City of Crystal Lake, Illinois

CITYLETTER



New Businesses

AROMA Coffee & Wine, located at 77 E. Woodstock Street in Downtown Crystal Lake, is the premier location for a morning cup of coffee and an evening glass of wine.

La Mega Michoacán, located at 19 E. Berkshire Drive, Unit D, features over 60 homemade ice cream flavors, handmade tortillas and a taco bar.

Pizza Hut is back in Crystal Lake with a new carry-out location at 6314 Northwest Highway.

RUN, SLIDE, SKATE or SKI

Into Downtown Crystal Lake's Slidewalk Sales!

January 17 - 19, 2019

Enjoy winter and fabulous bargains at many of your favorite Downtown Crystal Lake retailers during this popular event.

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Crystal Lake Police Department



The Crystal Lake Police Department appreciates the community support received in 2018, and look forward to building upon our strong partnership with residents and businesses in 2019. We wish everyone a safe and healthy New Year!

Crystal Lake Citizen Police Academy

Congratulations to the Citizen Police Academy Class 18-01 for their successful completion of the Police Department's eleven-week academy. The academy consisted of a series of classes, discussions, and demonstrations. Thank you for dedicating eleven weeks of your time and your interest in learning about the Crystal Lake Police Department and its service to the community. We look forward to developing this partnership.

If you are interested in participating, a class is scheduled for Fall 2019. Please contact Officer Ed Pluviose for additional information.



Four Wheel Drive does not equate to Four Wheel Stop

All drivers, even experienced drivers behind the wheel of four-wheel drive vehicles, need to exercise caution while driving in wintery conditions.

While advancement in technology may provide drivers and four-wheel drive vehicles an advantage over other drivetrains, there remain factors a driver must consider regardless of the vehicle's equipment.

Vehicle Speed - In wintery conditions, drivers must reduce driving speed to allow for longer stopping distances. It also reduces the likelihood of uncontrolled tire spin on ice.

Tire Type and Tread Depth - It is recommended to have winter tires or all-season tires when driving in the winter. The appropriate tires and tread will decrease your stopping distance and increase traction.

Steering Control - Try not to panic when you start to lose control of your vehicle. Do not make abrupt steering wheel turns as they may cause the vehicle to go into an uncontrolled spin. Maintain the 9 and 2 hand position at all times for better control and steering.

Braking - Maintain slow and steady braking when the vehicle is starting to slide. Anti-lock Brake Systems (ABS), if equipped, will engage to help the vehicle come to a complete stop.

Stay Alert - Put your focus on the task at hand and that's driving. Do not be distracted by the radio, cell phone, or passengers. Conditions can quickly change and you need reaction time to deal with sudden changes.

Plan Ahead - Allow yourself ample time to travel to your destination, continue to monitor the weather, and plan accordingly.



Officer Ed Pluviose - (815) 356-3731 or by email at epluviose@crystallake.org

Crystal Lake Police Department (815) 356-3620

CRYSTAL LAKE
FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT

FIRST RESPONDERS NEED YOUR HELP
PLEASE CLEAR YOUR FIRE HYDRANTS

If a hydrant is buried under snow, it takes firefighters extra time to locate and uncover the fire hydrant to gain access. Fire can double in size every 20 seconds. Every second counts when firefighters are trying to gain access to a fire hydrant.

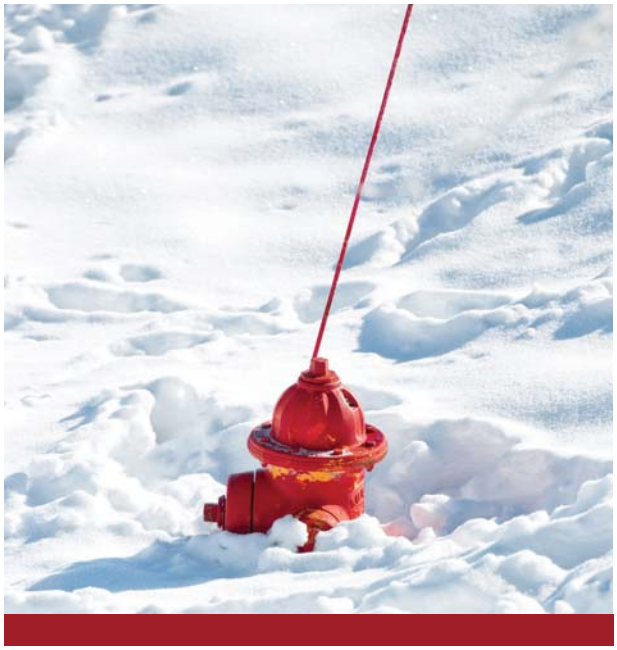
Help by clearing snow and ice that may cause the hydrant to become buried and difficult to find.

