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Crystal Lake Fire Rescue offers CPR

Crystal Lake Fire Rescue offers Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) classes. All courses are taught by American Heart Association (AHA) trained and certified instructors. The classes also provide Automated External Defibrillator (AED) training. Training can help save precious seconds in an emergency. Our Department offers the Healthcare Provider and Heartsaver AED/CPR classes:

- **Healthcare Provider**
  This is required CPR certification and recertification for doctors, nurses, and other medical professionals. Certification is good for 2 years.
- **Heartsaver AED**
  This is a certified CPR class that incorporates AED training. You will learn to perform CPR on adults, children and infants.

Classes are offered every month. Please call the Crystal Lake Fire Rescue Department during regular business hours for class dates and registration instructions. **The number to call is: 815-356-3640.**

You can also visit the Fire Rescue Department's Public Education page at: www.crystallake.org for more information.



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FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT

Can We Find Your House In An Emergency?

You can help us find your house quickly.

If you are looking for an easy way to help first responders get to you in an emergency, make sure your home or business street number is on display and visible from the road.

Anytime first responders, such as fire or police personnel, are responding to calls for service, their response time is reduced when addresses are not conspicuously posted. These extra seconds could make a difference in the survival of victims. Lack of a visible street address can make it harder for responders to find your location in an emergency.



Below are guidelines to make sure your address is visible in an emergency:



- Address is clearly marked and visible from the street.
- Address is visible at night and in all types of weather. Stand outside at night and see if you can see your address.
- The numbers should be at least 4 inches tall and contrast with the exterior of your house or building.
- Block style numbers are easily seen from a distance.
- Mailbox numbers should be at least 4 inches tall, reflective, and clearly visible from both sides of the mailbox.
- Turn on outdoor lights to make your address more visible at night.
- Prune hedges and bushes to make existing numbers visible.
- Make sure holiday decorations are not covering your address.



Remember, if we can't find you, we can't help you!

Other ways to help us during an emergency:

Lock your pets away. They may sense that you are upset and distressed and may attack the crew or run away while the front door is open.

If calling for an ambulance, gather information about your medications so you can share them with the paramedics. Make sure you have your keys, glasses, hearing aids, purse, wallet, and other personal items you may need at the hospital.

Crystal Lake Police Department

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

According to the U.S. National Child Abuse Hotline, over 6 million children are reported to a state child protective service on a yearly basis. The reports of abuse include physical, sexual, emotional, physical neglect, and emotional neglect. However, many more incidents go undetected or are not reported.

Below are some visible and behavioral signs an abused child may exhibit:



- Has unexplained burns, bites, bruises, broken bones, or black eyes.
- Has fading bruises or other marks noticeable after an absence from school.
- Seems frightened of the parents and protests or cries when it is time to go home.
- Shrinks at the approach of adults.
- Reports injury by a parent or another adult caregiver.
- Abuses animals or pets.
- Shows sudden change in behavior or school performance.
- Is always watchful, as though preparing for something bad to happen.

Please notify the Police Department immediately if you suspect a child is being abused.

You can find additional information on child abuse at www.childwelfare.gov.

Upcoming Events

Bicycle Safety and Laws Seminar

On Monday, April 11th, from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., members of the Crystal Lake Police Department and the McHenry County Conservation District will present a seminar on the topics of bicycle safety, traffic crash statistics, sharing the roadway, and the laws pertaining to both motorists and bicyclists. Seating is limited. R.S.V.P. to Officer Eddie Pluviose at (815) 356-3731 or epluviose@crystallake.org

DEA National Prescription Drug Take Back event is scheduled for Saturday, April 30, 2016, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Residents can drive to the Municipal Complex parking lot, 100 W. Woodstock Street, to discard unwanted or expired prescription medications. The same Clean Up Day collection restrictions apply .

The Crystal Lake Police Department will be participating in **Community Clean up Day** scheduled for Saturday, April 23, 2016 from 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Officers and volunteers will be at the Crystal Lake Chamber of Commerce, 427 W. Virginia Street, to collect unwanted or expired prescription medications. Below are items that will **not** be collected at the event.

