer System provides sanitary sewer service to the communities of Fox Lake, Lakes Region Sanitary District, Lake Villa, Round Lake, Round Lake Beach, Round Lake Heights, Round Lake Park, parts of Hainesville, Harbor Ridge (Utilities, Inc.) and portions of unincorporated Lake County. During periods of heavy rainfall, the sewer system is overburdened and improvements are necessary to increase

capacity to prevent unauthorized discharges and basement backups. The county, along with this group of communities, has studied the issue for several years and together have developed a cost effective solution that will increase the capacity of the system, and allow facilities to meet Illinois EPA regulations, even during periods of heavy rainfall.

The most cost effective solution has been identified as upgrading and increasing the capacity of an Excess Flow

Facility located in Round Lake Beach. These improvements will benefit all users of the system and include landscape, fencing, and other site enhancements.

The cost will be approximately \$7.1 million, of which \$2 million will come from County funds. The remaining \$5.1 million will be funded via a bond issuance or by an Illinois EPA low interest loan. The cost to each individual residential customer equivalent will be \$1.50 per month over the next 20 years if an IEPA loan is secured, or 30 years if a general bond issuance is required. This will appear as an **Excess Flow Surcharge** on your sanitary sewer bill beginning in January 2014.

Construction is estimated

to begin in March 2014 and conclude in March 2015.

For additional information visit the Lake County website. There is a link to this site on the homepage of the Round Lake Beach website.

The Lake County site has a video describing the project and details including:

- Northwest Regional Facility Plan Study
- Excess Flow Facilities Map
- Project Schedule
- Lake County Customer Information Letter
- Proposed Landscape Improvements
- Landscape and Fencing Diagram

For additional information, contact the Village at (847) 546-2351.

Winter Storm Awareness

Here are some tips on what to do if a blizzard traps you in your car:

- ✓ Turn on hazard lights and hang a distress flag from the radio antenna or window
- ✓ Remain in your vehicle where rescuers are most likely to find you.
- ✓ Do not set out on foot unless you can see a building close by where you know you can take shelter.
- ✓ Run the engine and heater about 10 minutes each hour to keep warm. When the engine is running, open a downwind window slightly for ventilation and periodically clear snow from the exhaust pipe to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning.
- ✓ Be careful not to waste battery power. Balance electrical energy needs - the use of lights, heat, and radio - with supply.
- ✓ Turn on the inside light at night so work crews or rescuers can see you.
- ✓ Leave the car and proceed on foot - if necessary - once the blizzard passes.

For more information please see <http://www.ready.gov/winter-weather>.

From the Round Lake Beach Police Department

Shop with a Cop Donations

The Annual Shop with a Cop event is a wonderful community program that allows local children in need to go holiday shopping with a police officer. The goal is to raise over \$5,000 between now and Thanksgiving.

If you can, please send any 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 and

send it to the Village at 1937 Municipal Way. Your donation will go DIRECTLY to gifts, no salaries or administrative costs are paid with your donation.

The Staff

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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 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.

Basketball Backboards

Basketball backboards placed on the right of way create a problem for the snowplow drivers. During the snow removal operations please remove backboards as soon as possible and any items you may have in the right a way that would cause a problem for the snow plows.

Yard Waste Pickup

Yard Waste will be collected until November 30; stickers are still \$2.50 each. From October 21- November 29, you will be able to purchase stickers for leaf pickup for only \$1.20 each. They can be purchased at the same locations as your regular yard waste sticker.

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.

Christmas Tree Recycling

Waste Management will be picking up Christmas trees (free of charge) during the first two weeks of January 2014. Please make sure they are curbside and the trunk of the tree is facing the road. The tree must be stripped of all lights, ornaments and garland.



Do not put the tree in a plastic bag; plastic bags are not biodegradable.

B.E.S.T. Community Grants

B.E.S.T. (Bringing Everyone’s Strengths Together) is a Round Lake Area community coalition. They are offering Community Empowerment Grants that are designed as mini-grants for community groups, student groups, non-profit organizations or individuals who have a sustainable project or program that enriches the lives of youth, families and the community and incorporates the six pillars of Character Counts: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, Citizenship. For more information and the application, please email roundlakeareabest@gmail.com or call Shirley Christian at (847) 339-9059.

Village Meeting Schedule

Second and fourth Mondays of the month
7:00 pm - Council Meetings

No meeting on December 23

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

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.

The Center is the perfect place to host your family, organization or business event of any size! There are a few dates left in 2013 and 2014 is filling up quickly!

So do call today to discuss your event details with a friendly, helpful staff!

Events in the Center

Community Events for All Ages

Lake County Genealogy

Workshops & Expo

Saturday, November 9

Benkadi African Hand Drum Concert

Saturday, November 9

District 116

Young Artist Exhibition in the Center

Opening Night

November 19 6:00-8:00 pm

All Welcome - Free

African Hand Drum Circle

Friday, November 15

6:30-8:00 pm Free

Annual Holiday Events in the Center

Cultural & Civic Center Foundation Wine Tasting and Radio Drama

Saturday, December 7 5:30-8:30 pm

The Center Foundation invites you to this Fifth Annual Holiday Event. Wonderful wine and beer tasting with delicious appetizers and sweets.

Then at 7:30 pm enjoy "Miracle on 34th Street" as a radio drama. For details contact the Center. This is a great holiday night out with the neighbors and friends or for small business gatherings.

Illinois Brass Band Annual Holiday Concert

Sunday, December 8 3:00 pm

Enjoy the beautiful sounds of this 30 piece brass band in the Gathering Lobby of the Center. Wonderful event for all ages! Call or stop by the Center to reserve your space. Tickets available at the door.

One Stroke Painting Workshop for Seasonal Gifts

Tuesday, December 3 6:30-8:00 pm
Only \$5

Learn to quickly paint simple seasonal and winter elements to decorate cards, aprons, flower pots, frames and more!

You can learn at the class and create at home or bring some items to decorate that evening, and there will be some items for sale to decorate also. Great gift ideas! Maximum class size so register today.

Supper with Santa

December 5 4:00-8:00 pm

A spaghetti dinner hosted by the Round Lake Area Chamber of Commerce in the Center. This exciting event for families features a visit and photos with Santa and his real Reindeer, Annual Craft Fair, children's crafts, games, raffles and more! Fee is \$6 for adults, \$4 for children under 12 & seniors. Proceeds benefit the Chamber Scholarship Program.



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