If there is a fire hydrant near your house:

- Remove any snow and ice.
- Clear a wide enough perimeter around the hydrant for firefighters to work (at least 3 feet).
- Clear a path from hydrant to street.

Please clear the snow from a fire hydrant for your neighbors or those who may have medical conditions, disabilities, or the elderly whom may be unable to do so for themselves. This act of kindness will benefit the entire neighborhood.







Three Oaks Recreation Area

5517 Northwest Highway Crystal Lake, IL 60014
Information Hotline: (815) 356-2447
Website: threeoaksrecreation.com
JANUARY PARK HOURS 6:30 a.m. to Sunset

Fishing at Three Oaks

For the safety of all guests, Three Oaks Recreation Area does not allow ice fishing during the winter months. As we dream of warmer weather, check out some fishing facts at the park!

Fish Populations

- Muskellunge
- Largemouth Bass
- Smallmouth Bass
- Yellow Bass
- Rock Bass
- Channel Catfish
- Northern Pike
- Walleye
- Pan Fish including Blue Gill and Yellow Perch

Fishing Guidelines

Three Oaks Recreation Area is a "Catch & Release" fishing destination.

- Illinois fishing licenses are required.
- Fishing licenses are available for purchase in the Marina Building from April – October.
- No "live bait" / aquatic bait or minnows allowed.
- The Park does not allow the taking of smaller fish or any lake creature and using them as bait for larger fish.

Fish Finders

When renting a boat, guests are welcome to bring their own fish locating devices. Please let staff know when you would like to take yours out on the water so that we can clean it at no cost. Cleaning foreign devices helps to protect against invasive species so that the park can maintain its natural beauty and clear waters.



Pavilion Rentals

The City is now taking reservations for the 2019 season. Reservations are made on a first-come, first-serve basis so we encourage you to set your date and make your reservation very soon!

Reservations for 2019 open on Wednesday, January 2nd for in person rentals only beginning at 8:00 a.m. at City Hall. Beginning January 3rd, the City will start accepting reservations on-line at registration.threeoaksrecreation.com.

The deposit rate for Pavilion A, the Picnic Grove Pavilion, has changed to $150 regardless of number of guests at an event.

Amenities Surrounding Your Pavilion

- Swim Beach, Spray Park, Playground
- Marina Boat Rentals
- Shoreline Fishing
- Stand-up Paddle boarding at The Board House
- Scuba Diving – Certified Divers
- Wakeboarding at the Quarry Cable Park
- Hiking & Walking Trails
- Sand Volleyball Courts
- Grassy Picnic Grove



Join the Team!

Applications are being accepted to join us this upcoming 2019 season! Seasonal Lifeguards, Cashiers, and Marina Attendant roles are available. For position details, visit the City of Crystal Lake Human Resources Employment page and complete an employment application today!

TIPS FOR DIGGING SAFELY

As we ring in the New Year, it is a good opportunity to start planning for upcoming spring projects. Landscape improvements add beauty and value to your home. From modest designs to elaborate projects, they enhance outdoor living space and can be a source of enjoyment. However before digging on your property, contacting JULIE (Joint Utility Locating Information for Excavators) is required.

Many utility services including electric, gas, water, sewer, and telecommunications are buried under your yard. To avoid personal injury and damage to those underground lines, state law requires you to contact JULIE before starting any digging projects.
JULIE is a not-for- profit organization and calling for JULIE services is free to excavators and homeowners.

After contacting JULIE, ensure your property is accessible. Within two working days after your initial contact, a representative from each member utility company will either mark the location of their underground line with paint or flags or contact you explaining that their lines are not in conflict with your planned excavation area. The utilities are only required to mark the lines that they own, not privately installed utilities such as connections to a garage workshop. Once a JULIE member marks their lines you will notice each flag has a different color:

You'll know what's below by the different flags, stakes or paint.

- **Red -** Electric
- **Yellow -** Gas, oil or petroleum
- **Orange -** Communications
- **Blue -** Potable water
- **Purple -** Reclaimed water, irrigation
- **Green -** Sewer
- **White -** Proposed excavation
- **Pink -** Temporary survey

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Know what's **below.**
Call before you dig.

Your excavation cannot begin before the start time on your locate request even if all utility lines are marked. The start time is typically two business days after your initial contact with JULIE. Additionally your digging project must begin within 14 days of your initial contact with JULIE.

Once the excavation begins, if you believe you may have hit an underground line, leave the area and immediately call 911 and/or the appropriate emergency responder. Illinois law also requires the excavator to call JULIE and the owner of the damaged utility.

JULIE's contact information is 811 or 1-800-892-0123. JULIE's call center agents are available to receive and process requests 24 hours a day, seven days a week. In addition, E-Request is a popular, online option for homeowners at www.illinois1call.com.