- **Needles (sharps)**
- **Ointments, Lotions, or Liquids**
- **Thermometers**
- **Inhalers**
- **Hydrogen Peroxide**

***Be sure to remove or completely blackout with a marker all labels containing name, address, phone number, and doctor information prior to drop off.

The Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Illinois

is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year. Please join us in our upcoming events: Dunkin Donuts Cop on Rooftop, Law Enforcement Torch Run, and Texas Roadhouse Lunch Benefit, to help us raise money benefiting the Special Olympics Illinois. Additional information will be forthcoming. If you have any questions or suggestions on how you can participate, contact Officer Eddie Pluviose at (815) 356-3731 or epluviose@crystallake.org.

815-356-3620 **Crystal Lake Police Department Non-Emergency**

Frontier Week-April 5-9, 1961

By Diana Kenney

During Frontier Week in 1961, the people of Crystal Lake joined together for a week of fun to celebrate the 125th anniversary since the first settlers came to Crystal Lake. Beman and Polly Crandall were the first settlers of our community, arriving by covered wagon in February 1836. Their original cabin was built near today's intersection of Virginia St. and Van Buren (where Tommy II's Hot Dogs is today).

Numerous events and activities were scheduled for Frontier Week. Some of the highlights included a Miss Crystal Lake Contest (Susen Hakansson Berg was the winner) and an Old Timers Ball, held at the American Legion Hall (now called Park Place). The Crystal Lake Jaycees hosted their Home, Arts and Industry Show. A parade through town concluded the week's celebration.

Perhaps the most unusual event was the "Brothers of the Brush" promotion. During Frontier Week, the men in town were "ordered" to grow a beard. All males over 18 would face jail, a fine, or both, if found sporting nude chins in the public view.

This was all in good fun. Beardless Crystal Lakers had the option of wearing a "Brothers of the Brush" pin by making a small donation, which helped to offset the cost of the Frontier Week activities.



The downtown businessmen played the part of frontier sheriffs and deputies. A makeshift "jail" was built in the Jewel parking lot downtown (corner of Brink and Williams). Those men spotted around town with indecently exposed chins and without a "Brothers of the Brush" pin were promptly arrested and put into the "jail."

At the end of the week, a beard contest was held. Three local barbers, Jim Dercole, Tony May and Joe Scotillo, were the judges for the contest. There were 48 entrants in the contest, making the job of judging quite difficult. In the end, there were five winners in various categories. Each winner received 15 free haircuts.

About the Author: Diana Kenney is Executive Director of Downtown Crystal Lake/ Main Street, is an appointed member of the City of Crystal Lake's Historic Preservation Commission, and is President of the Crystal Lake Historical Society.



BEARD CONTEST WINNERS
Judges Jim Dercole, Tony May and Joe Scotillo, kneeling, all local barbers, probably wish they'd been cutting hair Sunday night rather than trying to choose winners in the Frontier week beard contest. There were so many good beards, theirs was really a difficult job. After much deliberation, they came up with winners in five categories, left to right: Bob Wurtzinger, best looking beard; Paul Zilly, neatness; W. Leroy Scott, style; Jim Pruitt, originality; and Richard W. "Skip" Schroeder, longest beard.

Save the Date for this year's Annual Historic Heritage Trolley Tour!

Come join the fun!

Sunday, June 12th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., take a trip on the Historic Preservation Commission's Trolley Tour! Each year a new and exciting route is selected that takes participants on a 45-minute tour highlighting the architecture and history of the City.

Last year, tours sold out and many were left without tickets. Tickets will go on sale in May at Heisler's Bootery. Make sure you get your tickets early and join us this year.







Historic Preservation Commissioner Opening

We're seeking new members for the Crystal Lake Historic Preservation Commission. Candidates should be interested in history and honoring the heritage of Crystal Lake. Historic Preservation Commission meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m. Members are appointed to a three-year term.

The Crystal Lake Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) was established to aid in the preservation of Crystal Lake's historic and cultural heritage. Through research, documentation, promotion and protection of the community's historic properties, the Commission is dedicated to safeguarding our local legacy.

