

Beach Bulletin

Village of Round Lake Beach

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**Planning a
wedding,
shower or
party?**
**Contact the
Cultural & Civic
Center @
(847) 201-9032**

Christmas tree recycling

Recycle your Christmas tree by leaving it at the curb on Tuesday, January 5 or Tuesday, January 12. Make sure the tree has been stripped of lights, ornaments and garland. Do not place the tree in a plastic bag.

Village Receives Distinguished Budget Presentation Award

The Village of Round Lake Beach has received the Government Finance Officers Association's (GFOA) Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its FY2009 - 2010 budget. This is the first time that the Village has received this award, a significant achievement.

The award reflects the commitment of the Village Board and staff to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting. In order to receive the award, the Village had to satisfy nationally-recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation in the areas of policy, financial planning, operations, and communications. The GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Awards Program is the only national awards program in governmental budgeting. The budget can be found on the Village website under the Finance Department link.



Finance Director Patrice Sutton Burger (right) receives the GFOA award.

Shop with a Cop needs donations

The Annual Shop with a Cop Program is not far away. Shop With a Cop allows local children to go Holiday shopping with a Police Officer. This unique program meets our community's needs and helps to provide children with positive interactions with the Round Lake Beach Police Dept.

The goal is to raise \$5,000 between now and Thanksgiving. If you can, please send a donation to the Round Lake Beach **Shop with a Cop Program**. This program is tax deductible (IRS 501c3 status), so make your check payable to **RLB Shop With a Cop**. Your donation will go **DIRECTLY** to gifts; no salaries or administrative costs are paid with your donation.

Annual Holiday Tree Lighting - A Village Tradition!

Friday, November 27 - 6:00 pm
6:15 pm - Santa arrives by firetruck
6:30 pm - 45 foot tree lighting

Check out the trees decorated by local school children. Then carol over to the Cultural & Civic Center for holiday music provided by the high school, hot chocolate, crafts and photos with Santa & Mrs. Claus by the fireplace!



From the Mayor

Gary Bitler Appointed Interim Police Chief

I am pleased to announce that Deputy Chief Gary Bitler has been appointed Interim Chief of Police for Round Lake Beach. The Village Board and I recognize the dedication and commitment Interim Chief Bitler has shown to our community over his 30 years of distinguished service.



Interim Police Chief
Gary Bitler

We all sincerely appreciate the fine work that Chief Larsson has done in the past six years for our village. We wish him the greatest success and extend our gratitude for the contributions he has made to Round Lake Beach. We are confident that Interim Chief Bitler will continue to make



Richard H. Hill
Mayor

progress for the village as he works closely with Deputy Chief Chiarello and the entire board and staff.

Please offer your support as we stand behind Interim Chief Bitler in our continued and ongoing forward progress.

From the Clerk - Margie Cleveland

Census important to the future

The 2010 census is a count of everyone living in the United States and is mandated by the U.S. Constitution. Census data is used to distribute Congressional seats to states, and to distribute more than \$400 billion in federal funds to local, state and tribal governments each year, along with making decisions about what community services to provide.

The 2010 Census questionnaire will be one of the shortest in history, consisting of only 10 questions and taking only about 10 minutes to complete. Strict confidentiality laws protect the privacy of respondents and the information they provide.

Our Village has formed a "Complete Count Committee" in partnership with the US Census Bureau.

United States
Census
2010



IT'S IN OUR HANDS

In the coming months, this committee will be reaching out to residents in an effort to raise awareness to the importance of every household accurately completing their census information. We will also be offering assistance to both the Bureau and our residents so that our community can achieve a complete and accurate count in the 2010 census.

The census questionnaires will be mailed to households via U.S. mail in

March 2010; replacement questionnaires may be received in early April 2010. Census workers will also visit households that do not return questionnaires. Census day is April 1, 2010 and all questionnaire responses should reflect the household as it exists as of that day.

For more information visit <http://www.census.gov/2010census>

Questions? Email us at: census2010@rlbeach.org, or call us at (847) 740-6026 extension 210.

New Businesses in Round Lake Beach

Super Wal Mart

**Woodforest
National Bank**
(in Wal Mart)

Sprint
(in Silver Oaks Center)

Local Food Pantries

Avon Township Food Pantry

433 E. Washington
Round Lake Park
(847) 546-1446

PLAN (People Lending Assistance Network)

Food, clothing, life skills
and job assistance

Monday-Friday
(847) 302-9904
www.afreeplan.com

The Staff

Village Administrator
David Kilbane

Interim Police Chief
Gary Bitler

Finance Director
Patrice Sutton Burger

Public Works Director
Keith Neitzke

Economic Dev. Director
Jon Wildenberg

From the Department of Public Works

Basketball backboards

Basketball backboards placed in the right of way create a problem for the snowplow drivers during the snow removal operations. Please remove backboards as soon as possible

Mailboxes

Mail boxes located too close to the roadway must be relocated to meet postal regulations. The face of the mailbox (not the face of the post) must be no more than 6 to 9 inches from the edge of the pavement or curb, height of mailbox must be 42 to 46 inches from road surface. Address must be on front door of the mailbox or on the visible side of the mailbox where the mail carrier can see it. Please be sure your mailbox is securely fastened to the post so snow mounds do not dislodge the mailbox.