BY DIANA KENNEY

STREET SCENES – DOLLE COURT

Only a handful of houses can claim an address on Dolle Court in Crystal Lake. Although the street named after them is considered small, Fred and Bertha Dolle made a big impact on our community.

Frederick H. Dolle was born September 30, 1864 in Batesville, Indiana. At the age of 22, Fred founded the Fred Dolle Barber Supply Co. in Chicago. The company produced straight edge razors, razor strops, and other items used in the barbering trade. In addition to managing his own company, Fred helped organize the International Beauty and Barber Supply Institute, an industrial organization whose purpose was to encourage closer cooperation among business competitors. Fred was also a long-time member of the Influential Executives Club in Chicago.

On October 19, 1893, Fred married Bertha Dewey in Chicago. This was the same year as the World's Columbian Exposition, an exciting time in Chicago's history. Bertha Dewey Dolle was born January 2, 1866 in Iowa. The couple had one daughter, Helen.

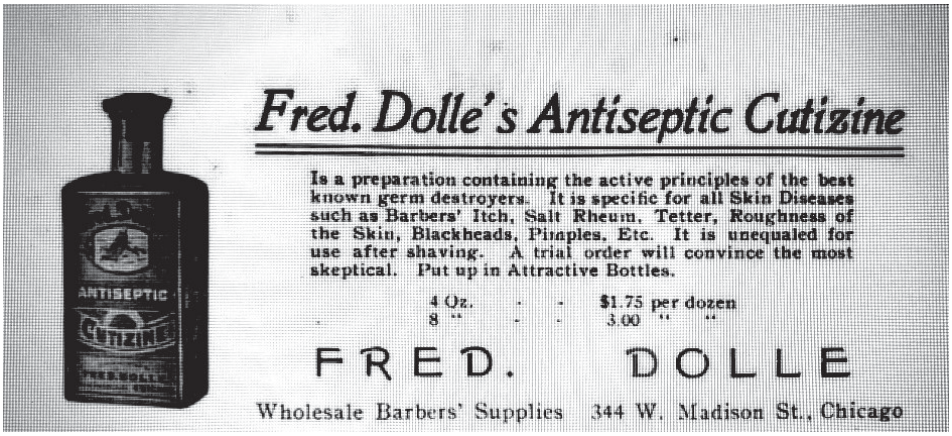


It was in 1907 that the Dolles began coming to Crystal Lake for the summer months. At that time, Crystal Lake was a resort community. Its lakefront hotels, such as the Leonard Hotel and Lakeshore House were known for their good food, accommodations, and hospitality.

Two years later, the Dolles decided to make Crystal Lake their permanent residence. Beginning in 1909 and continuing through 1915, the Dolles purchased several parcels of land from Mary F. Pomeroy. In 1915, they began building their spacious home on Pomeroy Avenue, which at that time was called Division Street. Fred Dolle was known to be an ardent gardener. His grounds were meticulously maintained, with an abundance of plantings.

Fred and Bertha Dolle initiated and sponsored many causes for improvements in our community. Both of them signed the original incorporation papers for the Crystal Lake Public Library. Fred served as president of the Library Board for nearly twenty years. He was the first treasurer of the Public Welfare Association, and served as chair of the City's Zoning Commission. Bertha was first president of the Garden Club and a charter member of the Women's Improvement Club which evolved into the Crystal Lake Woman's Club. They were active members of the First Congregational Church.

Fred Dolle died in 1944; Bertha Dolle died in 1949. They are buried at Rosehill Cemetery, in Chicago.



1905 advertisement in The Journeyman Barber, a monthly trade publication

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COMED – FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The Future Energy Jobs Act (FEJA) legislation extends ComEd's Care financial assistance programming through 2022. Fifty million dollars is available over five years to help veterans and active military personnel, seniors and families, local nonprofits and low income customers cover their energy costs.

To apply for CARE funds or learn more about this important program, please visit ComEd.com/care or call 1-888-806-CARE (2273).

CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION

Prairieland Disposal, the City's refuse contractor, will conduct Christmas tree collection from Monday, December 31, 2018 through Friday January 18, 2019.

Residents should have their Christmas tree on the curbside by 7:00 a.m. between Monday, December 31, 2018 and Friday January 18, 2019 to be collected for composting. Trees will be collected throughout this time period, however it is a special collection and may not occur on the same day as residents' scheduled collection day.

If you have any questions regarding refuse, recycling or yard waste, please contact Prairieland Disposal at (847) 381-9300 or on their website at www.PrairielandDisposal.com.

CALENDAR | January 2019

Tuesday, January 1

- City Offices Closed

Tuesday, January 15

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

Wednesday, January 16

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



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