Please view the website http://www.crystallake.org/residents/historic-preservation-commission to learn more.

If you are interested in becoming a member, please submit a resume to:

Mayor Aaron T. Shepley,
City Hall
100 West Woodstock Street
Crystal Lake, IL 60014

Any questions can be directed to Elizabeth Maxwell at 815-356-3738 or emaxwell@crystallake.org

Coming in 2016!



Planet Fitness **(5340 Northwest Highway)**
- National health club chain to open its first McHenry County location.

Xfinity **(6000 Northwest Highway)**
- National cable, phone and internet provider to open an onsite services store.

Retro Bistro **(83 N. Williams Street)**
- Family-owned restaurant in Downtown Crystal Lake.

Container International
(176 W. Terra Cotta Avenue)
- Mold making and custom injection molding company to move and construct an addition.

Bucky's Convenience Store
(1095 Pyott Road)
- National gas station and convenience store chain to construct new building.

Murphy's Oil **(1205 S. Route 31)**
- National gas station and convenience store chain to construct new building.

CVS Pharmacy **(177 Virginia Road)**
- National pharmacy chain to construct new store.

Virginia Road Mini Storage
(201 S. Virginia Road)
- Temperature controlled storage facility to construct new building.

Enterprise **(487 W. Virginia Street)**
- National car rental chain to construct new building.

Brush Pick-Up

Annually, Crystal Lake provides residents with curbside brush collection. Starting in May, the Public Works Department collects small tree limbs and brush from every street. Trucks will only visit each street once during the program, so please place your brush at the curb no later than May 1st.

Brush that is less than six feet in length and under six inches in diameter will be collected and should be placed on the parkway in front of your residence. Grass clippings and other landscape waste will not be accepted.



The accumulated brush will be ground into woodchips at the brush drop off site at Wastewater Treatment Plant No. 2, located at Dartmoor Drive and Coventry Lane. Residents can pick up woodchips free of charge at this location.

Brush Drop-Off

In addition to the City's brush collection program, the City of Crystal Lake operates a brush drop-off facility on the first and third Saturday of every month, from the beginning of April through November (weather permitting), during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The brush drop-off facility is located at Wastewater Treatment Plant #2, at Coventry Lane and Dartmoor Drive.

The City provides this service to residents only, and proof of residency such as a driver's license or vehicle sticker is required. Brush accepted at the site must be under 6 feet in length and 6 inches in diameter as well.

The material collected at the drop-off site will be chipped and available for use by residents.

The tentative Brush Drop-Off Schedule is as follows:

April 2	**June 4**	**August 6**	**October 1**
April 16	**June 18**	**August 20**	**October 15**
May 7	**July 2**	**September 3**	**November 5**
May 21	**July 16**	**September 17**	**November 19**

Three Oaks Recreation Area

5517 Northwest Highway – Crystal Lake, IL 60014; (815) 356-3782; www.threeoaksrecreation.com

'Working Together': Successful Business Partnerships Are Key to Our Success at Three Oaks Recreation Area

Eats & Treats
CULVER'S RESTAURANT

Culver's has earned its reputation for deliciousness by cooking every ButterBurger to order and crafting every batch of Fresh Frozen Custard throughout the day. Customers at Three Oaks enjoy a full menu of choices with the perfect location to enjoy those tasty treats on the adjoining patio with umbrella tables.

It's a labor of love for co-owner Nick Begrowicz and many of his family members who serve the community. This is also evident at his Pingree Road location in Crystal Lake. At Three Oaks, Nick and his team have extended their business' benevolence to school groups, Girl Scout camps and a host of special events annually at Three Oaks

Culver's organizationally supports family farms that grow and produce the wholesome, delicious food they so proudly serve and many of those farms are located in our immediate area. We are thankful for their hard work and dedication to the business and to our customers at Three Oaks.

Culvers is open Memorial Day weekend through mid-September, seven days a week from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Paddleboarding
THE BOARD HOUSE



Rick Pasturczak is the President of Alpine Accessories. Rick started skiing in 1969 and met his wife Laurie at a ski club meeting in 1976. Today with three children and a black lab named Aspen, their family-owned and operated business, Alpine Accessories, has been helping skiers and snowboarders enjoy their passion since 1993. Alpine Accessories is located on Route 31, half-way between Algonquin and Crystal Lake, IL (about 1 mile south of the Route 14 & 31 intersection).