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 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 streets. 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.

Yard Waste Pickup

Yard waste will be collected until December 15. If you need more assistance, please contact Waste Management at (800) 796-9696.

Water is a precious resource

You can help conserve water and reduce your water bill by monitoring your average daily usage and setting a goal to reduce your consumption. This can be done by reading your inside meter daily and comparing your usage to what is reported to be the average usage per person of 70 gallons a day. If your usage is well above average, it is recommended you check for leaks. Did you know that a leak, even a drip, can add about 25 gallons a day to your usage? If you have any questions in regards to your usage, please call the Village Hall at (847) 546-2351.

Holiday Home Decorating Contest

Committee Chair, Trustee Jerry Mattingly invites residents to join in the annual Holiday Home Decorating Contest. Judging begins on December 1 and is completed on December 19. Registration is not necessary, but you may nominate your home or another by contacting Monica at (847) 201-9032 or mmarr@rlbeach.org. Awards will be presented at a January Village Board Meeting.

Last recycling event for 2009

The last electronic recycling collection event for 2009 at the Round Lake Beach Public Works Building is **December 17**, from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. For more information go to www.swalco.org.

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
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
J.U.L.I.E. (before you dig)	811
Waste Management	(800) 796-9696
SWALCO	www.swalco.org
Email	inquiries@rlbeach.org

From the Center

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

Express Yourself @ the Center

Free Community Program

Enjoy a free night out of the house @ the Center!

One Stroke Painting Workshops

Wednesdays 6:30-8:00 pm
November 25 & December 23

Learn one stroke acrylic painting techniques and embellish your scrapbook pages, picture frames, flower pots, cards, walls & more!

A new design or stroke will be taught each month. Supplies included. Registration required. Contact the Center at (847) 201-9032.

Oil Painting with Cathe

Beginning and intermediate oil painting. You will paint a complete picture each session. Samples on display at the Center.

Wednesdays 6:00-8:30 pm \$50 per session
November 4-18 December 2-16

Decorated Plate Project

Personalized Family Snowman Plate
One Stroke Painting - learn some simple techniques to create a family of snowmen with names on a charger plate. Great gift or decoration!

Saturday, December 5 1:00-4:00 pm \$25

Cooking Workshops

Join Chef Leslie in an interactive demo class that is fun and tastes great! Classes are held in the Center's kitchen on Tuesdays, from 7:00-9:00 pm. Call (847) 201-9032 for details or registration form.

All new recipes!

November 10: Cooking for Thanksgiving	December 1: Holiday appetizers & hors d'oeuvres!
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Look for our Couples Cooking Date Night in February!

African Hand Drum Introductory Class

Wednesdays 7:00-8:00 pm

November 11-December 9

\$60 per session (only \$15 per class)

Try something different and relaxing for yourself!

Enjoy Yourself @ the Center

Performing Arts in the Center

Contact the Center for tickets & info.

"It's a Wonderful Life"

Radio Drama
Don't miss this professional production of this traditional show in an old fashion radio studio!
December 11 @ 7:30 pm
December 12 @ 2 and 7 pm
December 13 @ 2 pm
\$12 adults, \$8 children, senior and military

The Secret Garden

Presented by Improv Playhouse Young Actors Workshop
November 13 @ 7:00 pm
November 14 @ 7 pm
November 15 @ 2 pm
\$10 adults, \$7 children, senior & military

The Sound of Music

Presented by Improv Playhouse Showstoppers
December 4 @ 7 pm
December 5 @ 2 and 7 pm
December 6 @ 6:30 pm
\$12 adults, \$8 children, senior and military



Village Officials



Mayor
Richard H. Hill



Clerk
Margie Cleveland

Trustees



Jerry Mattingly
(senior trustee)



Larry Mount



Sue Butler



Judy Armstrong



Sylvia Valadez



Tom Smith

Supper with Santa

A Spaghetti dinner hosted by the Round Lake Area Chamber features a visit with Santa, children's crafts, games, raffles, a Craft Fair and more.

December 3, from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm
at the Round Lake Beach Cultural & Civic Center.
Adults \$6, children and seniors \$4

For tickets, please call Shanna at (847) 546-2002. Proceeds benefit the Round Lake Area Chamber of Commerce high school **scholarship fund**.