

News from The Buccaneer "Buzz"

What happens at the school during Christmas break?

By Gavin Farstveet

When Christmas break rolls around the whole school body is excited. But what happens during a break at Beach schools? Not everyone

gets time off.

The custodians keep the school clean, as well as complete some deep cleaning during break.

Beach High School custodians are Ward Remilong and Julian Fernandez. They do much unseen work to keep the school clean, looking good and running smoothly.

During the break, the custodians' days of work depend on the weather. If it snows, they spend time plowing the parking lot and clearing entryways. This makes it safer for everyone.

Their hours vary throughout the day and depend on school activities. This year they are shampooing the

carpet, buffing the floors and deep cleaning the school. They also attend sporting events, like basketball games and wrestling meets, and clean up after the events.

Ward and Julian put in unseen hours to keep our school clean and to help it run. They say they will still have time to enjoy the season.

A history of blizzards in North Dakota



This iconic picture from the Blizzard of 1966 shows Department of Transportation employee Bill Koch standing next to the top of a power pole.

- Photo from Reddit website

By Shea Sveet
North Dakota, the state known for its broad prairies, steppe, badlands, and various farmland, is also known for its harsh and tush-cold winters.

Especially those blizzards!
North Dakota's winter climate makes the perfect weather for severe snowstorms and blizzards.

The earliest occurred and was called the "Schoolchildren's Blizzard" in 1888, on January 12. Winds reached up to 60 mph. Unfortunately, the storm struck while children were walking home from school and were caught in the blizzard, which claimed approximately 200 lives, most of them children.

Another famous and historical storm, the blizzard of 1966, struck between

March 2 and March 4, bringing massive snow drifts, some up to 40 feet! It was also accompanied by wind gusts exceeding 70 miles per hour and wind chills as low as -70°F. This massive snowstorm left roads impassable and a few fatalities due to accidents, exposure, or heart attacks caused by the extreme cold.

And while today we have more technological advances to aid North Dakota citizens through harsh snowstorms, blizzards still bring a vital threat every winter. They cause travel disruptions, power outages, accidents and injuries. North Dakota's blizzards remain a challenge and threat in the rough winter climate.

So, stay safe this winter, bundle up, stay warm and drive safely!



Beach High School Custodians Ward Remilong and Julian Fernandez pose with the candy appreciation board the Beach High School office staff made for them on October 2nd, National Custodians Day.

- Photo by Linda Bacon

NOTICE OF REVIEW

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION

FOR THE PROPOSED PROJECT OF: 2025 Street & Utility Improvements Beach (Golden Valley County), North Dakota

DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND PROJECT NUMBER: 1700059-02

The North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality (NDDEQ) has conducted a review of the proposed 2025 Street & Utility Improvements Project for the City of Beach in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (40 CFR Part 6). The NDDEQ has determined that this project is eligible for a categorical exclusion and is exempt from further substantive environmental review.

Because the proposed project meets the criteria for a categorical exclusion, a full Finding of No Significant Impact and Environmental Assessment will not be required. Following is a description of the proposed project and a brief statement of how the project meets the criteria for a categorical exclusion.

The proposed project consists of street, water main, and water service line replacement. The existing drinking water distribution system consists of cast iron pipe, asbestos cement pipe, and polyvinyl chloride (PVC) pipe. The aged cast iron pipe and asbestos cement pipe water mains are past their useful life. The system has experienced low chlorine residuals and water discoloration due to corrosion and a lack of water main looping. The new water mains and water service lines will reduce the risks of lead exposure and improve the overall reliability of the drinking water distribution system.

The City of Beach has applied for a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loan of \$2,819,000 to finance a portion of the project.

This project is being granted an exclusion because the improvements will occur entirely within the city. No previously undisturbed areas will be affected by the construction activities. The North Dakota State Historic Preservation Officer would continue to concur with a determination of "No Historic Properties Affected" for this project provided it takes place in the location and in the manner described in the documentation and provided all borrow comes from an approved source (ND SHPO Ref.: 23-6601). It has been determined that exempting the proposed project from further review under the National Environmental Policy Act will not result in adverse impacts to the population or area of Beach and Golden Valley County.

The documentation to support this decision will be on file and available for public review at the NDDEQ, Division of Municipal Facilities.

Comments concerning this decision may be addressed to Mitch Murray, Environmental Engineer, Division of Municipal Facilities, North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality, 4201 Normandy Street, Bismarck, ND, 58503-1324.

Dated the 2nd day of January 2025.

David J. Bruschwein, P.E.
Director, Division of Municipal Facilities
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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
IN DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF
GOLDEN VALLEY
SOUTHWEST JUDICIAL
DISTRICT
Probate No.
17-2024-PR-00019

In the Matter of the Estate
of Judith A. Clouse, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within three months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be presented to Kevin T. Brown, Personal Representative of the Estate, or filed with the Court.

Dated this 27th day of December, 2024.

/s/ Kevin T. Brown
Kevin T. Brown
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