There you will find the largest selection of stand-up paddle boards and accessories in northern Illinois. You will also find the staff to be very knowledgeable so you know you'll get the correct board and accessory to enjoy paddleboarding.

In 2015, Alpine Accessories built their new location, The Board House, on the South Lake of Three Oaks. The Board House offers stand up paddleboard lessons, rentals, and other paddle board activities. There is a sandy beach for easy access, clear water, a shelter with patio, and close access to the parking lot, all for you to have a good time.

Rentals and lessons are available Memorial Day weekend through mid-September, seven days a week from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. weather permitting. To participate you must be 12 years or older. 12 - 17 years old must have a parent or legal guardian present. You may make your reservation by calling (847) 854-4754 between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Fishing

CRYSTAL LAKE ANGLERS

The Crystal Lake Anglers Club has a deep sense of pride in helping insure that all residents in our community continue to experience good fishing in the future.

Founded in 1973, the Crystal Lake Anglers is a non-profit fishing club dedicated to maintaining a quality fishery in Crystal Lake. Proceeds from their annual Ice Fishing Derbies have gone towards stocking Three Oaks Recreation Area, our namesake Crystal Lake and other local waters. The club has also sponsored shoreline fishing derbies during the spring/summer months at Three Oaks so their contributions and influence in helping the sport and encouraging the next generation of fishing, is truly valued.

Membership ranges from those who are just starting out to those who are experts and have won prizes in tournament competitions. Those new to fishing learn a lot from the more expert members as well as from guest speakers who present their techniques and share their knowledge at monthly meetings. Monthly meetings are held on the third Wednesday at 7 p.m. at Park Place in Crystal Lake. You do not have to be a member to attend, and attendance is free. Watch their website (http://crystallakeanglers.com/) for upcoming speakers.

Calendar Reminders

- Picnic Pavilion Reservations accepted at City Hall 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. (Monday-Friday)

APRIL

- Marina is open 6:30 a.m. until Sunset (Starting April 8th - Fridays, Saturdays & Sundays)
- Park is open 6:30 a.m. until Sunset (Daily)

MAY

- Marina
  - Open 6:30 a.m. until Sunset (Daily, May 1st – 27th)
  - Open 5:30 a.m. until Sunset (Daily starting May 28th)
- Park is open daily when the Marina opens and closes at Sunset
- Swimming Beach will open for the season at 10:00 a.m. (Daily as of Saturday, May 28th)

Mobile Device & Online Solutions

SOCIAL MEDIA & INFORMATION ...

- City Website
- Facebook
- Instagram
- Twitter

Calendar Reminders

April 2016 Calendar

Event and meeting dates subject to change

Saturday, April 2 & April 3

- Crystal Lake Chamber of Commerce Home & Business Expo (South High School)
  - Saturday-10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
  - Sunday-11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 5

- City Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m. (City Hall)

Wednesday, April 6

- Planning & Zoning Commission, 7:30 p.m. (City Hall)

Friday, April 8

- Three Oaks Recreation Area Park, Open daily, 6:30 a.m.-Sunset
- Three Oaks Recreation Area Marina, Open Friday, Saturday, Sunday, 6:30 a.m.-Sunset

Tuesday, April 19

- City Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m. (City Hall)

Wednesday, April 20

- Library Board, 7:00 p.m. (Public Library)
- Planning & Zoning Commission, 7:30 p.m. (City Hall)

Thursday, April 21

- Ladies Night Out, 5:00 p.m-9:00 p.m. (Downtown Crystal Lake)

Saturday, April 23

- Community Clean Up Day, 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. (Crystal Lake Chamber of Commerce)

Tuesday, April 26

- Economic Development Committee, 7:30 a.m. (City Hall)

May 2016 Calendar

Event and meeting dates subject to change

Sunday, May 1-27

- Three Oaks Recreation Area Park & Marina, Open Daily, 6:30 a.m. - Sunset

Tuesday, May 3

- City Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m. (City Hall)

Wednesday, May 4

- Planning & Zoning Commission, 7:30 p.m. (City Hall)

Saturday, May 7

- Flower Sale Fundraiser & Lupus Fundraiser, 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. (Downtown Crystal Lake)

Tuesday, May 17

- City Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m. (City Hall)

Wednesday, May 18

- Library Board, 7:00 p.m. (Public Library)
- Planning & Zoning Commission, 7:30 p.m. (City Hall)

Saturday, May 28

- Three Oaks Recreation Area Park & Marina, Open Daily, 5:30 a.m. – Sunset
- Three Oaks Recreation Area Swimming Beach, Open Daily, 10:00 a.m. - Sunset



Crystal Lake American Legion Post 171

Memorial Day Parade and Cemetery Service

May 30, 2016



The Crystal Lake American Legion Post will conduct its annual Memorial Day Parade and Cemetery Service on Monday, May 30, 2016. Veterans, civic, Scout, and youth organizations are invited to participate in the parade and cemetery service.

Parade units will assemble at the Crystal Lake Central High School parking lot at 10:00 a.m. and the parade will begin at 11:00 a.m. The parade route will be east on Franklin Avenue, north on Williams Street, and west on Woodstock Street to Union Cemetery, where the Memorial Service will be held.

If you are interested in participating, please complete the attached application. Please return completed applications to Jillian Austin at the City of Crystal Lake, by email at jaustin@crystallake.org, by fax at (815) 459-3780 or by mail at 100 W. Woodstock Street, Crystal Lake, Illinois 60014. If you have any questions, please contact Jillian Austin at (815) 459-2020.

As a reminder, the Memorial Day Parade and Cemetery Service is a solemn event intended to honor veterans and those who have given their life for their country. Please do not distribute candy or fliers during the parade and please keep marching units and floats consistent with the nature of this event.

APPLICATION

VETERANS

Name of Individual/Group: _____

Contact Person:_____ Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Branch of Service: _____

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Name of Organization: _____

Contact Person:_____ Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Type of Unit: _____ # of Participants: _____

Indemnity/Hold Harmless For Use of City-Owned Property
To the fullest extent permitted by law, the undersigned hereby agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the City of Crystal Lake, its elected and appointed officials, agents and employees, against all injuries, deaths, loss, damages, claims, suits, liabilities, judgments, cost and expenses (including attorney fees), which may in anyway accrue against the City of Crystal Lake, its elected and appointed officials, agents and employees arising in whole or part or in consequence of the use of City-owned property by the undersigned, its employees, agents, subcontractors and/or 3rd party, or which may in anyway result therefore, except that arising out of the sole legal cause of the City of Crystal Lake, its agents or employees. The User of City-owned property shall, at its own expense, appear, defend and pay all charges of attorneys and all costs and other expenses arising therefore or incurred in connections therewith, and, if any judgment shall be rendered against the City of Crystal Lake, its elected and appointed officials, agents, and employees, in any such action, the User shall, at its own expense, satisfy and discharge the same.

Agreed this _____ day of _____, 20_____

_____ _____

(Signature of User) (Please Print Name)

City of Crystal Lake
Incorporated 1914

Mayor:	Aaron T. Shepley
Councilmember:	Ellen Brady
Councilmember:	Ralph M. Dawson
Councilmember:	Cathy A. Ferguson
Councilmember:	Brett Hopkins
Councilmember:	Cameron Hubbard
Councilmember:	Haig Haleblian
City Clerk:	Nick Kachiroubas
City Manager:	Gary J. Mayerhofer

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Emergency Only
911

All Other Departments
(Non-Emergency)
815-459-2020
www.crystallake.org

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We Value Your Opinion

The City of Crystal Lake values the opinion of its residents. If you have any concerns or comments about the City Letter, please express them in the space provided below. (If you need more space, please attach a separate piece of paper). Clip this and mail to: City Letter, City of Crystal Lake, 100 W. Woodstock Street, Crystal Lake, IL 60014. Questions or comments can also be sent to comments@crystallake.org.

Name: **Address:** **Phone:**